



# ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

## *Seeking the next leaders of St. Philip's:*

### **2018 Vestry Nominees Discernment Questionnaires**

*Vestry elections to take place at the  
Annual Parish Meeting  
Sunday, March 4  
12 noon in the Parish Hall*



## STATEMENT OF FAITH

### ***We ascribe to the following Statement of Faith:***

- 1.** A belief in the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; three distinct persons co-equal in glory and co-eternal in majesty and of one substantial Godhead, such that there are not three gods but one God.
- 2.** A belief in the Holy Scriptures as divine revelation, inerrantly inspired, (theopneustos) by God, carrying the full measure of His authority, containing all things necessary to salvation, and to be submitted to in all matters of faith and practice of life.
- 3.** A belief in the One Savior of mankind, Jesus Christ, who in His person is both fully God and fully man; of one substance with the Father as regards His Godhead, and at the same time of one substance with us as regards His manhood.
- 4.** A belief in the perfect obedience of Christ; His true and actual suffering, his substitutionary and atoning death on the cross, and His bodily resurrection and ascension as the only means given for our salvation and reconciliation with God.
- 5.** A belief in faith alone as the only grounds for the merits of Christ being imputed to us for our justification before God (justification by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone).
- 6.** A belief in the consummate return of Jesus Christ in glory to judge the living and the dead, and a belief in the bodily resurrection of the dead and their entrance into either eternal damnation or everlasting blessedness.
- 7.** A belief in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church as those souls that have been redeemed entirely by the work of Christ and called out of bondage into freedom, out of darkness into light, out of error into truth, out of death into eternal life.
- 8.** A belief that the visible Church is best organized under the historic and biblical offices of Bishop, Presbyter, and Deacon; and that the Church exists to worship the Triune God and to lift up the Savior Jesus Christ before all people through the faithful preaching and teaching of the Gospel, through prayer, and through the faithful administration of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion or the Eucharist).
- 9.** A belief in the historic Nicene and Apostles' creeds of the Church as accurate representations of the essence of the Christian faith, and in the Thirty-Nine Articles of the Anglican Church as a coherent and concise expression of Anglican doctrine.

### ***Further;***

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26- 27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person and is inconsistent with our beliefs.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one biological man and one biological woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18- 25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13-4.) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Mark 7:18-23; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Cor 6:9-10).

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of St. Philip's Church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the St. Philip's Church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by St. Philip's Church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers agree to abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of St. Philip's Church.

***The foregoing Statement of Faith was adopted by unanimous Resolution of the Vestry of St. Philip's Church at a duly called meeting of the Vestry held on September 6, 2016.***



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February 18th, 2018

Dear fellow St. Philippians,

As the retiring members of the Vestry, it was our task to form this year's Nominating Committee for the election of new leadership at our Annual Parish Meeting on March 4th. As we began to gather names from you, it became clear it would not be an easy process for us. How do we narrow the field to a manageable number in order to fill four vestry positions? Quite a few were nominated and all with such depth of leadership and spiritual maturity. It was only with much discussion and prayer that we came to the final list of names now presented to you. Each of these has prayerfully considered this role and agreed to serve our congregation faithfully, if elected. We ask that you also prayerfully consider these six individuals and how each one may be God's person to join our Vestry and work alongside those currently serving.

Nominee

Reid Davis

Martha Freshley

Bonnie Gilbreth

Guv Gottshalk

Langdon Hartsock

Sam Robinson

Sponsor

Jimmy Bailey

Travis Dew

Elizabeth Bowles, Teddy Gilbreth

Penn Hagood

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It is also permissible to nominate candidates from the floor during the Annual Meeting. In order to be consistent in this process, any floor nominees will be required to respond to the same ministry discernment questions already answered by the other candidates. A copy of this questionnaire is provided here for your reference as well as the answers provided by these six nominees. Voting members of St. Philip's must be present at the Annual Meeting in order to cast their vote personally. No proxy votes will be accepted.

God has been deeply gracious and merciful to us in uncertain times, and we look forward to supporting the leadership of our clergy and Vestry as God chooses those men and women from among us He will use to help St. Philip's move ahead in the ministry of His Gospel.

Faithfully,

Cynthia Patteson  
Committee Chair

Bill Thompson  
Senior Warden

Travis Dew

Elizabeth Bowles



## Reid P. Davis (Reid)

**Phone** (843) 270-2995

**When did you start attending St. Philip's?** Started attending at age 11

**Are you: Baptized?** Yes      **Confirmed?** Yes      **A member of St. Philip's?** Yes

**Do you regularly attend a Bible Study at St. Philip's?** Yes

**If yes, Study and Leader's/Teacher's name:** Sunday adult forum/the Rev. Jeff Miller

**Will you commit to pledge if elected to the vestry?** Yes

**Are you able to support the St. Philip's Statement of Faith if elected?** Yes

### MINISTRY DISCERNMENT QUESTIONS

#### *1. What has been your involvement in ministries at St. Philip's?*

I grew up attending St Philip's and I am active in the Lay Ministry. I have been an usher for many years and a volunteer at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Additionally, a participant at the first Wednesday Men's Luncheon. I am a regular attendee of the adult forum and try to give my wife Emily moral support when she teaches 3rd and 4th grade Sunday School.

#### *2. If applicable, what has been your involvement in ministries at other churches?*

Not applicable.

#### *3. What would be your reason/desire for serving on the vestry?*

St Philip's has begun an exciting new chapter in its history and this is a great opportunity to serve in it. With two young children, the momentum of the children's programs and family participation continues to be an important component to Emily and me, as well as the other families of our church. I would look forward to helping continue those efforts to ensure that growth gets the support it needs going forward. Aside from our church's many recent successes, we have been dealt a significant outside challenge and unknown over the past few years that we continue to face. This challenge has and will continue to require an extraordinary amount of work on everyone's behalf to navigate. Serving on the vestry will allow me the opportunity to put in the extra effort required during this pivotal time for all of us.

#### *4. What gifts, interests and concerns would you bring to your service on the vestry?*

I have a long track record of leadership both in and outside of my professional career. As a husband/father of a young family combined with a deep rooted family history at St Philip's, I have a unique perspective that draws from a long spanning history and a youthful energy and enthusiasm to help serve. I have served on many boards over the years and my depth in business leadership experience comes from owning and leading a commercial real estate firm. I believe all of these tools will provide a great asset for us as we continue to face the challenges in front of us and capitalize on the great growth and energy the current leadership has established.

#### *5. Write about your life's spiritual journey (or spiritual autobiography) including when and how you came to know Jesus Christ personally as your Savior and Lord.*

I have always been surrounded by family and friends with solid Christian values and a strong moral compass. Growing up, much of that came through my time at St Philip's, Porter-Gaud and then The Citadel. Being surrounded by Christianity and actually choosing the right path don't always go hand in hand, but it allowed me to witness a full spectrum of faith from a young age. Each of these experiences and others gave me their own unique opportunities to learn and set the stage for my own spiritual development with Christ. While it was an early point in my life, I know I rely more and more on my faith every day as I get older and raise my own family. It gives me a drive to always try to be a better Christian and push for a higher standard of character, values and integrity.



## Martha Doris Freshley (Martha)

Phone (843) 297-7530

When did you start attending St. Philip's? 2005

Are you: Baptized? Yes Confirmed? Yes A member of St. Philip's? Yes

Do you regularly attend a Bible Study at St. Philip's? Yes

If yes, Study and Leader's/Teacher's name: 2005-2014 Pringle Franklin,  
2014-2017 Marnie Kerrison

Will you commit to pledge if elected to the vestry? Yes

Are you able to support the St. Philip's Statement of Faith if elected? Yes

### MINISTRY DISCERNMENT QUESTIONS

#### 1. *What has been your involvement in ministries at St. Philip's?*

In the past, I enjoyed being a teacher at Vacation Bible School for a dozen years, served on the ECW Board in different capacities including chairing the Spring/Fall dinners and the Compassion Committee. I have also volunteered for the Tea Room for many years, helped Mr. Cross with the children's choir, delivered food for the church, helped with funeral receptions and other events as needed. Currently I continue to volunteer at the Tea Room and serve on the Wedding Guild.

#### 2. *If applicable, what has been your involvement in ministries at other churches?*

Not applicable.

#### 3. *What would be your reason/desire for serving on the vestry?*

We have some challenges and opportunities ahead of us at St. Philip's. As we strive to discern God's will for us, I hope for spiritual growth for myself as well as our entire body of Christ. I would look forward to serving and giving back to the church that has given so much to me and my family.

#### 4. *What gifts, interests and concerns would you bring to your service on the vestry?*

I would bring my business background and many years of experience as a CFO to the vestry so we may continue to be good stewards of our resources.

I am concerned that we continue to foster an environment of love within our congregation and a biblical world view as we face the future.

#### 5. *Write about your life's spiritual journey (or spiritual autobiography) including when and how you came to know Jesus Christ Personally as your Savior and Lord.*

I grew up as the youngest child in a strict, but loving, Catholic family. We were VERY Catholic. My father had attended Catholic Boarding School and Catholic College along with his three brothers, two of which became priests. So our family had many friends who were nuns and priests. I spent many an afternoon visiting friends at the convent and the priests were a regular presence in our home. All this to explain that, to me, Church was always an integral part of my life.

Then a new girl named Jane moved into our neighborhood who was a Protestant. Jane and I became best friends and I was allowed to go with her to the weekly youth group meetings on Sunday nights. Through this exposure, I learned about Jesus and the Gospel stories. I dedicated my life to Christ when I was nine years old and joined the Episcopal church as an adult.



## Bonnie Gilbreth (Bonnie)

Phone (843) 834-3829

When did you start attending St. Philip's? 1995

Are you: Baptized? Yes Confirmed? Yes A member of St. Philip's? Yes

Do you regularly attend a Bible Study at St. Philip's? Yes

If yes, Study and Leader's/Teacher's name: Waiting for God / Charlotte Williams

Will you commit to pledge if elected to the vestry? Yes

Are you able to support the St. Philip's Statement of Faith if elected? Yes

### MINISTRY DISCERNMENT QUESTIONS

#### *1. What has been your involvement in ministries at St. Philip's?*

I joined St Philip's in March 1997. Teddy and I have raised our children here and attended Church and Sunday School faithfully. About 5 years ago, we changed from the 10:30 service to the 8:15 service. Although I do miss the music, I have have met a whole different group of St Philippians. I have participated in Bible studies and prayer groups. I have taken Alpha and am a proud graduate of Dave Ramsey's FPU (back when they were offered during the Wednesday night services) and have taken a prayer workshop. I have served on the Compassion Committee, ECW, the ECW dinners committee and helped with Pat Holden's famous Pill Packing Parties. My daughter and I went on a very enlightening mission trip to LAMB.

Currently, I am in a Bible study, a prayer group and one of my favorite committees, The Inspire Ladies.

#### *2. If applicable, what has been your involvement in ministries at other churches?*

I grew up in the First Presbyterian Church in Myrtle Beach attending regularly (earning many Perfect Attendance pins) and going to Vacation Bible School. As I got older I attended Bible studies outside of church. When I moved to Charleston I transferred to First Scots where Teddy and I were married. Periodically I have attended Bible studies at other churches in Charleston.

#### *3. What would be your reason/desire for serving on the vestry?*

St. Philip's is going through a very exciting time. When I walk into Sunday School I am moved by the energy and excitement in the rooms. I feel very confident in our staff and ministers. While some of our issues are not very pleasant and I would not pretend to know the answers, I would like to be part of discerning God's will for the future of St. Philip's. Through the past twenty years, St. Philip's community has been there for me and I would like to serve and give back.

#### *4. What gifts, interests and concerns would you bring to your service on the vestry?*

In dealing with issues that arise, I like to thoroughly investigate all options and make the most informed decision possible. I am traditional in my thoughts and values and not one for quick change.

My concerns are for the future of St. Philip's and to make sure that we stay focused on teaching the Gospel as it is written.

#### *5. Write about your life's spiritual journey (or spiritual autobiography) including when and how you came to know Jesus Christ Personally as your Savior and Lord.*

I was raised in the Presbyterian Church and attended faithfully. When Teddy and I married he wanted to attend the church he grew up in, so I transferred to St. Philip's. It took several years before I really felt this was 'home' but I am fully committed to St. Philip's, whatever path it may take.

I do not have one defining moment of realizing Jesus Christ as my Savior. However, I know He has always been by my side and take great comfort in His constant and consistent presence. I feel very blessed to live in a community where God is in the forefront and I am surrounded by other Christians.



## Addison Gottshalk, III (Guv)

Phone (843) 729-8270

When did you start attending St. Philip's? 1979

Are you: Baptized? Yes Confirmed? Yes A member of St. Philip's? Yes

Do you regularly attend a Bible Study at St. Philip's?

Study and Leader's/Teacher's name: Friday Morning Men's Group/Guv Gottshalk

Will you commit to pledge if elected to the vestry? Yes

Are you able to support the St. Philip's Statement of Faith if elected? Yes

### MINISTRY DISCERNMENT QUESTIONS

#### *1. What has been your involvement in ministries at St. Philip's?*

Current Ministries:

1. Friday Morning Men's Bible Study (Leader)
2. Chalcist
3. Home Missions Committee

Past Ministries

1. Vestry (2011-2014)
2. Children's Sunday School Teacher
3. Property Committee
4. Usher

#### *2. If applicable, what has been your involvement in ministries at other churches?*

Bible Study Fellowship (Adult and Children's leader for 10 years)

New Beginnings Ministry (Leadership for 3 years)

#### *3. What would be your reason/desire for serving on the vestry?*

My reason for serving on the vestry rests primarily in my desire to serve St. Philip's and thereby, serve the Lord. I look back to the previous time that I had served on the vestry and remember the fellowship and the close relationships that were developed around the common goal of making good decisions for the life and mission of St. Philip's. It was truly a rewarding experience and I would like to contribute to and be a part of that process again. While it is true that I benefited greatly from that experience, I believe that I was also able to contribute in a positive way to the well-being of the church. I would like to have that opportunity again.

#### *4. What gifts, interests and concerns would you bring to your service on the vestry?*

My educational and professional background as an architect has taught me many analytical and problem solving skills which I have found useful in evaluating and assessing situations in all areas of life. I believe that these critical thinking skills can be extremely useful in approaching the matters that the vestry faces now and will encounter in the coming years.

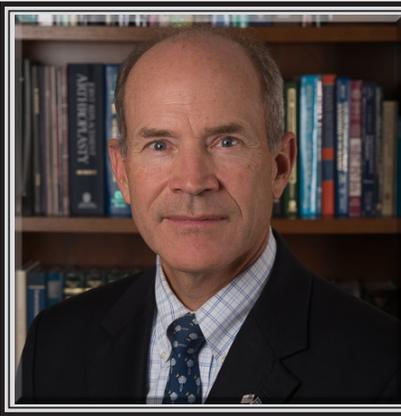
I have a deep interest in both local and world missions. I have been on the board of directors of the LAMB Institute (which operates in Honduras) for the past 10 years, serving as vice-president for the last 5 years. One component of this ministry has been annual trips to Honduras to meet with the leadership there.

A primary concern would be of course, to ensure that St. Philip's continues to preach and follow the gospel of Jesus Christ, standing firm against negative outside influences and faulty doctrine. I am an avid reader and am always eager to discover books that continue to shape my understanding of the gospel.

Another gift that I feel serves me well and can serve the vestry well is a good sense of humor. I have often found that the ability to laugh at myself or a situation that has become tense can have a truly transforming effect on that situation and many times can open the path to a resolution of the issue at hand.

***5. Write about your life's spiritual journey (or spiritual autobiography) including when and how you came to know Jesus Christ Personally as your Savior and Lord.***

I was raised in the Episcopal church, attending The Church of the Good Samaritan in Paoli, Pennsylvania for most of my school age years, which gave me a solid foundation for my faith and belief in Jesus Christ. I must admit to falling away from an active church life during my college years and the early years following graduation. The renewal of my active faith life started when I got married and had children. I realized the importance of raising my children in the faith and it rekindled my own belief as well. I did not have what one would call a "road to Damascus" experience and so it is difficult for me to pinpoint a specific point in my life when I surrendered myself fully to Christ. I am one of those "drip, drip, drip Episcopalians" that Canon Cobb used to talk about from the pulpit! There have been a number of times, though, when I have experienced the holy presence of Jesus Christ in my life in a powerful way and have acknowledged who He is and that He died for my salvation. My involvement in Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) greatly deepened my knowledge and understanding of my Christian faith and served as a major catalyst to re-affirming Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I have come to rely on Christ for all things and endeavor to put Him first in all things in my life. It's still a work in progress! I am extremely fortunate to be married to a woman who knows and loves Jesus Christ, and is supportive, encouraging, and steadfast in her expression of that faith in our relationship.



## Langdon A. Hartsock (Langdon)

Phone (843) 270-3391

When did you start attending St. Philip's? 1996

Are you: Baptized? Yes      Confirmed? Yes      A member of St. Philip's? Yes

Do you regularly attend a Bible Study at St. Philip's? No

Study and Leader's/Teacher's name: I used to go to Preston Hipp's Friday am study

Will you commit to pledge if elected to the vestry? Yes

Are you able to support the St. Philip's Statement of Faith if elected? Yes

### MINISTRY DISCERNMENT QUESTIONS

#### *1. What has been your involvement in ministries at St. Philip's?*

I have been an acolyte master. I attended Bible study on Friday mornings until a couple of years ago when my surgery schedule was changed and I started having a surgery schedule on Friday. I assisted my wife, Charlotte, with the cub scouts for a few years.

#### *2. If applicable, what has been your involvement in ministries at other churches?*

I have not been involved at other churches.

#### *3. What would be your reason/desire for serving on the vestry?*

I have been a member at St. Philip's for a little over 21 years. The church is vibrant with a strong ministry staff. I want to see that continue in the midst of all the difficulties with the lawsuit regarding the national Episcopal Church. My hope is that we can continue to worship faithfully in this wonderful place and with the the ministry staff we have called to serve here.

#### *4. What gifts, interests and concerns would you bring to your service on the vestry?*

I have served in a variety of leadership roles in medical organizations at the local, regional, and national level. I try to be a good listener and hear all sides of the story. I try to be a good leader by establishing and working towards a vision and also a good manager by being a good steward of resources. I hope I can use my experiences in the workplace and in medical organizations to good use at St. Philip's.

#### *5. Write about your life's spiritual journey (or spiritual autobiography) including when and how you came to know Jesus Christ Personally as your Savior and Lord.*

I was born and raised in Charlotte, NC. I was baptised and confirmed at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlotte. I graduated from Davidson College in 1983 and Duke School of Medicine in 1987. I finished my residency at Duke in 1993 and then spent a year of fellowship training in Baltimore in 1994. Charlotte and I were married at St. Paul's Episcopal church in Salisbury, MD in 1992. We moved to Mobile, AL in 1994 and our first son was born there and baptised at St. Luke's in Mobile. We moved to Charleston in 1996 and joined St. Philip's church. We have had two more children baptised at St. Philip's and all three of our boys have been though Al Phillip's confirmation class and have been confirmed at St. Philip's. My sister had her wedding at St. Philip's. My mother's burial service in 2010 was conducted by Haden and my father will be buried today 2/16/18 with Marc conducting that service.

I have been a life long Episcopalian/Anglican. Church and faith have been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. I don't know that there was a specific moment that I can remember when Jesus became my personal savior but I can say that Jesus and my faith, and learning and studying about my faith, have been on my mind for many years and that journey continues. This week my father died after a long battle with declining health. We will bury him today and the finality will really set in. I just know in my heart that he is with Jesus and is much happier and joyful with Him than he was in his painful body. I think that pretty much says it all. Dad's soul is not gone. He fervently believed in Christ and I know Dad is with Him now and forever.



## **Samuel F. Robinson, Jr. (Sam)**

**Phone** (843) 872-6288

**When did you start attending St. Philip's?** November 2005

**Are you: Baptized?** Yes      **Confirmed?** Yes      **A member of St. Philip's?** Yes

**Do you regularly attend a Bible Study at St. Philip's?** Yes

**Study and Leader's/Teacher's name:** Friday Men's Bible Study, Guv Gottshalk

**Will you commit to pledge if elected to the vestry?** Yes

**Are you able to support the St. Philip's Statement of Faith if elected?** Yes

### **MINISTRY DISCERNMENT QUESTIONS**

#### ***1. What has been your involvement in ministries at St. Philip's?***

Current: Water Missions representative on World Missions Board and volunteering at Water Missions designing and marketing their domestic and international insurance programs. Tea Room Volunteer, Greeter, Conversational Dinner Groups, La Gonave Haiti Partnership, and World Mission focus articles for the "Inspire", Crusillo Reunion group, and 2017 St. Philip's Israel Trip.

Past: Participated in the same ministry activities in the past and November 2010 Crusillo 162, and the June 2016 St. Philip's Haiti Trip.

#### ***2. If applicable, what has been your involvement in ministries at other churches?***

St. John's Cathedral, Knoxville, TN (1973-2005) : Usher, Sunday Breakfast Chef, Director of Brotherhood of St. Andrews. 1995-Present: Group Leader, Evening Men's Group of Bible Study Fellowship International, Board of St. Alban's Chapel Society, The Citadel, Pompion Chapel support.

#### ***3. What would be your reason/desire for serving on the vestry?***

Upon moving to Charleston in 2005 my wife Carol and I were warmly received into the fellowship of St. Philip's Church. Since then we have become grateful members of this church community participating in church activities and ministries and being blessed by many friendships and the scripture-led ministry of our clergy.

I am humbled to be asked to run for the Vestry of St. Philip's Church. If I am elected to serve I will be blessed by a closer relationship with the members of our congregation as we face together challenging decisions in obedience to God's desire for us as faithful servants.

My desire would be that we as a church will develop a heart for missions by answering Jesus' great commission, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all nations." My desire is also that we will bond together in Christian fellowship prayerfully seeking God's peace, discernment, wisdom, and guidance as we navigate turbulent waters ahead, and that we take comfort knowing God is in control.

#### ***4. What gifts, interests and concerns would you bring to your service on the vestry?***

I enjoy working with others. I am detail oriented. I participated in fund raising for The East Tennessee Veterans Memorial in Knoxville, TN and for Ducks Unlimited. I enjoy group Bible study. My 34 year professional career was in commercial insurance and surety where my knowledge may be used for the benefit of St. Philip's church.

My concern is where the current law suit will take us as a parish and a diocese. I am not referring necessarily to the church's campus but more on the challenges we may face financially, and how that may impair our mission work and the people who depend on the love and treasure we share with them. I am concerned for the hearts of many parishioners who may be uprooted from the church where many generations of their families have worshiped and are buried. I am concerned about the possible loss of excellent facilities and Christian care of our smaller children which bring a high level of convenience and comfort to our younger families' hectic and successful lives.

What impact and additional burdens will the lawsuit bring upon the shoulders of our outstanding clergy and staff? There can be other unforeseeable challenges that will test our faith. I will look forward to working with our vestry to minimize any adversity affecting our ministry. Scripture tells us that, "God will not give us more than we can bear."

***5. Write about your life's spiritual journey (or spiritual autobiography) including when and how you came to know Jesus Christ Personally as your Savior and Lord.***

I was raised in a strong Southern Baptist Christian home. Both of my parents were involved in our church where I attended Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. My grandfather was a well known lay minister whose mission was to take the Gospel to the prisoners incarcerated in the North Carolina State Penitentiary in Raleigh, NC in addition to leading a Bible study in his church. There is a church in Raleigh, NC that bears his name. Therefore I grew up on a firm foundation when at the age of 12 I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

Even though I grew up being spiritually fed with Bible scripture I did not really focus on studying the Bible until I was invited to join Bible Study Fellowship International. Through this small group study program the Holy Spirit really began to reveal the truth of scripture to me. I was asked to become a Group Leader in 1996 and have continued that work because of the way it feeds me through the experience of learning how scripture speaks to other faithful men. The most important thing I have learned is that one cannot really be drawn into an intimate loving relationship knowing God until he or she submits to the obedient study of his Word. Therefore I remain a strong Bible study advocate especially under the care of a church which teaches God's Word.

## THE CURRENT VESTRY OF ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

### **Outgoing Class of 2018**

Bill Thompson, *Senior Warden*

Elizabeth Bowles

Travis Dew

Cynthia Patteson

### **Class of 2019**

Penn Hagood, *Junior Warden*

Lon Burris

Cary Chastain

Joanna Macmurphy

### **Class of 2020**

Jimmy Bailey, Jr.

Harry Gregorie, III

Dorothy Lancaster

Clarke Wallace, Jr.

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