

May 19, 2024



St. Philip's inSPIRE

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Momentum Gathers for a Classical Christian School at St. Philip's

by Ben Hagood, *Classical Christian School Planning Committee Chair*

The Rev. Jeff Miller's special announcement and teaching on Sunday, May 5, were particularly exciting for those of us at St. Philip's who have spent the last several years discussing, praying, hoping, and planning for a classical Christian school that is dedicated to raising up students as ambassadors of Christ steeped in traditional and classical learning.

Our journey began in the summer of 2021, when several St. Philippians attended a conference of a national association of classical Christian schools to learn more about this growing movement. They also toured the very successful Holy Trinity Classical Christian School in Beaufort, which opened its doors in 2012 under the direction of Jeff Miller, then the Rector of the Parish Church of St. Helena.

As the list of interested parishioners and friends grew to almost thirty, we held a meeting in April of 2022, and all who attended expressed serious interest in pursuing a new school. This informal group then invited the Rev. Chad Lawrence, founding headmaster of Holy Trinity Classical Christian School, to give a day of teaching at St. Philip's. Inspired by Chad's teaching, an ad hoc planning committee and a prayer committee were formed in the summer of 2022.

These informal efforts paused that fall, when a discernment committee began its process of discerning the Shine the Light campaign's priorities as well as a new outreach ministry to be funded by the campaign. The committee unanimously recommended to the Vestry that St. Philip's first restore its historic campus, which supports all current ministries, and then pursue a new ministry: establishing a classical Christian school. The Vestry unanimously accepted that recommendation.

When the Shine the Light campaign got underway in 2023, the focus was on the campus restoration phase, but prayers and continued preliminary planning for the school quietly proceeded, and the informal group of interested parishioners and friends continued to grow to over sixty people. More and more parents and grandparents expressed the critical need for additional educational opportunities in Charleston with genuine excitement for the classical Christian model.

This spring, as the first phase of the Shine the Light campaign exceeded 80% of its goal, the Vestry enthusiastically and unanimously moved forward with planning for a school, soon appointing the Classical Christian School Planning Committee for the purpose of planning a classical Christian school as a ministry of the parish. The first classrooms are to be located in the State Street office building at the corner of Cumberland Street, with the goal of beginning classes as soon as possible with the Lord's leading. The Committee was tasked with making regular reports and recommendations to the Vestry.

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Senior Recognition This Sunday

Sunday, May 19, during the 10:30 service

class of
2024

During the 10:30 service on May 19, our clergy will say a special prayer for all of our graduates, and our high school seniors will be invited up for a blessing. The names of all of our graduates are on the next page, and they will be printed in both service bulletins on Sunday.

Wrapping Up 2023–2024: Final Dates

May 15: Wednesdays Alive! service, supper, and class

May 16: The Rector's Bible Study

May 17: Middle School Youth Group
Rising 6th-graders, join us for a fall preview at 6:00 p.m.!

May 19: Sunday School, Rector's Forum, High School Youth Group



Strong Start to Spring Diaper Drive



Sunday, May 12, was the first official collection day for our spring diaper drive for the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center, one of our home mission ministry partners, which provides life-affirming reproductive health and family services in a compassionate Christian environment.

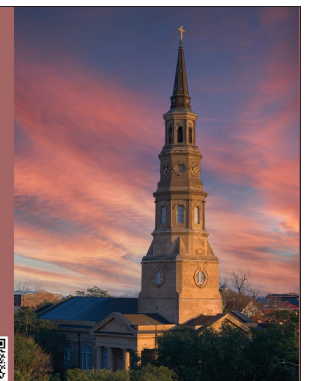
Stay tuned for totals—we continued accepting donations in the church office this week, and more donations may come in from those who attend the May 18 Saturday Serve at LPC, where volunteers will take a tour and help with some light spring cleaning (and knit or crochet baby blankets or booties if they know how!).

SHINE the LIGHT Campus Tours

Tuesday, May 21
6:00–7:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 9
4:00–5:30 p.m.

*Enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres
prior to your tour!*



Congratulations to Our Graduates!

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

High School

Elizabeth Verdier Bailey, Academic Magnet High School, *attending University of Edinburgh*
Ella Merritt Bradley, Lucy Beckham High School, *attending Clemson University*
Mills Faxon Egleston, Porter-Gaud School, *attending Wofford College*
Ellen Elizabeth Estridge, Faith Christian Academy, *attending Emory University*
May Hall Pinckney Fitzgerald, Lucy Beckham High School, *attending Texas Christian University*
Chloë Valentine Gilbert, James Island Charter High School, *attending Flagler College*
Eliza Gerry Groat, Ashley Hall, *attending The University of Mississippi*
Catherine Morrow Hagood, Porter-Gaud School, *attending The University of Mississippi*
Ava Kate King, West Ashley High School, *attending Clemson University*
Anne Hanckel Lancaster, Palmetto Christian Academy, *attending Furman University*
Carter Martin Antonio Light, Bishop England High School
William Tye Livesay, Bishop England High School, *attending Sewanee: The University of the South*
Elizabeth Clifton Manuel, Academic Magnet High School, *attending Washington and Lee University*
Lucy MacNaughton Mettler, Ashley Hall, *attending Auburn University*
Richard Wylly Molten IV, Woodberry Forest School, *attending Denison University*
Margaret Allston Richardson, Porter-Gaud School, *attending The University of Mississippi*
Grange Benjamin Simons, Lucy Beckham High School, *attending The Citadel*
Brooks Hampton Templeton, Lucy Beckham High School, *attending Wofford College*
Catherine “Cacky” Stuart Templeton, Lucy Beckham High School, *attending Wofford College*

College or Graduate School

Joseph “Jack” William Anderton III, University of North Florida, *Bachelor of Business Administration*
William Rodney Andrews II, Duke University, *Doctor of Nursing Practice*
Harriet Virginia Barr, Wofford College, *Bachelor of Arts in Government, Minor in International Relations*
Morgan Victoria Davis, University of Georgia, *Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences, Minor in Spanish*
Grace Elizabeth Finlay, Columbia College, *Master of Education in Trauma-Informed Education*
Frances Deas Folline, Clemson University, *Bachelor of Science in Marketing, Minor in Psychology*
John Kerrison, Jr., Georgia Institute of Technology, *Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, pursuing Master of Science in Computer Science at Georgia Institute of Technology*
Samantha Martin, Chicago School of Psychology, *Doctor of Philosophy*
Elizabeth Lanham Moore, College of Charleston, *Bachelor of Science in Anthropology, Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology*
Annie Britt Murray, Medical University of South Carolina, *Doctor of Medicine*
Baxter Reid Murray, Medical University of South Carolina, *Doctor of Medicine*
Lyles Ravenel Parsell, Wake Forest University, *Bachelor of Arts in History, Minors in Religion and Political Science*
Margaret Rosborough O’Kelley, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, *Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Minor in English*
William Blake Phillips, Clemson University, *Bachelor of Science in Marketing, Minor in Financial Management*
Clarke Southall Wallace III, University of Virginia, *Bachelor of Arts in Media Studies*
Joseph Hubert Wood IV, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, *Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy, Minor in History*

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 19 (Pentecost, Senior Recognition Sunday)

The Rev. Jeffrey S. Miller, preacher

8:15 a.m. **The Holy Eucharist ~ Church**

Usher Burk Herrin

Lector Randell Stoney

Chalice Randell Stoney, TBD

9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery (infants–12th grade) ~ Various locations

Christian Formation Greeters Tammy Gottshalk, Erika Picca

9:30 a.m. Rector's Forum ~ Parish House, Parish Hall

10:30 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church ~ Parish House

10:30 a.m. **The Holy Eucharist ~ Church**

Greeters Garden and John Blincow

Ushers Team 10: Chris Osborne, captain

Lector Russell Barrett

Chalice Bob Kunes, Guv Gottshalk,
Bill Warlick, Clark Hanger

Acolyte Mentor Cordes Ford

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group ~ Parish House, Youth Room

Monday, May 20

7:00 p.m. Come Further Up, Come Further In ~ Henry's on the Market

Tuesday, May 21

9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting ~ Church Office, Parlor

12 noon Men's Bible study, Bob Kunes ~ Church Office, Parlor

6:00 p.m. Shine the Light Campus Tour

7:00 p.m. Theology on Tuesdays ~ Henry's on the Market

Wednesday, May 22

8:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** (1928 Book of Common Prayer) ~ Chapel

8:15 a.m. Dads' Drop-Off Study, Justin Hare ~ Parish House Piazza

10:00 a.m. inSPIRE mailing preparation ~ Ministries Hall, Parlor

6:00 p.m. **Adult Confirmation Service and Reception** ~ Church, Parish Hall

Thursday, May 23

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible study, Dana Heikes ~ Ministries Hall, Parlor

Friday, May 24

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, Guv Gottshalk ~ Tea Garden

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, Group Led ~ Church Office, Parlor

8:45 a.m. Women's prayer group, Marnie Kerrison ~ Church Office, Prayer Room

Saturday, May 25

9:00 a.m. Lowcountry Sacred Harp Annual Singing

5:00 p.m. Concert: Choral Artists of Southern Nevada

Sunday, May 26 (Trinity Sunday)

The Rev. William K. Christian III, preacher

8:15 a.m. **The Holy Eucharist ~ Church**

Usher Reid Davis

Lector Bob Kunes

Chalice Gantt Folline, Bob Kunes

10:30 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church ~ Parish House

10:30 a.m. **The Holy Eucharist ~ Church**

Greeters Nancy and Lawrence Hollingsworth

Ushers Team 1: Clay Hershey, captain

Lectors Charles DeAntonio, Joanna Macmurphy

Acolyte Mentor Chris Mettler

IMPORTANT DATES

May 27 ~ Memorial Day (church office closed)

May 27 ~ Charleston Men's Chorus Concert (noon)

June 9 ~ Shine the Light campus tour (4:00 p.m.)

June 17–20 ~ Vacation Bible School (VBS)

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Livestream link, printable bulletin:

Visit stphilipchurchsc.org/news on Sunday morning

Workshop Leads To New Opportunities

by Robert Fortson



My wife and I attended the Discover Your Gifts For Ministry workshop held the first weekend in May. During an evening class on the first day and a morning and afternoon session on the second day, the workshop provided a biblical listing of spiritual

gifts and what such gifts can contribute to any ministry. With the aid of a series of assessments, participants were able to discover how to best match their particular talents and passions with a specific ministry.

Andrew and Mims did their usual outstanding job of organizing and presenting the materials. Through videos, small-group discussions and Andrew's well-seasoned leadership, step by step, we came to a better understanding of our God-given gifts and how best to employ them. As always, Andrew's energy and enthusiasm were infectious and inspiring—especially so in such an intimate setting.

Even if you think you know where you are best suited to serve, the results of the workshop may surprise you and lead you to new opportunities for growth and service.

Classical Christian School, Hagood, continued from front page

Members of the Committee appointed by the Vestry are Joe Anderton, Lea Andrews, Bill Drury, Alex Finland, Brooke Finland, Martha Freshley, Foster Gaillard, John Grinalds, Ben Hagood, Penn Hagood, Justin Hare, Gerrit Lansing, Jeff Miller, Brendan O'Shea, Trisha Reese, Barbara Rockefeller, Alan Runyan, Ann Willis, and David Wright.

The Committee held its first meeting on May 2 and began discussing various planning topics. The Committee plans to meet monthly and will form working groups of committee members and other interested parishioners to study, discuss, and make recommendations to the Vestry on the many issues that need to be addressed before a school can open.

Members of the Classical Christian School Planning Committee are very excited about the work ahead and are prayerfully optimistic that the critical Phase I Campaign goal of \$16.4 million will soon be completed. St. Philip's is now at \$14.3 million of that goal.

Once Phase I is completed, Phase II can get underway and funds can be raised and pledged specifically for the school and the necessary State Street renovations. We believe that if Phase I of the Shine the Light Campaign could be completed this summer, then the school could open as soon as August of 2025, likely beginning with kindergarten and early elementary grades and then adding a grade a year as the school grows.

We encourage all St. Philipians to make a prayerful and generous pledge to the Shine the Light Campaign so that momentum for the Classical Christian School can boldly build and the doors of the school can be opened for the children of our parish and community. We are grateful for all who have encouraged and supported this vision.

Questions about the calendar? Need to reserve a room for a church meeting or event?

Contact Rachel Murphy: rmurphy@stphilipchurchsc.org

God at Work in Uganda

by Fred Willis



Jayne and Tom Gurley, Tammy and Guv Gottshalk, Shaun Gillis, MD (Bozeman, MT), and Jean Chamberlain Froese, MD (Toronto, Canada), and I arrived in Mukono, Uganda, at midnight on Saturday, April 20. We stayed in guest quarters at Uganda Christian University (UCU), awakening on Sunday morning to a gentle rain. We made our way to a modern open-air pavilion on campus to attend an Anglican church service; we could hear the student choir and praise band as we began our walk there. We were greeted warmly by the congregants, pastors, and the Vice-Chancellor and his wife. We knew we were in for an exciting week, embraced by the Ugandans who love Christ and proudly profess their faith.

On Monday, our group divided between participation in the Save the Mothers program, which focuses on reducing fatalities during birth through prenatal care and education, and meetings with students and department heads at UCU. The business school, agriculture department, and members of the Alumni Association were among those we met. Each program offered at UCU teaches not only the course material, but how God works through each individual. During our tour of the UCU campus, we were struck by seeing each building emblazoned with a Scripture verse as a testimony to their mission as a Christian university.

Tammy, Guv, and I spent a day at the Water Mission headquarters in Jinja, including a trip to “the bush,” where Water Mission has installed its high-tech water system for the community. To say we were impressed would be an understatement. Tammy and Guv were asked to lead a church service at a school in the community, where we suddenly found ourselves surrounded by 850 adults and children. Fortunately, we were accompanied by a young lady with Water Mission who served as our translator! After the service, we joined a local pastor to visit two families in the bush. The pastor read from his Bible, and Tammy prayed for the families. This day made a lasting impression on all of us: seeing Jesus at work!

The joy of the love of Christ flowed through the people of Uganda that we encountered. The worship was exuberant; one could not resist being caught up in the wave of pure expression of glorifying Jesus and gratitude for His overwhelming love and many blessings. Despite extreme poverty and want, the people were ecstatic with enthusiasm for the Lord Christ. It was inspiring, especially for us who live in abundance with such comparative wealth. What an example of a deep contentment resulting from trust in the Lord.

On our last day in Uganda, we attended the Ugandan Anglican Church in Entebbe, and again, we were warmly greeted. The choir was joyful as they sang hymns in English and the local language. The message by the guest speaker was loud and clear: God chose you! You did not choose Him. The congregation enthusiastically embraced her words. As we left the church that day, I saw a car in the parking lot with a license plate on its front bumper that read “PSALM 117.”

We have returned inspired and with a better understanding of the work God is doing in Uganda. He touched our lives there, and it is obvious that the Ugandans feel His presence there every day.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

We pray for the sick: Virginia Barnwell, Elizabeth Bowles, Diane Christensen, Karen Collins, Mary Forbes, Myron Harrington, Dana Heikes III, Marvin Kirkland, Rena Mack, John Macmurphy, LaVonne Marshall, Sarah Marshall, Paula McNamara, Eric Panizza, Lou Parker, Elise Mack Rivers, Sam Robinson, Barbara Sainsbury, Fran Sanders, Esther Spade, Pete Sperr, and Libby Wright.

We pray for our expectant parents: Sarah and Wyatt Baldwin, Olivia and Jon Black.

We pray for protection for those serving in the armed forces: Becca Baird, Janie Baird, Henry Clayton, David Daughtridge, Eric Gaines, Andrew Kane, Quin Kane, Horry Kerrison, Frazier Kulze, John Mason, Philip Middleton III, Jackson Miller, Edward Pritchard, Nathaniel Rollings, David Scott, and Asada Williams.

We pray for our home and world missions: Lowcountry Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Hope to Home, Lowcountry Pregnancy Center, Star Gospel Mission, for the medical missions to Honduras, for ministry to victims of genocide and AIDS in Rwanda, for the Persecuted Church, for Anglican Frontier Missions, for Uganda Christian University Partners, for Water Mission and the Global Water Center, and for St. Jean-Baptiste, our sister church, and the schools in Haiti.

SUNDAY'S COLLECT AND READINGS

Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.


- Acts 2:1-21
- Psalm 104:24-35
- John 14:8-17



VBS:

June 17-20

open to all current
3k-5th-graders!



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