

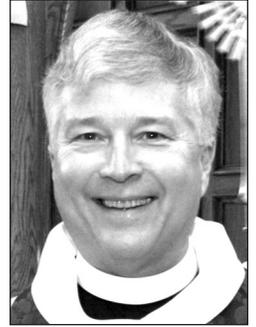
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Living Locally But Praying Globally

As some of you know, I grew up in a small town in east central Indiana. Although the population of Liberty was under two thousand, we were a very self-contained community. There were two grocery stores, two pharmacies, clothing stores, and an old-fashioned five and dime store—even a small movie theatre and a bowling alley. My weekend and summer employment during high school was at the local Dairy Queen. We more or less lived locally. When I was a kid I remember vividly walking up Seminary Street (yes that's the name of the street we lived on!) to the local Methodist church, where I became the organist in the eighth grade. The disadvantage of living in a small town is that everyone knew just about everyone else. The advantage of living in small town is of course the same thing—that people knew each other, looked after one another, and formed friendships that lasted a lifetime.



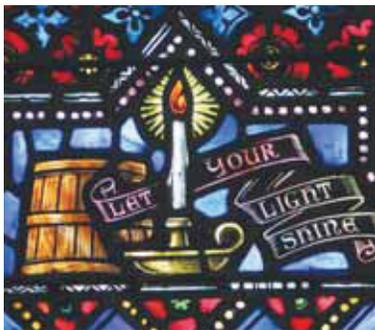
Since leaving that town for college and then seminary, I have lived in several of the largest metropolitan areas of the country—Boston, New York, Minneapolis, Chicago, and now Atlanta. Although I love what big city life offers, I do sometimes miss the intimacy of small town America, and not just when I'm driving! Although I have lived here for twelve years now, I still try to live as locally as possible—paying attention to local politics, volunteering my time in non-profits, shopping in my neighborhood. I even discovered recently a shoe company that makes shoes here in the USA, and bought my first pair. It felt good not to see *Made In China* stamped on the box. But of course life has changed a great deal since I left Liberty, Indiana forty-five years ago. I know some of my neighbors, but most are strangers. The pace of life has quickened greatly, and I'm afraid that our new dependency on all of our electronic devices has actually complicated our lives further and reduced live human conversation to almost nothing. I still want to make a difference where I live, but in a metropolitan community of six million people, that often seems to be a daunting task.

Even Church life has changed. In my first parish, where I was first Vicar and then Rector, I knew everyone's name and for many folks the church truly was the center of their spiritual and social lives. Members engaged one another with the same energy they engaged the Scriptures which fed them. When someone was missing from church for a while, there was someone who actually made a point of calling them up. It certainly wasn't a perfect place, but it was very real. When the new prayer book was introduced to the parish we struggled together over these new rites, and found new ways of compromising and of worshipping. And now, after forty years in the ministry I find that the most important parts of church life are the same as they were then: worship, building relationships, service in the community, and trying to help others and make this world a more "God-like" place.

As I write this article, the world does seem to be crumbling apart. Thousands of children are entering this country seeking shelter and safety, running away from the violence and abuse in South and Central America. A commercial jet has been shot out of the sky over the contested part of Ukraine that is at war. Israel invaded Gaza in an attempt to destroy missiles being launched at them by Hamas, but the number of civilian casualties mounts. It's all pretty scary, and one wonders if there are any simple solutions to the complex problems our world faces. So what's a Christian to do? Every day when we say our prayers, I pray that we not only include our local concerns—prayers for healing and prayers for those we know, but that our prayers might be bolder and grander in their scale. For if solutions to our global problems are to be found, it may take divine intervention to lead us out of this seemingly hopeless situation. For if St. Paul was correct when he said in Romans that "in hope we are saved," then it will be holy hope that will lead us through these perilous times. For we hope, as Paul says, for what we do not see, waiting for it with patience.

I hope that we will continue to live well locally, for that's where our actions can make the most difference. But let us also continue to pray globally—for all those seemingly hopeless situations when it seems as if the whole creation is groaning in labor pains.

The Reverend Canon Todd Smelser



*As it is written,
"How beautiful
are the feet of
those who bring
good news!"*

From this week's lectionary



PROGRAMS DURING THE WEEK

2014 CHAPTER

Rob Adams (Treasurer), Meredith Bateman, Henry Benson, Josh Borden, Cindra Brown, Mary Caroline Cravens (Secretary), Merritt Dyke (Executive Committee-at-Large), Wade Hooper, Grover Maxwell, Randy Rizer, Jennifer Rosenblath (Senior Warden), Ruth Russ, Holly Sims (Junior Warden), Robert Spiotta, Susan Troutman, Caroline Wallace, George Watson, Buddy Weston

TUESDAYS

The Dean's Men's Bible Study: 7-8 a.m., Room 319. Weekly Bible study is led by Sam Candler, the Dean of the Cathedral, and others. *From June through August the group studies lectionary texts for each upcoming Sunday.*

Early Morning Women's Bible Study: 7-8 a.m., Walthour Library. *This group will resume meeting in September.*

St. Veronica's Guild: The guild offers fellowship as members give time, raise funds, and collect goods to support Church of the Common Ground, Holy Comforter Church, Crossroads Community Ministries, Emmaus House, and Rainbow Village. Periodic guild fundraisers benefit other charities in our community and beyond. The guild meets on **second Tuesdays, September -May, at 10:30 a.m. in Lanier House.** Contact Lane Barnum, 678-713-9112, lbarnum6@yahoo.com.

St. Monica's Guild: The guild meets the **second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Gould Room** and focuses on support for and fellowship among mothers of school-age children and younger. Contact Kate Brewer, kbrewer100@gmail.com or 917-887-3312. *This group will resume meeting in September.*

Daughters of the King: The group meets the **second Tuesday of the month at 5:15 p.m. in Mikell Chapel** to offer the Daughters of the King (DOK) daily prayers. After prayers we have a light supper in room 239 or at a local restaurant. All women are welcome. The DOK is a group of Episcopal women who focus on prayer, service, and evangelism. Contact Cathy Hutcheson at 770-451-0907 or jchutcheson@juno.com. *This group will resume meeting on September 9.*

WEDNESDAYS

The Dean's Women's Bible Study: 10:45-11:45 a.m., Room 319. Weekly Bible study is led by Sam Candler, the Dean of the Cathedral, and others. *From June through August the group studies lectionary texts for each upcoming Sunday.*

Eat Your Word Bible Study: Noon, Room 239. Canon Wallace Marsh leads this bible study. This summer we will be studying the life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

St. Elizabeth's Guild: The guild meets at **noon on the first Wednesday of the month in Room 381.** We volunteer in the Cathedral Archives, support the Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children, and we help with the Cathedral Antiques Show. Contact Carol Clark at 404-233-1591 or caroljclark@bellsouth.net or Lida Askew, 770-435-2455.

Centering Prayer: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Lanier House Chapel. Contact Jeannie Mahood at jmahood@stphilipscathedral.org.

THURSDAYS

Centering Prayer: 4 p.m., Lanier House Chapel. Contact Ann Hickman, mannhick@aol.com.

FRIDAYS

St. Clare's Guild: We welcome all mothers of school-age children (elementary, middle, and high school) to join our guild for outreach both as a group and as an activity with our kids. A schedule is posted at stphilipscathedral.org/stclares. Contact Leah Wilkerson at lswilkerson@comcast.net or 404-603-8574. *This group will resume meeting in September.*



CLERGY AND SENIOR STAFF

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Vicar

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 10, 2014 / Pentecost 9: Proper 14A

Liturgy of the Word

Lesson: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Epistle: Romans 10:5-15

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Mikell Chapel
Celebrant and Preacher:
Canon Todd Smelser

8:30 a.m. Nurturing Center opens

8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Cathedral
Celebrant: Canon Carolynne Williams
Preacher: Canon Wallace Marsh

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Mikell Chapel
Celebrant and Preacher:
Canon Todd Smelser

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Cathedral
Celebrant: The Rev. Ricardo Bailey
Preacher: Canon Todd Smelser

1:30 p.m. La Santa Eucaristia, Mikell Chapel
Preacher: The Rev. Ricardo Bailey

The Nurturing Center opens at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday for children age four and younger.

Children's Chapel: During the 8:45 a.m. service, an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word is offered in St. Mary's Chapel for children in first through fifth grades and in the Children's Chapel for children three years through kindergarten. Children attending either of these chapel services will process into the Nave at the Offertory to join their parents for Holy Communion.

MUSIC

Sunday, August 10, 2014 / Proper 14A

8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist / Cathedral Choir (Cantoris)
Herbert Howells, *Jubilate Deo (Collegium Regale)*
Henry Loosemore, *O Lord, increase our faith*

WORSHIP MONDAY-SATURDAY

Daily Office, Year Two

Morning Prayer: 8:45 a.m., Monday-Saturday, Mikell Chapel.

Holy Eucharist: 12:15 p.m., Monday-Friday (Healing on Friday), St. Mary's Chapel.

Evening Prayer: 5:45 p.m., first, second and fourth Thursday, Mikell Chapel.

Centering Prayer: 4 p.m., Thursday and 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Lanier House Chapel.

Labyrinths: Indoor, 3-8 p.m., most Mondays and Fridays, Child Hall. Call 404-365-1000 to confirm availability. Outdoor, in front of the Lanier House, open daily.

Taizé Service: 8 p.m., third Monday of the month, Mikell Chapel. Labyrinth available at 7 p.m. in Child Hall.

WORSHIP SUPPORT

JOIN THE WEDDING GUILD

The Wedding Guild is looking for new members! Members of the guild work with brides before the rehearsal, assist the clergy with the rehearsal, and coordinate preparations prior to the wedding ceremony. The guild is the welcoming committee—not only for the couple being married at the Cathedral, but also for their families and guests, many of whom are first-time visitors to our sacred space. Our hope is that everyone associated with each wedding will leave saying what a beautiful experience they had. To learn more about our ministry:

- come to our next guild meeting on **Wednesday, August 13 at 6 p.m.** in room 239
- visit the Wedding Guild table at Homecoming on **August 17**
- call one of the Wedding Guild Co-Chairs: Sherri Musgrove (404-641-9657) or Joan Gilbert (404-310-2791).

OUTREACH

HELP ST. ANNE'S GUILD STOCK BUCKHEAD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY'S PANTRY

August is Food Drive Month at the Cathedral as St. Anne's Guild reaches



out to you for donations of food and/or checks of \$20 or more in support of Buckhead Christian Ministry (BCM). We ask your special help this month to ensure that BCM has plenty of food on hand for anyone who needs our support. Please stop by our table in the Atrium each Sunday in August for a list of food items and a grocery bag or two, or simply write a check for \$20 or more (the equivalency of a well-stocked grocery bag) to the Cathedral of St. Philip, with BCM in the memo line.

ATTENTION CATHEDRAL YOUTH!

If you are in grade 6 or higher, please consider joining the ranks of our Youth Acolyte corps! Get to know other youth and clergy, and learn more about our worship behind the scenes. It's a fun way to learn all kinds of skills, while also contributing to the community. Training for new acolytes will be **Sunday, September 7 at 12:30 p.m.** To sign up, come to the Homecoming Ministry Fair in Child Hall on **Sunday, August 17 at 10:10 a.m.**, or contact Jeannie Mahood at (jmahood@stphilipscathedral.org, 404-365-1034).

Do you feel called to give back to your faith community? Do you love Holy Eucharist and want to share it with others? Please consider serving as a Eucharistic Minister or Eucharistic Visitor. Sign up for training or talk to one of the clergy, or call Jeannie Mahood (404-365-1034) for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Friends of Cathedral Music and the Moore-Wilkerson Fund present

ALAN MORRISON, ORGANIST
Tuesday, September 9 at 8 p.m.



The concert is in celebration of the centennial of the Atlanta chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Morrison will play, "Chorale and Gigue," which was commissioned for the occasion and composed by David Conte.

MEMBERSHIP

Wedding: Kelsey Fritz and Dorrier Coleman, married July 26, 2014

Death: Margaret Whittemore

PRAYERS

For those who are ill or recovering:

Priscilla and Sterling Beale
Lawrence Cowart
Bettie Driver
Matilda Dobbs
Terry Dornbush
Mary Elrod
Pat Glomb
Jane Knight
John Miner
Ruth Swanson
Julia Alston

Rodger Beatty
Sara Beebe
Meredith, Adam, and Leo
Bugenske
Andrew Clark
Barbara Daniel
Samuel Dedonatis
Jim Farley
Matthew Albritton Frame
Miguel Gatins
Bob Hillegas
Judith Klauba

Pat Krebs
Lisa Krysiak
Margaret Winders Kuhn
Chen Ying Liang
Annie Loring
Jack Lyle
William Epperson Massie
Jan and Dan McPherson
Michael McRae
Robert Ethan Myers
Linda O'Hara
John Thompson

Esther, Ted, Katherine, and Ben Williams
Stephen Williamson

For those who have died
Lorraine Chambers
Abby Hinson

For all those serving their country away from home, for their safe return, and for their families who wait for them

For all expectant parents



SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT THE CATHEDRAL

On the menu: sausage biscuits (\$2.50), muffins (\$2), cinnamon rolls (\$2), danishes (\$1.50), bagels (\$1.50), seasonal fruits (50 cents) and orange or apple juices (50 cents).

7-9 a.m. in Child Hall

SUNDAY CLASSES AT 10:10 A.M.

Essential Bible Stories (Child Hall)

This summer we're focusing on the stories of the Bible. Join us as we look at a different story each week and consider why it is fundamental to the faith and essential to our life in the world today. Each session will be led by a different speaker.

On **August 10**, Gordon Mathis will lead the discussion on "Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch" (Acts 8:26-40). The full schedule can be found at stphilipscathedral.org/ofss.



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CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

2014 SENIOR EYC RAFTING RETREAT: "OUT OF THE WATER"

The Cathedral "Senior EYC," that is 9th–12th grade Episcopal Youth Community, is going rafting **August 23–24!** Before school and sports get too crazy, join your friends for a weekend rafting down the Ocoee River, horseback riding or ropes course, a bonfire and s'mores, relaxation and games, in Tennessee. Come explore what God is speaking to you for the new school year.

Get all the details and the registration form on the Cathedral youth website: www.stphilipscathedral.org/youth. Cost is \$135. Scholarships are available. Registration deadline is **Sunday, August 10**.

BOOK PACKING AT THE THRIFT HOUSE

On **Sunday, August 10** all are invited to meet for lunch at Fellini's following the 11:15 service then caravan to the Cathedral Thrift House to help pack and move inventory to their new location. Children, youth, parents, grandparents, anyone who just wants to have a good time and help out for a few hours—all are welcome! We need heavy lifting, drivers, organizers, unpackers, and jolly souls who just want to see the new location and brighten the mood of the workers. We plan to be at the Thrift House by 2 p.m. and will work until 4 p.m. Parents dropping off and picking up should do so from that location. Please let Mary Hunter Rouse (mrouse@stphilipscathedral.org) know if you plan to participate.

LAAMISTAD VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Our partnership with LaAmistad, afterschool tutoring and mentoring for first-generation American students from Garden Hills Elementary School, will continue to grow this fall. We will offer a full Godly Play session to the children on Mondays from 2:45–3:45 p.m. and an opportunity to integrate the Biblical narrative into their everyday lives through a book study on Wednesdays from 2:45–3:45 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering with this ministry beginning in mid-August, contact Mary Hunter Rouse at mrouse@stphilipscathedral.org for details. Ideally the volunteers who participate in this portion of our LaAmistad program would be trained in Godly Play, though that is not a requirement.

We are also recruiting tutors for the academic portion of the program to volunteer on Mondays and/or Wednesdays from 3:30–5 p.m.

Homecoming Ministry Fair

COME AND SEE THE VARIED AND WONDERFUL WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE COMMUNITY LIFE OF THE CATHEDRAL

Ministry Fair

Homecoming Sunday, August 17

10:10 a.m.

Child Hall

Representatives from all guilds, groups, and classes will be present to discuss their ministry. Come meet new friends and reconnect with old ones!

