

# Through The Lych Gate of Saint Francis Church



March, 2007

*Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.*

## **How will you be different on Easter morning than you are right now?**

The crosses on our foreheads given on Ash Wednesday signify the journey of renewal through death to the joy of victory, with hope for continuing life in the Spirit when the dust of death shall be no more.

The cross is not our cross, not our symbol. It is the cross of Jesus, the symbol of Jesus that we will carry on our foreheads as we leave the church. It is an outward and visible sign that we are marked, as Jesus was marked, by boundaries, cares of life, sacrifices made and injustices suffered. The cross is a reminder that death came to Jesus. The cross is a reminder that Jesus opens our eyes to a living reality beyond death.

Lent is a time to inspect our lives. We are to look at how we treat one another. We are to see how we care for the earth. We are to examine how we praise and give thanksgiving to our God. And according to Jesus, we are to do this without any fanfare.

Let us see these forty days before Easter as a journey, our journey with Christ. A journey to re-energize our spirituality. Re-energizing is the setting aside time to be with the divine in our lives and stopping so the transformation work can be with us. This is the time to be with your Lord.

Jesus was not born into a sterile environment. There was no birthing center like we have at Rutherford Hospital. He was born among all the smells and grime of a barn, which reaffirms the sanctity of the dust and dirt that makes the natural world. Jesus was fully human and fully divine and therefore understands the needs for physical discipline, not for the reasons we think of such as status of self, but out of a fundamental need for balance and spiritual strength.

How will you be different on Easter Sunday? Begin your fast today.

Fast from the sinfulness of the world and turn toward a more godly manner of life through prayer and study.

Fast from a particular food you love and give the money you saved to the poor.

Fast from watching too much television and use that time to read the Bible.

Fast from the frenetic desperation that often rules our lives. Fast from the lack of rest. Make time to find the necessary sleep. You will be re-energized if you spend time with the people you love, to give your energy towards helping those who are in need, and to spend time with the Lord through prayer and silence. Lent is about healing and reconciliation or restoring to harmony. This Lent follow the three R's:

1. Reconcile with that person who has been distant.
2. Reconnect with an old friend.
3. Reconnect with your best friend, the Lord.

Through this journey of Lent in 2007, always remember that Christ's death on the cross was for you.

The ashes are washed from your foreheads from Ash Wednesday. Now is the time for others to continue to see that cross. With that cross, they will see you are a Christian.

Let others see the cross in everything you say and everything you do. Proclaim this love everywhere you are: in the grocery stores, in restaurants, even at work. As you show love, kindness and mercy to everyone you meet, you will reconnect with the holiness of Jesus Christ.

The journey to Easter and the Resurrection is to see Christ in others.

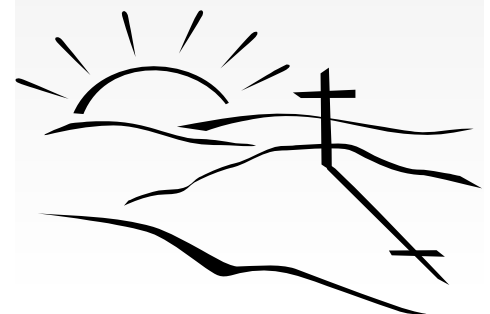
May this Lent be truly holy to each of you as you turn once again to Christ and wear the cross and follow him. Journey with Christ in the wilderness.

## **How will you be different on Easter morning than you are right now?**

Your fellow journeyer in Christ,

*Dee*

The Rev. Dee Ann deMontmollin+



## Lectionary Readings for March

<b>March 4</b>	<b>The Second Sunday in Lent</b>	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
<b>March 11</b>	<b>The Third Sunday in Lent</b>	Exodus 3:1-15	Psalm 103	1 Corinthians 10:1-3	Luke 13:1-9
<b>March 18</b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 34	2 Corinthians 5:17-21	Luke 15:11-32
<b>March 25</b>	<b>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3:8-14	Luke 20:9-19

### *Stewardship of Presence*

	<u>8am</u>	<u>11am</u>	<u>6pm</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Feb. 4	42	76	40	158
Feb. 11	33	82		115
Feb. 18	36	87		123
Feb. 21	Ash Wednesday			96
Feb. 25	34	62		96

### *Stewardship of Giving*

99 items of food for Yokefellow  
 During this time the web site had 179 visitors  
 looking at 273 pages.

### *Stewardship of Giving*

	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Non-Pledged</u>
Feb. 4	2,064.00	1,847.88
Feb. 11	2,137.00	1,201.50
Feb. 18	7,031.00	743.00
Feb. 25	1,114.00	1,054.25

## YOKEFELLOW

**Service Center, Inc.**  
 102 Blanton Street ~ Spindale, NC

For March  
**MACARONI & CHEESE**

*(Although any non-perishable  
 item will be accepted)*

### **Shopping Trip** **March 15**

A trip to Five Oaks Shopping Mall in Sevierville, TN has been scheduled for March 15. We will leave the Parish House parking lot at 8:00 am and will return in the afternoon. Call Nancy Bole, if you are interested in this trip.

286-0350



## MISSIONARY REPORT

### John & Zsofi Wilson

John and Zsofi now have a lovely baby daughter named Eszter. They are ministering in Hungary, Zsofi's home country. To understand why they are there a little history lesson: Budapest dates back to 106AD. Hungary was ruled by the Communists for 40 years until 1989. Now the country is in economic turmoil. There are many older people referred to as the "Lost Generation." Many are hopeless for the future and in need of the Son. Hungary has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rate of middle aged suicides and 4<sup>th</sup> in alcohol consumption in the World. The Church was persecuted during the Communists reign and is very weakened. Only 15% of the population "follow Jesus." John and Zsofi are actively working with the church to bring churches to little villages. At Christ - mas time they got a group together to go Caroling. This is not a tradition in recent memory and the recipients were very touched and filled with the spirit. Check out their lovely website: <http://www.hungarywilsons.com>

### Amber Smith

Amber is in Poland. She is studying Polish at the Catholic University and she has just finished her exams. In her first few months, she has focused on learning the local language and meeting people. Amber has gotten to know some of the students and has befriended an English Teach at the University. She is working with a team from the Baptist Church. In the summer The Edge, sends out young people to live among people whose culture is dominated by spiritual darkness. They prayer walk, strike up conversations on campuses, teach English, display God's glory through art, or play sports.

### Jim & Jennifer Bowers

In early January the Bowers were among the Moors of Mali near Kayes. The shared Jesus videos and Bibles in several small villages. In February UWM team celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Mali. There were Bible seminars for the pastors, visits of UWM leaders and former missionaries. Their Fulani team is slowly getting back together working with other missionaries. They have been going out each week to the Fulani village of Duduya where the COMINAD\*-related churches are adopting local villages. Slowly things are coming together to dig a well there. Jennifer & Jim have been having Bible studies for the last year or so. If you wish to send them a greeting: [malibowers@googlegroups.com](mailto:malibowers@googlegroups.com)

*Submitted by Susanne Richardson*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Recently, a mistake was made and two people reserved the same date for placing flowers on the altar. The Altar Guild members apologize for the misunderstanding and are recommending the following procedure to eliminate the risk of repeating the mistake. The sign-up sheet in the Narthex will no longer be used.

- 1) Call one of the Altar Guild Chairpersons to reserve a date. Do this as far in advance as possible. The current chairpersons are Judy Scott (245-6754) and Christine Hoyle (247-1757). They will maintain a calendar and will inform the leader of the team responsible.
- 2) The week before the Sunday chosen, call the office to tell Lesley exactly how you wish to have the dedication appear in the Sunday bulletin.
- 3) Choose a florist or ask one of the Altar Guild members to arrange flowers for you. If a florist is to do the flowers, arrange for delivery of the liners for the vases. The liners can be delivered personally or by a member of the altar guild. Please let one of the Altar Guild Chairpersons know which method you choose. Remember that traditionally flowers are not placed on the altar during Advent or Lent. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Thank you,  
Judy Scott

## HOSPICE

Hospice needs our care, prayers, staples and time. Please make these a part of your daily discipline. Please fill our red bucket near the front doors of the church. Your prayers are needed for all those who serve always. See Gail Revis for details.

## BOOK SIGNING

*Barbara Brown Taylor*

Meet Barbara Brown Taylor as she signs copies of her book,



## THANK YOU

The ECW says a big "thank you" to all who brought chocolate goodies for the chocolate sale, and all who came to buy!

It was a grand success, and brought in close to \$600 for ECW projects and missions. Also, our thanks to Ann Watson for her faithful phone calling.

## CHINESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Volunteers and host families are still needed for this summer's student exchange program - July 17 through August 7. Please call the contacts below for more information:

**Gail Revis** - Program Coordinator  
286-0677  
**Sue Langdon** - Area Manager  
287-4509

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR VESTRY AT ST. FRANCIS

### The Vestry

*Paul McIntosh,  
Senior Warden  
Don Corry,  
Junior Warden*

### 2007

*Roscoe Conn, Sr.  
Paul McIntosh  
Dick Wilkins*

### 2008

*Marian Beavers  
Don Corry  
Nancy Tucker*

### 2009

*Linda Bailey  
Ed Richardson  
James Segers*



*Roscoe C. Conn, Sr.*

#### **How did you find your way to St. Francis?**

*I was advised by my pastor from the Lutheran Church that St. Francis would be a good church to attend and he came with us until he left North Carolina.*

#### **Tell us about your family.**

*I have four children; two girls and two boys and seven grandchildren and a lovely wife of 45 years.*

#### **What is your favorite book?**

*An Unfinished Life of John F. Kennedy*

#### **Favorite movie?**

*The Longest Day*

#### **Favorite food?**

*Meat Loaf and Mashed Potatoes*

#### **What is your favorite scripture?**

*The Beatitudes—Matthew Chapter 5*

#### **What is your best advice to others?**

*To “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” (The Sermon on the Mount).*



*Paul McIntosh*

#### **How did you find your way to St. Francis?**

*After exploring many churches in the county we felt more at home as a “family” at St. Francis.*

#### **Tell us about your family.**

*Married to Paula, 11 years in April. I have two daughters from my first marriage. We now have three grandchildren and two dogs and a cat at home.*

#### **What is your favorite book?**

*Any Robert Ludlum or Clive Cussler novel.*

#### **Favorite movie?**

*Casablanca.*

#### **Favorite food?**

*Prime Rib Steak (rare) baked potato - asparagus - Caesar salad*

#### **What is your favorite scripture?**

*The 23rd Psalm tells it all in my opinion.*

#### **What is your best advice to others?**

*You learn a lot more by listening than talking. That is why God gave us two ears and only one mouth.*



*Dick Wilkins*

**How did you find your way to St. Francis?**

*I was working for Burlington Industries in Mexico when I received an inquiry from Tanner, who was looking for someone with a textile background. Once arriving in Rutherfordton in 1965, we immediately transferred our letter to St. Francis.*

**Tell us about your family.**

*Married to my bride for 51 years. All four children were born in Mexico, thus none can become President of the United States. Tim & Phyllis, with two teenage girls, live in Portland, ME.*

**What is your favorite book?**

*The Kite Runner*

**Favorite movie?**

*Casablanca*

**Favorite food?**

*Mashed potatoes*

**What is your favorite scripture?**

*Luke 2: "And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you great tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.'"*

**What is your best advice to others?**

*Stay loose and be positive!*



*Edward Richardson*

**How did you find your way to St. Francis?**

*By Divine Guidance—looking for a church, spotted St. Francis as I was driving south on 221 after visiting some other churches and knew we belonged here.*

**Tell us about your family.**

*Susanne and I were looking to retire in Virginia but were guided here to western North Carolina; everything fell into place here.*

**What is your favorite book?**

*The Historian.*

**Favorite movie?**

*National Velvet.*

**Favorite food?**

*Italian.*

**What is your favorite scripture?**

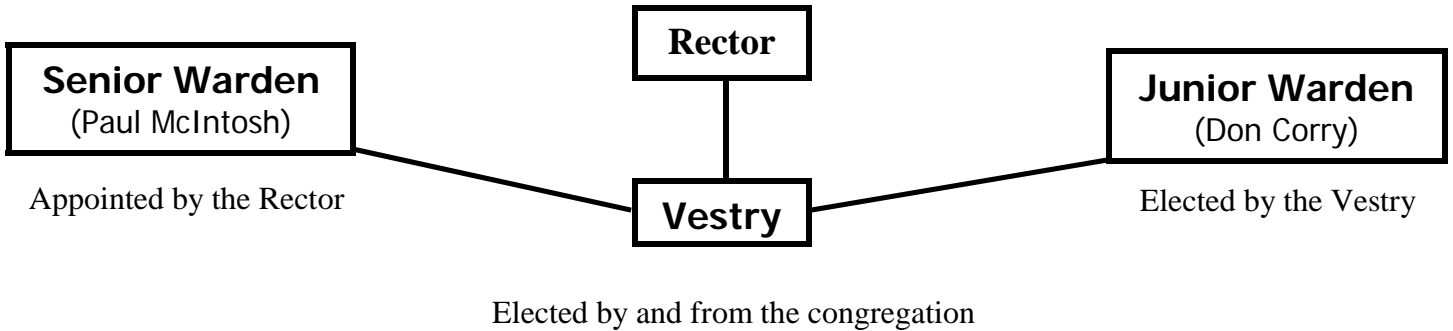
*23 Psalm*

**What is your best advice to others?**

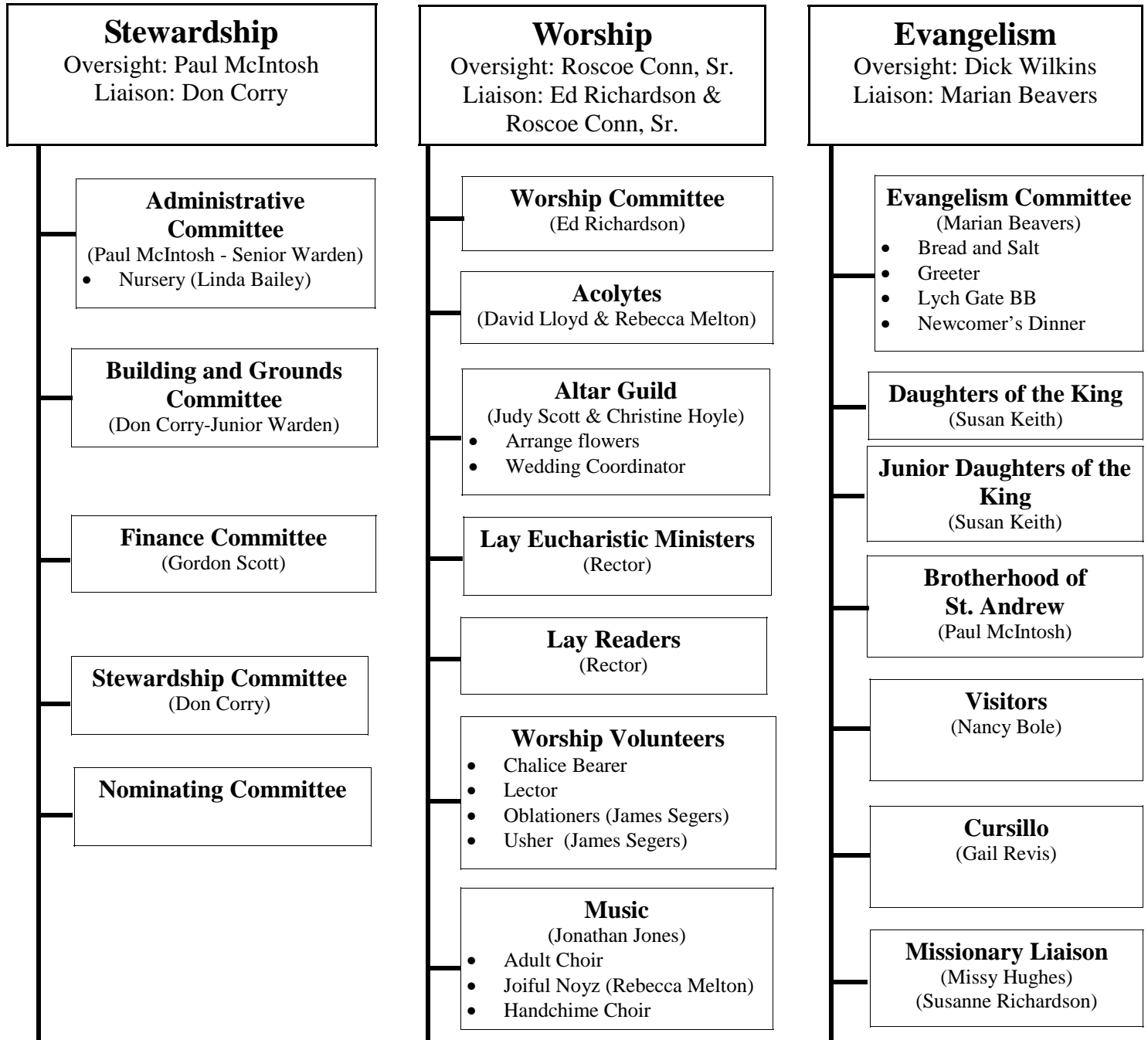
*God gave us ten commandments—I cannot give any advice that would or could compare, nor would I dare.*

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VESTRY MEMBER POSITION DESCRIPTION		
<p><b>Major Responsibilities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide leadership in the religious, prayer and fellowship activities of the Parish.</li> <li>2. Share responsibility as a member of the Vestry for the provision and maintenance of the physical plant and the development and allocation of financial resources to achieve the purpose of the Parish, which is: "to function as a Christian family in which all are nurtured in Jesus Christ through Scripture, sacraments, prayer and love, enabling us to proclaim God's love joyfully, and witness to His Power."</li> </ol> <p><b>Duties:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attend and participate at monthly agreed upon meetings of the Vestry.</li> <li>2. Unexcused absence from three regular monthly meetings during a year constitutes resignation and the position is automatically vacant without further action.</li> <li>3. Accept the duties of Senior and Junior Warden, if nominated by the Rector and elected by the Vestry.</li> <li>4. Serve on one of the SWEEPS Commissions and present proposals or recommendations from Commission's committees to the Vestry for consideration.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Complete such other incidental or related short-term assignments as may be necessary when offered and accepted in recognition that Vestry membership is a servanthood role in the Parish.</li> </ol> <p><b>Election:</b> Following acceptance of nomination and agreement to serve, members of the Vestry are elected by the members of the Parish at the Annual Meeting and take office upon election.</p> <p><b>Accountability:</b> Members are responsible to the Vestry as a committee of the whole and, ultimately, to the membership of the Parish.</p> <p><b>Terms of Office:</b> Three years or until successor is elected.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Must be 16 years of age or older.</li> <li>2. Must be a member of this Parish by being confirmed by the laying on of hands by a Bishop of the Episcopal, Roman, or Orthodox Church; and, if previously Roman or Orthodox, have been received into the Episcopal Church by an Episcopal Bishop; or by transfer of membership from another Episcopal Parish.</li> <li>3. Must be a communicant of this Parish by attending services and receiving communion at least three times a year.</li> <li>4. Must support the Parish financially by a pledged contribution.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Commitment:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attendance of monthly Vestry meetings, at the time chosen by the Vestry. Additional meetings may be called during the year as needed.</li> <li>2. Commission committees may require additional meetings as necessary.</li> <li>3. Attendance at workshops or training seminars required by the Diocese. Attendance at other Diocesan workshops or meetings is encouraged.</li> <li>4. Attendance at orientation for new Vestry members.</li> <li>5. Attendance at Vestry retreats. These retreats may be held annually or semi-annually and in duration from one day to two days, and may require an overnight stay. Vestry members are encouraged to pay for their proportionate share of the expense of the retreat, but this is not required.</li> <li>6. Past Senior Wardens are to assist in planning retreats for at least three years after serving as Senior Warden.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>From St. Francis Episcopal Church Guidebook Last revised October 2006</i></p>

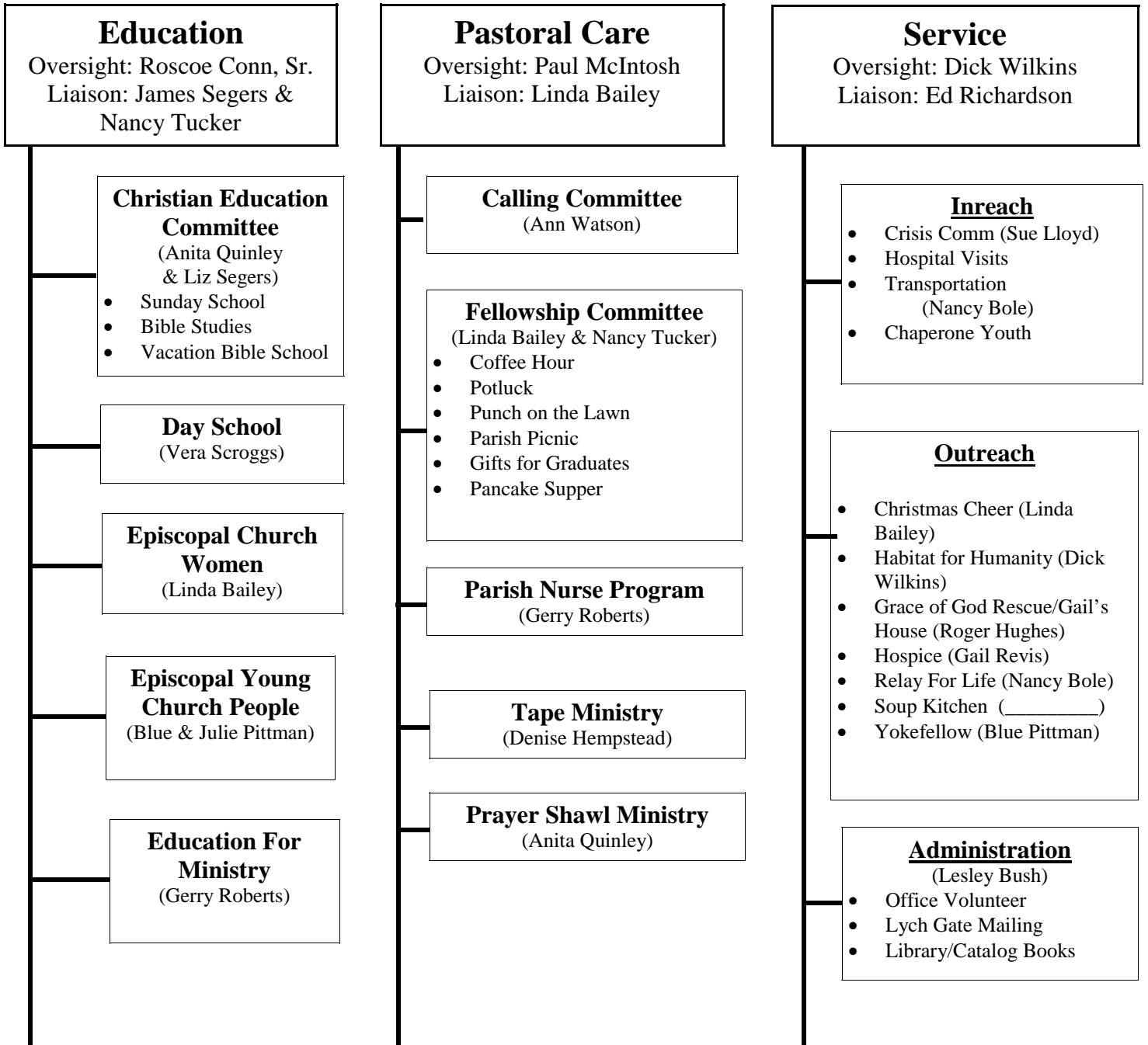


## SWEEPS Commissions—2007



Members of the Parish (the congregation) all of whom are ministers of the church.

**T**he purpose of St. Francis Episcopal Church is to function as a Christian family in which all are nurtured in Jesus Christ through scripture, sacrament, prayer, and love, enabling us to proclaim God's love joyfully and witness to His power.





*Donald B. Corry*

**How did you find your way to St. Francis?**

*When I retired, Lyn and I had been members at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Durham for 27 years. One of our many anxieties about retirement was the desire to find a church in which we would feel welcome and comfortable. St. Francis is way beyond our expectation.*

**Tell us about your family.**

*As our email address suggests (Lyndon127), my wife and I have been a team for 39 years. She is a loving wife, great mother, best friend, and we have been and continue to be partners in everything. She presented me with our loving daughter, Heather Brooke, who has now presented us with our first granddaughter, Charlotte Nicole Briggs. Our family has been truly blessed.*

**What is your favorite book?**

*Last year I sat down to read the Bible from Genesis to The Revelation of St. John. I gained much understanding, yet now have more questions than before, had I not gone from beginning to end. As for secular books, two have really interested me to the point that I go back every few years and re-read them. The first, Alas Babylon by Pat Frank, a book written in 1953 about nuclear war and the power of the human spirit to survive. The other is Red Storm Rising by Tom Clancy, which is much in the same vein but with multiple plots and a great amount of technical writing.*

**Favorite movie?**

*Tough question. I really do not have one specific movie in mind but my taste goes to southern comedies (Fried Green Tomatoes, Steel Magnolias) and historical political science fiction. Lyn's favorite is The Last of the Mohicans.*

**Favorite food?**

*My wife's Greek Lemon Chicken soup, Shrimp Creole, and her killer stuffed jalapeños.*

**What is your favorite scripture?**

*This is easy since I have loved this verse for many years. It is the last verse of the comfortable words found in the BCP Rite 1. 1 John 2:1-2 "If any man sins, we have an advocate with the father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the whole world." What a wonderful promise.*

**What is your best advice to others?**

*Not my advice, but counsel given to me. The first, I learned from Bishop Hebert Gooden who confirmed Lyn and me 30 years ago; "Bring your child up in the church. They may leave for awhile but the church will remain with them and the child will return." The second, "In all things, no matter how large or small, give more than you are asked.*



*Nancy Tucker*

**How did you find your way to St. Francis?**

*Timing of the church service got us to the Episcopal Church when leasing a restaurant. Then moving to North Carolina.*

**Tell us about your family.**

*Art and I have been married for 17 years. I have five daughters, one living in Forest City with her husband and two children. Art has a son in Virginia and four grandchildren.*

**What is your favorite book?**

*I don't have a favorite. I enjoy many different kinds.*

**Favorite movie?**

*Dirty Dancing*

**Favorite food?**

*Pizza*

**What is your favorite scripture?**

*Psalm 121*

**What is your best advice to others?**

*Don't stay focused on the negative.*



*Linda Thompson Bailey*

**How did you find your way to St. Francis?**

*I married T.C. in 1967.*

**Tell us about your family.**

*I was blessed by my marriage to T.C. to have the presence of family in my life...children, Debbie and Cris; their mother, Jane, and Copie; four grandchildren - Tamarah, Jason, Kirsten and Taylor; T.C.'s mother who is 91 years old and still lives in the home in which T.C. lived with his family; T.C.'s sister, Dot, and her family. My mother is 87 years old and still lives in the home in which I lived with my family. I have one sister, Shirley, who is my partner at Piney Ridge Nursery. Sheila Shehan, my niece, is a pharmacist at Medicine Box Pharmacy in Forest City.*

*My church family at St. Francis Church is important to me.*

*I cannot leave out Bandit, my faithful three year old German shepherd.*

**What is your favorite book?**

*The Bible. I read and re-read it more than any other book.*

**Favorite movie?**

*The Sound of Music because it brings back special memories.*

**Favorite food?**

*Any kind of pasta.*

**What is your favorite scripture?**

*Psalm 100*

**What is your best advice to others?**

*Be sure to let the people you love know that you love them. Say "I Love You."*



*Marian Kinzie Beavers*

**How did you find your way to St. Francis?**

*Began attending the Episcopal Church in Raleigh, NC when I went away to school in 1956. Father Faulton Hodge gave me confirmation classes and Bishop Weinbauer confirmed me in the summer of 1958 at St. Francis.*

**Tell us about your family.**

*Married to Ross Beavers. We have four children, two boys, two girls, six grandchildren with the seventh due in May. We live in Spindale in the house where I was born. My family is small, but Ross has a very large family. Our family and friends are a great blessing to us.*

**What is your favorite book?**

*The Bible and The Snow Goose*

**Favorite movie?**

**Favorite food?**

*Ice Cream*

**What is your favorite scripture?**

*Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things in him who strengthens me."*

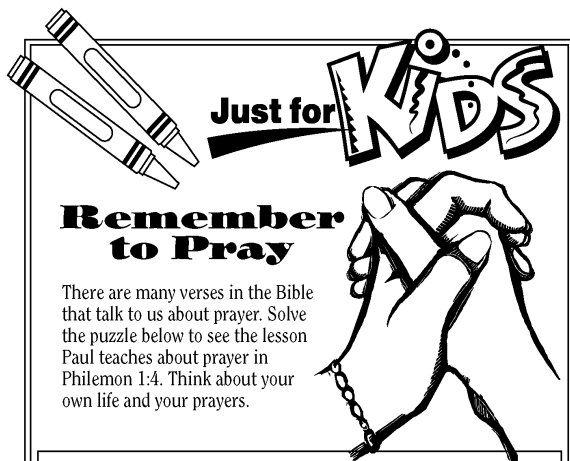
*1 Corinthians 13 "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal....Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things...faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."*

*John 14:13 "Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."*

**What is your best advice to others?**

*Let the Holy Spirit always dwell within you.*

## KID'S PAGE



### Remember to Pray

There are many verses in the Bible that talk to us about prayer. Solve the puzzle below to see the lesson Paul teaches about prayer in Philemon 1:4. Think about your own life and your prayers.

Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks, and then read Paul's message.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A

" R Z O D Z B H G S Z M P N B

T L W Z H R I V N V N Y V I

B L F R M N B K I Z B V I H ..."

... Philemon 1:4, NIV

Answer: I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers.

### A PRAYER REMINDER

Many times we fold our hands together to pray. Here is a "handy" craft that can help you remember what to include in your prayers.

#### What you need:

- 2 sheets of 8½" x 11" construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Crayons
- 1 piece of ribbon, yarn or string about 6-12 inches long
- Glue (white or glue stick)

#### What to do:

1. Trace your hand on one sheet of paper.
2. Cut out the traced hand.
3. Tie the ribbon, yarn or string around the pointer (index) finger.
4. Write a message on each finger:  
 (Pointer finger) God's guidance (pray for help to follow God's ways)  
 (Middle finger) Leaders in my life (teachers, pastors, etc.)  
 (Ring finger) Sick and old people  
 (Pinky finger) Myself (Thumb) My family
5. Glue the hand onto the other sheet of paper.
6. Start with the ribbon finger and pray for God's help. Then pray for all the people on each finger.



## FROM THE PARISH NURSE

Dear Family and Friends,

In March we recognize the season of Lent, the start of spring and National Nutrition Month. I would like to visit with you about a serious topic: Eating Disorders.

### What are Eating Disorders?

The term eating disorders describes three different problems, anorexia nervosa, bulimia, and compulsive overeating. All of these basically relate to problems with eating a healthy amount and type of food. Take the quiz below by answering yes or no to see if you or a friend might be at risk for an eating disorder. If you have any questions or concerns about eating disorders, please contact me.

1. I constantly think about eating, exercise and weight.  Yes  No
2. I'm terrified at the thought of being overweight.  Yes  No
3. I binge eat and can't stop until I feel sick.  Yes  No
4. I weigh myself several times each day.  Yes  No
5. I exercise too much or am rigid about my exercise plan.  Yes  No
6. I feel uncomfortable after most meals.  Yes  No
7. I feel that controlling my diet means I control other areas of my life.  Yes  No
8. I have taken laxatives or forced myself to vomit.  Yes  No
9. I feel guilty after eating.  Yes  No
10. I don't think I look good in my clothes.  Yes  No

Gerry Roberts  
Parish Nurse



## LENTEN DAY RETREAT

*Mark your calendars!*  
*From Lent to Life in the*  
*Post-Resurrection World.*

**Saturday, March 24, 2007**  
**9:30 am—3:00 pm**

Led by  
**Ann Rose**  
Educator and Writer



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Reba Ball
- 4 Kevin Laughter
- 5 John Keith
- 5 John McClain
- 7 Ian Quinley
- 9 Stephanie Howard
- 9 Michelle McClain
- 10 Genieva Lamb
- 11 Abdessamad Eddaich
- 12 Don Corry
- 13 Scott Sprouse
- 13 Mary Elizabeth Doane
- 23 Edward Goodrich
- 24 Douglas Elliott
- 24 Steve Spence
- 24 Courtney Conn
- 25 Hunter McBrayer
- 25 Samuel Roberts
- 26 Caroline Melton
- 27 Seth Hunt
- 29 Julia Thompson
- 30 Bill Thomas

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Ronnie & Lisa Martin
- 17 Bobby Blanton & Rebecca Reger
- 27 Larry & Ann Watson



## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

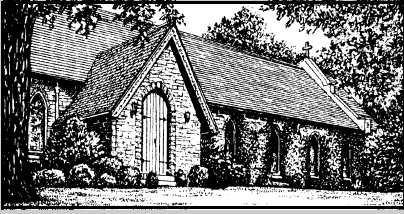
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<i>Johnathan Jones</i>	Minister of Music
<i>Lesley Bush</i>	Parish Administrator

**The Vestry**  
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**2007**  
*Roscoe Conn, Sr.*  
*Paul McIntosh*  
*Dick Wilkins*  
**2008**  
*Marian Beavers*  
*Don Corry*  
*Nancy Tucker*  
**2009**  
*Linda Bailey*  
*Ed Richardson*  
*James Segers*

*The Vestry meets the second Monday of every month.*

**Our Missionaries:**

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*Amber Smith - Poland*

*“The Episcopal Church Welcomes You!”*



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 FORWARD ON  
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