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Starting with the October 2024 issue, we will be moving to an earlier deadline for TME in order to ensure timely delivery. The new deadline will be noon on the 20th day of the month prior to each issue. Should this day fall on a weekend, the deadline will be the following Monday. So the upcoming deadlines will be:

- September 2024 issue: September 2nd
- October 2024 issue: September 20th
- November 2024 issue: October 21st
- December 2024 issue: November 20th
- January 2025 issue: December 20th

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Gathering the saints

St. Peter's by-the-Lake in Brandon hosts a revival

By the Rev. Carol Mead,
rector of St. Peter's by-the-Lake

St. Peter's by-the-Lake in Brandon has long had the reputation of being different from typical Episcopal churches, a reputation we embrace and celebrate. We doubled down on celebrating our out-of-the-mainstream ways on July 23-24 when we held an Episcopal revival. And our new bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Dorothy Sanders Wells, supported the effort by joining us at the revival on July 24th.

When I told people we were having a revival, many people responded, "But Episcopal churches don't have revivals!" Well, this one does, and it was wildly successful and energetic.

On the first night of our revival, we celebrated the Christian tradition in general, hoping to give listeners energy and encouragement in defending the faith. In modern life, Christians are criticized and mocked for being naïve at best and dangerous at worst. I gave the first talk on Faith, an effort to give us ways of thinking about and talking about our tradition. The Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea gave a poignant and powerful talk on Hope, and the Rev. Andy Andrews finished the evening with a Spirit-filled inspiring talk on Love. The evening started with music—both traditional hymns and more

contemporary selections—and music formed bridges between the presentations.

The second night we focused on the Episcopal expression of Christianity, with Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Wells. We heard a talk on "Gathering the Saints" by Bishop Wells and one on "Equipping the Saints" by the Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea. The Rev. Josh Shipman of Corinth delivered the sermon, entitled "Sending the Saints."

Why would we attempt a revival in such a turbulent time in our culture? At St. Peter's, we feel that our neighbors are hungry for God, even though they might identify their hunger as a need for something else. We also believe that, while all religions are human-made and thus flawed, the Episcopal way is a particularly beautiful expression of traditional Christianity. Yet it remains largely unknown, especially in the South. The Episcopal tradition encourages human beings to use our intellect and imagination in service of our faith, rather than setting up a false conflict between faith and intellect. But people need to know about us.

And so, we step forth, with courage and optimism, into revival. 🙏

Left: The Rev. Josh Shipman, Rev. Carol Mead, Rt. Rev. Dr. Dorothy Sanders Wells, Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea; Below: The Rev. Andy Andrews delivers a talk on the first evening of the revival.



July 1 → I rose early for a walk along the Trace Trail in Ridgeland. Much of my sabbath day was used organizing my apartment for my impending move. In the afternoon, I went for a swim.

July 2 → A busy Tuesday started with the all-staff meeting. I spent the rest of the morning catching up on emails and phone calls. After a quick lunch, I was busy with multiple Zoom calls along with Bishop-elect Wells. In the evening, I had dinner out with friends.

July 3 → Early morning workout. The day was busy with phone calls. Before lunch, Bishop-elect and I met with an aspirant for Holy orders. In the afternoon, I began organizing my personal belongings in the office. Before leaving for the day, we had a Zoom call with Bishop Lewis from the United Methodist Church.

July 4 → I enjoyed a quiet Independence Day. In the afternoon, I cooked out with Katie and Jacob.

July 5 → I skipped the morning swim and went for a long walk. I spent time in the office working on a variety of tasks.

July 6 → I worked hard to organize my apartment for my impending move. In the afternoon, I worked out in the GRIT pool.

July 7 → I drove to Vicksburg for my regular Independence Day weekend visit at St. Mary's. Bishop-elect Wells joined me for the visit.

July 8 → Early morning workout and sabbath day. I met a friend for lunch.

July 9 → After staff meetings, the Bishop-elect and I met Kitty and Ed Cole at St. Mark's in Jackson. We then joined them for a tour and meeting with leadership at Jackson State University. After returning to the office, we met with an aspirant for Holy Orders followed by a meeting with a member of the Episcopal Recovery program.

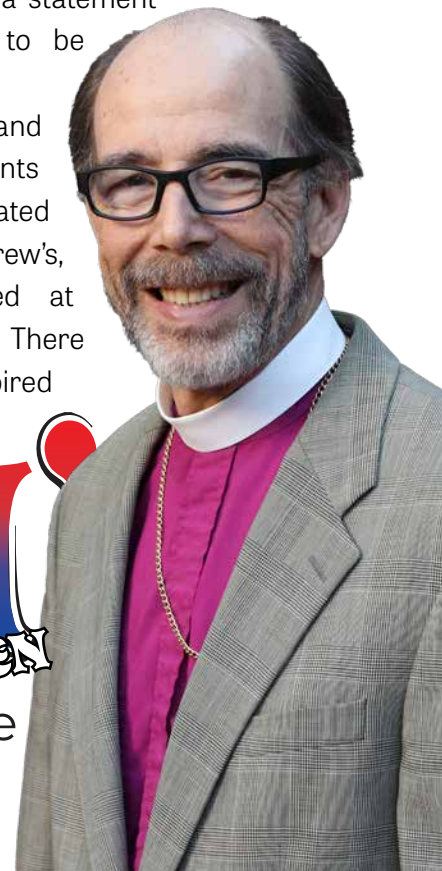
July 10 → After an early morning workout, I made my way to the office. Over the lunch hour Dorothy and I met with leadership at Tougaloo College. We received an update on the development of the Center for Racial Justice and Equity. In the evening, I went to an M Braves game with a friend.

July 11 → I had a busy day with several meetings scheduled throughout the morning. At noon, I attended a meeting sponsored by the Racial Reconciliation Task Force. In the afternoon, I chaired my final meeting with the Trustees of the Diocese.

July 12 → Early morning workout! My day was loaded down with meetings. In the evening, I enjoyed dinner with friends.

July 13 → I spent the morning working on my sermon for Sunday. While driving to join a friend for supper, I heard the news that former President Trump had been shot. After supper, I wrote a statement concerning the shooting to be shared with the Diocese.

July 14 → I woke early and redid my sermon. The events of the previous day necessitated a change! At St. Andrew's, I preached and presided at 8:30 and 10:30 services. There were Grateful Dead-inspired



TRUCKIN'

WE'VE HAD A LONG, STRANGE TRIP IT'S BEEN

The FINAL Journal of The Rt. Rev. Brian Seage



receptions following both services! I've enjoyed great hospitality from St. Andrew's throughout my tenure as Bishop!

July 15 → Early morning workout and sabbath day. It was a busy sabbath day that saw me finish packing up my apartment! In the evening, I had dinner with friends.

July 16 → After the normal staff meeting, I met with staff individually including Bishop-elect Wells. In the afternoon, Kyle and Betsy arrived. After checking into our accommodations for the week, we met Katie and Jacob for dinner.


July 17 → I had meetings throughout the morning. Over lunch, I enjoyed a party with the Allin House staff at Char. I left the gathering sad but grateful for the professionalism and friendship offered by my colleagues. Kyle's parents arrived in the afternoon for a visit and supper.

July 18 → I spent the morning working from our temporary accommodations while Kyle and the girls used my car. The ordination weekend activities began with dinner with Dorothy and Herb Wells. Presiding Bishop Curry was supposed to join us but travel issues delayed his arrival until late in the evening.



July 19 → Early morning workout! After returning home, I embarked on a busy day! The first event was a meeting for diocesan clergy with the PB, Bishop-elect, and me. Lunch followed. In the afternoon, I attended the ordination rehearsal. The evening featured a beautiful reception at the Two Mississippi Museums.

July 20 → The ordination of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Dorothy Sanders Wells began with a bishop and spouse breakfast at 8:00 am. While breakfast was being offered, the bishops signed and sealed her ordination certificate. Following breakfast, we met with Presiding Bishop Curry followed by vesting and lining up for the procession. It was a beautiful, and (for me), emotional service. During the service, I passed the crozier and officially ended my ministry as Bishop of Mississippi. Following the service, Kyle, Betsy, and I returned and changed our clothes to attend an engagement party for Jacob and Katie! They became formally engaged today! I can't express my excitement and joy! It's a blessing to welcome Jacob into our family! What a day, wow!

July 21 → Katie joined me in the morning to drive Kyle and Betsy to the airport. We stopped on the way for breakfast at Waffle House. After the airport, Katie helped me load my car for my drive to Colorado for a week of backpacking and then the final leg to California. Thank you, Mississippi! Words cannot describe my gratitude for everything you have given me. God bless you+ 





Newly consecrated Bishop of Mississippi Dorothy Sanders Wells with her husband, Herb, and her daughters, Alexis and Meredith. Photo by Hull Portraits.

Consecration weekend for Bishop Wells is filled with joy and reaffirms the mission of the church

A warm welcome

by Wil Oakes, with additional reporting by Episcopal News Service

The giant partition that separates St. Andrew's Episcopal School's two gyms was wide open on the morning of July 20—it had to be to accommodate the sea of white folding chairs, the risers for a large diocesan choir, seating for the horn and string sections—all put out for the Ordination and Consecration of Bishop Dorothy Sanders Wells.

It was the culmination of a nearly year-and-a-half process to find and install a new bishop to lead the Diocese of Mississippi's roughly 17,600 Episcopalians.

On hand to preach was the Rev. Dr. Teresa L. Frye Brown, associate dean of academic affairs and the Bandy

Professor of Preaching, Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

"Dorothy Sanders Wells, who could not imagine, I am sure, when she was a child that God would bring her to this place at this time, for such a time as this to be the Esther that is needed right now," she said. "Because of her persistent faith, she joins the cohort, the legions of men and women who understand that without persistent faith, darkness would never get out of light's way."

On hand for the occasion were 16 bishops, including chief consecrator Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and outgoing Bishop of Mississippi Brian Seage. They were joined in consecrating Wells by Chicago Bishop Paula E. Clark, Alabama Bishop Glenda Curry and retired West Tennessee Bishop Don Johnson.



The Rev. Dr. Teresa L. Frye Brown, Bandy Professor of Preaching, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, brings smiles to the faces of a full complement of bishops with her quick wit during her sermon at the ordination service. Photos by Wil Oakes except where noted otherwise.

The room was crowded with people and emotions—smiles and tears were splashed across many faces in the congregation as well as around the altar. None more so than Wells herself, who at times appeared almost overwhelmed by the occasion. She summed up some of her feelings in a letter included in the service bulletin:

“My heart is full. I am so very grateful to God for calling me to serve this diocese—and so grateful to all of you for the warm welcome you have shown me,” she wrote. “I have committed to being a visible presence in the diocese—and in the coming days, I will continue visiting our worshipping communities. I will, with you, explore intentional collaborations between our worshipping communities, to help us better share resources, dream together, and discern God’s will for our ministry together. There is much to do—and with God’s help and guidance, we will continue to make a difference in the world around us.”

As full a Saturday as it was for all involved, there was an equally busy Sunday ahead, as on July 21 Wells was seated at St. Andrew’s Cathedral.

Wells, as is tradition, stood at the door of the Cathedral and knocked on the door with her crozier. Due to a timing mix-up (the prelude had not yet ended, so no one heard the knock) there was at first no answer.

“After all this,” she joked, “are they not going to let me in?”

It was a needed moment of levity in the midst of a draining weekend, and fortunately when she knocked



Bishop Wells, led by the Rev. Sarah Stripp, deacon, is greeted at the door of St. Andrew’s Cathedral by Senior Warden Margaret McLarty and Junior Warden Michelle Lewis

again the wardens of the Cathedral welcomed her inside, where trumpets sounded and there was not an empty pew to be found. At the end of the procession, cathedral dean the Very Rev. Anne Maxwell offered the official welcome.

“Dorothy Sanders Wells, bishop in the church of God and our bishop, we welcome you to your cathedral church, the symbol and center of your pastoral, liturgical, and teaching ministry in the diocese,” she said.

“I promise, God helping me, to be a faithful shepherd and servant among you,” said Wells. “I pray that the ministry which we will share will be pleasing to God and that it may strengthen the life of this diocese and the whole church of God.”

And with that, a new chapter of that ministry in Mississippi began. 🙏

To watch videos of the consecration and the seating of Bishop Wells, visit msepiscopalian.com/consecration and msepiscopalian.com/seating. The September edition of TME will include a full photo essay of the weekend.

Dinner and a mission

St. Pierre's, Gautier, celebrated Wednesday night Eucharist with Supper Club following in Bridges Hall on July 31.

Courtney and Semir Meric were guest speakers. They spoke of their mission work in Bosnia Herzegovina. They, along with 3 other couples, lead the only Christian church in their district which has a population of 300,000 people. One of the many things they do is to walk throughout the city offering prayers for the people and their country.

Many thanks to our wonderful EfM group (including spouses) who provided excellent food and refreshments, Adele & Dale, Tad & Lori, Kay & Cris, Jill & Ronnie, Wendy, Hal & Mary, Ann and Shari & Scott. Semir offered a blessing for our church and the food in the Bosnian language in Bratton Hall to open our meal.

Special thanks to Hal and Mary for offering their guest house to the Merics for their stay.

Thank you to St. Pierre's for being a wonderful church family and participating in our many events.



Bishop Wells preaches to a packed St. Andrew's Cathedral on July 21 following her seating.



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Henderson Strain Hall, Jr., 76, communicant of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson, died July 18, 2023.

Dorothy "Dot" Hannah Kitchings, 93, communicant of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson, died July 18, 2023.

Jonathan Baird Smith, 47, communicant of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson, died September 23, 2023.

William Thaddeus McLaurin, III, 85, communicant of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson, died December 27, 2023.

Jerry W Welch, M.D., 81, communicant of St John's, Laurel, died June 22, 2024.

Michael Wayne Boyd, 67, communicant of St. James', Greenville, died July 17, 2024.

Woodie H. Abraham, Jr., 90, communicant of St. Paul's, Meridian, died July 21, 2024.

W.C. (Bill) Mathews, Jr., 90, communicant of All Saints', Tupelo, died July 22, 2024.

Nancy Ann Harris, 90, communicant of St. Andrew's, Jackson, died February 22, 2024.

Deployment Report

New Calls and Transitions

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Dorothy Sanders Wells was ordained and consecrated XI Bishop of Mississippi on July 20 at St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Ridgeland.

The Rt. Rev. Brian R. Seage, X Bishop of Mississippi, passed the crozier to Bishop Wells on July 20 and will reside in Belvedere, CA.

The Rev. Christine Marie Schaefer has accepted the vestry's call to serve as rector of St. Pierre's, Gautier. Mtr. Chris began her duties on August 1.

The Rt. Rev. Morris King Thompson, Jr., Bishop of Louisiana, res., will serve as interim rector of St. James', Jackson, effective September 1.

Churches/Chaplaincies in Transition

Redeemer, Brookhaven

Calvary, Cleveland

Good Shepherd, Columbus

Christ Church, Holly Springs

St. James', Jackson (as of 8/31/2024)

St. Matthew's, Kosciusko

Mediator, Meridian

Trinity, Natchez

St. Peter's, Oxford

**Canterbury: Mississippi State University /
Resurrection, Starkville**

Incarnation, West Point



Part of what makes Camp Bratton-Green an institution beloved by so many are the things that never change—lunch songs, canteen calls, an outrageous and lanyard-clad permanent staff. The traditions, the people, the familiar sight of that precise shade of green paint (officially “Bratton green”) on the buildings. The smell of tie-dye wafting out of the craft shack.

The fact that so much can stay the same at a place that’s been through all that camp has—particularly a devastating tornado in 1990 and more recently two years of pandemic closure—is a testament to the determination of the people who love it.

Sometimes, counterintuitively, maintaining tradition requires making changes. Unlike the acute challenges of tornados and pandemics, the challenge of evolving summer school schedules has been a gradually growing problem. The length of vacation has dwindled, extracurricular activities have become a fixture, and summer in general has become busier than it once was. As a result, Bratton-Green, like all summer camps, has had to find answers to a difficult question: how do we make time for camp?

In July, one attempt to answer that question was made with a mixed-age session. Commonplace at many camps, it was a new approach at Bratton-Green, which has for many years divided its camps each week by age group.

Stepping up to lead the experiment were the Rev. Annie Elliott and Jace King, both lifelong “camp kids” and, in prior summers, the co-directors of the “elementary” session, which hosts kids in roughly 3rd and 4th grades, as well as the two-day mini-camp known as “primary camp,” for very young children coming to camp for the first time.

Only a few years ago, Bratton-Green offered two special sessions for people with disabilities and two youth sessions for each of three age groups (as well as the smaller primary camp). The shortening of summer vacation finally forced camp to reduce that number—the two special sessions remain, but only four total youth sessions would fit the summer calendar. Three of those, naturally, went to the three age groups. For the fourth, attempts to predict which group would need a second session based on the prior summer’s attendance proved unreliable, and some camps left kids on the waitlist while others left multiple cabins going unused.

MIXING IT UP

In response to a changing summer landscape, Camp Bratton-Green offers a new kind of camp session

The flexibility of a camp that any age camper could attend, it was hoped, would give more kids more chances to attend camp when it worked with their schedules. It's not only logistics that made the plan appealing, though.

"Instead of betting on a single age group filling up the fourth youth session, we can count on a more full session by opening it to youth of different ages, and every full bed counts," says Elliott. "Second, some families enjoy the opportunity to send all of their children to camp together, which usually can't happen at a single-age camp session. Finally, there is immense benefit to youth of different ages interacting with each other. Younger children and teenagers alike have much to learn from being around each other."

She acknowledges that those benefits don't come without new challenges, however.

"The different ages each have different abilities, interests, and needs," she says, "and offering programming that engages all ages is harder than offering programming that engages a single age. In particular, planning all-camp activities like capture the flag requires special attention, so that the older campers can both lead and play and the younger campers can feel included and useful."

There's also the concern of younger campers being exposed to more mature language and conversation than they are ready for. Elliott and King addressed those concerns by looping in the teenagers and granting them a quasi-staff status.

"On the first night, we met with them to discuss their privileges and responsibilities," says Elliott. "In return for serving as good examples and helping out around camp, the teenagers got to stay up later and partake in special activities, like the zip line during rest period or a night swim. The cabins were divided into different ages, which made managing the ages easier. The oldest campers helped camp staff clean up after elaborate and messy activities, gaining an appreciation for the work that goes into making camp fun."

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The theme for the session was Bratton-Green Camp for Witches and Wizards. Campers were divided into six “magical houses” named after important families in camp history (Belote, Cresup, Fontaine, Keeling, Solomon, and Spivey), each representing a different activity area at camp.

The magical houses were an easy way to divide campers into fairly even groups for camp games and competitions, and houses competed each day to earn points. The houses ate dinner together each night and had special house meetings after dinner.

The pitch for the theme went something like this: According to ancient knowledge, every 100 years, a plague of hate can fall upon magical institutions, like camps for witches and wizards. 2024 being the 100th year of camp in the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi, campers had to fight to repel the plague of hate. Seminarian and this summer’s camp chaplain, Gabbie Munn, played the head-of-camp-turned-hate-warlock. Over the course of the week, Gabbie fanned the flames of hate, recruited the adults into her army of hate, and pitted the campers against each other in hateful competition. Toward the end, Gabbie began to realize the harm she was doing and apologized. Her staff, however, reminded her that reconciliation takes more than saying sorry, and helped her take actions to repair the harm she had done. The theme was meant to evoke and reinforce the two great commandments of the gospel, to love God and to love each other.

During staff training, staff talked about theirs and their campers’ gifts, and what it means to hide our lights under a bushel. This helped staff understand the purpose of the mixed-age session and encouraged all to let their own lights shine bright as they helped the campers to let their own lights shine bright.

As the mixed-age session looks ahead to year two, there are lessons learned from this summer that will lead to adjustments going forward. Elliot and King feel that the experiment was a success—campers seemed to learn their roles and adjust to the format. And from a logistical standpoint, the impact was undeniable. The inaugural mixed-age session was the first camp of 2024 to fill every bed during registration. 

Marble School Online:

Two classes available for the fall term

Jesus in the Synoptics

Link to enroll: charles-school-7b92.thinkific.com

The class will have a two fold emphasis: “Who is Jesus?” (broadly conceived) and “Who is Jesus in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke?” In particular, we will be looking closely at the similarities and differences in the way that Jesus is portrayed in these three gospels. In so doing, we are going to be following the narrative path of Jesus (the historical person) to Christ (the Church’s understanding of who Jesus is).

Existentialism for Understanding Theology


The title of this course was originally “Existentialism for Readers of Theology.” Then, it was “Existentialism for Theologians.” Then, it was “Existentialism: Philosophy & Theology.” Finally, I came to “Existentialism for Understanding Theology.”

Existentialism was a twentieth-century philosophical school of thought. The philosophical movement had a profound effect on twentieth-century theology. And, a great deal of contemporary theology was in response to this theology that grew out of the existentialist movement.

Online Courses

These online courses are facilitated, but asynchronous. The Very Rev. Dr. Charles Hawkins, dean of the A.C. Marble Center, and other students in the course will be responding to your questions and comments as you move through the course of study, but you do not have to move at any particular speed.

“Weeks” may only take you days. Or, you may want to spend a month on “Week 2.” Either moving faster or slower is always appropriate. Think of “Weeks” and “Classes” as being more about sequencing of material and less about chronological time. But, if you are one who works best with deadlines you can mark on the calendar, then make use of the “Weeks” and “Classes” in the more conventional sense of the terms.

The course is designed for one semester (16 weeks). If there were exams, it would be the equivalent of 3 semester hours. There are, of course, no exams! 

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-Th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Fridays (through Labor Day) 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

August

- 25** Bishop Wells visits St. Thomas, Belzoni
- 31** A Day at the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument

September

- 1** *The Mississippi Episcopalian* September issue deadline; 12:00 noon
- 2** Labor Day
- 2** Allin House staff holiday 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, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson; 11:30 am to 3:30 pm
- 13-15** Senior High DOY, Camp Bratton-Green
- 20** *The Mississippi Episcopalian* October deadline; 12:00 noon
- 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 "Refresh" Alumni event, Camp Bratton-Green
- 29** Bishop Wells visits St. James', Port Gibson

October

- 1** Small Churches Collaborative, online
- 3** Racial Reconciliation Task Force Meeting; 12:00 noon
- 3 - 4** Sewanee Annual Trustees Board Meeting
- 6** Bishop Wells visits Resurrection, Starkville
- 13** Bishop Wells visits St. Paul's, Meridian
- 15** 1% Seminary Support Due to Diocesan Office
- 18-19** A.C. Marble School, online
- 18-20** Jr. High DOY, Camp Bratton-Green
- 19** Commission on Ministry, location TBD
- 20** Bishop Wells visits Calvary, Cleveland
- 20** Bishop Wells visits Grace, Rosedale
- 21** *The Mississippi Episcopalian* November deadline; 12:00 noon
- 21-23** Clergy Conference, Tupelo
- 23** Standing Committee, Allin House
- 24** Trustees Meeting, Allin House; 1:00 - 4:00 pm
- 27** Bishop Wells visits Trinity, Natchez
- 27** Bishop Wells visits Christ Church, Church Hill

November

- 1** Bishop Wells visits All Saints', Jackson
- 1 - 3** Happening #97 Staff Training
- 2** Installation of the 28th Presiding Bishop, online
- 3** Daylight Saving Time ends - Fall back!
- 3** Bishop Wells visits All Saints', Tupelo
- 5** Small Churches Collaborative, online
- 7** Racial Reconciliation Task Force Meeting; 12:00 noon
- 8-9** A.C. Marble School, Solomon Center
- 9** Fall ECW Conference, St. Peter's-by-the-Lake, Brandon
- 10** Bishop Wells visits St. James', Greenville
- 17** Bishop Wells visits St. Stephen's, Columbia
- 20** Deadline for Lay Leadership Relicensing
- 20** *The Mississippi Episcopalian* December deadline; 12:00 noon
- 22-24** Happening #97, Chapel of the Cross, Madison
- 27-29** Allin House staff holiday in observance of Thanksgiving
- 28** Thanksgiving Day

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Diocesan Scholars

Nineteen Scholarships Awarded to Outstanding Students

By **Peggy C. Jones, Assistant to the Bishop**

The Diocesan Scholarship Committee is happy to announce that 19 outstanding young students have been chosen to receive scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic year. Selections for a variety of scholarships are made each year by the Scholarship Committee composed of representatives of the Executive Committee and Trustees and representatives of the dean and wardens of St. Andrew's Cathedral.

THE ADAMS EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP



This scholarship is awarded annually to undergraduate students who are active members of a congregation of The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi and attend the engineering college or business college of Mississippi State University. This year, the Adams Scholarship is awarded to three recipients: **Miss Ruth Andrews**, a member of Incarnation, West Point, who plans to study industrial engineering at Mississippi State University; **Mr. Harlan**

Jackson Easterling, a member of Incarnation, West Point, who plans to study at Mississippi State University to become a financial advisor; and **Mr. Zachary Douglas Scaggs**, a member of St. John's, Aberdeen, who plans to study aerospace - rocket propulsion at Mississippi State University.

THE CAPERS SCHOLARSHIPS



The Charlotte Capers Scholarships are presented to those who are pursuing a liberal arts degree.

This year we have four Capers scholars: **Miss Jeanne Ferris Andrews**, a member of St. Christopher's, Jackson, who plans to study at Rhodes College to become an elementary teacher; **Miss Olivia Kidd**, a member of St. Peter's, Oxford, who is studying English, Publishing and Editing at University of Mississippi; **Miss Kaitlyn Sanders Urbanek**, a member of St. Peter's, Oxford, who plans to study medicine at Furman University to become a pediatric surgeon; and **Miss Audrey Mayeaux Ward**, a member of St. Philip's, Jackson, who plans to study law at Wofford College.

THE MISTICOS SCHOLARSHIPS



Misticos Scholarships are awarded annually to girls and boys of either the Greek Orthodox or Episcopal faiths. The late Alexander Misticos established these scholarships as memorials to members of his family. This year's recipients are **Mr. Yanni Makropoulos**, a member of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church,

who plans to study civil engineering at University of Illinois – Champaign; **Mr. Cameron Young**, a member of Redeemer, Greenville, who plans to study business administration at Mississippi State to become an auditor; and **Mr. Samuel Shepherd Andrews**, a member of St. Christopher's, Jackson, who plans to study at Sewanee-University of the South to become a teacher or outdoor guide.

THE OKOLONA SCHOLARSHIPS



The trustees of the Okolona College Endowment established annual scholarships to be awarded specifically to African American college students. Preference is given to Episcopalians, but members of all churches may apply.

This year's recipients of Okolona Scholarships are **Miss Elizabeth Hooker**, a member of Holy Cross, Olive Branch, who plans to study medicine at Alabama A&M University to become a pediatrician; and **Miss Janay Johnson**, a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, who plans to study agribusiness management at Alcorn State University.

The Willie Mae Tucker Raspberry Scholarship is awarded to the most outstanding female student among those applying for the Okolona Scholarship. This year, the Willie Mae Tucker Raspberry Scholarship goes to **Miss Gabrielle Kennedy**, a member of St. Paul's, Meridian, who plans to study social work with minor in psychology at The University of Southern Mississippi.

The William Raspberry Scholarships are named in memory of William Raspberry, an Okolona, Mississippi native, celebrated syndicated public affairs columnist, and Knight Professor of the Practice of Communications and Journalism at Duke University's Sanford Institute of

Public Policy. This year, we have one William Raspberry scholar, **Miss Taiveri N. Thomas**, a member of Greater Northside Baptist Church, who plans to study at Hinds Community College to become a registered labor and delivery or pediatrics nurse.

The James L. Raspberry Scholarship is presented to the most outstanding male student among those applying for the Okolona Scholarship. This year, the James L. Raspberry Scholarship is presented to **Mr. Cameron Young**, a member of Redeemer, Greenville, who plans to study business administration at Mississippi State or Tougaloo College to become a to become an auditor.

THE WARREN SCHOLARSHIPS



The late Robert Warren of St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral established the Warren Trust Scholarships. This year, the Warren Scholarships are awarded to: **Miss Elizabeth Hooker**, a member of Holy Cross, Olive Branch, who plans to study medicine at Alabama A&M University to become a pediatrician; **Miss Emma Kidd**, a member of St. Mark's, Gulfport, who plans to study business to become a project manager at University of South Alabama, University of Southern Missouri, or University of New Orleans; **Miss Keeton Elizabeth Murrell**, a member of St. John's, Leland, who plans to study architecture at Mississippi State University; and **Miss Mattie Grace Reich**, a member of St. John's, Laurel, who is studying medicine at Hinds Community College. 🇺🇸

Scholarship applications are due every year on March 1 and that deadline is strictly enforced. The application form and additional information, including criteria, may be found at msepiscopalian.com/scholarships.



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Bishop Wells offers Bishop Seage a blessing after the recession at her ordination and consecration service at St. Andrew's Episcopal School on July 20, shortly after he handed over the crozier and episcopacy of the Diocese of Mississippi to her. To read more about the ordination weekend, see page 5. Photo by Wil Oakes