



Cross & Crown

News of the Ministry & Mission of R. E. Lee Memorial Church, 123 W. Washington St., Lexington, VA

June 2007

The Rev. Tom Crittenden comes to our parish having served Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Tallahassee, Florida for 13 years.

The second of four children, Tom was born in 1953 to William Crittenden of Birmingham, Alabama and Condé Glasgow of Lexington.



He grew up in Birmingham, a member of St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church and attended college at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin. From St. Mary's, Tom sought ordination in the Diocese of Alabama and received his seminary education at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California. Ordained for 22 years, Tom has served four Episcopal churches, in Alabama, Missouri, and Florida.

Christi and Tom met at the Diocese of Alabama's summer camp (Camp McDowell) in 1987, and they were married in October, 1988. Born the third of four children to William Haymes of Monet, Missouri and RuthAnn Ball of Neosho, Missouri, Christi grew up in Huntsville, Alabama, a member of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity. Christi is a full-time mother and priest's spouse. Christi and Tom have three children – Joseph (16), Condé (13), and Harrison (9). They are expecting their fourth child, a daughter they are adopting from China.

New Rector to Begin Ministry Here August 5

Dear Friends:

The Rev'd Tom Crittenden, rector of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Tallahassee, Florida, has accepted the Vestry's call to be the next rector of R. E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church. Tom and his wife, Christi, are devoted, lifelong Episcopalians with three children and a fourth (an adopted daughter from China) on the way. They bring a wealth of gifts, talents and experiences to R. E. Lee Church.

Tom will officially join us on August 5. Before that, we will welcome the Crittenden family at a parishwide celebration on June 24 when they will be visiting Tom's mother, Condé Feddeman.

The year-long search that led us to Tom was the result of dedication and hard work by our search committee. The committee did its work with good humor, grace, humility and thoughtfulness informed by prayer and shaped by a shared love of R. E. Lee Church.

The members of the search committee were: Farris Hotchkiss and Mary Webster, co-chairs; Dane Boston, Erika Brooke, Jay Crawford, Gail Dick, Lu Dooley, Steve Grist, Ned Henneman and Carol Woodcock. We are deeply grateful for their commitment and their leadership.

This is a time of joy and hope for our parish. The recently restored steeple is a symbol of our faith and our Christian commitment. The capital campaign continues to signify strong support for our music, Christian education and outreach programs, while laying the ground work for other capital improvements, such as a renovated parish hall (and kitchen!) that will create a fresh, welcoming place for our parish family and others to gather.

We ask for your prayers and your blessings as we embark on this new journey in the life of our beloved parish.

Peace,

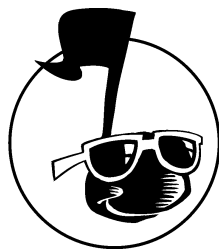
Brian Shaw, Senior Warden

Robert Glidden, Junior Warden

Outdoor Game Night

We want to have a relaxed summer get-together for anyone who wants to play games—softball, kickball, you name it—or just come for the fun and fellowship!

Wednesday, June 13 at 6 p.m.
Woods Creek Park
(in the parking lot beside
Waddell School)



Meet the Crittendens!

Sunday, June 24, 6 p.m.

The good times will roll on June 24 at 6 p.m. when we meet on the courtyard for music, food, and fellowship with Tom & Christi Crittenden, Joseph, Condé, and Harrison.

Bring your favorite covered dish, a folding chair or two, and settle in for an evening of lively conversation and

bluegrass music with our own Jim Brown and his musicians of renown!

Although Tom doesn't officially begin his ministry here until Aug. 5, he and his family will worship with us on Sunday morning and cap off the day with the courtyard event. Save the date!

“Honoring Our Past, Sharing in Our Future”

A Campaign Update

It is now four months since the kick-off event for our campaign. One-hundred and twenty-six families/individuals have pledged a total of \$545,250 toward the goal of \$650,000.

Our steeple has been restored. Our new rector and his family will arrive in August. We have much to be thankful for and to celebrate. We encourage all who have not yet participated in the campaign to join those who have already embraced stewardship for R. E. Lee Church in this important time of transition.

Barton Dick
Campaign Chairman

John Knapp
Honorary Campaign Chairman

The Feast of Marc Nikkel Planned to Benefit the School

Our church will host a celebration of the Feast of Marc Nikkel on Sunday, Sept. 2 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. At 3:30 there will be activities for both children and adults, featuring crafts, poetry, art and slide shows on Sudan. At 5, there will be a prayer service with a variety of music and perhaps the poetry and art of Marc Nikkel. Refreshments will be served after the service. All interested in the life and work of Marc Nikkel, the Marc Nikkel School and Sudan are invited. A freewill offering will be collected and sent in its entirety to the Marc Nikkel School Scholarship Fund for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Organizers, artists, musicians, etc. are welcome to help plan for this event! For more information on how to participate, please use these contacts:

Music/art: Daniel Brinson (570-2626; dbrinson@releechurch.org)

Children's activities: Alex Brown (464-5245; brownaw@wlu.edu)

Youth activities: Mary Wall (463-5019)

Sound system, slide show: MJ Mayerchak (460-3138; mchak@ntelos.net)

Food: Joan Crawford (462-6162; jhcs7@rockbridge.net)

Publicity: Elizabeth Harralson (463-3979)

General help: Punky Dod (463-4445)

More than \$5,650 Raised for Marc Nikkel School Children

Our parish's Lenten project raised more than \$5,650 for tuition and supplies for the children of Sudan's Marc Nikkel School.

The Children's Chapel, which meets the last 15 minutes of the Sunday Church School period, contributed \$200 to the fund. The Children's Chapel parishioners collect an offering each Sunday during the Church School year. The congregation of the Children's Chapel consists of pre-schoolers through third graders.

Proceeds from the youth-sponsored Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper also went to the school fund.

Memorials Update

Our church has received five gifts in memory of Elizabeth Washburn from the following: Catherine and Bob Remington, of Spartanburg, SC; Jan Scott and Terry Ferguson, of Spartanburg, SC; Norman Poole, of Greenville, SC; The Development Team, Milliken & Company, Abbeville, SC; and William and Eleanor Washburn, of Richmond, VA.

Elizabeth's son Bill, Jr. wrote, "The whole family appreciates all the efforts made to put on a nice memorial service." The service took place April 10 at 3 p.m. with reception following in the Parish Hall.

The Washburns were longtime residents of Lexington. In addition to Bill, Jr., two other sons are Dabney, of Las Vegas, NV, and Marshall, of Spartanburg, SC. The late William Washburn, Sr. directed the Alumni Association of W&L.

The church also received a gift from Frances Brooke in honor of the marriage of Henry Foresman, Jr. and Deborah L. Morgan.

—*The Memorial Contributions Committee*

Sudan Divestment: A Report from the Endowments and Investment Committee

At the request of several parishioners, the Endowments and Investment Committee has studied the issue of Sudan divestment. With the help of our broker and an organization dedicated to Sudan divestment, we analyzed the church's investments and discovered that as of May 1 less than one-quarter of one percent (less than 25 cents out of \$100) of our total investments is with companies doing business in Sudan. Complicating the issue of divestment is that R. E. Lee Church's endowments are invested in nine different mutual funds and three bond funds. The three companies doing business in Sudan are a very small part of three large mutual funds.

Therefore, complete divestment would mean a major shift in our investment strategy and yet our divestment would not make an impact because our investments are so small. We determined that, rather than divest, we should write to the managers of those funds, expressing our concern and asking them either to withdraw from investments in the three companies doing business in Sudan or assure us that their business there is not supporting the Khartoum government that has caused so much human suffering in southern Sudan.

The Endowments and Investment Committee will continue to monitor our investments in Sudan on a monthly basis. Fortunately, the Sudan Divestment Organization has a website (www.sudandivestment.org) that is a clearinghouse for this information.

In the Parish Register

Marriage

Joanna Dubus to Jason Rogers
May 13

Transfer In

Sinclair & Catherine Harcus
from Christ Church, Martinsville, VA

Sunday mornings: Tune Up with the Summer Singers

An invitation from Daniel Brinson

Wake up, my spirit; Awake, lute and harp; I myself will waken the dawn. (BCP 664)

How do you wake up on Sunday mornings? For some of us, it can be hard, especially in the summer! Maybe an extra cup of coffee, a brisk walk, or some yoga does the trick. But have you ever thought of singing? This is how the writer of Psalm 57 awoke the spirit. Singing can be prayer—a spiritual practice—preparing our hearts, our minds, *and* our bodies for worship.

Consider joining us, one Sunday or every Sunday this summer, for a time of fellowship and singing prior to the 10:30 service. We'll learn the hymns for the day and rehearse a simple offertory everyone can sing.

And if you're just not sure you're the "choir type," think about these words from Episcopal priest Barbara Crafton:

...there are lots of things worth doing that don't have to become sacred vocations, and singing is one. It is worthwhile no matter how well or how badly it's done. Is God only glorified by the oh-so-serious?

Summer Sundays beginning June 10
In the Choir Room (top floor, Parish House)

9:30, Juice and coffee - 9:45, Singing

Graduating Seniors to be Honored on Sunday, June 10

On June 10, we will honor our three graduating seniors: Sarah Massie, Andrew Pharr, and Hunter Walden. All three have also served as acolytes, and Sarah has headed our acolyte team for the past year. In the fall, she heads to the University of Missouri, Andrew to James Madison University, and Hunter to The University of Mississippi. They have served their parish well, and we appreciate their leadership.



Dan Coffey (above) can be found on his knees as he leads the children in Children's Chapel on Sundays during the school year. On Good Shepherd Sunday, Emma Burleson brought a special friend to class—a lamb from her farm!



Thank You, Teachers!

The church school year cannot close without a hearty thanks to more than 30 parishioners who made the spiritual nurturing of our children and youth a priority this year.

Norman and Lisa Bowles oversaw a spruce-up-and-get-ready effort for the top floor of the Parish House in September.

Frances Grist, our director, recruited teachers and ensured that everything was in readiness each Sunday as our children made their way with enthusiasm to their classes.

Our thanks to Merce Brooke & Erika Brooke, Caroline Russell, Bridget Kelley-Dearing, Anna Dozal Staton, John Burleson, Myra Brush, Marlys Craun, Catherine Harcus, Sharon Massie, Punky Dod, Jonathan & Mary Webster, Trey Shehan, Mary Wall, Jill Stockwell, Laura Lanier, Dan & Macy Coffey, Drusie Milford, Molly Brown, Leslie Casteel, Walker Cross, and Sharon Massie and Bethany Hull!

Kudos for EfM Graduates

Congratulations to Daniel Brinson and Sharon Massie for completing the Education for Ministry program. EfM is a program of theological education-at-a-distance of the School of Theology of Sewanee, the University of the South. The four-year program covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology. Congratulations to Don Ellis, Carole Elmore and Don Whittington for completing year one (Old Testament) Diana Kenney, year two (New Testament) Punky Dod, Anne Lemon and Lynda Bassett-deMaria, year three (church history). Sharon will continue to mentor EfM and the group will resume studies in September. If you are interested in learning more about EfM, talk to one of the class members or call Sharon Massie, 570-5408.

A Lemonade Toast to Janice Campbell!

For eight years, Janice Campbell has been coming in from the Vesuvius area at the end of the week to prepare punch for the Lemonade Brigade to serve on Sundays after the 10:30 service. Janice took on this task as a new member of R. E. Lee when the Lemonade Brigade was a hit-and-miss Sunday event, and her efforts developed it into an every-Sunday time of fellowship. In the fall of 2005, Janice relinquished responsibilities for scheduling the Lemonade Brigade, but she continued to be responsible for lemonade preparation. Janice is now retiring from this task, and we would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to her for this weekly service to our parish and the 10:30 congregation. Thank you, Janice.

Youth News:

Talking Trash

Sunday, June 17
Recycling Project

As Christians, we believe in caring for God's creation. Help set up recycling bins and make posters for the church, as we try to reduce waste and make our church more environmentally sustainable. Anyone is welcome to help. Call Susan Cross or Daniel Brinson.

6-8 p.m.

Dinner included!

Serving in June

Readers and Chalicists

June 3

- 8:00 William McCorkle, Pam Simpson, Sharon Massie, Hank Humphreys, Rob Apgar
10:30 Pat Gibson, Brian Dearing, Doug Ayer, Clara Belle Weatherman, Alice Furgerson

June 10

- 8:00 John Milford, Russell Knudson, Holt Merchant, Gerry Locher, Punky Dod
10:30 Dan Coffey, Dane Boston, Roger Crockett, Peter Fyfe, George Brooke

June 17

- 8:00 David Coffey, Sarah Lanford, Penny Henneman, Rob Apgar, Wilson Shepherd
10:30 Bill Noell, Steve Riethmiller, Judy Noell, Pat Gibson, Melissa Cox

June 24

- 8:00 John Milford, Gerry Locher, Russell Knudson, Pam Simpson, Sharon Peters
10:30 Anna Crockett, Bridget Kelley-Dearing, John Campbell, Mary Doyle, Buster Lewis

Acolytes

June 3

- 8:00 Walker Cross
10:30 Jacob Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Matt Hinks

June 10

- 8:00 Sarah Massie
10:30 Forrest Walden, Marshall Walden, TBA

June 17

- 8:00 Will Shehan
10:30 Walker Cross, Grier Cross, Zach Dearing

June 24

- 8:00 Grier Cross
10:30 Sarah Massie, Kris Hoolahan, Anne Tatum Wright

Greeters at 10:30

- June 3 Gail & Barton Dick
June 10 Suzanne & Mike Carmichael
June 17 Peggy & Steve Riethmiller
June 24 Dot & Wally Fogo

Lemonade Brigade

- June 3 The Grist Family
June 10 Ann & Jerry Nay
June 17 Dot & Wally Fogo
June 24 Elise Brooke & Bethany Hull



Vacation Bible School

July 30—August 3

9 to noon at Lexington Presbyterian
with our parish and Trinity Methodist
R. E. Lee's Coordinator: Jane Sailer
To volunteer to help, contact Jane at
jsailer1@aol.com or 462-3872

Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate Pentecost, I am aware of the Holy Spirit in the midst of us throughout our journey together. God has surely sustained and directed us, you in your discernment of the "right" person to become the next rector of the church and Emily and me during the year of Anglican Studies at VTS.

It has truly been a gift and privilege to be immersed in the Anglican ethos. Without your love and support, I would not have had this beautiful opportunity. You have supported us prayerfully, financially, emotionally, and spiritually throughout this year. I will forever be grateful for each of you.

Thank you for believing in me and my call to ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church. I "came home spiritually" when I was confirmed at R. E. Lee. With you, I experienced my formative years as an Episcopalian. Thank you for the lessons you have taught. Forever, you will be my church family and my home. Know that the doors of our home and hearts will always be open to you.

God bless each of you with peace and joy,

Rhonda and Emily

New address as of June 1: 99 Post Street, Newport News, VA 23601

Kids' Night Out

Susan Lawrence is taking a well-deserved summer breather from our monthly Kids' Night Out program.

Both children and parents thank her for all the "nights out." For the kids, it has meant super snacks and great entertainment!



It's Mac 'n Cheese

Food items for June for the RARA Food Pantry are beans and pork 'n beans. Leave your items on the main floor of the Parish House under the hall table.

For those who serve

Our thanks to all who serve during worship. During the summer months, if you find you cannot serve on the date assigned, please secure a substitute and notify Kay in the Parish Office, 463-4981 or hornerk@releechurch.org.

Christianity & Culture

9:15 Sundays
in the Parish Hall

This popular series continues with "An Abyss of Madness and Blasphemy: What is and is not Christianity" led by Tom Litzenburg.

Bishop of the Diocese

The Rt. Rev. F. Neff Powell

Director of Music: Daniel Brinson

Parish Administrator: Kay Horner

Treasurer: Buddy Atkins

Financial Secretary: Anita Ramp

Volunteer Coordinator: Lynne Lorrier

Sexton: Connie Bryant

Clergy Associates: The Rev. John A. Furgerson;

The Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Litzenburg; The Rev.

Dr. Jackson P. Hershbell; The Rev. Dr. Robert

Crewdson

Vestry 2007

Buddy Atkins

George Brooke III

Molly Brown

John Burleson

Roger Crockett

Susan Cross

Libby Cumming

Bridget Kelley-Dearing

Bob de Maria

Bob Glidden

Cindy Mullen

Woody Sadler

Brian Shaw

Gretchen Walden

Jonathan Webster

Happy Birthday to You! Many Happy Returns!

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Paula Cushman
Ed Dooley
Pat Irving
Judy Noell
Barbara Yewell | 9 | Katherine Farrar
Ron Ryan |
| 2 | Zach Dearing
Bill Stearns | 11 | Ned Oliver |
| 3 | Steve Robbins | 14 | Robert deMaria
Penney Henneman
Rhonda Wheeler |
| 4 | Sophie Brown
Carrie Hart | 16 | Kelly Hinks
Lily Montgomery |
| 5 | Matt Beebe
Grigg Mullen | 17 | Landon Jones
John Loughhead
Dolores Ryan |
| 6 | Karen Crumpler | 19 | Beedle Hinely |
| 7 | Frances Brooke
Tulley Raetz | 20 | Susan Lawrence |
| 8 | Stuart Brewbaker
Eleanor Penn
Wilson Shepherd | 23 | Cushman Johnson
Maurice Leach
Beverly Slaydon |
| | | 25 | Rick Weaver |
| | | 27 | Ann Hehre |
| | | 28 | Andrew Pharr |
| | | 29 | Lu Dooley |



June 2007

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