



# Annual Parish Meeting

## Sunday, February 1, 2009

*The Church of the Good Shepherd  
Rocky Mount, North Carolina*

January 13, 2009

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

On Sunday, February 1st, The Church of The Good Shepherd will hold its Annual Meeting in the Church. The format of the day will be as follows:

The 8:00 a.m. service will take place as normal.

The 9:00 a.m. service will take place, though in an abbreviated format.

At 10:00 a.m. we will hold the annual meeting in the church.

Immediately following the meeting the 11:00 a.m. service will be held, also in an abbreviated format.

The only sermon for the day will be the Rector's address at the annual meeting. Children's activities for all those sixteen and under will be held in the parish hall during the annual meeting. Those sixteen and older are eligible and encouraged to vote and participate in the meeting.

The Annual Meeting of an Episcopal Church serves to provide a space for all the members of the congregation to come together and elect persons to serve on its governing body - The Vestry. It also serves to allow the current leadership of the church to share vital information about the work and ministry they have undertaken for the parish in past year and the ways in which they expect their time and talent to be used in the coming year. An Annual Meeting has no purpose or meaning without the members of the church being present to partake.

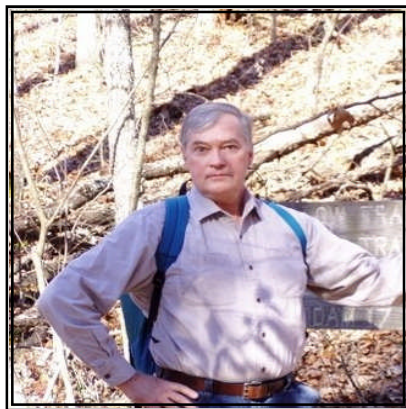
Enclosed are biographies of our candidates for Vestry. I continue to be so very thankful for the dedicated members of Good Shepherd who willingly offer their service to lead our parish. Many thanks goes to the hard work of the Nominating Committee (the graduating class of the Vestry), Norman Chambliss, Ryan Bullard, Rick Kroncke, and Belinda Landis.

The Annual Meeting of any congregation is an important time for the congregation to hear vital information on the health of the congregation, both financial and spiritual.

Please take your part in the life of Good Shepherd and come February 1st.

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## Vestry Candidates



**Stephen Anderson**

Born in Knoxville, Tennessee, May 5, 1950, to a legal family. Baptized at Laurel Avenue Church of Christ there at the age of twelve. Attended public schools in Knoxville, then North Carolina State University 1968-1971, history and philosophy. Married Betsy Haynes in Christ Church, Rocky Mount, 1971. Worked in insurance sales, then in industrial distribution; manufacturing sales, marketing, and management; small business; now a writer and photographer working primarily with commercial copy. Attracted by the outstanding musical concerts The Church of the Good Shepherd sponsors, I began attending here in 2003, being confirmed in 2005 following instruction by Judy Clayton. Prior to that I had begun wondering what I best might do to give back a little to the parish that had unexpectedly assumed an important place in my life. The age and needs of this priceless old church building could not be overlooked, the parish budget each year was becoming more difficult to stretch to hire contractors for everything that had to get done, I had a small collection of tools at home and a few hand working skills acquired by accident over the years,

not many others were doing much of it, and so I started making little repairs around the property on off hours. After a while, I was drafted along with my good friend and parish working partner, John Bonner, onto the Administration Commission, now Buildings and Grounds. The work grew to encompass several aspects of keeping the place going. Today, a few more volunteers have joined the effort. The work has expanded steadily into more tasks formerly done by outsiders or not at all. As it has done so, so has my own involvement with various aspects of the daily life of Good Shepherd. When asked to stand for the vestry this year, I at first demurred. As society and living in America race all around us at an accelerating pace into unknown territory, time becomes increasingly short for us all, and a vestryman has to take what requires to do the job. After talking it over with the Lord and other critically interested parties, I felt more than thought that the right thing to do was to agree to the nomination. It is an honor to have been asked, and should you wish to give me the further honor of placing me on it I promise to do my best to bring it my perhaps unique if only partly finished perspective on the life of the parish, and as well to listen to, learn of, and try to balance with the equally unique perspectives of all of us.



**Kenneth Burnette**

I was born in Rocky Mount and grew up at West Haven Presbyterian Church. My college years at East Carolina did not include regular worship and after marriage in 1973; Deborah and I attended Good Shepherd's Christmas Eve 11:00 service on many occasions. We were drawn to Good Shepherds services and liturgy, the traditions and beliefs, the beauty of the church, and the wonderful people who worshipped here. Deborah was working at the time at Edgecombe-Nash Mental Health Center, where former priest Charlie Penick was working part-time. Charlie was a quiet, but relentless recruiter. We both joined Good Shepherd in 1977. During our early years of marriage "before children", Deborah and I served as EYC youth directors, where we formed lifelong bonds with "our kids". Only a few of those remain in Rocky Mount, but it is always great to hear from them or see them during the holidays as they worship with relatives at Good Shepherd. Our two children, Ashton, now 25 living in New York City, and Mark, now 19 and at NC State, were both baptized here at Good Shepherd. There are so many memories of Sunday School, Christmas Pageants, Blessing of the Animals, Habitat for Humanity, Christmas Shoe Boxes and more with our children at Good Shepherd. I have served on various boards in Rocky

Mount and I am familiar with committee driven organizations and how they operate. I have deep respect for our vestry, its duties, and the parishoners who give their time to serve our congregation in this way. I am honored to be nominated and if elected, will serve Good Shepherd to the best of my ability.

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**E. L. Daughtridge**

As a life-long member of the Episcopal Church, I thank you for considering me as a candidate for the Vestry. I find that, in itself, an honor. I grew up in The Church of The Good Shepherd, I was baptized by Reverend Craighill, attended Sunday School, was confirmed by Bishop Penick, served as an acolyte for Reverends' Temple and Smyth, and later as an usher. Yes, I was raised in The Church of The Good Shepherd. It is my home. It is where I belong. Over the years, I have visited other churches and seldom would I experience the spiritual feeling that I was truly in the presence of God. Now that I am retired, I have the time to more fully give back to the Church. Serving on the Vestry will give me many opportunities to do so. If elected, I will be grateful for the opportunity to serve God, the children, and the communicants of The Church of The Good Shepherd. Again, it is an honor to be nominated. I will gratefully appreciate if I am chosen to serve.



**Tommy Parker**

Teresa, Thomas, Ali and I joined The Church of the Good Shepherd around 1999. The children's and youth's programs at the church drew us to become involved. We felt so welcomed and became committed members. (Our children even went to the Good Shepherd Day School). Most of the years we have enjoyed the worship and fellowship at the 9:00 a.m. service; although now we primarily attend the 8:00 a.m. service. The growing years of our family found the "family service" a positive experience. Both of our children, Thomas and Ali, have been extremely involved in the church. They both enjoyed acolyting, and lay reading. Ali has also served as a Chalice Bearer. Instilling in them the stewardship and duty to God and their church family has been a privilege that Good Shepherd has blessed us with. I have helped barbeque and cook at various different church activities and have been involved in other events as well. Before coming to Good Shepherd, we belonged to Christ Episcopal Church on Fairview Road in Rocky Mount. I served on the Vestry and also as a Junior Warden. I am honored to be nominated and I would faithfully serve our church to the best of my abilities; helping to prove Good Shepherd as a spiritual home and a comfortable yet motivated place to "belong and believe."



**Angela Urquhart**

I was raised in the Baptist church but after finishing college, I began searching for a church that would nourish my heart and soul. I was living at Sunset Apartments when Charlie Penick invited me to visit The Church of the Good Shepherd. It did not take long for me to make a decision to be where I felt spiritually and emotionally comfortable. Here at Good Shepherd I was confirmed 30 years ago and I was married shortly afterwards. My daughter, Hayes, was born in 1984 and baptized at Good Shepherd. She benefited from the wonderful day school environment and has fond memories of the activities in which she participated as a youth. Being involved in the different commissions over the years has helped me have a more mature attitude of what it means to be a Christian. These commissions have also helped me to try to be a better servant of our church. As a Sunday school teacher, I was made aware of the special talents and gifts of our younger members and to be involved in the lives of our young people has been important for me in my family and church life. My true love is my involvement in our Alter Guild. It means so much to me to have the privilege of preparing the vessels for our communion feasts. I have also enjoyed being a vestry person and leader of the Day School commis-

sion. Being a member of the Search committee when we found Scott was exciting for me and I also have enjoyed being a Compline Officiant and having the opportunity to serve the community through the Meals on Wheels program. I am humbled and honored to be asked to serve on the vestry. If elected I will use what skills I have acquired over the years to serve both the church and fellow parishioners.



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# Vestry Candidates Continued



**Brent Wilson**

Right after being married, we (Jamie and I) joined Good Shepherd because it simply felt good for us. It was just a few months after joining that we got a call to help with Sunday School and that is where our journey begins. Since joining in 2001, I have worked very closely with the youth from teaching Sunday school for the middle and high school youth, working on various youth initiatives and challenges, to traveling to Costa Rica. Through all of these adventures, the importance of being active within the community and church has been a central theme while leading the youth. I believe that a strong youth program centered on service and the mission of Good Shepherd is vital to the community we work, live and play. As a new parent to Garrett (our almost 4 year old) I am beginning to see the challenges our youth and Church face. The work of the Church does not just happen. It takes a tremendous amount of dedication and passion for making our community better. I have always challenged the youth to step up and therefore I am ready to step forward to take a more challenging role as a part of the Vestry and lead the Church to improve the community in which we all live. With your help, we can work towards making Good Shepherd and Rocky Mount a better place one