

## +CHRISTCHURCH+

**Its unceasing mission: to be a light in the world,  
a city set on a hill; to keep the faith delivered  
once for all to the saints; to offer new life and  
ancient truth. To be a place where:**

**Saints are made  
and fishing taught;  
love's displayed  
as souls are caught;  
hearts are mended  
and faith upbuilt;  
all befriended,  
freed from guilt;  
holy fires by Spirit lit  
and bright hopes raised  
by Holy Writ;  
Jesus praised  
as bread is broken,  
to share His cup  
that grace be spoken;  
lives lifted up:  
the blind find sight,  
the lost brought near,  
in God's delight  
Christ *is* here!**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever. Amen.

*Ephesians 3:20-21*



## Prayer for Christchurch

*Help us keep faith with our future, Lord, as You have planned for us. Give us life to fulfill Your purpose and Your purpose to fulfill our lives. Make us ever mindful that what You ask You also enable and that all things are possible to those who believe. Write in our hearts what Christ did for us, that we may know what He wants of us. Grant us grace to remember that what matters is not what we do, but who we are, and that if we will take care of what You ask, You will take care of what we need. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Fifth Annual  
Parish Meeting  
January 10, 2010

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**CHRISTCHURCH**  
A PARISH IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION™

**CHRISTCHURCH**  
**10:30 A.m. Annual Parish Meeting**  
**following Holy Eucharist**

**Agenda:**

- + Opening **HYMN 525** - *The Church's one foundation*
- + Call to Order and Prayer for the Church
  
- + Building/Construction Report:  
**Harold Albritton**, Project Chairman
- + Report of the Finance Committee:  
**Richard Stabler**, Treasurer
- + Wardens' Report:  
**Jim Hawkins**, Sr. Warden
  
- + Rector's Address
- + Selection of Vestry Nominees:  
**Hammond Cobb**, Jr. Warden
- + Commissioning of New Vestry Members
- + Adjournment and Dismissal

**VESTRY MEMBERS**

**Section 4.02. Procedure for Nominees and Election.** Except as otherwise provided in Section 4.01, Vestry Members shall be selected at an annual meeting of the Members. At least one month prior to the time of election, a nominating committee, consisting of the Rector, the departing members of the Vestry, and such other members jointly appointed by the Rector and Senior Warden shall approve a list of nominations of qualified Adult Members in Good Standing for the Vestry, which shall be published to the Parish with appropriate information at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Should the number of nominees exceed the number of Vestry openings, such **Vestry members shall be selected by lot** from the list of nominees at the annual meeting of the members.

Christchurch Parish By-laws, Article IV  
Adopted by the Christchurch Vestry  
September 5, 2005

**COMMISSIONING of VESTRY Members**

*Sponsor* We present to you *these persons* to be admitted to the ministry of [Sr. Warden and] Member of the Vestry in this congregation of Christchurch.

*Celebrant* *Are these persons* prepared by a commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of *their* duties as Elders of this parish, to exercise *their* ministry to the honor of God and the well-being of His Church?

*People* They are.

*Celebrant* Have they been selected by the Holy Spirit, after diligent prayer and seeking, according to the By-Laws and Canons of this Church?

*People* They have.

*Celebrant* You have been chosen by God for the ministry of [Sr. Warden and] Vestry Member in this church. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this sacred work, faithfully and reverently execute your Vestry responsibilities to the furtherance of God's kingdom and the benefit of the members of Christchurch?

*Candidates* I will with God's help.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage; enlighten with Your grace the Vestry Members of this congregation, and so rule their minds and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek Your glory and promote the mission of Your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you [N. as Sr. Warden and] as Member of the Vestry of Christchurch. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this and every way you may do God's will in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

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## Mark Wilkerson

Mark is a practicing attorney with Wilkerson & Bryan. He is married to Eloise, and has two children, Anne Miles and Ruthie.

He was a member of the original Vestry of Christchurch, has also served as a Lay-Reader, Sunday School teacher and member of the Building Committee. At the Church of Ascension, he served as Senior Warden, Diocesan Convention delegate, Advance Giving Co-chair for 1999 Building Campaign and as a member of the Rector Search Committee.

### Mark's vision statement:

"For Christchurch to be God's hands in bringing people to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ and to help lead nothing less than a new reformation of His church. We have been given a once in a lifetime opportunity to set a course that will impact generations to come. Its exciting to be part of this congregation!"



## Jimmy Seay

Jimmy is an architect with Seay, Seay & Litchfield. He is married to Patricia.

Jimmy's former roles have been in master planning and design for various churches and denominations. He was on the EYC youth fellowship at Church of the Ascension in 1980, a chalice bearer, lay reader, Kerygman Bible Study, involved in the Boy Scouts in 1990, and has been an usher and taught Sunday School.

He is currently involved at Christchurch as a Lay Reader and chalice bearer, co-leads Men's Promise Keeper Sunday School class, Covenant Group member and usher. He also assists Patricia with church receptions as needed.

### Jimmy's vision statement:

"To live by faith in God's Grace providing the spiritual home for our return to and fellowship with our heavenly Father as His children. To grow in the knowledge and understanding of Him through His Word, fulfilling our purpose to glorify Him in all things."

## Christchurch Vestry Selections

- Christchurch Vestry members are to serve three-year terms beginning in January of their first year.
- Nominations for Vestry selection may be made by Christchurch Members only and will be submitted before November 15th of each year.
- Those persons eligible to serve on the Vestry must be Christchurch Members\*. *Members of the out-going class are ineligible for re-selection for a period of one year.*
- A Nominating Committee/Review Board comprised of the out-going members, two members at-large as needed, and the Rector to meet the last week of November to consider all submitted nominations and determine by lot a slate of eight (8) nominees. *(The Rector is a non-selecting member)*
- The slate of eight (8) proposed candidates for office is to be announced each year by the first week of December and prayers for the Holy Spirit's selection of four (4) new Vestry members will begin immediately.
- The Vestry selection is to take place at the time of the Epiphany Banquet and/or Parish Meeting on the First Sunday After the Epiphany of each year. Selection is to be determined "by lot" in accordance with **ACTS 1:21-26**. The incoming Senior Warden is, after prayer for God's direction, to draw the four (4) names.

**"Christchurch Members" are to be defined as parishioners who: are committed givers (pledge or give regularly to Christchurch ministries); attend worship services a minimum of twelve (12) Sundays a year; are active participants in at least one (1) parish ministry; have personally signed the Christchurch Covenant; have been duly Baptized and Confirmed and/or received in the Anglican/Episcopal Church.**

## Christchurch Vestry Minutes July 21, 2005

Our thanks to outgoing Vestry members: **Jim Hawkins, Rebecca Morris, Rick Oates and Lynette Van Cleve**, who have served as the Nominating Committee. *"Well done, thou good and faithful servants."*

## From the Rector

As we begin this New Year, we begin an exciting new chapter in the history of Christchurch. Even as we acknowledge that we will probably have outgrown our new facilities the moment we take possession of them, our new church buildings still beckon to us with grand opportunities. For those of us here – the founding generation - one historic door is closing and a promising new one is about to open, and I believe God is very pleased with you.

But we need to keep in mind that it will be tempting for us to think that we've reached the *end* of our journey, when in fact we've only just begun. It will be crucial for us – in the anticipation of finally worshiping in our very own church home - to not forget what we have learned along the way.

For example, consider the somewhat roundabout journey we've been on these past five years. There was obviously a *spiritual* reason for it. Remember how **Chris Dubberly's** Site Committee labored for months, Looking high and low to find our chosen site? We looked at the Masonic Home property; then the old Saint James' School; then the Carlisle property; then the new Hampstead project, as well as many other sites along the way. And each time a new possibility came to our attention, it was so easy to conclude, "Finally! Now we know where God wants us to be!" Then after a time we would realize: "No, that's not the place for us either."

All along, it really wasn't about *where* He wanted us to be. It was a matter of not getting *ahead* of Him. The real lesson was not in finding the right site, but in learning to walk *not* by sight but by faith.

Our story is reminiscent of the time when centuries before Christ the Jews were returning to Jerusalem from Babylon. The work in rebuilding the Temple had stalled for a number of reasons, for nearly fifteen years the building had stood unfinished, and the prophet Zechariah had to exhort the people to resume completion of the house of God. He did so by reminding them that they were building for the *future* – just like us. He told them that the Temple was most important because of what God *intended to do with it* in years to come – just like us.

He acknowledged that the situation was not ideal. Just like us, they didn't have all of the resources at hand that were needed. They were in the midst of a dreadful economy, they didn't have the money that was required, they had only a limited amount of stone to work with and only a handful of the necessary workers, plus all the other problems that everyone faces every day – just like us.

But then he said something that sounds remarkably like the lesson God has been teaching us, words of faith that we might all hope our children and our grandchildren will remember: "*Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts*" (ZECHARIAH 4:6).

He was telling them that ultimately the problems we face in life don't really matter. Whatever is achieved *for God* is not going to be done so by our own strength or self-sufficiency. In the long run, if we're carrying out God's purpose the factors in our favor will make as little difference as those against us. Even through our weaknesses, our failures or whatever we lack, God can and has and will continue to work wonders.



### Rick Oates

*As a current Vestry Member serving a one year unexpired term, Rick is eligible to be selected for another 3 year term.*

Rick is a Executive Director at Alabama Pulp & Paper Council.

He is married to Kelly and has two children, Andrew 13, and Lauren 10.

As a member of Christchurch, Rick has served as a Vestry Member, attended Paseo, he is involved in the Uganda Water Project for Life, he is also a Youth Group leader and an usher.

#### Rick's vision statement:

"My vision is the see the Christchurch Family continue to discover and fulfill God's plan for our future as we strive to bring the love of Christ to Montgomery, the surrounding communities and the global community through sound biblical teaching and the traditions of the Anglican Communion."



### Todd Roth

Todd is a practicing Endodontist in Montgomery, Alabama.

He is married to Jenny and has three children, Mackin 6 months, Lauren 3, and Emory 5.

As a founding member of Christchurch, Todd is a Covenant Group Leader, he attended Paseo #4, involved in Paseo Reunion Group, attends Young Adult Sunday School and serves as a usher.

#### Todd's vision statement:

"In this exciting time of the new church building and potential growth, my hope is that Christchurch continues to be the Body of Christ, one holy, catholic and apostolic in it's mission to glorify the Lord through worship and sharing of the Gospel."



## Teri Klose

Teri is a Programmer Analyst in Montgomery, Alabama. She is married to Ted Klose.

Teri has been involved in the Women's Missionary Union; Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child"; various Bible studies, choir; and counting committee. Teri is currently involved in Christchurch as the Altar Guild

Treasurer, Covenant Group, Monday Night Women's Enrichment, Paseo Reunion Group, served on staff for Paseo #5 and will serve on Paseo #7 staff. She enjoys attending Wednesday Prayer and Praise services and Holy Chow. She also assists Leslie van Dyke with Fisherfolk events.

### Teri's vision statement:

"To embrace the Word of God as our guidebook and remain true to the teachings therein. To be a presence for Christ in our community and beyond by preparing our members for service and leadership. To be a church family who consistently lives out the love of Jesus. To further the Gospel by supporting missions work and planting new churches. To put our relationship with God first, seeking His will through prayer, worship and Bible study."



## Ann Newell

Ann is a self employed Interior Designer of 30 years and a professional member ASID (American Society of Interior Designers).

She is married to Burgess.

Ann has been involved in numerous leadership roles. She was a Vestry member at Holy Comforter, was an Altar Guild team leader, Guild President and ECW President. At Frazer United Methodist she was a Sunday School teacher and assisted in Vacation Bible School Leadership roles for 3 years. Other mentions: BSF (Bible study Fellowship International) 12 year member/assistant class administrator and class administrator.

As a member of Christchurch, she has served on various Altar Guild Committees including Fair Lien, Easter and Funeral. She is currently serving as the Co-chair for 2010. She attended Paseo #3; participates in Women's Enrichment Ministry, Covenant Group, Paseo Reunion Group, Holy Chow and Fisherfolk ministries.

### Ann's vision statement:

"That Christchurch would fulfill Jesus' command to love the Lord our God with all our heart and love our neighbors as ourselves; that Christchurch would continue to disciple its members in the teachings of our Lord; that we would support one another and reach out to our community and beyond."

In the same way, as wonderful as our new facilities are going to be, we will need to be *grateful and patient* when we find that we don't have everything we thought we were going to have. If we find our classrooms overcrowded, if we have to use portable units (trailers), if we have to endure years of financing our construction debt – which will be an *enormous* burden – these very real challenges will be daunting, yes, but that's what it means to walk by faith and not by sight.

What's the point? That often **the greatest miracles are when we think we don't have enough and then God shows us we have more than enough – if we have *Him***. Because it's not by might nor by power that we achieve anything, but by His Spirit.

Years ago in Connecticut I read about a prominent Christian who had the habit of giving all the new employees in his company a special Christmas gift. It was a handsomely framed mirror and with it another nicely framed picture of Jesus Christ. With the gift would come specific directions as to how to hang the two pieces in a room. On one wall, he said, place the frame with the mirror at a certain height, where you can see yourself clearly and easily. On the opposite wall, place the picture of Jesus at the same height, so that as you look in the mirror to view yourself, you will see over your shoulder the face of Christ. Thus, every time you see yourself, you see Him, too. On a card were written these words: "This is to help you remember that it's going to take both of you to get through this life."

And so for us: as we prepare for this grand new chapter in the history of Christchurch, let's not forget what we've learned. We've only just begun, and we will need Him every step of the way. We've only gotten this far because of *Him*, not us. Now and forever we walk by faith, not by sight.

John-Michael van Dyke+  
Rector

# STAFF REPORTS

## Discipleship Ministries

Our various ministries in **Discipleship and Renewal** have flourished this past year – thanks be to God! Our Women’s Enrichment Ministry retreat and small group classes; our significant participation, on both pilgrim and staff levels, in Paseo; our Young Adults Ministry through classes and fellowship events; our classes and small group Bible studies for our Men’s Ministry; our Healing Prayer workshop with guest teachers and ongoing Healing Prayer Team ministry active on Sunday mornings and at other worship services all have led parishioners to a deeper faith commitment to Christ.

God has worked powerfully through our “TLC” (The Love of Christ) ministry, which gives a touch of Tender Loving Care through special goodies or a card or call to members and friends of Christchurch, thanks to Bess Blackmon and Sandy Hill. Equally God has worked through our “Angel Food” ministry, which brings a home cooked meal to those who have been ill and are recovering at home, thanks to Kelly Oates, Eloise Wilkerson and Beverly Stabler and all those who have cooked!

In Adult Christian Education, we have again offered numerous topics in classes chiefly on Sunday mornings for both small and large groups. Bible Study, Christian marriage and parenting, healing ministry, Christian stewardship, preparation for Holy Communion and Confirmation, seasonal themes, and other biblically based topics, all have been designed and presented for Christian nurture and spiritual growth.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fr. Rusty DeMoss

## Children's Ministry

**Celia Thorington** has joined the staff at Christchurch as a part time assistant to the Director of Children’s Ministry. Celia is married to Robert and they have two children, Winter who is in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Bobby who is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. She brings excitement and energy along with her love for the Lord to this ministry.

Our Children’s Ministry has had a great year and is thankful for the dedicated work of our volunteers.

**Children’s Church:** With the help of volunteers Kitty Harris, Helen Thompson and Robert Thorington the children are studying the Liturgy of the church and prayer with emphasis on “The Lord’s Prayer.” We are encouraging children to bring their Bibles each week and are teaching them the books of the Old Testament and learning our way around the Bible.

**Junior Worship:** Under the great leadership of Tricia Seay, Hope Mardre and Celia Thorington the young people in grades 4 through 6 are studying the New Testament. Their worship service includes music and prayer time.

**Wednesday Night Children’s program:** Children’s activities include Christian crafts, games, movies and lessons. This program is for children in Kindergarden-6<sup>th</sup> grade. The nursery is also available on Wednesday nights during the Praise and Worship Service. Margie Stuart and Michelle Llewellyn have been wonderful volunteers for this program.



## Victor K. Biebighauser

Vic is the President of South University in Montgomery, Alabama.

He is married to Elizabeth and has two children, John Hunter, 25 and Julia, 20.

Vic is currently involvement in leadership roles at Christchurch: Parish representative to Anglican Communion Network, Southeast Convocation, 2006-2009, Parish Lay Delegate to ACN/SEC regional conferences, Loganville, Georgia, 2008 and 2009; Parish Lay Delegate to founding Synod of Diocese of the Holy Spirit (consisting of former Uganda congregations), Loganville, Georgia, March 2009; Diocesan Lay Delegate to founding provincial assembly, Anglican Church in North America (ACNA), Bedford, Texas, June 2009; Diocesan Lay Delegate to inaugural provincial council of ACNA, Toronto, Ontario, December 2009; Pilgrim, Paseo #1, 2007; Member, Christchurch Covenant Group Member and Reunion Group

## Vic's vision statement Christchurch's future:

"My vision for a church is that it be apostolic, sacramental, Trinitarian, and orthodox in all respects. Christchurch embodies all these principles to me. I have been a churchgoer my entire life, and although I never had any doubts about my faith intellectually, I believe I have become more engaged in what it means to be Christian at Christchurch than I ever was before. As Christchurch has matured, we have moved beyond the perception of dissenters from a revisionist denomination, and have put ourselves in position to share the many positive attributes of our church with others in the community, and to define ourselves by what we are for rather than just what we are against. One of our strengths, in my opinion, has been the optimistic, positive tone of our clergy as they preach the Word about what it means to be a Christian. With our new church building in a growing part of our community, I think we have the tools to attract new members to our uplifting and distinctive message."

## Youth Ministry

It's been an exciting year at Christchurch in the youth ministry! We started the year off with the incredible "See & Live" retreat. The weekend included adventures such as: spelunking, rock climbing, and mini-motorcycles! Youth group has continued meeting at 2323 Bell Rd on Sunday nights, but we are more than ready to have our own youth worship space! Youth group has become something the students look forward to each week and not something they are forced to go to...this is huge in youth ministry! We began an exciting new curriculum in Sunday school called "KNOWN". It is a monthly series that each student gets his/her own magazine as they follow along in the lesson each week. The writers of the curriculum use contemporary culture and recent events in their studies that help to keep the messages fresh, Biblical, and relative to the students. *Fun in the Sun* at Jekyll Island was once again a great experience for our youth. Four of our boys confessed Jesus as their Lord and Savior and I personally witnessed the Holy Spirit move in powerful ways with the youth. We planned and ran a weeklong summercamp for the Common Ground ministry here in Montgomery which was so much fun! Our youth truly radiated Christ's love as they ministered to these young boys and girls. We also started a successful Bible Study over the summer and the students really enjoyed diving into the Word, but as the school year started the commitment began to fizzle. All in all, the year was a fruitful year for the ministry and we are excited about the year to come and what we have planned. I can't thank my wonderful volunteers enough: Trip Franklin, Sheri King, Braxton & Megan Weimer, Rick Oates, Pamela Swan and my right hand advisors Tom and Cat Saunders.

Respectfully submitted,  
Travis King

## Chi Rho Kids

Thanks to the generosity of our Christchurch family, a group of children from economically challenged homes are being provided a top quality, Christian pre-school experience. Our curriculum continues to focus on skills necessary for children to achieve school readiness cognitively, socially, physically, and spiritually. Elizabeth Clements and I share lead teaching responsibilities and Kelly Oates serves as assisting teacher. Christchurch volunteers bring their gifts in many ways: Dee Mooty teaches music, Beverly Stabler assists in the classroom during monthly Parent Program, Alice DeMoss teaches chapel, and Diane Bailey serves as photographer. Generous donations are sent by members and special events volunteers make this ministry one that truly reflects Christ's abundant love and provision. Field trips to Dreamfield Farms and Wadsworth Christmas Tree Farm were two of our fall favorites. Please look at our website (<http://tiny.cc/ChiRhoKids>) for pictures, more details and how you can become a part of this beautiful Christchurch ministry!

Respectfully submitted,  
Hope Mardre

**The W.O.R.D. (worship, outreach, relationships, discipleship) Puppet Team** is helping teach children Bible stories in Children's Church. The team won a gold medal and the Peoples Choice Award for their performance of "The Found Sheep" at the One Way Street Puppet Festival. Our wonderful, dedicated adult volunteers are: Caroline Broughton, Katie Broughton, Kitty Harris, Katherine Damron, Charlotte Plaskett and Lauren Hood. The team was invited to perform at the Governor's "Big Birthday Bash" for foster care children.

**Christian Education:** We are moving forward with our Christian Formation program, "The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd." Christchurch has 8 Level I (for ages 3 ½ to 6) trained Catechists and Pamela Swan is in Level II training this year. Our other classes are using a curriculum from Gospel Light. Sunday school teachers are recognized on their birthdays and at other special times throughout the year by our teacher recognition volunteer Haden Payne.

**Outreach Ministry:** Through the "Gift of Hope" and "Giving Tree" projects and the generosity of the Christchurch members, we raised enough money to adopt 150 orphans and needy children of the Sebei Dioceses in Uganda. We will begin that adoption program again in Lent this year.

**Harvestfest** was a huge success again this year under the capable guidance of Jackie Waller and Kinnon Fisher. Over 200 people enjoyed great food and fellowship and the beautiful home of Lauren and Guy Hood. We hope to gather winning recipes over several years and have a Harvestfest cookbook.

**Nursery and Childcare:** Our wonderful childcare workers are under the direction of Tara Harris. Christchurch also has a ministry to welcome new babies into the church called "Bundles of Joy" which is headed up by Jenny Roth and Lindsey Dean. This ministry also recognizes our sitters with a luncheon at Christmas time.

Christchurch children also participate in the Palm Sunday service through the Hosanna Parade and the Christmas Eve service with the "cast-of-hundreds" Christmas pageant.

### Looking Ahead to the New Building

We are excited to see how God has blessed us at Christchurch and look forward to having everything under one roof. As we prepare to move in to the new buildings on Vaughn Road we are preparing the new Children's Worship Center. Lauren Hood and Julia Stark are helping us with the design and art work for this area. We are currently preparing another Level I atrium (classroom) and will have our 1st Level II (for ages 6 to 9) atrium next year which we will start with 1<sup>st</sup> graders. We will be recruiting volunteers in the next few weeks to help prepare the atria and nursery area. If you are interested please call Madeliene Wilder at 398-0566, ext 209.

I am blessed daily by the precious children of Christchurch and the volunteers that do so much for them. I thank you for this privilege and I thank God for His provision.

Respectfully submitted,  
Madeliene Wilder

## Administration:

This past January we moved the church offices to the Chi Rho House on Vaughn Road adjacent to the new building. This enabled us to reduce our lease payments to DUMC by 50%. While this has increased the workload on staff having to commute between the two locations to administrate programs and ministries it has been an overall positive experience. We will remain in transition during 2010, as some of the existing offices will be converted into classroom and Atria space as Music Ministry and Student Ministry move their respective offices to the second floor of the new building when it is completed.

We have been blessed this year with very dedicated office volunteers, including, **Maribeth Lambert, Lynn Bloch, Trisha Seay, Elizabeth Biebighauser, Gayle Edwards and Judy Stewart** who have graciously assisted with answering the phone, stuffing bulletins, writing Birthday cards and many other routine jobs ! We are grateful for their contribution to Christchurch.

## Parish and Community Ministry:

God has worked powerfully through this outreach to our community and beyond. It is our hope that the words of the Christchurch Prayer, "...all who come to Your House may find they have come to Your Home..." has been the experience of those who have sought and received help from Christchurch in 2009 and will continue to be their experience in 2010.

Through the **Direct Aid Ministry** we have been able to financially assist 102 families with rent, utilities, food, funeral expenses, medical expenses, and emergency transportation. In addition, we distributed 61 Wal-Mart and Visa gift cards this year to enable families to buy school uniforms, Thanksgiving food and Christmas gifts. This has been a great source of hope and encouragement to our community proclaiming Jesus name while serving as His hands and feet.

Over this past year, with the continuing debilitating effect of the recession on many of our families, the **Catastrophic Pastoral Care Ministry** has come along side to assist parishioners through these difficult and challenging times. Through the thoughtfulness and generosity of Christchurch members over \$7,000 was donated and dispersed to our families in need. We have been *blessed to be a blessing* and this ministry is a shining example of this biblical mandate.

## Women's Enrichment Ministry:

We continue to remain committed to meeting the complex and diverse needs of women in our church and community through bible study, prayer, encouragement, guidance and fellowship. Our ministry is to empower each woman, young and old, with a sense of belonging to God and one another, then enable and equip them to maturity in Christ, and to bless them with the love, grace and truth of Jesus Christ. In 2009 we studied *Esther*, by Beth Moore; *Walking by Faith*, by Jennifer Rothschild; and we finished this past fall with the study of *Daniel*, by Beth Moore. We are grateful to Lowell Berenguer for leading the Monday night group and to Kim Dennis for assisting in the Thursday morning study.

In January, 2010, we will begin an 11-week series called, *Here and Now, There and Then*, a study of the book of Revelation by Beth Moore.

As I enter my 18<sup>th</sup> year of ministry under the leadership of John-Michael+, I continue to be grateful for the privilege of serving on his staff and feel so blessed to be a part of what God is doing in and through Christchurch .

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Dean

## Music Ministry

Christchurch music ministry under the direction of Margaret Cauthen, organist /choir master has had a wonderful year as we have presented the music of our Lord and Savior to those in our parish and community. The blessings of our Christchurch Chancel Choir have been heard each week in our Sunday morning Holy Eucharist services. The Scholarship Singers program which offers the opportunity to gain experience in solo work, directing and instrumental playing for future work as church musicians, continues to be a success.

Our children's Celebration Choir has continued to strengthen this year. Under the able direction of Maria Hill, Elizabeth Hill and Catherine Freeman the program has included as many as fifteen of our children in All Saints and Advent programs.

Children's handbells have been purchased to be used by our older children when the Celebration Choir is singing. The Celebration Choir ministers to our nursing homes during the Christmas Season.

The music ministry is also delighted to announce the generous donation of a 1983 hand-painted Hubbard & Brockman harpsichord. The harpsichord was built in Boston in 1983. This instrument will be enjoyed by our parish for generations to come.

Our parish organ has been designed, and the stop list chosen. An organ fund raising committee has been selected and meet on a monthly basis to plan projects that will help us obtain the funds for a pipe organ to be placed in our new sanctuary on Vaughn Road.

This year our Candlelight Harpsichord Concert, given during the first week of December was opened to the community at large through announcements in the paper and to the American Guild of Organist organization in which we are a member. The concert was given with an ensemble of professional musicians from the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra and vocalists in our community. In addition to the concert a reception to raise funds for the organ was also given. With the inclusion of a voluntary offering at the concert approximately \$4,000 was raised for the Christchurch pipe organ.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Cauthen