



The Sword

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From the Bishop's Heart

One of the challenges we face in the Anglican Diocese of the South is communicating to the people and clergy of the diocese what is going on and what is coming up. Without the people knowing what is happening, it is difficult for them to be engaged or to participate in important events.

Of course, we also have this problem in communicating the Gospel. Unless people hear the Word of God about Jesus, it is difficult for them to respond to Him. Unless you and I "proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ," the people in our world will be clueless and not respond to the Gospel. Your communication and my communication can be a matter of heaven and hell for people.

**2nd Annual ADOTS Synod
Saturday November 5th
Holy Cross Anglican
Church
Loganville, GA
9:30 AM—3:30 PM**

Nominations are currently being sought for open positions on the Standing Committee, Ecclesiastical Court and Committee on Constitutions and Canons



What does this picture have to do with evangelism? See page 2 to find out!

As a diocese in this new Anglican Movement in North America, we are committed to communicating the Gospel and the Word of God. We do it in various ways... this newsletter is one way. We have a website (www.adots.org). I send a Weekly Message to the Clergy of the Diocese. I have a blog which keeps up with my doings (<http://foleybeach.blogspot.com>). The diocese sends out regular emails regarding events of the diocese. Many of our congregations publish and/or broadcast their sermons on their websites. Many of our clergy write articles for their local newspapers and/or blogs. For those of you on Facebook, we have an Anglican Diocese of the South Facebook page which is updated with recent activities.

All this communication is for nothing unless we remember why we are communicating. We must continue to remember that we are about sharing Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. We must not forget that He is not only the Source, but the Goal.

"In the beginning was the Word, and Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His Glory" (John 1:1f).

+ Foley

The Weekend

All middle schoolers and their friends are invited to experience the WEEKEND... October 14-16! All middle school students will call Camp Glisson in Dahlonega their home as they explore what it means to *Be the influence* and live out the Christian faith as described in 1 Timothy 4:12. Be at camp at 7 pm on Friday and we'll return on Sunday by 12:30 pm.

We will worship, pray, learn, laugh, make new friends and grow closer in friendships with students from all over the Diocese! We'll crown the champions of the annual kick-ball game, have a campfire, hike to a waterfall and explore all that the area has to offer!

Advent Atlanta Partners With Local Bar to Hold Alpha Course

BY CYNTHIA P. BRUST

At Manuel's Tavern, a historic neighborhood bar in Atlanta, you never know if you'll bump into a doctor, a plumber, a lawyer, a journalist—or a priest in a collar.

One night a week during this past summer, the Rev. Dale Brown of The Advent in Atlanta met a group of 15 in the back room for an Alpha Course. "We thought, 'If we're really going to create a space for people who are just beginning to look at Christianity, we should probably hold it in a place less formally Christian,'" Dale says.

He's not new to the bar scene, however. Each Sunday after church, Advent members and clergy hang out and fellowship at the Tavern, building a rapport with its Roman Catholic owners. They eventually offered use of the Tavern for church-based activities like Alpha.

"It's always been kind of an interesting religious connection," Dale says. "Manuel's Tavern even has two clergy parking spots, originally created for the Cardinal who frequented the Tavern before he died." From his perspective, it's a perfect place to explore faith. Alpha gatherings are casual, in keeping with the tavern's low-lit ambiance. The DVD plays on big-screen TVs in the back room after 40 minutes of eating, drinking, and hanging out. The church provides the beverages. Then participants break up into two or three small groups for discussion.



The cost is \$119 (plus transportation).

Registration and money are due September 28. Need-based scholarships are available and will be kept confidential. A packing list will be provided upon registration. To secure your spot, please contact your parish youth leader who has been provided information and registration forms from the Diocese.

Our Canon for Student Ministries, The Rev. David Charney of Christ Church, Atlanta is the organizer of this event.

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)

"There are hard, difficult questions coming out," Dale says. "People are taking it seriously enough to bring serious questions, which is probably the most encouraging thing for me. It speaks to God working, even though we're not having altar calls every week."

Questions range from "What does a relationship with Jesus mean?" "How and where do I read my Bible?" to "Is Christianity truth in the modern sense of the word?" "How can God allow so much suffering to exist?"

"Every week something stands out," Dale says. "We have a young couple coming, and the woman said she really wants to believe but finds it really difficult. The fact that she's willing to show up every week and work on this and get at it is pointing toward something the Holy Spirit is doing in her life."

The discussion ends at 9, but those who want to stay hang out at the bar, inviting a new round of discussions with people who ask what they're doing. Dale is happy sitting at the bar in his clergy collar, holding a mug and talking to new friends about God.

"I take a very long view of discipleship and salvation, so I don't get too anxious or bothered if people don't start to immediately convert or immediately start acting like saints," he says. "It's a process. But if people are coming, it seems the Holy Spirit already has them in His net."

Around the Diocese



All Saints Atlanta held their 2nd annual Youth Sunday on August 7th. The youth lead most of the worship with a little help from the Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Chima Ekeke. Pictured above are some of the church members and children who participated in the service.



The Church of the Holy Trinity in North Augusta, SC dedicated their new fellowship hall on Sunday, Sept. 4, (above)

Parishioners Myrle Wilson and JoEllen Barbare enjoy the added space the new building offers and appreciate that it is 100% paid-for. (below)



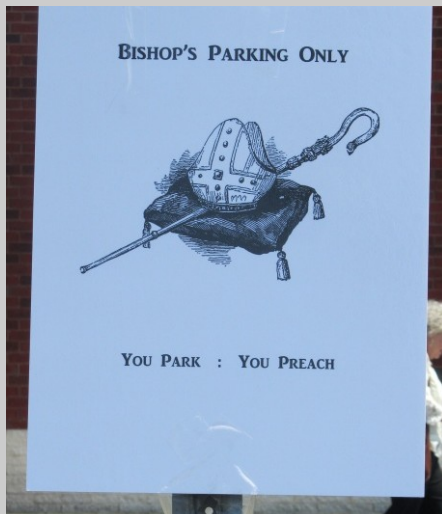
Bishop Foley confirms a young member of **The Anglican Church of the Redeemer, Chattanooga, TN** on Aug 14th. The rector, Fr. Tom Waddell, is on the left, while the bishop's chaplain for the day, Fr. Bill Sharp, is on the right. (above)



The women of **Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Flowery, GA** hosted a summer luncheon outreach for their community in June. Pictured above are Senior Warden Marilyn Pohlman, Emily Cuyler, Sheila Williams and Margaret McDaniel.



Construction on the new church building is underway at **St. Patrick's Anglican Church in Smyrna, TN.** (above)



The Bishop has an empty parking place waiting for him when he arrived at **St. Patrick's Anglican Church in Smyrna, TN.** (above)



Deacon Joe Fitzgerald, who was ordained by Bp. Foley in June, is now serving as the Director of Family Ministry at Truro Anglican Church in Fairfax, VA. (above)

The Anglican Diocese of the South is part of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, we are comprised of Anglican parishes and missions in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

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Mission Statement

The Anglican Diocese of the South exists to equip clergy and congregations to fulfill the Great Commandment (Mark 12:29-31) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) by leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ through personal discipleship, evangelism, and the nurturing and planting of congregations.

Mark Your Calendars

- Sep 25** Bishop at St. Andrew's Rome, GA
- Oct 5** Bishop at Hamilton Fellowship, Chattanooga, TN
- Oct 9** Bishop at Resurrection, Lilburn, GA
- Oct 14-16** **Middle School Retreat**
- Oct 23** Bishop at Holy Cross, Loganville, GA
- Nov 5** **Diocesan Synod**



We're on Facebook!

We have launched a Facebook page for the Diocese and would love to have some fresh news and pictures, etc to post to it on a regular basis.

So if you have something that you think others would enjoy seeing and reading about, please send it to me.

We are already getting a lot of hits so it is one way we can share the news about what is happening in ADOTS.

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Christ Anglican Fellowship, Hoover

Georgia

All Saints, Atlanta

All Saints, Peachtree City

Church of the Trinity, Hiram

Christ Church, Atlanta

Christ the Redeemer, Conyers

Holy Cross, Loganville

Holy Trinity, Flowery Branch

Light of Christ, Marietta

New Life Anglican Fellowship, Newnan

St. Andrew's, Rome

Trinity, Douglasville

Kentucky

Holy Apostles, Elizabethtown

St. Andrews, Versailles

Maine

St. Stephen the Martyr, Oakland

South Carolina

Holy Trinity, N. Augusta

Tennessee

Christ the King, Winchester

Church of the Redeemer, Chattanooga

Hamilton Angl. Fellowship, Chattanooga

Holy Family, Hendersonville

St. Michael's, Pulaski

St. Patrick's, Smyrna

St. Stephen's Anglican, Tullahoma

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North Carolina

Christ Anglican, Highlands

Tennessee

Apostles Anglican, Knoxville