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A Word from our Rector...

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A number of Galilee parishioners attended the 21st Anniversary dinner of the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center on March 17th at the Sheraton Oceanfront. Guests enjoyed performances of song and dance from a group of JCOC preschoolers. (Twenty-four 4-year-olds attend JCOC free of charge.) They also heard personal testimonies crediting the Christ-centered "tough love," which pervades the shelter at the JCOC, for turning around their lives.

Pictured from left to right: Pat Mann, Gloria Slosser, Amine Tayloe, Mary Kay and Cliff Tyson, and Tom and Claudey Barnes

PLANTING THE CROSS – YESTERDAY & TODAY

On Sunday morning, April 29 some 300 Galileans gathered on our 40th Street beach to commemorate and celebrate the "First Landing" (400 years ago) of those 104 brave men and boys who landed on our shores April 29, 1607. It was a wonderful morning with uplifting parishioner involvement! Don Crigger gave a brief historical background of those momentous days 400 years ago; Anne Overman told the story of the original "18th Street Galilee Cross;" Suzanne Rhodes read her inspiring poem *First Landing*; six parishioners led us in prayer; and we sang God's praise before a boardwalk full of people!

A condensation of my reflections follows.... Thanks be to God for the great privilege of celebrating this very significant Quadra-Centennial in our history as a local community – and as a nation! (My thanks to local resident Bob Fox for

providing wonderful insights for some of these thoughts....)

After the first coming ashore on

Sunday, April 26th, on Wednesday morning, April 29, purified by prayer and waiting on God, several small boats splashed ashore again through the cold surf for the second landing on what the colonists now called Cape Henry. With them they carried a large wooden cross, constructed from a spare mast. Wearing Anglican robes, **The Rev. Hunt** led the men and boys in the planting of the cross and in dedicating the new land on which they stood.

Under the glare of a cloudless azure sky, with seagulls darting

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Friday 10:00am -2:00pm

Saturday: 9:30am – 11:30am

Sunday: 8:45am – 9:15am, 10:15am – 11:00am

Our Vision *(what we're becoming)...*

To be a beacon of light guiding all people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; we are committed to follow His example of seeking the lost and the least among us.

Our Mission *(what we're doing)...*

To lead people from self-centered to Christ-centered lives through the power of the Holy Spirit, to the honor and glory of God the Father."

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Youth and families will be doing medical construction ministry as well as sharing the good news of Christ. Please contact Ben Fraser at bpfraser@cox.net and visit the church website (www.galileechurch.net) to download an application.

Attention All Graduating High School Seniors (and Parents) -

Would you please supply us with 4 pictures for our senior-slide-presentation on **Sunday, June 3rd**? The 4 photos should be 1 baby or toddler, 1 elementary school, 1 middle school, and 1 senior graduation picture. Ideally, we would like to have them in a JPG format on a CD. If this is not possible, we will scan the photos and return the originals. Please place photos/disc/ or combination in an envelope with your name and address on the outside, and place it in Hannah

Byrd's box in the office by **Monday, May 21st** to be included in the video presentation. Also, include the senior's full name.

Summer is a busy time for all of our families and we want to be sure to stay connected between camps, vacations and beach days.

SUNDAY BEACH BREAK: Starting **Sunday June 17th**, MS & HS will meet together for BEACH BREAK (every Sunday) in the 40th Street Cafe from **10:45-11:45am**. Join us for some food, fellowship and time in God's word.

SUMMER SOCIALS: We will be planning monthly social events for some fun in the sun!!! Times & places to be announced. Be sure to check the service leaflet each Sunday.

Ross and Hannah Byrd will be leading their Surf Camp "**SURF HATTERAS**" in June and July and will be returning in August.

Sara Olsen will be our Galilee leader and contact (during the summer) if you need information about a youth event, or have a question. She can be reached at 478-3114. **Let's stay in touch!**

Rockbridge Middle School Wildlife Camp

Enjoy mountain biking, climbing towers, Olympic pools, a giant jacuzzi, a skateboard park, tennis, hoops, and great "club" meetings at one of the premier camp properties in the world (located near Lexington, VA). Pick up a registration form on Main Street or contact Rob O'Donnell at 463-6312 for more information.

High School Young Life Camp

Cox High School:

WINDY GAP - July 1st - July 8th

Please contact Phillip Bowling at 620-4010 for more information.

Norfolk Academy, First Colonial, & Princess Anne:

SARANAC - July 14th - July 22nd

Please contact Josh Shaw at joshuashaw14@gmail.com or 777-6424 for more information.

Galilee Student Ministries

Questions? Need more info? Contact us at 428-3573

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Father sacrificed His only begotten Son so that we could be saved. I urge you to accept His offer to rescue you and take hold of the lifeline He is throwing out to you in this service.”

With that, the old man turned and sat back down in his chair as silence filled the room. The Pastor again walked slowly to the pulpit and delivered a brief sermon with an invitation at the end. However, no one responded to the appeal. But within moments after the service ended, the two boys were at the old man’s side.

“That was a nice story,” politely stated one of the boys, “but, I don’t think it was very realistic for a father to give up his only son’s life in hopes that the other would become a Christian.”

“Well, you’ve got a point there,” the old man replied, glancing down at his worn Bible. As a big smile broadened his narrow face, he looked up again at the boys and said, “it sure isn’t very realistic, is it? But, I’m here today to tell you this story gives me a glimpse of what it must have been like for God to give up His only Son for me. You see... I was the father, and your Pastor is my son’s friend.”

“Grabbing a rescue line, the father had to make the most excruciating decision of his life: to which boy would he throw the end of the life line? He only had seconds to make the decision. The father knew that his son was a Christian and he also knew that his son’s friend was not. The agony of his decision could not be matched by the torment of the waves.

As the father yelled out ‘I love you, Son!’ he threw out the life line to his son’s friend. By the time the father had pulled the friend back to the capsized boat his son had disappeared beneath the raging swells into the black night. His body was never recovered.” the old man said sadly.

By this time, the two teenagers were sitting up straight in the pew, anxiously waiting for the next words to come out of the old Minister’s mouth.

“The father,” he continued, “knew his son would step into eternity with Jesus and he could not bear the thought of his son’s friend stepping into an eternity without Jesus. Therefore, he sacrificed his son to save the son’s friend. How great is the love of God that he should do the same for us? Our Heavenly

After a few of the usual Sunday morning hymns, the church’s Pastor slowly stood up, walked over to the pulpit and, before he gave his sermon for the evening, briefly introduced a guest Minister who was in the service that morning. In the introduction, the Pastor told the congregation that the guest minister was one of his dearest childhood friends and that he wanted him to have a few moments to greet the church and share whatever he felt would be appropriate for the service. With that, the elderly gentleman stepped up to the pulpit and began to speak.

“A father, and his son, and a friend of his son were sailing off the Pacific coast,” he began...”when a fast storm blocked any attempt to get back to the shore. The waves were so high, even though the father was an experienced sailor, he could not keep the boat upright and the three were swept into the ocean as the boat capsized.

The old man hesitated for a moment, making eye contact with two teenagers who were, for the first time since the service began, looking somewhat interested in his story. The aged minister continued with his story...

NEW DIRECTORIES:

New pictorial directories arrived and were distributed after services on April 22, 29 and May 6. If you missed these distribution dates, please visit the receptionist in the church office to collect your copy. Free copies go to members who had pictures taken at church or who furnished pictures of their own, and members who paid for directories in advance as advertised in the November 2006 Net.

- * *To all those who served so faithfully in our April 22nd Jubilee Celebration: Lucy Lee, Su Byles*
- * *To Kay Scarborough and her team for our magnificent new Pictorial Church Directory*
- * *To Terri Hewitt and Ruth Eatmon for handling our monthly parishioner birthday cards*
- * *To all involved in our “Cross Planting” Service on Sunday 29th: The O’Toole family (chair set-up), Bart Cardea (sound system), Suzanne Rhodes, Don Crigger, Rolfe & Lea Carawan, Joan Vakos, and John & Claire Gilman*
- * *To the Gilmans for our excellent Acts Teaching - 10:45 Adult Education in April, and Louis Gallien for teaching in May*
- * *To Michelli Booker for overseeing the presentation of the Cross on Good Friday*
- * *To our faithful Altar Guild and Flower Guild members for magnificent Easter weekend decorations*
- * *To Michelli and Ned Booker for hosting our wonderful Family Movie Night*

**We
Need Your
Help**

Parish Register

Transfer in:

Skip and Faye Ansell
who transferred in from
the Church of the Ascension

Deaths:

Johnnie Oliver
April 4, 1946 - May 2, 2007

The **Women of Galilee Ministries** recently paid \$3.00 for each lady who is a member of Galilee Church to the Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of Southern Virginia for a total of \$1,350.00. If you would like to help the WOGM recoup some of their finances, we would appreciate your help. Please send a check for \$3.00 to Galilee Church, noting WOGM in the memo line. Thank you!

Need a gift for a graduate?

We have great canvas carry-alls, leather frames, clocks, photo albums, no-battery flashlights and tumblers with college emblems.

Are you a gardener?

Pick up our garden gloves, folding stools, flower vases, arrangement aids and rocks. Don't forget to check out our hand creams too.

Time to entertain?

Come in and see our wonderful wooden platters and bowls, decorative spread knives, glasses and our hilarious napkins.

**We have books, cards and so much more.
Come in soon!**

**Come to India
with Claire and John Gilman
August 4-13, 2007!**

- ◆ See India's incredible beauty and also areas of oppression
- ◆ Witness film evangelism in the villages
- ◆ See new believers baptized

- ◆ Visit schools where Untouchable children (Dalits) receive a fine Christian education from the ministry of Dayspring International
- ◆ Prepare to be showered with love and sweet-smelling floral necklaces!

Hotels and food are first class. Cost is under \$3,000. Call Pam at Dayspring International at 428-1092 or Claire Rundle Gilman at 591-4839 for more details.

Please join our support group every **first and third Wednesday** of the month at **7pm**. Childcare provided. Contact: captrandy@4eversummercharters.com

Our Confirmation and Newcomer Welcome Service will be held on **Sunday, June 3rd** at the **11am service**. The guest bishop will be our good friend, Alden Hathaway, confirming adults Sunday morning (**11am**) and our youth Sunday afternoon (**4pm**).

Four Newcomer Classes in May!

Why? If you are new to Galilee, and would like to become a member - or simply discover of who we are as a church family - these four classes are for you! In them we'll share some of our distinctions, passions, and goals.

What? An interactive four-session class with opportunities for Q&A involving a sample of diverse worship styles with discussion of Christian essentials, and an outline of Galilee's mission, vision, values, Anglican heritage, spiritual gifts, opportunities for service, expectations of members, *etc.* Sessions will be held by our Vestry and Lay Leaders.

Time? The **four Sundays of May - 6th, 13th, 29th & 27th**. On the first two Sundays the class will meet from **10:45-11:30am**, and on the last two Sundays we'll meet from **10-10:45am**. Note: On **Wednesday, May 30th** we'll conclude the series with a delicious dinner together at **6pm**, with an overview of the adult New Members-Confirmation Service - to be held that upcoming **Sunday, June 3rd at 11am**.

Who? For anyone who has been attending Galilee, and is considering making Galilee their spiritual home. Or...if you just want to "check it out"...come in May and do so!

Tender Loving Carriers -

Anyone interested in volunteering for the outreach ministry of Tender Loving Carriers, please call Bonnie Wheeler at 481-0881 or e-mail her at jocksr@yahoo.com.

Ten pounds in ten weeks! A new session is beginning at Galilee. In the last year and a half we have had ten people reach their weight loss goal and have collectively lost over 700 pounds. Join us **Wednesday, May 2nd** for weigh in at **11:15am** in Room 222. Meeting from 11:30-12 noon. Questions? Call Joan Vakos 422-6506

Dig It!

Partnering With Our Families

Help others come to know the Lord by sharing these important truths:

**God is love. He is holy.
He is the source of all light and truth.**

With great love He gave us life, and the right to be His children.

**“I” is the center of all sin: “my will.”
Sin is the deadly barrier to God’s love.**

**Jesus pierced our sin barrier with His blood.
He came to die that we might live forever in Him. “Thy will be done.”**

**Would you like to say “Yes,” to His love today? Let’s talk to God. Repeat after me:
Lord God, thank you for your love.
Please forgive me for going my own way. Dear Jesus, thank you for dying for me that I might live forever. Come Holy Spirit, cleanse my heart and give me a new heart; that I may worship only You all the days of my life. in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

love, how can it be – that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?” In Eph. Chapter 3, Apostle Paul speaks of the love of God – describing it in four dimensions: He says the love of God is **wide** and **long** – that’s horizontal; then he says it is **high** and **deep** – that’s vertical. When you put horizontal and vertical together – what do you have? The **Cross!**

Grace, forgiveness, healing, hope, victory, love - all this, and so much more, flows from the cross! And I want to challenge and charge us as we leave this beach this morning - to go forth and **plant** the cross. Plant the cross in your life, your home, your school, your office, your neighborhood, your sphere of influence... plant the cross – and then lift it high, for the glory of God!

God bless you in this spring and coming summer season!

Love in Christ -

Coleman

Time Apart...

In the midst of all life’s storms, I’m thankful that Christ is at the helm of our lives - your life, my life, our Church family’s life. In the midst of the storm, I’m thankful that Christ is at the helm - of Galilee’s life - and my family’s life. Let’s continue to look to Him to chart our course as our good and faithful Pilot. I’m confident He will!

We’re going to be gone for the next couple of weeks in May for some needed “family time apart”

for recharging. The Vestry has been so encouraging - “Go and replenish!” So we’re taking that prescription to heart. Thank you for your prayers for God’s rejuvenation.

(We're grateful to The Reverend Bill Brake - John Jordan's First assistant - for leading our Sunday worship on May 6th and 20th, and to The Reverend Ron Greiser - Rector of Saint John's, Portsmouth - for leading Sunday worship on May 13th.)

Thank you again for loving and caring. It means the world.

With our love to our church
family,

The Tylers
(Phil. 1:2-6)

overhead, and with a dozen heads bowed around him, Pastor Hunt began to pray prayers of thanksgiving for the safe voyage, and prayers of blessing for the new colony that they were about to establish for God and the King.

As he read the appointed scripture for the day from the *Book of Common Prayer* Lectionary – Acts 26:17-18 – Hunt must have felt the overwhelming Presence of God as he read God's words to the Apostle Paul: "I am sending you to the Gentiles, to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins."

Finally, choking with emotion, we can see Hunt raising his eyes and his trembling hands heavenward, praying: "from these shores the Gospel shall go forth to not only this New World, but also to the entire world" – a prayer that echoed Jesus command to pray that "the Lord of the harvest would send out workers into His harvest field."

The air around them was probably very calm and still. But if we could have heard the voices of heaven that day – what might we have heard from angels, and archangels, and all the company of heaven?

*Glory and honor and praise
to Jesus Christ; Hallelujah to
the Lamb, who takes away the
sin of the world! Victory for
His Kingdom!*

Never before in the history of the world had a nation been born like this! Never before had God

been glorified in this way by the first settlers of a land as they entered it. This First Landing was a "first" on earth...and in heaven. Here was a land being dedicated to the honor and praise of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – with a passionate commitment to carry forth the Gospel from shore to shore.

“So April 29th was a day of conception. The seed of God’s word, purposes, and presence was planted at the entrance to the womb: the Chesapeake Bay area, later called Tidewater. In the next few days and weeks, that seed would tack its way up the James River to lodge itself in the marshy lowlands of Jamestown – the first permanent Christian settlement in America.”

“The land was now pregnant with the Kingdom of God. The spiritual DNA of America was established. Ultimately, this Tidewater ‘pregnancy’ gave birth to one of God’s most unique and beautiful creations: the United States of America.” (Bob Fox) And so today, April 29, in the year of our Lord 2007 – we plant the Cross of the original Galilee Church on 18th Street - here on our 40th Street beach. And as we plant the cross in this sand, let us plant the cross in our church family - and in our individual families and personal lives....If we will be committed and courageous on a daily basis to plant Jesus’ cross in our hearts and lives – think what can happen – because at the cross we find our deepest needs and longings provided: There is so much we find at the cross – but here are six gifts of God waiting for you and me there:

1. At the cross – we find **grace** – the grace of the Gospel – Good News – that tells us that on the Cross Jesus Christ did for us what we could never do for ourselves. For it is by grace that you have been saved, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense....
2. At the cross we find **forgiveness** – forgiveness for our sins against God; forgiveness for our sins our fellow man; forgiveness for our sins against our own selves and souls. At the cross we can come and receive forgiveness. And at the cross, we can come to extend forgiveness to those who have hurt us and sinned against us. It’s a two way street – the cross enables us to forgive – and to be forgiven, and all true forgiveness flows from the cross – from the Savior who said, “Father Forgive them....”
3. At the cross we find **healing** – body, mind, spirit – for by His stripes we are healed.
4. At the cross we find **hope** – because the cross of Good Friday tells us again and again: Yes, it may be Friday – but Sunday is coming. After death comes resurrection, and the cross says that over and over and over.
5. At the cross we find our **victory** – as we hear Jesus final cry, “Tetelesthai - It is **finished!**” For it was there that He conquered the powers of death and darkness and Satan.
6. At the cross we find the **love** of God in all its fullness. Charles Wesley said it so well: “Amazing

Welcome Back Sue!

A dear old friend to so many at Galilee, Sue Antonick, returns to us for the next couple of months to serve as "Volunteer Development Coordinator." Sue will typically be in the office on Wednesday and Thursday of each week. We are very grateful for her willingness to serve in this way and extend much love and thanks. Welcome home, Sue!"

-Coleman and Vestry

Chaos on Wheels is one of the most entertaining, engaging performances. In addition to the daring, skillful, and mouth-dropping stunts, Jeremiah's testimony and invitation for students to check out a life with Jesus is heard and taken to heart by many.

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Go Fish is a Christian singing group that brings a unique sound full of variety and creativity. They sing for the Lord, and have a great ministry through their music.

Lesha and her puppet crew bring the gospel to life for kids!