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# Breaking ground



Chapel of the Cross, Rolling Fork, celebrates a new beginning



**May 1** → I rose early for a workout before heading to the office. I spent my first bit of time finishing my April journal. Bishop-Elect Wells began her new ministry with us this morning! She and I met for a while before we convened an all-staff meeting. After the meeting, we walked over to the Capital Club for a staff luncheon and more welcome to Mississippi time. After lunch, Canon Ponder, Bishop-elect, and I met for another brief meeting. Later in the afternoon, I got busy with a variety of phone calls. A new chapter for the Diocese of Mississippi has begun!

**May 2** → My car needed some work so I dropped it at Paul Moak and walked back to the Allin house. I was greeted by a message from Perry Perkins of Working Together Mississippi asking me to join other faith leaders at the Capitol for a last-ditch effort to encourage passage of Medicaid expansion. After the press conference, I walked to Paul Moak and brought my car back. During the afternoon hours, I met with Bishop-elect Wells and Canon Ponder.

**May 3** → I woke up with tremendous shoulder pain and decided to skip my morning workout. While watching the morning news, I learned that Medicaid expansion was officially dead. Despite that, I remain grateful for the efforts of everyone who tried to find a way forward. I spent most of the day on the phone and preparing for Sunday. In the evening, I made time to go to the gym for a treadmill.

**May 4** → I took a long hike in the morning. I spent the rest of the day running errands. In the evening, I watched Minnesota beat Denver. Anthony Edwards is an incredible basketball talent.

**May 5** → I rose early and headed to St. James' for the 7:30 service. Bishop-elect Wells and I shared the service with me preaching and presiding over two baptisms, seventeen confirmations, two receptions, and two reaffirmations while she celebrated the Eucharist. It was



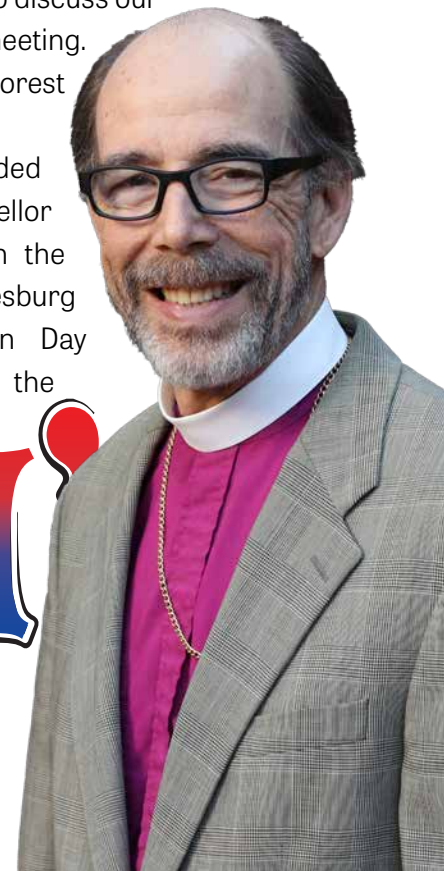
a wonderful day. I should add that it was nice to share liturgical leadership! In the evening, I grabbed supper with Katie and Jacob.

**May 6** → Early morning workout and sabbath day off!

**May 7** → I spent the morning on Zoom with a staff meeting. After the Zoom meeting, I met with Canon Ponder. After lunch, I was busy working on a project for the Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church. Before calling it a day, I met with one of our clergy by phone.

**May 8** → My early workout became a not-so-early workout due to sleeping late! After walking to Allin House, I met with CFO, David Martin, for our regular check-in. The next morning meeting was with the Rev. Billie Abraham who stopped by Allin House for a visit. Over lunch, I met with the Rev. Will Compton to discuss our June Executive Committee meeting. In the afternoon, I drove to Forest for an evening meeting.

**May 9** → My morning included a phone call with our Chancellor Emeritus, Granville Tate. In the afternoon, I drove to Hattiesburg for the annual Ascension Day visitation at Church of the



# TRUCKIN'!

**The Journal of** The Rt. Rev. Brian R. Seage



**May 15** → Early morning workout! In the office I met with David Martin. The afternoon was full with a two-hour Zoom with the College for Bishops. The Zoom was followed by a meeting with a local clergy person, a phone call, and another individual meeting. In the evening, I had an at-home Zoom meeting.

**May 16** → I met Bishop-elect Wells early for a drive to Vicksburg for the All Saints' School graduation. The AmeriCorps program graduated approximately fifty individuals. It was an honor to speak at the graduation. We rushed back to Allin House for a quick lunch and then meeting with the Trustees of the Diocese. In the evening, I joined the Burnt Offerings Dinner group at St. Andrew's Cathedral. My steak was so tasty! Thank you!

**May 17** → After an early swim, I met with Andy Andrews to discuss congregational vitality work. After meeting with Andy, I discussed my calendar with Peggy Jones. The rest of the morning and lunch time was given to the Mississippi Episcopal Aids Commission. We spent time brainstorming for the future.

Ascension where I confirmed three and received two from Ascension and confirmed one from St. Elizabeth's in Collins. After a reception, I drove home.

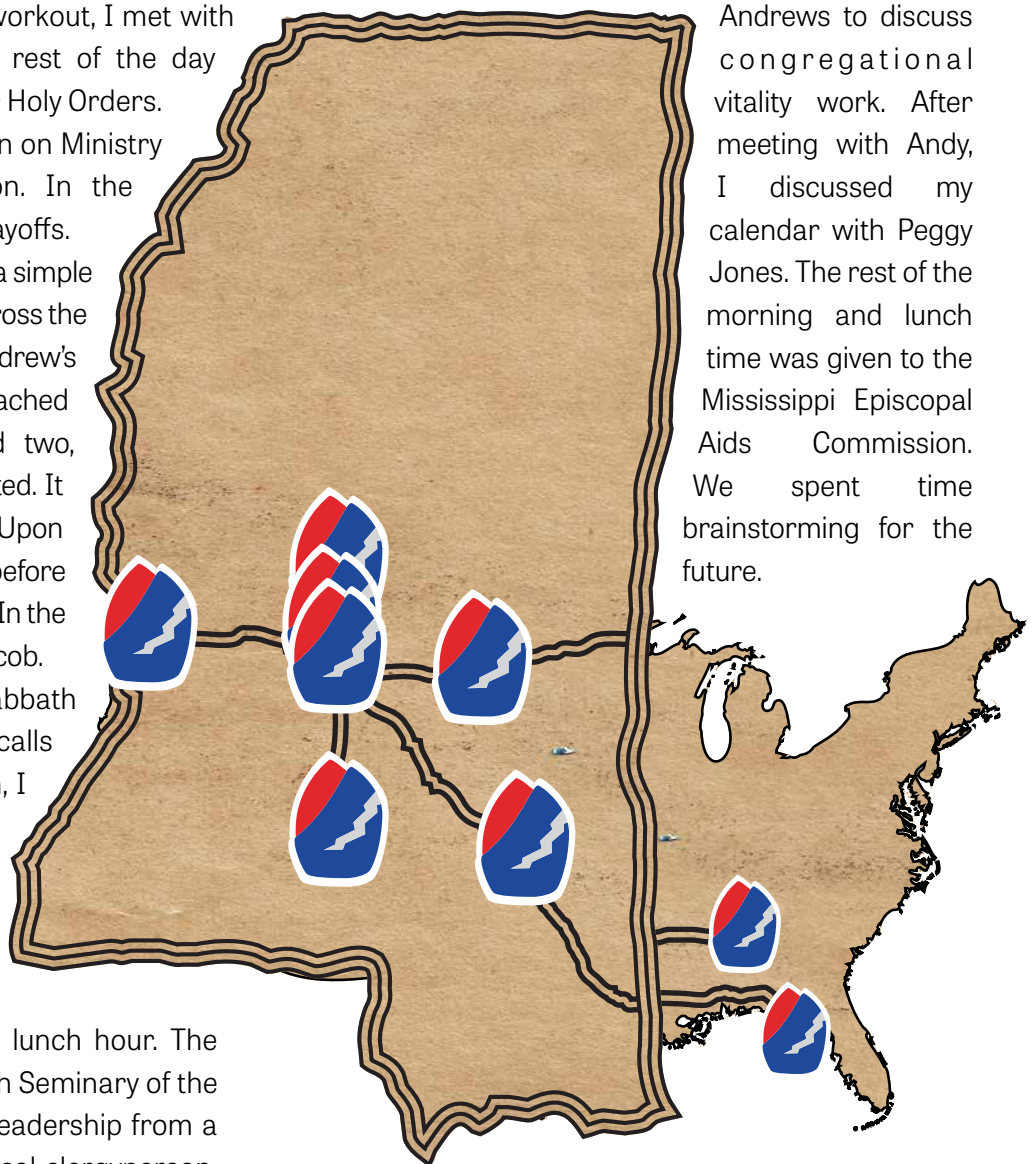
**May 10** → After an early morning workout, I met with Andy Andrews over breakfast. The rest of the day included meeting with an aspirant for Holy Orders.

**May 11** → I met with the Commission on Ministry over lunch and into the afternoon. In the afternoon/evening, I watched NBA playoffs.

**May 12** → The morning visitation was a simple commute accomplished by walking across the garage at Capital Towers and into St. Andrew's Cathedral. Bishop-elect Wells preached at both services while I confirmed two, reaffirmed one, presided, and celebrated. It was a wonderful joy filled celebration. Upon returning home, I went for a workout before calling Kyle for Mother's Day greetings. In the evening, I had dinner with Katie and Jacob.

**May 13** → In spite of it being my sabbath day, I was busy with a variety of phone calls throughout the day. In the afternoon, I made time for a workout.

**May 14** → Happy birthday to Kyle! The morning included staff meetings with the whole staff followed by individuals. I started working my way through a list of calls over the lunch hour. The afternoon was full with a meeting with Seminary of the South Trustees, a meeting with Lay leadership from a local parish, and a meeting with a local clergyperson. I wished Kyle a happy birthday in an evening phone call.



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## TRUCKIN' CONTINUED

**May 18** → I drove to Vicksburg for a meeting of the Daughters of the King at Holy Trinity. At the meeting, I preached, celebrated and installed new leadership. I am grateful for the steady and faithful leadership of Linda Tolliver over the past three years and also grateful for Dorothy Wallace's willingness to step into this important ministry.

**May 19** → The Sunday visitation was at Chapel of the Cross in Madison. I preached and celebrated two services. Between services, I dedicated a new scatter garden for the parish. We confirmed twenty and received four at the 10:30 service!

**May 20** → I got a tremendous amount accomplished! This included dropping off some books and other household items at Angels Attic, a ministry of Redeemer in Brookhaven. Later, I made several work-related phone calls. In the evening, I had dinner with Katie and Jacob.

**May 21** → This was a crazy busy day. It started with a doctor visit before work. While driving back, I joined a Seminary of the Southwest Trustee meeting by phone. I was on the Trustee call for most of the day. In the afternoon, I met with our Reference Panel.

**May 22** → I dropped my car off early for a repair. After walking to work, I met with David Martin. In the early afternoon, I attended another virtual Seminary Trustee meeting. After a late lunch, I started driving to Birmingham. Kyle arrived yesterday and Betsy's baccalaureate is tomorrow with graduation on Friday!

**May 23** → Most of the morning was spent with getting Betsy's apartment loaded and cleaned out. After lunch, Kyle and I attended a university tradition called the "capping" at Birmingham Southern. Kyle placed the mortar board on Betsy during the ceremony. We enjoyed dinner at Kyle's parents' home. Katie arrived from Jackson around 7:30.

**May 24** → Given the 9:00 a.m. start time for graduation, Katie and I arrived early to stake out seats for the ceremony. It was a beautiful and emotional service. This being the last graduation for Birmingham Southern, there wasn't a dry eye in the building. Betsy was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, summa cum laude. After the ceremony, we enjoyed a celebratory luncheon at the Birmingham Country Club.



**May 25** → We departed Birmingham in the morning and made our way to Grayton Beach, FL for an annual extended family beach trip.

**May 26** → The first full day at the beach was lovely. In the afternoon, I managed two work-related meetings via phone.

**May 27** → A holy and blessed Memorial Day.

**May 28** → Another beautiful day with family.

**May 29** → I spent another relaxing day at the beach.

**May 30** → In spite of being at the beach, I spent some time in the afternoon returning emails and phone calls.

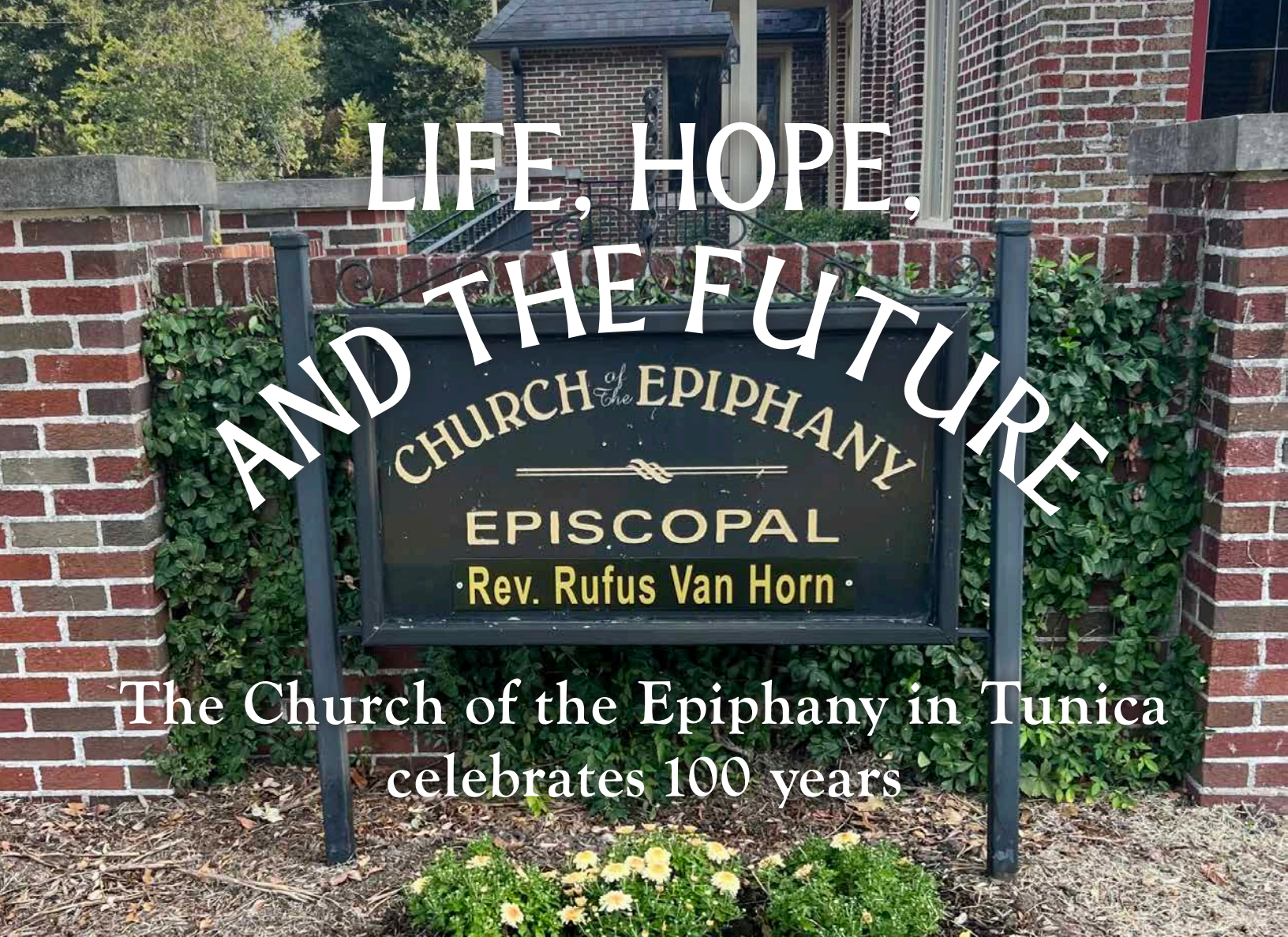
**May 31** → The weather was beautiful. Kyle and I spent the morning on the beach. In the afternoon, we drove home to Jackson. 🏡

# Making ministers

Across the diocese, participants graduate from Education for Ministry programs



*EfM graduates, clockwise from top left: Holy Cross, Olive Branch: graduate Paula Eaton (center), joined by The Rev. Clay Calhoun (left) and mentor Matt Wisdom (right); St. Timothy's, Southaven, left to right: graduates Nicole Clayton, Linda Vincent, and Debbie Wisdom, joined by mentor Matt Wisdom. Not pictured: Sharon Hastings; St. Peter's by the Lake, Brandon (left to right): mentor Lisa Maisel, graduates Rebecca Kubler and Mike Chew, and mentor Rita Fetzer. Not pictured: Adam Gwin; St. Pierre's Gautier: mentor Deanna Eure (first on right), graduate Adele Ledford (second on right) is in her 3rd year of the diaconate program at the Marble School. Celebration at the home of Hal and Mary Walker (first on left and third on right) with friends Wendy Farnham, Kay Davis, Jill Roth, Ann Parrish, Shari Penton, Brother Jacob Luke, Lori Bridges.*



## The Church of the Epiphany in Tunica celebrates 100 years

by Wil Oakes

*This article draws heavily on the referenced sermon by the Rev. Fortner*

On May 19, parishioners and friends of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Tunica gathered in their gabled, Gothic Revival church building to celebrate its 100th birthday. Epiphany could pass for younger, though, because of the unwavering love and care shown to her by her parishioners.

That care was the theme of the sermon preached by the Reverend Marian Dulaney Fortner, a child of the church. She began by noting the many improvements and continued maintenance undertaken over the years: A bell tower, a bridal walk, new landscaping, the repair of water damage. And the most recent—a brand new roof.

“Coming together to install a new roof speaks of life, hope, and the future,” said Fortner. “Yes, after 100 years,

Epiphany continues to bear the light of Christ of the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus movement among the citizens of Tunica.”

While the gathering marked the centennial of the dedication of the space, construction on Epiphany began in 1921. The true story begins even earlier, however, with the arrival in Tunica of George Day and Sallie Whitley Perry. George Perry started his career working for a streetcar company in Memphis making 14 cents an hour (about \$4.82 in today’s dollars). The Perrys moved to Tunica County in 1908, and after 14 years of hard work George was farming thousands of acres of prime farmland.

Sallie Perry was a force to be reckoned with as well, raising their six boys and three girls. And it was her desire to provide them a home for their spiritual formation and nurture that planted the seed that would become the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany.



The first five congregants of what would become the church started meeting once a month in the evenings in 1912, holding Episcopal services in space borrowed from the Presbyterian Church. Clergy came from Clarksdale, Cleveland, and Memphis, including The Rev. Walter E. Daikin, grandfather of Tennessee Williams.

For ten years, Epiphany persevered in this manner, but for Sallie it wasn't enough—she had a vision for a new church building, and it was under her initiative that such a building was erected over 2-3 years.

The Perrys helped fund much of the construction, and Episcopalians from elsewhere lovingly contributed to this new expansion of the Church: a stained-glass artist from St. Louis installed the windows, Nativity Greenwood gave the baptismal font, Grace Church, Canton, donated the first organ.


Today, a letter from Sallie showing her appreciation to all who helped is still preserved in Epiphany's parish hall. It reads in part, "We feel very grateful that we have been able to erect this little building to the Honor and Glory of God, And we want everyone to feel at Home and welcome in its Service."

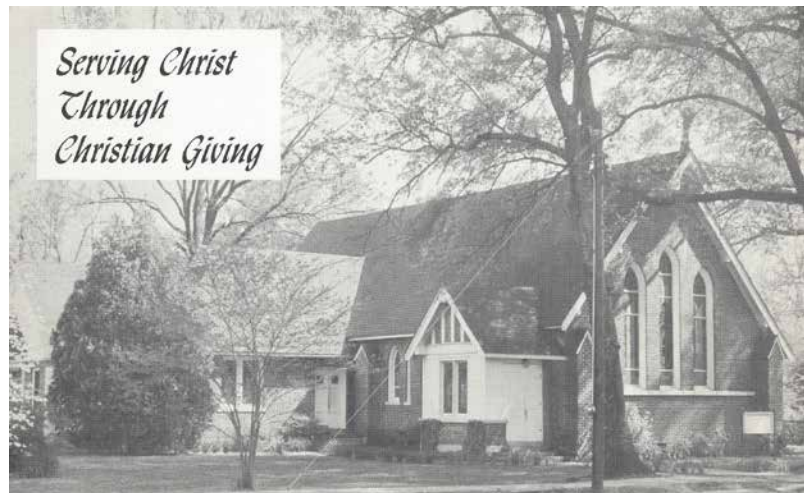
Sallie's wish has been born out over the last century, as Fortner pointed out in her sermon.

"In the last 100 years, many have been welcomed at these doors," she said. "Just like the bricks and mortar that make up this church, so do the faithful deeds of her members embody the church. And just like each brick matters, each of you matter. Each one of you adds to the buildup of the kingdom of God."

The Reverend Rufus Van Horn, who came to Tunica to lead Epiphany in August 2023, delighted in seeing the evidence of the deep bonds that run through that 100-year history during the celebration.

"Well before the service began, people began arriving and hugging and catching up," he says. "The presence of the Holy Spirit was visibly there and active. God's work in our presence continued throughout the Eucharist and the festive, laugh-filled lunch that followed. The occasion was a beautiful reminder of God's continuing vital work in this place."

Those old bricks have lasted 100 years because of the community that loves them, and that love, still alive and well, will surely sustain them for 100 more. 



*From top: Epiphany depicted in a 1963 postcard; Present-day Epiphany with its new roof installed; attendees of the celebration, including Rev. Fortner (center) and her husband Tom, enjoy a lunch reception following the service.*



by Bishop-elect The Reverend  
Dr. Dorothy Sanders Wells

# EXCEEDING expectations

Meeting Dr. Michael Cormack—  
Mississippi Episcopalian (communicant  
and vestry member, St. Mark’s, Jackson)  
and Deputy Superintendent of Jackson  
Public Schools

**D**r. Michael Cormack’s office at Jackson Public School (JPS) System is filled with a wide range of books and educational materials. His impeccably neat space and the resources with which he surrounds himself each day are a testament to the intentionality and focus of this Deputy Superintendent of Jackson Schools—and his unrelenting pursuit of excellence in the school district.

His intentionality is apparent even in his choice of language: Dr. Cormack refers to the young persons served by the school district as “scholars,” immediately addressing what he sees as the greatest challenge facing the school district: Helping not only the learners and their families—but also the entire community—see possibility beyond the challenges.

Indeed, there are obvious challenges for a district that serves a population that knows poverty. Jackson’s WJTV reports that, as of the 2022 Census, Jackson was one of the nation’s most impoverished cities. 2022 Census data shows that 19.1% of Mississippi—and 25.9% of Jacksonians—live in poverty, compared to 11.5% of the U.S. population. WJTV also reported that Jackson’s median household income in 2022 (\$42,193) was more than \$10,000 lower than the median household income for the state of Mississippi, and that Jackson residents were 25% more likely to lack health insurance than the rest of Mississippi. (see: [msepiscopalian.com/expectations-1](https://msepiscopalian.com/expectations-1)) Dr. Cormack

describes JPS as 94% black, with a growing Hispanic/Latinx population. 1.5% of the school system is white, he notes, with many of those students in a high-performing Montessori school and a magnet performing arts academy.

With such daunting statistics and challenges faced by so many of the school district's scholars, Dr. Cormack acknowledges that "showing up is the first victory." From there, the school district does its best to connect families to resources to help them begin to believe that their scholars can achieve. Graduation rates have improved dramatically over the course of the past several years - from about 69%, to about 84.3% today.


During Dr. Cormack's tenure, the goal of the school district's most recent strategic plan—seats for all four-year-olds in PreKindergarten—has been realized. With the next strategic plan about to kick off, the school system is focused on encouraging post-secondary success and eliminating barriers to continued post-secondary study. To that end, there are multiple dual-enrollment programs, including an Early College High School Program based at Tougaloo College. The Middle College Program based at Jackson State University is geared for students with high math aptitude; those scholars would make a three-year commitment to serve as math teachers in JPS. There is also a dual enrollment program with Hinds Community College, where a Pathways program can help prepare students for continued education at a four-year college/university or career and technical programs geared to help prepare learners for high-skilled, high-demand jobs. ([hindscc.edu/pathways](https://hindscc.edu/pathways)). Dr. Cormack cites his own daughter as an example of a scholar having completed one of the dual track programs, and earning her Associates degree as she completed high school. With that study already under her belt, she will continue work at University of Mississippi in the fall.

JPS not only faces the challenge of poverty, but also a declining state population (see [msepiscopalian.com/expectations-2](https://msepiscopalian.com/expectations-2) and [msepiscopalian.com/expectations-3](https://msepiscopalian.com/expectations-3)). Declining population in the state, combined with a population shift from the city of Jackson to the suburbs, mean that JPS currently serves

about 18,000 scholars in 52 schools—a decrease from serving about 24,000 students in 2018.

Dr. Cormack's message is that, for the health of the school district, JPS must address the realities of a shrinking pool of scholars, and as difficult as the conversation may be, families may face the loss of some familiar schools as JPS manages costs and programming. Consolidation of schools can lead to decreased overhead, and improved programming, throughout the district. He cites as an example the consolidation of two middle schools, one of which had no band program. The consolidated schools now have a solid band program, and all of the students have the opportunity for their education to be enriched by music.

Despite the challenges, Dr. Cormack is encouraged that JPS will continue to exceed expectations and create greater possibilities for young scholars. Over the coming months, we'll explore the ways that the Diocese of Mississippi is already supporting the state's public schools and ways in which our partnership can be strengthened. Dr. Cormack is quick to acknowledge that in Jackson, the adopt-a-school program has schools waiting to be paired with adopters, and Arise2Read continues to need reading coaches to help young learners improve their reading skills (The inability of third graders to read at grade level becomes an indicator of inability to graduate from high school; and statistics suggest that individuals having low literacy skills are overrepresented among incarcerated persons.)

We're interested in sharing how our faith communities throughout the diocese are supporting public schools throughout the state—so please share your stories and photos with Bishop-elect Wells at [dwells@dioms.org](mailto:dwells@dioms.org). 

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# Creating disciples

## Cursillo makes a comeback after a pandemic disruption

by The Reverend  
Jennifer Southall,  
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Episcopal  
Cursillo  
Spiritual  
Director

*Gathering at the Gray Center in May were (left to right) Margaret-Love Denman, the Rev. Jennifer Southall, Billy Ray Sigh, Limeul Eubanks, Mary Tio, Adam Gavin, Lee Dean, Julie Goforth, and Elizabeth Bush*

Mississippi Episcopal Cursillo is making a comeback this fall, thanks to a dedicated group of lay people intent on sharing with others the opportunity to deepen their relationship with Christ. Plans are now underway for Cursillo #137R, September 27-29, 2024, at Camp Bratton-Green.

Lee Dean, a member of St. Peter's, Oxford, said that he was prompted by a February text from his rector, the Rev. Jody Burnett, wondering who might be willing to help relaunch Cursillo, as the program is fully lay-led. Lee said he responded to Jody with his own question: "Are you asking me to do it?"

At the last Mississippi Cursillo retreat, #137, in October of 2019, Lee served as "Head Cha-Cha," ensuring that participants had all they needed and were comfortable. With almost five years having passed since a diocesan Cursillo gathering, Lee was eager to help get the retreat weekends going again. He said he immediately followed his question to Jody with another text saying, "I'll do it."

"I missed being together, and I missed the way the

Holy Spirit comes alive when we are together with the goal of sharing the love of Christ," Lee said.

Thus began a string of text messages and emails from Lee to some 30 fellow Cursillo veterans across the diocese inviting them to a March planning meeting at St. Philip's in Jackson. From there, a group reconvened in May at Bratton-Green to solidify plans, subsequently booking the camp for Cursillo #137R.

The "R" added to the number is a reflection of this fall's "soft-launch" of a refreshed, shortened format and new location. Previously, participants arrived for the weekend retreats on a Thursday evening and departed on Sunday. In recent years, understanding three nights away creates a hardship for would-be participants who work or have school-age children, Episcopal Cursillo Ministry developed a two-night format. At #137R, the agenda for the shorter retreat will be used for the first time in Mississippi.

Cursillo #137R will also have a new location, returning to the Gray Center's south (camp) side, where

the retreats took place long ago, before the diocese developed the conference center. Cabins have recently been updated with air conditioning and new mattresses, adding comfort to the beauty of the surroundings.


The pandemic, along with the closure of the conference center, caused Mississippi Episcopal Cursillo to take a longer hiatus than leaders had expected, but the group that gathered at Bratton-Green in May is energized for the relaunch. Included were several past leaders of retreat weekends and some who were members of the "Secretariat" (diocesan leadership team) back in 2020.

At the May meeting, Elizabeth Bush, a member of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Jackson, who was serving as Secretariat chair prior to the pandemic, agreed to continue in that capacity. Also agreeing to fill Secretariat positions were Billy Ray Sigh of St. Philip's, Jackson (secretary); Mary Tio of Redeemer, Biloxi (treasurer); and Limeul Eubanks of St. James', Jackson (registrar).

The new Secretariat members and others present for the May gathering are hopeful that Cursillo #137R will achieve two important goals. First, they hope that clergy who've not been through a Cursillo weekend will attend so that they can then serve as spiritual directors for subsequent weekends.

The spiritual return-on-investment is high for clergy. As priests and deacons who serve in parishes with a large number of Cursillo participants well know, the Holy Spirit often creates disciples over the weekend retreats.

A second goal for #137R is that laity who've previously been through a Cursillo weekend will consider participating again. The idea is that these repeat participants can offer feedback on the new format and location, and, more importantly, renew and deepen their connection to Christ in advance of staffing upcoming Cursillo weekends.

In addition to #137R in September, plans are underway for Cursillo #138: April 4-6, 2025, and Cursillo #139, September 5-7, 2025. More information about all of these weekends is forthcoming. For now, save these dates and prayerfully consider taking some time away to grow in Christ's transforming love. 

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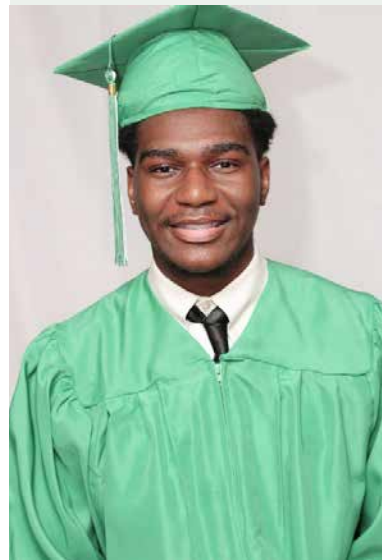
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## Twice a 2024 graduate

*Church of the Redeemer, Greenville, would like to congratulate Cameron Young (a communicant of Redeemer)*



*for graduating twice during the month of May 2024. He received a high school diploma from O'Bannon High School, in addition, an Associate Degree from Mississippi Delta Community College (Greenville Campus).*

*He participated in the inaugural Middle College Program on the MDCC Greenville Campus and is a member of the first graduating class.*

*He has received numerous awards and honors during his high school journey. As a senior he was named "Mr. Band", representing the O'Bannon Green Waves Marching Band. As a participant in the Middle College Program he was initiated into the Beta Rho Omicron Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) recognizes students who excel academically, membership requires a 3.5 GPA.*

*Cameron plans to attend Mississippi State University in the fall with a major in Graphic Design and a minor in Business and Marketing.*

*The Redeemer Family applauds Cameron for his hard work educationally and his devotion to Redeemer through the years.*

# Deployment Report

## New Calls and Transitions

**The Rev. Dr. Dorothy Sanders Wells** became canonically resident on May 1, 2024 and serves as Bishop-elect until her ordination-consecration on July 20 at which time she will become the eleventh Bishop of Mississippi.

**The Rev. Seth Martin Walley** became part-time priest-in-charge of St. Luke's, Brandon, effective May 31. He will continue to be available for supply but will have primary responsibilities with the St. Luke's congregation

**The Rev. Jody Burnett** has accepted the call of St. Paul's, Mobile, AL (Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast) to serve as rector, having now rounded his service at St. Peter's, Oxford and as dean of the Coldwater Convocation.

**The Rev. Christopher Powell** is interim rector of St. Peter's, Oxford. Having retired within the Diocese of Chicago, Christopher lives in Oxford and is canonically resident in this diocese.

**The Rev. Christopher McAbee** recently graduated from The School of Theology of The University of the South (Sewanee). Sponsored by the Diocese of Atlanta, he was ordained to the priesthood on June 22 in that diocese. Christopher has accepted the call to serve as Associate Rector for Parish Life at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson and will begin June 30.

**The Rev. Elizabeth Hartwell Wheatley-Jones** has accepted the call to serve Trinity Church, Bend, Oregon (Diocese of Eastern Oregon.) Her last Sunday as rector of St. James', Jackson will be July 28.

**The Rev. Ken Ritter** has accepted the call to serve as interim rector of All Saints', East Lansing, Michigan (Diocese of Michigan) and will begin duties on August 1. Ken will remain canonically resident in the Diocese of Mississippi.

**The Rev. Mary Howard King** was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on June 15, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson. She will be serving as curate/priest-in-charge of St. John's, Aberdeen and will also provide routine supply to All Saints', Inverness.

## Churches/Chaplaincies in Transition

**Redeemer, Brookhaven**

**Calvary, Cleveland**

**Good Shepherd, Columbus**

**St. Pierre's, Gautier**

**Christ Church, Holly Springs**

**St. James's, Jackson**

**St. Matthew's, Kosciusko**

**Mediator, Meridian – receiving names**

**Trinity, Natchez**

**Canterbury: Mississippi State University /**

**Resurrection, Starkville**

**Incarnation, West Point**

## Faithful Departed

*Please submit Faithful Departed notices to your church for submission*

**Gennel SeFrances Mosley**, 60, communicant of St. Mark's, Jackson, died March 29, 2024.

**Quinton Curtis "Curt" Lamar**, 82, communicant of Mediator/Redeemer, McComb/Magnolia, died April 20, 2024.

**Inez Horger Ehrhoff**, 80, communicant of Christ Church, Vicksburg, died April 17, 2024.

**Amanda Lavender Westmoreland**, 53, communicant of All Saints', Tupelo, died April 28, 2024.

**Alice Smith Young**, 76, communicant of St. Mary's, Vicksburg, died May 8, 2024.

**The Rev. Arthur Lenwood "Len" Williams, Jr.**, 83, having served St. Mary's, Lexington; Immanuel, Winona; Grace, Carrollton; Holy Cross, Olive Branch; St. Timothy's, Southaven; and St. Clement's, Vaiden, before returning to South Carolina, his place of birth to serve some 17 years as chaplain (later chaplain emeritus) to seafarers at the Port of Charleston, died May 13, 2024.

**Elizabeth Anne Riley**, 68, Communicant of Nativity, Greenwood, died May 31, 2024.

# Diocesan Calendar

Diocesan meetings continue by Zoom unless otherwise noted. Though the diocesan staff works in a hybrid model (office and home), the Allin House is staffed daily, M-F, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## June

- 21-28** 81st General Convention, Louisville, KY
- 24-29** Middler Camp, Camp Bratton-Green
- 25** Summer Book Read – *Making Room*, online
- 30** Bishop Seage visits St. Christopher's, Jackson
- 30** Bishop-Elect Wells visits Trinity, Natchez

## July

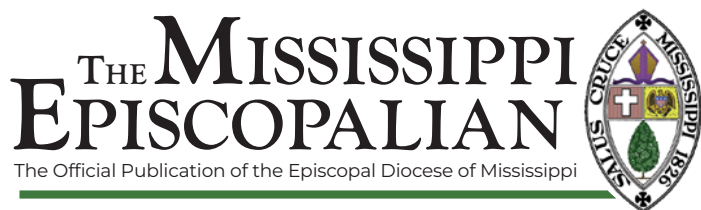
- 1** The Mississippi Episcopalian deadline; 12:00 noon
- 1-6** Elementary Camp, Camp Bratton-Green
- 2** Small Churches Collaborative, online
- 4** Independence Day
- 4** Allin House staff holiday in observance of Independence Day
- 7** Bishop Seage and Bishop-elect Wells visit St. Mary's, Vicksburg
- 8-13** Mixed Ages Camp, Camp Bratton-Green
- 11** Trustees of the Diocese, Allin House; 1:00-4:00 pm
- 14** Bishop Seage at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson
- 15-20** Special Session 2, Camp Bratton-Green
- 17** Train the Leader with Ed Bacon, online
- 20** Consecration of the XI Bishop of MS, St. Andrew's Episcopal School, North Campus, Ridgeland
- 21** Seating of the Rt. Rev. Dorothy Wells, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson
- 23-28** Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy, Chapel of the Cross, Madison
- 24** Train the Leader with Ed Bacon, online

## August

- 1** The Mississippi Episcopalian deadline; 12:00 noon
- 1** Racial Reconciliation Task Force; 12:00 noon
- 6** Small Churches Collaborative, online
- 8-9** Commission on Ministry, location TBD
- 9** Standing Committee, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, location TBD
- 11** Bishop Wells visits St. Columb's, Ridgeland
- 16-17** A. C. Marble School, Solomon Center
- 17** A Day of Dialogue for Racial Healing and Relationship Building, St. Columb's, Ridgeland
- 18** Bishop Wells visits Advent, Sumner
- 25** Bishop Wells visits St. Thomas, Belzoni

## September

- 1** The Mississippi Episcopalian deadline; 12:00 noon
- 2** Labor Day
- 2** Allin House closed in observance of Labor Day
- 3** Small Churches Collaborative, online
- 5** Racial Reconciliation Task Force; 12:00 noon
- 8** Bishop Wells visits Incarnation, West Point
- 12** Finance Committee, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
- 20-21** A. C. Marble School, Solomon Center
- 22** Bishop Wells visits St. Elizabeth's, Collins
- 26** Executive Committee, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson; 11:30 am - 3:30 pm
- 27-29** Cursillo Alumni event, Camp Bratton-Green
- 29** Bishop Wells visits St. James', Port Gibson



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*Parishioners and clergy of Chapel of the Cross, Rolling Fork, undertake a symbolic groundbreaking with Bishop-elect Dorothy Sanders Wells in anticipation of the rebuilding of their church following its destruction in a deadly tornado that hit the city of Rolling Fork on March 24, 2023. To see more pictures from the groundbreaking celebration, see page 2. To read more about Chapel of the Cross, revisit this year's January issue at [msepiscopalian.com](http://msepiscopalian.com).*