

WINTER 2022

# The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte



Love God  
Care for Each Other  
Serve the World

## TRANSFORMATION

Hope Changes Everything

*In the beginning  
when God created  
the heavens and the  
earth, the earth was  
a formless void and  
darkness covered  
the face of the deep,  
while a wind from  
God swept over the  
face of the waters.  
Then God said, 'Let  
there be light'; and  
there was light.*

— GENESIS 1:1-3

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# Faith Forum and More

Sundays at 10 am

From the beginning, God has always been about transformation. Chaos into order, seeds into fruit trees, death into life. The stories of God's work among us are a powerful reminder that change is possible, in our own lives and the world.

In this issue of *The Disciple*, we share stories of transformation from our parish, and invite you to explore how your life might be changed as you deepen your connections with God and each other.

**January 9**

**The Reverend Chip Edens**  
Faith and Hope in 2022:  
What's Your Plan?



Chip will launch our winter Faith Forum series with an opportunity to reflect on the possibilities for transformation that lie ahead.

**January 16**

**Dr. Robert Wicks**  
Transforming Our Trauma



Dr. Wicks is a psychologist with vast experience in helping others recover from trauma. His work focuses on teaching resilience, self-care, and the prevention of secondary stress (the pressures encountered in reaching out to others), with techniques he has used for over 30 years in helping physicians, nurses, psychotherapists, educators, social workers, ministers, and relief workers not only survive but flourish in highly stressful occupations.

In this Faith Forum conversation, we will explore how to transform stressful situations into opportunities to live a more meaningful, self-aware, and compassionate life.

**February 6**

**Charley Stillwell**  
Transforming the Next  
Generation



How can we empower young people to bounce back after trauma? As the Head of School for Episcopal High School in Alexandria, VA, Charley Stillwell is familiar with the

unique empowering relationships that are fostered between and among students and their teachers. He has seen how boarding schools operate from the inside as the child of a boarding school faculty member, as a student, as a parent, and as a faculty member himself.

**March 13**

**James Alison**  
Transforming Our Perspective



James Alison is a Catholic priest, theologian, and author who works as an itinerant preacher, lecturer and retreat giver. He is known for his frank speech about LGBT matters within the life of the

Church. Over the years James has firmly but gently faced down Church authority on behalf of the LGBT community and lived to tell the tale.

**FAITHFORUM**  
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## EVENTS

Room in the Inn – Sunday evenings through March  
CCK Prospective Parent Tour – January 5 & 11, 1:30 pm  
Epiphany Hymn Festival – January 6 at 7 pm  
Parenting with Faith and Wellness: Navigating the News with Your Children – January 9 at 10 am  
A Place At the Table: Celebrating African American Culture in Food – January 10 at 6:30 pm  
Vision Board Workshop: Intentional Hope – January 15 from 10 am - 2 pm  
These Are Our Bodies – January 21 – 22  
Men's Retreat at Valle Crucis Conference Center – January 28 – 30  
Parenting with Faith and Wellness: Mental Health – February 6 at 10 am  
Community Resilience Training – February 8 at 3 pm  
Youth Council Ski Trip – February 25 – 26  
Shrove Tuesday – March 1  
Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins) – March 2  
Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage – May 13 – 23

## SHORT-TERM SERIES

Thursdays	6 pm	Preschool Parenting with Love and Logic (January 6 - 20)
Wednesdays	7 pm	Deepening Your Roots (January 12 - 26)
Wednesdays	1 pm	Living Compass Small Group (January 12)
Wednesdays	7 pm	The Episcopal Heritage of Music Series (January 12 - February 23)
Thursdays	1:15 pm	Living with Grief and Hope – Daytime (January 20 - February 10)
Mondays	10:30 am	Christian Essentials Group #18 (January 24 - May 23)
Wednesdays	6:30 pm	Living with Grief and Hope – Evening (January 26 - February 16)
Sundays	10 am	Adult Inquirers and Confirmation Class (January 30 - April 3)
Wednesdays	7 pm	Exploring Buechner's Memoirs (February 2 - 23)
Thursdays	6 pm	Elementary Parenting with Love and Logic (February 10 - 24)
Thursdays	10 am	CCWBS: Christianity in the Arts (February 10 & 24, March 10 & 24)
Tues - Thurs	9 am - 3 pm	The Space Between Us (March 1 - 3)

## MONTHLY

First Wednesdays	7 am	Men's BIG Breakfast
First Wednesdays	5:30 pm	Newcomer Dinners
Second Sundays	6 pm	High School Youth Council
Fourth Sundays	10 am	Exceptional Parents of Exceptional Children (EPEC)
Fourth Wednesdays	10:30 am	Sages Coffee & Conversation

## WEEKLY

Sundays	8:45 am	Contemporary Eucharist
	8:45 am	Holy Eucharist
	10 am	Donuts and Devotions (Youth)
	10 am	Children's Sunday School Resumes 1/9/2022
	11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15 am	Discovery Eucharist
	4 pm	Yoga for the Spirit (Zoom)
	5 pm	Holy Eucharist
	6 pm	Sunday Night Live
Mondays	9 am	Mindful Mondays
Wednesdays	7:15 am	Men's Midweek Bible Study
	Noon	Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing
	5 pm	Music Club
	5:30 pm	St. Nicolas Choir
	6:30 pm	Middle School EYC
	7 pm	High School Life Group
Thursdays	7 am	Thursday Morning Holy Eucharist
	7 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal

## How can you participate in the life of Christ Church?

Whether you are looking for a weekly gathering or opportunities to learn or serve, there is always a lot going on! Explore this list for a sampling, and visit [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/) you-belong for details about all the ways you can get involved.

# Calendar



# A Newfound Sense of Purpose



*Adam Eligator is in the 11th grade at Charlotte Country Day School. He is a Junior Co-Chair for Youth Council.*

*Alice deVries asked him about his faith. What follows is his story of his transformative year.*

## **What have you learned about yourself this past year?**

I think over the past year I have found who I truly am. I think that because of the incredible family, friends, coaches, and mentors I have in my life, along with a greater understanding of my faith, I have gained a deeper understanding of my personality, interests, perspectives, experiences, and more, all of which contribute greatly to who I am as a person.

## **How has your faith evolved over the past year?**

I think I have experienced a transcendental point in my faith where I have realized that I have been called to serve others through my love for Jesus. Understanding more

about myself has contributed to a more solid foundation in my faith, which I think has a major influence in my longing to help my friends and peers through the same journey.

## **What shifts in perspective have you had about your relationship with God?**

I don't think I really lived through God in my everyday life. Instead, I can remember only turning to Him in times of need, as almost a last-ditch effort. I didn't get much out of that because I had not developed a relationship with Him, and didn't know how to trust in how He works in our lives all the time, not just when we think we need His blessing the most. That has since changed, and I now wake up every morning with the goal of living my life through Him to the best of my ability, no matter what is happening that day, and it's a very comforting and calming feeling to have that presence so close to me.

## **In what new ways do you know and experience God's presence in your life?**

I have noticed more of the little things that I otherwise would have overlooked in my life as blessings, and I'm so grateful to be able to see the world like that. I have found that through my deeper connection to Him I can appreciate so much more what I've been blessed with in my life to the point where it's hard to comprehend how fortunate I really am. I have also found a deeper passion for nature. I see that as one of God's greatest creations because of how pure it is, and I have sensed an ability to see more of the good in people through the grace of God that's within everyone.

## **How has this shift in your faith affected how you live your life day to day?**

I feel as though I wake up whole. I'm able to start the day with a purpose, a mission I'm called to live out in my life. It's so rewarding to see a change in mindset in the people that I love, and so I've made a point of sharing my beliefs with my friends and how Jesus has changed me. I think that I live life in a more pure and connected way because of my strengthened faith.



## Winter Classes for Parents

We want to provide a safe space for all parents to learn, grow, and find support for the parenting journey.

**Parenting with Love and Logic for Preschool Parents**  
Thursdays, January 6 - 20, 6 – 7:30 pm, St. Francis A

**Parenting with Love and Logic for Elementary Parents**  
Thursdays, February 10 - 24, 6 – 7:30 pm, St. Francis A

Registration required; free childcare available.

**Exceptional Parents of Exceptional Children (EPEC)**  
Fourth Sundays monthly  
Beginning Sunday, January 23, 10 am, M207

**Parenting with Faith and Wellness**  
Sunday, January 9, 10 am, M207  
February – May: First Sundays monthly

For more information on each class or to register for the above classes, visit [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/family-ministry/](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/family-ministry/).

## Children's Sunday School will resume Sunday, January 9

Whether it will be your first, fifth, or tenth time back, we hope your children will join us as we pick up right where we left off with Sunday School at 10 am on Sunday, January 9!

## Navigators Upcoming Gatherings

Mark your calendars now for **Sunday, January 16** and **Sunday, February 20 from 4 to 6 pm** for monthly Navigators gatherings!

## Save the Date: Southern Soirée

Please join us at the Southern Soirée on **Friday, April 29, from 7 - 10 pm** on the Christ Church lawn. Proceeds from this annual event benefit all of our children's ministries, as well as one of our partner agencies, Charlotte Bilingual Preschool. More information and registration details are available at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/soiree](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/soiree).

# Thinking Outside the Box



From March 2020 to August 2021, Sunday School for children was offered a variety of ways, including Zoom, creative video content, and small outdoor groups. As we started thinking about how to offer in-person Sunday School for children beginning in September, we realized we couldn't make the decisions alone. Thankfully, a group of faithful leaders (Bo Thomas, Margaret Siegel, Mary Beth Ausman, Spencer Buchanan, Cindy Costa, Lauren Leazer, Joe Kenny, Ginger McAdams, and Laura McGirt ) said yes to being part of a Sunday School regathering group, and helped us transform what Sunday School looks like!

This group included current and former Sunday School leaders, public and private school teachers, and medical professionals, all of whom were deeply invested in finding a way to share the Good News with children, honoring our guiding principles of safety, hospitality, and respect. With their input, Lindsay Masi, Sarah Ford, and Emily Kalmbach were able to plan children's Sunday School again last fall utilizing as many outdoor spaces as possible. A huge thank you to this group who helped us think outside the box (and the building!).



## WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

### Natalie Akin

Director of Generosity and Stewardship



You might already know Natalie. She, her husband, Brian, and children (Samuel, 8, Dean, 6, and Isabel, 3) have been members of Christ Church since 2014. Natalie most recently served as the Director of Donor and Foundation Relations at Queens University, and previously worked in the Stewardship Ministry at Myers Park Presbyterian Church and in Donor Relations at her alma mater, Davidson College.

At her first Sunday service at Christ Church, she met a now dear friend who told her it was a big church, but she could find her place if she raised her hand - and that she did! She serves on the Hospitality Committee, Stewardship Commission, and Adult Spiritual Formation Commission. She has taught Sunday School, sung in the choir, and currently co-mentors an Education for Ministry (EfM) group. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, painting, and spending time outside.

### Alex Bacon

Associate Wellness Director



Alex is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) who has worked as a therapist in Charlotte for over 20 years, primarily at KinderMourn, where she counseled grieving children, teens, and adults, and provided psychoeducational trainings throughout Mecklenburg and surrounding counties. A native of Charlottesville, VA, Alex graduated from Davidson College and obtained her M.S.W. from Smith College School for

Social Work. Having been a member of the Episcopal church until she married a Presbyterian "Preacher's Kid," Alex and her family worship at Covenant Presbyterian Church. She and her husband treasure their two children and cockapoo, Charlie.

### Katie Lehman

Associate Musician for Children



Katie Lehman has joined our team to work with Music Club and the St. Nicolas Choir. We are blessed with her immense talents and her heart for church music.

Katie is a music teacher specializing in early childhood and elementary general music, and has spent the last several years teaching in elementary schools in Washington, DC and Seattle, WA. Now, she and her husband

Jonathan are happy to be back in North Carolina. Katie is originally from Hickory and grew up as an active member in every possible church musical ensemble. Her love of church music has led her to serve on the music staff in several different churches and denominations.

Katie says: "I have really felt at home in the Episcopal Church and have a deep love for the choral tradition that plays such a vital role in worship. Music is a special way for children to become active participants in worship and to grow in community with each other. I am so thankful for the chance to make music with your kids here at Christ Church!"

### Scottie Stamper

Director of Adult Spiritual Formation



Scottie Stamper joined our staff in October. As an ordained minister, Scottie has served as a youth minister, board-certified chaplain, and a clergy wellness coach for Duke University's School of Divinity. She served for many years in the healthcare industry as an organizational and leadership development educator.

The central thread of her work -- helping people find ways to live their life abundantly (John 10:10) -- brings her back to her original calling to work in the church. As a lifelong learner, Scottie most recently completed her Doctorate in Education at UNC-Charlotte. In her free time, she enjoys Broadway shows and being outdoors.

### Paulette Wilkes

Stewardship Project Coordinator / Administrative Assistant



Before coming to Christ Church, Paulette Wilkes gained a wealth of experience in the legal profession as a UK attorney and High Court Enforcement Officer, and an NC Certified Paralegal.

Originally from Blackburn, England, she and her husband Dan met at the University of Staffordshire. Together they emigrated to the US in 1996, intending to stay two years, but fortunately for us, here they still are! They have two children, Faye (22) and Grace (19), and two rescue dogs. Paulette loves to bake, and currently serves as market manager for the Matthews Community Farmers' Market. She also enjoys reading and learning (especially about history), walking her dogs, and spending time with family and friends.



## Changing the world one cookie at a time

A special part of our Christ Church Preschool & Kindergarten (CCK) curriculum is service. Each year, we have a schoolwide service project in the fall and spring. The goal is to support a charity that serves children while getting our CCK children and families actively involved. This year, our service project took on special meaning for all of us.

One of our staff members, Amy Christenbury, has been involved with Cookies for Kids' Cancer for years, after her son Grier was diagnosed with neuroblastoma when he was 2 years old. She and Grier had the first Charlotte bake sale in her front yard in 2009, and she has been part of the organization ever since. She has organized bake sales, 5Ks, chef events, and much more to raise awareness and money for pediatric cancer research. Two of our CCK families have also been affected by childhood cancer in the last several years, so we chose this organization for our service project in support of them.

In November, we held our first CCK Bake Sale. All of our teachers, students, staff, and parents participated in some

way to support the sale. Toddlers and Twos put Cookies for Kids' Cancer stickers on cookie bags, parents signed up to bake, each class made a sign to advertise the sale, and our four-year-olds even practiced selling cookies in the hallways so that they would know what to do on the big day. Each Threes, Fours, and Kindergarten class was given a time to sell and families came out in a huge show of support.

With the help of matching gifts from Bank of America, CCK has raised over \$20,000 so far. That means we, as a preschool, have raised enough money to fund 200 hours of a scientist's work or to match the government's allotment of funds for five children to participate in a phase one clinical trial. We can't thank our Christ Church community enough for your time and financial support of our service project. We showed our children that it feels good to "Be A Good Cookie" and to help the doctors make better medicine for children.

To learn more about Cookies for Kids' Cancer, visit [cookiesforkidscancer.org](http://cookiesforkidscancer.org).

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## Christ Church Preschool and Kindergarten Registration Opens

Registration for the 2022 – 2023 school year is now open and will run through January 28, 2022 at Noon. Registration information is available on the CCK website and applications can be submitted anytime during the registration window. For questions about registration, contact Mary Caroline Lee, Assistant Head of School.

Although we are unable to give in-person tours during school hours at this time, we invite you to join us for our afterschool tours January 5 and 11, from 1:30 – 2:30 pm.

Interested in CCK Kindergarten? Please join us for a Kindergarten Open House on Thursday, January 6, 1:30 – 2:30 pm in the Green Room.

To sign up or for more information, contact Mary Caroline Lee, Assistant Head of School, at [leemc@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:leemc@christchurchcharlotte.org).



# “We’re all transformed and healed together”

**O**ver the past year, members of the Outreach Commission have been engaged in prayerful reflection, looking for ways to increase our learning, nurture relationships, and identify new areas of impact such as care and sustainment of God’s creation.

Kathleen Dean recently sat down with commission members Joanne Jenkins, Dawn Osborne and Ned Waller to explore their experiences of reflection, learning, and transformation.

**Kathleen:** *There’s a saying that necessity is the mother of invention. That certainly feels apt for the Outreach Commission in 2021 – as it was for 2020. There’s been a lot of change, and some of that’s been driven by the extraordinary circumstances the world has faced since the onset of the pandemic. Can you talk some about that?*

**Dawn:** The past two years have definitely shaken things loose. The times have been calling for change on all kinds of fronts. At Christ Church, we have tremendous traditions of generosity and engagement with our neighbors throughout Charlotte. We stand on some very strong shoulders in terms of the dedication and accomplishments of folks who came before us, and we want to remain respectful of that work and those traditions. But this has been a moment when we’ve all had to take a step back and rethink the ways we’ve done things in the past. That can be scary, but it’s also a gift of sorts and an opportunity. We’ve been able to ask ourselves, “Are our assumptions from long ago still sound? Are there ways we can rethink how we go about outreach and stewardship?”

**Ned:** One of the reasons I wanted to join Christ Church was that we’re a church that can really help move the needle in our community. With dollars, yes, but with all our resources including social capital. That’s a tremendous opportunity and chance to really be a part of something compelling. The last two years have made the needs even more urgent, but of course Charlotte’s also had a heightened awareness of the divisions and disparities in our city ever since the economic mobility study came out in 2014.

**Kathleen:** *I think another key is the relationships and trust we’ve built with one another on the Commission, and how there’s been a ripple effect of that.*

**Joanne:** Yes, I’m going to say this a lot—everything’s relational. We’ve had the belief that we can do something different. And that belief is rooted in our trust for one another. We’ve really grown to know each other in the work we do together, and that helped us to take some leaps of faith together. This is a trust walk being guided by the holy spirit.

**Ned:** The connections we’ve made with one another also remind us just how intimately connected we all are with

one another. In God’s eyes, there is no us and them. We’re all human beings. We all need to be healed in our brokenness. We all need to fight together for the common good.

**Dawn:** Thinking about the transformational power of relationships and the work we can do together really goes in so many different directions. There’s the work we can do by getting proximate with our neighbors who are all over this city. And the opportunities we have to connect with other Episcopal churches in Charlotte and with congregations that are racially and economically diverse in different parts of the city. And also with the diocese and Church as a whole. There’s such important work to be done, and it takes all of us working together and knowing what’s happening so we aren’t going at cross-purposes and can take advantage of all the talents and initiatives that are out there.

**Joanne:** I think we should call it reach across — not outreach.

**Ned:** Yes, because it’s really about all of us and how our connections with one another go both ways and how we’re all transformed and healed together. It’s not something one group’s going out to do for another. It’s like the motto of the Augustine Literacy Project that’s on the sign at Rama Road Elementary—“Tutor 1 Child, Change 2 Lives.”

**Kathleen:** *There are lots of organizations working to bring about change and social justice. Is there something unique in being part of a faith community doing this work?*

**Dawn:** To me, it’s about living out our Baptismal Covenant. These are promises made on our own behalf at a very young age. And each time we bring a new generation into the church, we make those promises again – to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves.

**Ned:** And to strive for justice and peace among all people and the dignity of every human being.

**Joanne:** I come back to what we said before—there’s no us and them in God’s eyes. This is sacred work because we’re all so intimately connected. It’s about healing all our brokenness and honoring one another as human beings who are loved by God, every single one of us.

**Kathleen:** *We’re in the season of Advent, a time of hope for transformation and healing. What are your hopes as you look to the year ahead?*

**Dawn:** I’d love for anyone who hasn’t read the Becoming Beloved Community vision document put out by the national Episcopal Church to go and do so! It’s an amazing blueprint for how we can all begin to live out our Baptismal

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# A Story of Race, Truth, and Healing

**A**long with a number of other supporters, such as The Duke Endowment and the Blumenthal Foundation, Christ Episcopal Church will be supporting the making of a powerful documentary whose whole purpose is to drive change. “Mecklenburg County: A Story of Race, Truth, and Healing,” as is obvious from the title, is a film with a very proximate, personal content. The purpose is to help us examine our history in a more relatable way that will guide us toward truth and healing. However, it will not only have local meaning. The full production plans include creating curricula for all ages that can help spur conversations and transformation on a nationwide level.

The documentary focuses on two men who share a last name and more history than they knew they had. It is the story of Jimmie Lee Kirkpatrick, who is African American and who was an all-star football player at Myers Park High School. In 1965, he led the football team to an undefeated season, but he was then denied the opportunity to play in the Shrine Bowl because of his color. That led to a very significant civil rights case filed by local attorney, Julius Chambers, which in turn led to the bombing of the homes of four local civil rights leaders in Charlotte.

The documentary also tells the story of De Kirkpatrick, a former white classmate of Jimmie Lee’s. When a series of articles detailing these events ran in the *Charlotte Observer* in 2014, it prompted De to reach out to Jimmy Lee, fifty years after they had graduated. Jimmie Lee discovered that their intertwined roots go back much farther than high school. De was shocked to learn from Jimmie Lee that his forebears had been slave owners in Mecklenburg County and that it had been kept a secret for three generations in his family. Some of the slaves were Jimmie Lee’s forebears, hence the common last name.

The storyline is told from the perspective of De as he grapples with understanding his past as well as the present. In following the developing relationship between the two

men, the documentary takes an honest look at the healing process in De and between them. As Jimmie Lee says to De, “Put aside your guilt and I’ll put aside my anger, and we have a chance to learn from each other.”

The current time frame for the production of this film is about a year out. It is hoped that this documentary will serve as a catalyst to spur cross-racial conversations that can lead to truth-telling, understanding, healing, social justice and transformation of our culture.

**“Put aside your guilt and I’ll put aside my anger, and we have a chance to learn from each other.”**



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Covenant with one another: [www.episcopalchurch.org/beloved-community](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/beloved-community).

**Joanne:** I hope that we will keep going in the direction we’ve been headed in on the Outreach Commission, continuing to deepen our relationships and trust with one another and taking this deeply spiritual journey together while we expand our circle.

**Ned:** Yes, my hope is that we broaden the community of those who can engage and contribute to the community. That we can take the relationships we’ve built within the Commission outward and invite more and more people in. Because we really do have the chance to make such a change – for all of us.

**To learn more and explore opportunities to get involved in Outreach at Christ Church, contact Joan Kilian, Associate Rector for Mission and Outreach, at [kilianj@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:kilianj@christchurchcharlotte.org).**





# In the Parish

## New Members

Allison and Gregg Adzema  
Marilynn Bellman  
The Reverend Deborah Blackwood  
Sallie and Stewart Calder  
Judith Cheston  
Denise and Joe Clark  
Beth and Michael Clifton and Family  
Angelica and Jeff Flanigan and Family  
Bryson and Matthew Kennedy  
Kim and Greg Moore and Family  
Jane Anne Shanahan  
Giselle Sholler and Family  
Anne and Jack Spencer  
Wanda Steinke  
Josie Strandberg  
Julia Taylor  
Margaret and Mason Tillett  
Jenna and Dave Tyburski  
Ben Weadon  
Baxter Webb  
Catie and Graham Worth

## Births

Roman James Masi, son of Lindsay and Todd Masi  
William Spotswood Armfield, Jr, son of Sarah and Billy Armfield  
Mary Lucile McGowin Hall, granddaughter of Tere and Doug Ey  
Henry Robichaud Fish, son of Margaret Black and Eric Fish  
Gunter Lee Jacobs, son of Charlotte and Dan Jacobs  
Laura Kate Rhyne, daughter of Bethany and David Rhyne  
Charlotte Frances Mettetal Rayburn, granddaughter of Yvonne and Rick Rayburn  
Lewis Carter Tomlinson, grandson of Lisa and John Tomlinson  
Elizabeth Graham Hunt, daughter of Kara and Graham Hunt  
Julia Dodds Bierbower, granddaughter of Kathryn and Gordon Horne  
Milly Ann Pendergrass, daughter of Ann Stewart and Pearson Pendergrass  
Marion Nancy Nalley, daughter of Katy and John Nalley

Marie Elizabeth Tomlinson, daughter of Blair and Buch Tomlinson  
Rutledge Adams Starrs, son of Rebecca and Connor Starrs  
William Frederick Black IV, son of Devin and Will Black  
Sutton Hathaway Wyatt, daughter of Mary Hadley and Landon Wyatt  
Weston Kirk Brady, son of Leah and David Brady  
Julian Lewis Jones, grandson of Elizabeth Jones  
Britton Ferebee Beasley II, son of Winston and Trevor Beasley  
Haynes Carter Ross, son of Katherine and Andy Ross  
Samuel Charles McGoogan, grandson of Grace and Graham McGoogan  
Roddey Dowd IV, son of Spencer and Roddey Dowd  
Addison Gray Maloney, granddaughter of Nancy and John Maloney  
Avery Caroline Engle, granddaughter of Susan and Geoff Peters  
Michael Colehower Marr, grandson of Julie and Mike Marr  
Lottie Kaye Greene, granddaughter of Ralph Greene

## Baptisms

Mary Carlton Carter, daughter of Lauren and George Carter  
Catherine Kershaw Nielsen, daughter of Molly and Thomas Nielsen  
Robert Briggs Boyd, son of Stuart and Bryan Boyd  
Claudia Smith Bray, daughter of Izabella and Richard Bray  
Clara Alling Doerre, daughter of Carr and Matt Doerre  
Frances Patterson Swift, daughter of Bethany and Carl Swift  
John Lawton Thies, son of Peggy and Charles Thies  
Bowen Douglas Brantley, son of Anna and Dane Brantley  
Webb Ellington Brantley, son of Anna and Dane Brantley  
Sophia Rose Johnson, daughter of Courtney and Kyle Johnson

Andrew Erik Roehl, Jr, son of Amelia and Andrew Roehl  
Samuel Harrison Farber, Jr, son of Julia Gray and Harrison Farber  
William Brindley Gwin, son of Emma and Connor Gwin  
Seth Thomas Knight, son of Catharine and Seth Knight  
Susan Elliott McAdams, daughter of Jordan and Matt McAdams  
Culley Walker Steele, son of Marianna and Eric Steele  
Sutton Grimes Thomas, daughter of Siri and Grimes Thomas  
Lindsay Coalter Anderson, daughter of Laura and Mitchell Anderson  
James McIntosh Colavita, son of Kiltie and Jimmy Colavita  
James Edward Leonard, son of Abby and Daniel Leonard  
Wade Woodard Templeton, son of Brantley and Ryan Templeton  
Alexander DuBose Williamson, son of Frances and DuBose Williamson  
George Montgomery Adams, son of Brooke and Frank Adams  
William Martin Bonner, son of Martha and Stuart Bonnor  
Elizabeth Mason Crumbliss, daughter of Arlie and Bruce Crumbliss  
Olivia Lark Enright, daughter of Lark and Ryan Enright  
Mazelle Quinn Muren, daughter of Amanda and Jack Muren  
Rutledge Adams Starrs, son of Rebecca and Connor Starrs  
John Laurens Threlkeld, son of Laurens and Michael Threlkeld

## Marriages

Kristen Mary Thalman and William Sutherland Dixon  
Sara Elizabeth Salisbury and Partha Reddy  
Meredith Leigh Carter and James Patrick Philbin IV  
Lauren Rebecca Garrett and Robert Fisher Beasley  
Claire Bennett and Michael Devon  
Katherine Garnett Blue and Reid Emerson Baker



Catherine Elizabeth Gore and Alexander Thomas Rossitch  
 Michelle Yopp Morris and Robert Ferman Wardell, Jr  
 Madelyn Elizabeth Shuman and William Zachary Simons  
 Katherine Cooper McKaughn and Tyler David Webster

## Deaths

William Eugene Hamilton Jr, brother of Roline McGinnis  
 Eleanor Easton, mother of Ed Easton  
 Joyce Jones, mother of Burch Mixon  
 Thomas Caldwell Seagle, brother of Benjy Seagle  
 Melissa Lee, sister of Robin Riggins  
 Anne Springs Close, mother of Derick Close  
 Susan Todd Breckenridge  
 Laurence B. Breckenridge  
 Jerry Smith, father of Murray Parker  
 Mayree-Kay L. Miller; mother of Catharine Pappas  
 Buster Jenkins, father of Camp Jenkins  
 Thomas Ashe Lockhart  
 Susan Tolar Williams, sister of Nan Wilson  
 Richard Crook Adkins, father of Whitley Hamlin  
 Russell J. Page, father of Julie Smith  
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 Helen Elizabeth Wall  
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## Come Join the Fun!

As we continue to welcome everyone back to in-person worship on Sundays, we would love to invite you to join our Greeter Team.

Showing hospitality is as easy as arriving early to welcome people before a service, but the joy you will feel at making others feel welcomed will last long after.

Contact Kathryn Saunders, Director of Newcomers and Parish Life, at [saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org) or 704-714-6974, for details.

## Newsletter Schedule

You may have noticed that you are receiving *The Disciple* less often lately, and when you do, it looks different! It is now a seasonal magazine filled with stories about the life of our parish, with a few calendar highlights. This change is partly due to lengthy mailing and production times, which make it hard to deliver timely information via "snail mail."

We will continue to mail post cards, brochures, etc. as needed to keep you informed about upcoming special events and programs, and we encourage you to look for the latest news and information in *News & Notices* (Sunday bulletin), Friday emails, the Christ Church app, and on our website.

## Newcomer Dinners

**First Wednesdays**  
**January - April**  
**5:30 - 7:00 PM**  
**Green Room**

We love bringing newcomers together for dinner and conversation on a monthly basis.

To RSVP, contact Kathryn Saunders, Director of Newcomers and Parish Life, at [saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org) or 704-714-6974.

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