

# **ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH**

## **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **2013**



**MAY 4, 2014**

## **Report of the Rector Becoming A Missional Church**

In May of last year the vestry and others in leadership met with Bishop Mark Lawrence in a retreat at Camp St. Christopher. During that time the Bishop challenged us to think “missionally”. He was challenging us to look at the church in a fresh way. We then acquired a book titled, “Introducing the Missional Church”, which became our summer reading.

Most of us think of church in terms of being, “attractional”. We want our church to have good music, good preaching, good liturgy, and good programs. We want a church where we can bring someone and they will be attracted to join. We want good children’s and youth ministry. We like spiritual retreats, good speakers, and bible studies. We also want excellent adult teaching and our clergy to have solid theological educations and the ability to convey the same.

When we hear the word mission, we immediately default to thinking of foreign lands or disadvantaged local needs. What we miss is that we are all missionaries. All of the “attractional” aspects of St. Philip’s are important, but that is not the end of the matter. All of our “metrics” are positive, but we tend to compartmentalize our lives and miss the fact that we are all called to be missionaries. Consider a few passages from Scripture:

John 20:21: Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! **As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.**”

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! :18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation.**

We have to feed our faith through hearing the message, worship, and knowing that we are at peace with God through Jesus Christ. We need to feed our souls with scripture meditation and strengthen our minds through the study of our faith. But God’s purpose is not limited to our own self-edification. His purpose is for us to be at peace with Him and out of this relationship become a minister of reconciliation to others.

A missional church is made up of missional people that are themselves ambassadors who carry and deliver God’s reconciliation. They know they are sent with the same mission that God sent Jesus. The church does not have a God, God has a church. We are His servants. We are people who long to hear from the mouth of our Master, “Well done, good and faithful servant”!

## Finance Council – 2013 Fiscal Year Summary

As your Vestry liaison to the Finance Committee, I am pleased to provide the following report that summarizes the fiscal year 2013 at St. Philips Church.

First, I would like to recognize the strong financial leadership at St. Philips that originates with Andy Anderson, Harry Gregorie, and Chisolm Leonard. Fiscal 2013 may have been a challenging year, but we are truly blessed to have the guidance and dedication from these three individuals as we study our history of income and expenses and project how we can become stronger in the years to come.

The Finance Committee of St. Philips convened throughout the year in 2013, every month the night before each scheduled Vestry meeting. Upon the commencement of each scheduled Vestry meeting, Andy Anderson provided a monthly and year-to-date financial report to all present, including the Rector.

In August 2013, Mr. Anderson presented to the Vestry the annual financial audit that was completed by McCay, Kiddy & Associates. The report cited St. Philips Church in good financial standing with a strong balance sheet and no irregularities. The Finance Committee and Vestry approved and accepted the audit.

In 2013 St. Philips achieved the second highest total revenue in its history and just slightly below the record set in 2012. Although the annual giving portion exceeded the 3% increase in the budget, final calculations for our fiscal year revealed that St. Philips ran a deficit of \$185,960. While parish giving met its goal, the contributing factors to our deficit came primarily from budget variances in our income producing property. Throughout the year and continuing into 2014, the Vestry, and the Finance Committee identified areas of concern and ultimately worked together with the Rector and the Wardens to agree on some critical changes going forward.

Effective in February, Palmetto Parking was contracted to manage both parking lots, with the expectation for increased budgeted revenue considering noted improvement in the initial two months of their operation. 2014 will mark the first full calendar year with our new and largest State Street office tenant and additionally, the tightening market conditions for office space downtown should enable St. Philips to lease the remaining 1,900 square feet that is still available.

In summary, due to actions taken by St. Philips leadership coupled with improving commercial real estate conditions, the areas showing negative variances in 2013 are budgeted to produce fairly dramatic revenue growth during 2014.

The most significant expense variance to budget occurred in the administrative area and was related to increased property insurance premiums resulting from our disassociation with TEC. It is also important to note that St. Philips and other churches in our Diocese continue to share in the legal expenses associated with the TEC lawsuits. During 2013, St. Philips incurred a total of \$129,709 in legal fees which were paid out of a vestry-controlled investment account, and none of this was paid to our chancellor, whose work is donated pro bono. These fees are also not part of our 2013 operating deficit.

The Vestry recently approved the final draft of the budget for 2014, as presented by The Finance Committee at the April meeting, but not without careful observation and comment by our Vestry members. With a projected deficit of \$48,798 we are leaving room for improvement but notably advancing from our performance in 2013.

St. Philips continues to operate with a strong balance sheet and a growing congregation. We are blessed to have great leadership from our Rector, our Finance Committee, our Wardens, and our Vestry.

Respectfully Submitted and in God's Peace,  
Dexter C. Rumsey IV

# Annual Financial Report

	2012	2012	2013
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Giving	\$1,824,787	\$1,742,082	\$1,794,628
Other Income	\$366,100	\$384,603	\$288,600
Property Income	\$278,426	\$282,198	\$344,450
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,469,313</b>	<b>\$2,408,883</b>	<b>\$2,427,678</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Ministries	\$1,519,765	\$1,516,602	\$1,602,125
Property	\$353,013	\$328,351	\$361,907
Administration	\$570,840	\$536,144	\$561,453
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,443,618</b>	<b>\$2,381,097</b>	<b>2,525,485</b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$25,695</b>	<b>\$27,786</b>	
<b>PROJECTED DEFICIT 2013</b>			<b>(\$97,807)</b>

**BUDGETED REVENUES**Budgeted Revenues

Giving	\$1,794,628
Other Income	288,600
Income Property	344,450
<b><u>Total Budgeted Revenue</u></b>	<b>\$2,427,678</b>

**BUDGETED EXPENSES**Ministries

Clergy	\$518,205
Adult	25,750
Youth	75,583
Children	125,468
Pre-School	221,744
Membership & Incorporation	20,000
Music	240,708
Outreach	358,167
Guilds	16,500
<b><u>Total Ministries Expenses</u></b>	<b>\$1,602,125</b>

Property

Church	\$121,530
Chapel	14,075
Parish House	91,037
Ministries Hall	75,125
Cemeteries/Grounds	14,375
Church St.Parking Lot	3,200
Kaiser Parking Lot	975
Rectory	34,325
Tea Garden	<u>7,265</u>
<b><u>Total Property Expenses</u></b>	<b>\$361,907</b>

Administration

Ministerial Support	\$178,181
Office Support	383,272
<b><u>Total Administration Expenses</u></b>	<b>\$561,453</b>

**Total Budgeted Expenses****\$2,525,485****PROJECTED DEFICIT****(\$97,807)**

## ASSISTANT TO THE RECTOR—THE REVEREND HANK AVENT

As all of you know, I took my sabbatical during the Spring of 2013 which gave me a taste of what it's like to slow down and recharge. If I'm honest, I've got to admit that I didn't really want to slow down and recharge. I wanted to use the time to make a big dent in my bucket list. But, wiser heads prevailed (all you husbands know who I'm talking about) and my bucket list is still mostly intact.

After returning from sabbatical, I found myself desiring to make extra morning time for prayer. I've never been good at keeping a consistent daily quiet time. I'm easily distracted and am always brainstorming more ideas than a person ought to be allowed to do. So I tried to do a better job but met with minimal success which was discouraging. But God was aware of my need and he did something recently that changed that. At an unexpected moment, God opened my eyes and let me see him in a new way - as a close friend who enjoys my company. I'd never thought of God in this way. But, now that he's made me aware, this reality clearly stands out in the Bible. One illustration is in John's Gospel (in Chapter 1) where John the Baptist points out Jesus to two of his disciples, saying to them, "Behold, the Lamb of God". They follow Jesus, get invited to join him for the afternoon, and are transformed by the experience. Whatever happened that afternoon, there was something so welcoming about Jesus that they were irresistibly drawn to him from then on.

To be honest, I'd never thought about Jesus that way. I'd never thought about him enjoying time with *me*. My view of Jesus made our relationship very one-sided. His spirituality and mine were on such very different levels. My poverty of spirit made me think that I was always a disappointment to him and therefore not someone he enjoyed being with. But recently I was re-reading Jesus' first beatitude in Matthew's Gospel, and it totally amazed me. He said, "Blessed are the poor in Spirit". In that statement, I heard Jesus saying to me something like, "*God sent me here to show you something new that you've never dreamed possible. I've come to show that I want the company of ordinary people, particularly the ones who are spiritually poor. That means folks like Simon Peter... and, you, Hank Avent. You don't have to have any sort of special spiritual aptitude to be my friend. You can just be you, and, through our friendship, I'll free you so your spiritual life can become vibrant.*" Well, I can really relate to a man like that. And when he turns out to be God, the Son, the Savior of the world, well that's downright incredible.

And that has some pretty amazing consequences for the new way we can live. Think about your closest friend - I mean your best friend... the one who would give you the shirt off his back. Close friends have a mutual understanding. You don't have to wonder if they'll be there for you. Either of you can pretty much ask the other for any kind of help and it's not a burden or imposition. When you're a close friend, you're glad to do what your friend asks. Now imagine Jesus being your closest friend. A friend who would do anything for you, to the point of sacrificing his very life for you. If that's the case, then you know he's going to be there for you, whatever the situation. Knowing that, it's not so hard to want to be there for him if he asks you do something for him. If you're his friend, you'll do what he asks the same as you would for any other close friend. That's the kind of friendship Jesus is offering us... God is offering us! Amazing! If this is provocative, even disturbing to you - then you're truly understanding what I'm trying to say.

Maybe, like me, you've never thought of Jesus this way... as one who wants to be your closest friend, totally faithful, committed to stick with you no matter how unworthy you feel. Maybe, like me, you've thought of yourself as too poor in spirit, and unworthy of being friends with someone so lofty as Jesus. I hope you can begin to see him differently - as your closest friend who's there for you even (and especially) in your less-than-perfect moments.

Well, it seems I've gone to preaching, so I'll stop. Let me thank all of you who pray for Glo and me. We so need it. And also, thank you for praying for our son, Andrew, for his recovery from knee surgery. He's improving, but still not fully healed. So, please keep praying for him.

In my position as one of your clergy, I get to share your life in multiple ways: to see your faithfulness in worship, prayer, Bible study, giving and serving, and to be with you in your struggles when setbacks and trials come. I get to see your faith in all of life's situations, and it uplifts me and inspires me.

In this wonderful church family, with our great diversity of personalities, abilities, and interests, God has provided everything we need to be a blessed light to this community of Charleston and beyond. As Jesus' friends, *WE* are the light of the world. That's what he calls us in the Sermon on the Mount. When we know

Jesus as a friend, our potential to bless and touch others with God's goodness increases significantly. We can do it because Jesus has an ample supply of everything we need. He stated it clearly, "I've come to give you life and to give it to you in abundance."

I've run across a special illustration of what Jesus' abundant life looks like that I'd like to share with you. I invite you to log onto the link below and watch this short video which my son, Andrew, sent to me. It's a delightful video that you'll enjoy very much. And you'll find from about the 17:20 point on that there's a stunning illustration of the sort of friend that Jesus is, how he works, and the abundant life he wants us to experience as well.

[http://www.ted.com/talks/benjamin\\_zander\\_on\\_music\\_and\\_passion.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/benjamin_zander_on_music_and_passion.html)

With affection,

The Rev. Hank Avent

## **The Reverend Matthew W. McCormick**

Greetings St. Philip's Church!

Lisa, Colson, and I both count it a huge blessing to minister to St. Philip's Church and are thankful for y'all's ministry to us.

My main and overarching responsibility is to assist the Rector in various areas of ministry and to help meet the pastoral needs of the parish. This includes visiting the sick in hospitals and homes; conducting funerals; counseling the bereaved and troubled; preparing people for marriage and baptism. I also oversee the Christian Education Ministry. What can I say? We have an outstanding Christian Ed Team. Many thanks to the Best Confirmation Catechesist in the city, Gator Phillips! And how about the Mark Phillip's Mayberry Experience? Just simply awesome stuff.

On Weds. mornings I have a lot of fun running the 10AM Communion Service. If you ever want short communion service with strong emphasis on biblical teaching with a little humor, this may be the one you're looking for. Please swing on by sometime. My wonderful crowd of saints will warmly welcome you. If they put up with me, they will put up with anybody. Come stop on by.

Since early Feb 2013, I was called with the blessing of the Bishop and the Rector to pastor a new church plant in North Charleston, Church of the Resurrection. We began with 10 folks, while meeting in a bingo hall for about a month. As of January 2014 we now have 42 committed members meeting in the Watermission's International Building, which our very own Molly & George Greene offered for our church home. I also run a 6:30 Weds. Night Bible Study at the church, which gathers around 20-25 folks who wish to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Lord is growing this congregation and working mightily through this church.

Over this past year we have:

- \* Baptized 3 folks who came to faith in Christ
- \* Fed over 500 homeless people
- \* Provided school supplies to about 1000 families in need
- \* Helped contribute to the building of a Watermissions System
- \* Clothed over 100 toddlers in need
- \* Shared the gospel with over 600 folks this past fall in a one on one conversation

Quite simply, God is amazing!!!

Our service is @ 10AM on Sundays, why not come on by? I am sure Haden+ won't mind. Just blame me if he does. You can find more information @ [www.cot-res.org](http://www.cot-res.org)

Lisa and I continue to be thankful for all of you, our church family. We love all y'all and hope to see you at Church of the Resurrection on Sunday or at St. Philip's Church during the week.

God's peace,  
Matt+

## The Reverend Marc Boutan

What have I been doing since March 30, 2013? First of all, let me say again how pleased Trish and I are to be back with you at St. Philip's. I am thankful for the providence of God, and the invitation of Haden to be here.

As you know, Trish and I received the news about Renee's cancer in early February just after we accepted the call to St. Philip's. She and I had to divide our efforts for a season. Trish flew out to California to be with Renee and her treatments while I packed the house to get to Charleston by Easter, continuing my work with [www.Timberwolftools.com](http://www.Timberwolftools.com). All went well and we were reunited in the middle of July.

We all live in a studio apartment on the property of James and Celia Rembert's thanks to their tremendous welcome and hospitality. We have thoroughly enjoyed our accommodations on Martins Point, and our "extended family" life with them.

My main emphasis at St. Philip's this year has been to reconnect with lots of people through the services, Bible studies, and through one-on-one meetings. It's great to be reunited. You may remember my solicitation from the Eagle Lectern for meals. I enjoyed all the meals and social interactions that ensued as a result. I look forward to future connections, so if I don't call you, please feel free to call me for lunch or a visit anytime!

In addition to participating in Sunday services at St. Philip's Church, I have had the privilege to help out occasionally with Church of the Resurrection, our missional Church plant which meets at Water Missions Int'l in North Charleston. Matt McCormick is leading a vibrant and growing community of faithful Christians there, and it is a pleasure to back him up.

What God has been teaching me this year is the wonderful truth that you and I as Christians are truly united to Christ. I am seeking to fully understand and grow into what Paul means in the verse from Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ lives in me." Your love, through prayers, and comfort, and encouragement during this on-going period of uncertainty with Renee's health has taught me a lot about God's goodness and kindness. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marc

## ANNUAL REPORT – MUSIC – JAN-DEC 2013

In a typical week there are 6 choir rehearsals, one for each of the five children's choirs plus the adult choir. The adult choir sings for the main 10:30 service each Sunday morning, except once a month when the children's choirs sing. In addition there are countless administration duties that manage to fill to overflowing the workweek of the music staff.

I am blessed at St. Philip's to have an energetic and able staff, headed by my assistant choirmaster Jo Hethcox who is superior in everything she undertakes; and my clerical assistant Jane McGreevy, whose calm competence keeps everyone and everything on an even keel. A children's music program can be no better than the people it places in leadership positions; therein lies the secret of our success. In addition to Jo and Jane, we are extremely fortunate to have on call when needed our two accompanists: Elwin Garrett, who holds a masters degree in piano plus doctoral level work; and Anne Warf who has a masters degree in organ performance.

In addition to the ongoing activities mentioned above, the following events took place during the year:

On January 24, the Adult Choir sang Evensong for the opening of the Mere Anglicanism Conference, an annual gathering of Anglicans from around the world, held at St. Philip's Church.

On February 24, the morning service was organized to include the Society of the Cincinnati. A contingent from the Charleston Men's Chorus, under the direction of Bob Nuttall, provided the choral music for the day. That afternoon the Concert Choir of Charleston Southern University performed an hour-long concert in the church.

On March 6 the Furman Singers performed a full concert in the church. Our own Jess Hethcox is a member of that excellent singing group.

On April 12 our rehearsal rooms were made available to visiting choirs participating in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Charleston International Choir Festival.

In early May I attended the Bishop's Vestry Retreat at Camp St. Christopher. In late May and early June St. Philip's hosted 9 concerts by visiting choirs as part of Charleston's annual Spoleto Festival.

On July 22 the Canterbury Choir departed for England to participate in the weeklong International Children's Choir Festival, held in Canterbury and London. It was the 4<sup>th</sup> time the children had participated in the festival, which gathers children from around the world to study at the knee of David Flood, Master of the Choristers at Canterbury Cathedral, and Henry Leck, director of the internationally acclaimed Indianapolis Children's Choir. Our parent chaperones were amazed at the quality of teaching that took place, and the multi-level impact it had on our children spiritually, culturally, and musically.

The following week the boys of the St. David Choir joined us for a concert tour of Austria and the Czech Republic, where they sang a concert in St. Vitus Cathedral, Prague; in St. Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna; and they sang the 11:00am Sunday morning Mass in Mozart's home church, Salzburg Cathedral. The children's singing met with high praise everywhere they sang. The choir returned to the US on August 9.

On September 8 those children who went on tour sang about half of their tour repertoire for the congregation at the 10:30 Sunday morning service.

In October I attended the Kanuga Parish Weekend Retreat where I provided music for the Friday evening "Sing-Along" entertainment.

Our annual Lessons and Carols service was held on December 15, followed the next week by our 3 Christmas Eve services. It was a beautiful ending to an eventful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Capers Cross  
Organist-Choirmaster

# Children's Ministries

God is good!

Our ardent wish is that the Children of St. Philip's Church come away from their church experience, whatever level of participation they have, knowing that they are loved unconditionally by their God. They cannot lose that love. No matter what.

Lee and I are so pleased to have amazing volunteers in two of our biggest opportunities to reach children: Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. These great Christians are a blessing to us and the children!

We look for God in our everyday lives. He stays with us even when we are not at the church. This is the impetus behind the Meet at the Movies program. We model socializing with our church family. Coming together to eat- and even cook and eat! Enjoying each others company out of town at Kanuga. Combining church and Preschool at the Annual Egg Hunt.

It is joyful to see families who attend the church at the preschool and joyful still to see families who attend the preschool at church! The Preschool at St. Philip's continues to grow! This year we included a 4k for the first time.

This year's focus is on getting to know God. Preparation for our life in Christ!! We are thankful to God for all things.

However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"- the things God has prepared for those who love him- 1 Corinthians 2:9 NIV

Angela Clark  
Lee Moore

# Teaching Sunday School

I have had the honor of teaching the 3rd-6th grade Sunday school since 2007. I see teaching and sharing God's word as a hugely important calling and I approach the task with prayer, fear and trembling. My desire is that my students come away understanding the comfort and power found in studying the Bible. I explain that reading the word of God will fundamentally change them. I require my students to learn how to navigate through the Bible by learning the books. I also tell them the one thing I hope they take away is Hebrews 4:12, which tells us "for the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

I especially love seeing the kids start to understand this faith we are teaching them about. I had a very moving moment in my class recently. We were studying John 8 and learning about the mysteries of God. We read about when Jesus was arguing with the Pharisees and he told them that before Abraham was I AM. My class did not quite understand what Jesus was saying, so I showed them a short clip from the movie the Prince of Egypt. We watched a very powerful scene where Moses is at the burning bush and God is calling him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Moses then asked God who should I say is sending me to free them? God says for Moses to tell them I AM is sending you. To witness one of the children's faces when she said mouth agape "Jesus is God?!!" was priceless. I had chills and tears ran down my cheeks. These are the moments I am most honored and humbled to share this Jesus to whom no one or nothing compares. Please pray for all Sunday school teachers that God will use us mightily to bring his Kingdom.

In Christ,  
Marnie Kerrison

# Youth Ministry Annual Report 2014

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Dear St. Philipians,

Glory be to God! Christ is King and worthy of our praise and thanksgiving! Amen.

*"Illumine our hearts, O Master Who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy gospel teachings. Implant also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

I pray this prayer as part of my spiritual preparation before the kids show up for every youth group meeting. Why do I pray this specific prayer? It was inspired by St. Luke's Gospel Chapter 24 when Luke and Cleopas were traveling with Christ on the road to Emmaus. Jesus opened the scriptures to them and their hearts burned with fire for God. My hope is that the Gospel will be proclaimed and shared in faith so that by the time youth group is over every Friday and Sunday night the children's hearts are burning with desire to know and love God more fully! I love the language of the prayer and how Christ is the one who journeys with us and illumines our souls for the trip to our true home.

We have been studying St. Luke's Gospel for two years and we are now in the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. Our group has been enjoying Jesus' ability has to pack deep meaning into short and powerful parables. For example, last week we studied the parable of Lazarus and the rich man. We know that words and names are extremely important to the Hebrew culture and that names told of the promises of God. Christ, in the first two sentences of this parable, grabbed the attention of his audience by giving the poor man covered in sores who was being licked by dogs a name, "Lazarus," and leaving the rich man unnamed. The reference is clear; you can have everything in the world and be known to the people of the world, but not be named in the presence of God. Where as, you could have nothing in the world except the hope that is only found in Christ and have everything... a name in the presence of God. Lazarus means "God Has Helped." Please notice the tense; it is past tense. God has already helped, his promise is fulfilled and he can be trusted to take care of us. What he did in the past, he does in the present, and he will do in the future!

The names of your children are important to my heart, and I am encouraged to pray deeply for each one of them. After every youth group, on my commute back to James Island, as I see the moon rippling on the harbor and the white cross stuck in the pluff mud, I pray that the seeds of the Gospel lesson taught that night will not be snatched by birds, fall on hard-packed ground, grow up with shallow roots and wither, or be crushed by the thorns of this world, but that the seeds will grow to produce 20, 40, 60, 100 fold for the Kingdom of God!

We take prayer seriously at youth group and it is a joy to sit in the small group circles and listen to your children pray. They lift up intercessions and thanksgivings for each other, families, friends, schools, illnesses, disasters in the world, etc... I am honored to walk with these amazing kids on the road to Emmaus as our Lord Jesus Illumines our hearts, our souls, and bodies, for life everlasting. Like Lazarus' name implies I am truly thankful that God has helped this program thrive and grow for many years and I trust he will continue his provision!

In Christ, David Louis Gilbert, Youth Pastor

## SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS ANNUAL REPORT 2013

St. Philip's Church and the Diocese experienced many blessings during 2013. The year began with a special Congregational Meeting on January 13, 2013. The Senior Warden, Myron Harrington delivered a powerful address, articulating precisely why the meeting was called and the items for congregational discussion. Bishop Mark Lawrence, our Rector Haden McCormick and the church Chancellor Foster Gaillard also explained the need to adopt several resolutions. These Resolutions affirm that St. Philip's Church is no longer in any relationship with TEC, but that St. Philip's Church remains affiliated with the Diocese of South Carolina, her locally elected Standing Committee, and her rightful Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, and declared the Vestry's and St. Philip's support of the Diocese of South Carolina's disaffiliation from TEC. After giving the Congregation the opportunity to ask questions, the Rector asked for a vote, by show of hands, of those supporting a vote of confidence for the Vestry's action in approving the November 11, 2012 Resolutions. A show of hands vote then ensued, and by count of the tellers, the vote was 211 in favor, with none opposed.

Throughout the year we were blessed to see the defense of St. Philips and The Diocese of South Carolina prevail in various legal events throughout the course of the litigation. As always our legal team of Alan Runyan, Mark Philips and Foster Gaillard did a superb job of navigating the churning waters, and we owe them special thanks for the hard work and dedication. In particular, we would like to especially thank the church Chancellor, Foster Gaillard for his many years and countless hours of volunteer service to St. Philip's. The Vestry is very grateful and always comforted by having Foster's integral oversight.

In March, the delegates from St. Philip's had the pleasure of attending the 222<sup>nd</sup> Diocesan convention in Florence. If ever there was any doubt about the unity of the diocesan parishes, it was quickly extinguished at the 2013 convention. Under Bishop Lawrence's fearless leadership, all churches of the Diocese were solidly aligned shoulder to shoulder.

In May, The Vestry, Clergy and Mark Lawrence participated in a retreat at Camp St. Christopher. We spent two glorious days in prayer and reflection regarding the role of the Mother Church. Bishop Lawrence's insight and wisdom when discussing the greater mission of St. Philip's "making biblical Anglicans for a global age" served as the basis for our retreat.

During 2013 we witnessed a small church plant in North Charleston, The Church of the Resurrection, flourish with the support of St. Philip's and the Pastoral care of Reverend Matthew McCormick. The good people of that congregation are so grateful to have a home after their former parish joined TEC.

In closing, we would like to thank each vestry member with a special acknowledgement of gratitude for his or her hard work, dedication and determination to do the right thing for St. Philip's. Over this past year the Vestry was asked to carefully monitor and make recommendations for the proper stewardship of St. Philip's, and for that we are thankful. Also, without the superb support of Chisolm Leonard and his outstanding parish administrative team our work would have been incomplete. Finally, our thanks to our Rector, Haden McCormick, for his leadership as we are "Pursuing the Gospel Challenge in Turbulent Times."

We are most grateful for the opportunity to have served St. Philip's this past year.

David Grubbs, Crayton Walters  
Senior Warden, Junior Warden

## **Buildings and Grounds Council**

The Buildings and Grounds Council is the liaison between the Vestry and the property and cemetery committees. At times they also get involved in capital maintenance, property maintenance, up grading equipment and construction issues. This includes our six historic buildings; church, chapel, ministries hall, parish house, tea garden, rectory, as well as the graveyard, cemetery and grounds. Additionally, we along with the Finance Committee monitor our State Street Office building and two owned and one leased parking lot. Together, with respective committee heads and the parish administrator, we strive to keep our properties in excellent condition.

During 2013, we experienced various and mostly expected routine maintenance and repairs to our various properties. The focus has been to make repairs and improvements that are of high quality with long term warranty to protect the interest of St. Phillip's into the future and that are economical in construction cost as well as to maintain.

During the year, the State Street Office building experienced issues with roof leaks and proposals were received to replace and upgrade the roof and substructure. The work has been completed and the State Street Office Building now has a completely new roof that has a twenty year warranty with annual inspections to monitor the roof's condition and keep it in good shape. Four swing motors in the belfry were replaced and they are now also under an extended warranty. New information signs have been installed at either entry to the church. Also, at the suggestion of a parishioner we repositioned the light on the south side of the steeple to better illuminate it. The Charleston County Parking Garage is being converted to operations that will have an automated entry/exit system; and in that respect, there will be validation machines installed in the parish hall, ministries hall and inside either entry door in the church. Out parking lots also are under new management. St. Phillip's is fortunate to have a capable and dedicated staff, contractors and maintenance support people who provide outstanding service in a timely manner, which is an important two way relationship that we value highly.

The cemetery committee continues restoring grave stones and markers in an on-going program under the direction of Francis Ford. Grounds maintenance is also an on-going program under the direction of Tommy Anderson.

The property committee headed by Bill Thompson and the cemetery committee headed by Richard Hutson along with the parish administrator are dedicated and diligent in their monitoring, managing and improving the facilities of our historic properties to ensure their preservation for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Miller L. Love, Jr. PE

# Communications

2013 Was a year of movement toward bigger and better things for communications at St. Philip's. With Carol Burk at the helm of our communications/publications department and Florance Anderson heading up our audio-visual department, we have conquered all the challenges of 2013.

Florance Anderson was able to train a few volunteers for helping with the sound and recording systems in the Church and in the Parish Hall. Bob Huddleston is now on board as a tested substitute and we have more in training. Florance really does a fantastic job of seeing that everyone's AV needs are met. She has overseen the installation of an improved control panel in the church allowing us to tweak the sound to perfection. We have the capability for 5 people to connect for direct wired hearing aids in the church. She also oversees all sound, recordings and projections for presentations in the Parish Hall and Parlor (Men's luncheons, DCW meetings, Adult Forums and Alpha to name just a few of the regular events she handles) Florance helps our choir to practice by editing the recordings of the choir rehearsals made by using a portable Tascam digital recorder and then making CDs of the recordings for the children's choirs. She also uploads audio versions of all sermons onto the website right after church each week. All Wednesday men's luncheon talks, Brian's bible studies during adult forum (Mark and Matthew) are available as CDs but not on internet. Also funeral services are always recorded for archives and weddings can be recorded upon request.

We have decided not to renew our Phone Tree subscription since now, with evites, Facebook, and Twitter, the word can get around very quickly. Even though the automated phone call reminders for church events were effective for a time, I doubt many of us will regret not getting them any more.

Carol Burk has revamped the mailing and layout of our *inSPIRE* so that it can now be mailed in an envelope. This allows our faithful and expert "label ladies" to seal the *inSPIRE* without applying those aggravating circles. The envelope allows for easier transport through the mail and it will also allow us to insert other mailings when the need arises, easily and quickly. Everyone seems to be very happy with the new process. The *inSPIRE* arrives in better shape and is easier to open.

Carol has also been training Felicia Lescow how to publish the *inSPIRE* from the creating stage to the printing and folding stages. This backup guarantees that the "mail will get delivered" even if Carol cannot be here for some unforeseen reason like sickness or ice storms!

## Looking forward to 2014:

Of course maintaining an up to date database, is the most challenging part of any communications department. How do you communicate well if you have an out of date phone number, email address, or postal address. We are looking to make it easier to update our database with the help of a new ACS program called Access. Access gives you a way to update your own information in a tested, reliable and safe **On-Line Church Directory**. This program will help us communicate with you as well as you be able to communicate with each other! You may start seeing "photographers" everywhere as we try to update our photos for this new online directory.

We hope to have this Directory easily accessible on our **New And Improved Website** as well. So not only will you be able to look up your new, or old, friend from church, but you also will be able to access your info and make your own updates easily, quickly and safely since it will be password protected.

We also plan to have **on line giving** as a feature of our new website. This will make it easier for you to keep up with your tithing and other giving.

We already have a **St. Philip's Facebook** page to help you keep up with what is going on at St. Philip's in a timely manner. To join, search for St. Philip's Church and submit a friend request. You will receive a confirmation which joins you to the page.

St. Philip's remains committed to her orthodox and traditional heritage but we are moving into the 21<sup>st</sup> century this year as far as technology goes. We hope you are all joining us on this exciting journey!

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne McCord

# Fellowship

As Vestry Liaison to the Fellowship Council, I have quickly become aware of the multiple complex issue involved and forces that St. Philip's faces. As a novice, my goal is continued growth and service to the church.

The Tea Room is coming full speed ahead. The dates are set: April 28<sup>th</sup> until Mary 2<sup>nd</sup>. The leadership team is organized, poised, and very excited. They have covered a multitude of operational issue and only need VOLUNTEERS for daily operations. Solicitation for such will be forthcoming.

The Men's Ministry continues with its vigorous leadership. Miles Barkley plans at least four events yearly. Also, the monthly luncheons are increasing in popularity. The recent Shrove Tuesday pancake supper was a huge success.

The Diocesan Church Women's ministries (DCW) are very active. These ladies are the silent heroines of St. Philip. Unaware and ignorant was I until I learned from Roberta O'Shea, President, about the multitude of events and burdens this ministry takes on. Quietly and without fanfare do they serve. Our commendations for them all.

IHS,

Edward C. Morrison

# Home Missions Report for 2013

Special thanks to the members of the Home Missions Committee for their service.

Courtenay Fain

Tracy Graudin

Preston Hipp

Bill McIntosh

Catherine Jones

Jane McGreevy

## **Home Missions supported the following ministries in 2013.**

Alpha

Biblical Family Center

Canterbury House

Church Street Mission

Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy

Crisis Ministries

Discretionary

Eagle Harbor

Healing Farm

Hebron Grace Santee Inc.

H.E.L.P.

International Seafarers Ministries

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

Ladies Fuel Society

Lowcountry Pregnancy Center

Lowcountry Orphan Relief

Porter Gaud Chaplaincy

Resurrection Gospel Plant

St John's Chapel: Dallas Wilson

Tricounty Family Ministries

Trinitas Foundation

Ric Webb: Seminarian

York Place

Submitted by Preston Hipp, Chair

# Pastoral Care

In reality, every aspect of church life at Saint Philip's has to do with pastoral care. Our clergy, music leaders, education directors, and all of the staff serve the congregation every day.

The Compassion Committee, led by Monti M. Hanger and Callie McLaurin, performs outstanding ministry providing meals, hams, beautiful flowers and plants, comforting notes, and visits to members and sharing Christ's love. Over the past year, committee members have delivered over sixty meals, ten hams, more than one hundred lilies and poinsettias and arrangements of fresh flowers. Garden H. Frampton, Pringle Franklin, and others have written comforting notes, offering hope and solace. Calls and visits have been blessings. Connie Stahl has been a fine source of delicious provision. Donna Stouffer and Felicia Lescow are always most helpful. The excellent CDs so faithfully created by Florence Anderson make it possible for many to hear wonderful teachings that they have missed.. Heart-felt messages of appreciation show how much this ministry means to so many. Recently, the compassion committee has placed cards in the pews, hoping to increase outreach. Members of the congregation are urged to inform the clergy and the committee if they know of a member in need, and they are invited to join this ministry, serving as "The Hands of Christ."

The Prayer Chain, headed by Ann Yarborough and team captains, prays for our people and their concerns in response to special requests. This is a confidential offering of intercession, responding to Our Lord's directive that we should pray in faith and love for one another. Many have said that it is a source of strength to know that they have a church family praying for them.

The women of Saint Philip's want to serve also in assisting with parish funeral receptions if a family would like this service. It is hoped that The Stephen Ministry will resume activity soon.

We all give thanks for our clergy, leaders, and staff, and for the many volunteers who share the love of God in pastoral care at Saint Philip's. We are blessed to be a part of a faithful parish. May Jesus Christ give us His Holy Spirit to lead us always.

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine O. Jones.

# **SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

St. Philips continues to educate, lift up, inspire, and create fellowship through weekly Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Groups, Men's and Women's Bible Studies, and Adult Education. Each parishioner has the opportunity for personal growth through the varied curriculum and leadership offered. There is something for everyone who is seeking God's words.

Our Sunday School's enrollment is healthy. Once our school year ends, the children will all come together for Vacation Bible School the week of July 14. St. Philips hosts the largest in the area thanks to our creative leaders and many volunteers.

This year St. Philips Pre-School enrolled 71 students from babies to four year olds.

Our Confirmation Class, lead by Al Phillips is bursting with 45 enthusiastic youth ready to be confirmed on April 27.

The Men's and Women's Bible Studies present opportunities several days each week to study the Bible and be introduced to God's word through fresh eyes. And not only do parishioners have choices between days of the week, but also times of the day. Breakfast time, mid morning, lunch time, or evening, a seat is waiting for you. The fellowship of a small group Bible study is a perfect way to be grounded, renewed and recharged during the middle of the week or before the busy weekend begins. Members of St. Philips and also those of other churches attend our Bible programs, giving opportunity for new friendships in Christ.

As always, Sunday Adult Forums continue life-long learning during the Sunday School hour. Our ministers continue to share their knowledge of scripture to equip us as we navigate through day to day issues.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte M. Williams

# World Missions

*Acts 1:8 “But you will receive the power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

God continues to bless our world mission efforts and those we serve through being faithful in prayers, sending teams, and financial support. We give God the glory for the privilege of partnering with Him in building, strengthening and deepening relationships throughout the World.

Through our presence and encouragement, we connect one part of God’s world to another part of God’s world.

St. Philips continues her roll with our focus and relationships in the following areas.

*LAMB* – Honduras-representative - Susan Keller

*Suzy McCall* – Honduras – representative –Susan Keller

*El Hogar* – Honduras – representative - Gene Lesesne

*Honduras Medical Missions* – representative - Ken and Pat Holden

*Honduras Medical Missions* – representative – Laurie Harrell

*Fig Tree- Rwanda / Martha Vetter* – representative – Tammy Gottshalk

*Haiti – St. Jean Baptist Episcopal Church* –representative – Gerry & Suzanne McCord

*Water Missions – World Wide* –representative – Sam Robinson

2013 was another full year with mission teams and families going to visit Suzy in Tegucigalpa serving her with the needs of LAMB and the students. Also

Suzy McCall celebrating **24 years in Tegucigalpa, Honduras** serving now as ordained priest in addition to L.A.M.B and numerous outreaches with her love for the Hondurans.

Ken and Pat Holden celebrating **24 years** in Honduras leading medical missions, assisting with critical needs that necessitate USA medical treatment and lecturing.

Laurie Harrell celebrating **7 years in Honduras** leading medical teams including several of our youth.

Many Parishioners participated in the vital support of the “**pill packings**” for the Honduras Medical Trip.

Haiti celebrating **24 years** with our Sister Church and schools on La Gonave Island. We had our first 2 day medical clinic led by Laurie Harrell for our sister church when there for our annual feast day celebration witnessing 22 baptisms. (quite a sight to behold)

Martha Vetter had another successful year in Rwanda with the banana planting project planting over 1,000 “suckers” that should produce fruit this year.

Water Missions International very active throughout the world with St. Philips volunteers assisting on a regular basis assembling the Purification Units for delivery when emergency and ongoing potable water needs arise. They moved into their new facility at the old navy base and now hosting St. Philips church plant Church of the Resurrection for Sunday worship led by Matt McCormick.

World Mission brochures are available in the narthex and office .World Mission moments and announcements are also found in the INSPIRE and on our web site [www.stphilipschruchsc.org](http://www.stphilipschruchsc.org).

We welcome any parishioner interest in our current focus areas or perhaps God is calling you to another part of the world. Please contact any one of the representatives above or call the church office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerry McCord

# Worship Council, Annual Report

The Worship Council consists of the Altar Guild, the Flower Guild, the Wedding Guild and the Choirs. June Nuttall and Betsy Harvey have the Altar Guild under complete control, seeing that linens, wafers, wine and vessels are present where they ought to be each week. Lately they have inspired the vestry member in liaison with their guild to demonstrate for a raise for the faithful person who washes and presses the church linens. When pressed Chisolm Leonard and others in charge of expenditures found means to satisfy the overdue request for a raise.

Faithful and longsuffering, literally with a broken bone recently, Edith Lucas has put in more than her time as chair of the Flower Guild. She and her assistants need a leader to step forward, one with a certain knowledge of flower arranging. Be that as it may, Edith and her magnanimous volunteers each week in the basement beneath the chapel snip, clip and arrange, demonstrating for the Godhead, the congregation and visitors their artistic, botanical magic. Edith and her ladies are the lovely creators behind the scene.

Anyone who has ever been involved in planning her own or a relative's or friend's wedding can imagine the precise managing duties of our communicants on the Wedding Guild. What these ladies do has to be correct and timely, as several two-person teams handle the recurring requests for weddings in our church throughout the year. Being on the Wedding Guild is a commitment, one that is a valuable ministry for the church. The Guild chair, Becky Riggs, would be pleased to hear from some volunteers to assist those who contribute toward re-peopling our nation with future Christians, including those interested enough in the faith to request a church wedding.

What can we say about our choirs under the direction of Capers Cross, choirmaster and organist, and Jolene Hethcox, assistant choirmaster? Anyone not transported at various times during a Sunday service by our choirs please meet me among the graves behind the church after next Sunday's 10:30 a.m. service. I'll have an audiologist with me.

Thanks to all our Guild Chairs

James Rembert

# Youth Council

Under the guidance of David Gilbert, the youth ministry continues to be an important part of St. Philips. Our Youth Programs provide a dynamic and benevolent Christian environment for our Junior and Senior High School students. The Junior High Program is on Friday nights 6-8 PM and the Senior High students meet on Sundays 6-8 PM. The weekly worship, games and supper on Friday and Sunday are an integral part of the youth program.

The programs provide a place where a “kid can come and be a kid” for a couple of hours by creating a safe and free environment that builds up and encourages their hearts and minds. The games and meals make for great fellowship. The youth enjoy sitting at one long table and eating pizza and other meal favorites provided by the generous parents. With respect to Christian study, David has recently been educating the youth with the Gospel of St. Luke and working toward getting them confident and comfortable in who Christ is, how he felt, how he thought, and how he lived.

The Youth Council continues to remain active in the community throughout the year with various service projects as well as donating their own funds to Water Missions International. To date, the students have raised over \$1300.00 dollars for Water Missions in this endeavor. For example, this month’s project is out at Strawberry Chapel where the St. Philips youth are going to take care of the grounds and prepare it for an upcoming church service to be held out there.

We are truly blessed to have David Gilbert and such a dedicated ministry available to the youth of St. Philips.

Respectfully Submitted,  
TJ Parsell