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ON THE SPOT

The Reverend Philip Bryant, our French Protestant (Huguenot) Church pastor, and The Reverend Doctor Thomas Guerry, our church associate pastor were recently placed "On the Spot." Both pastors were asked the following questions. Their responses follow.

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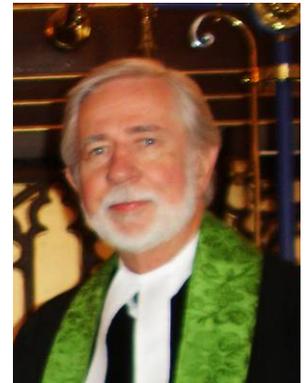
REVEREND PHILIP BRYANT



1. What profession would you choose if you were not a minister?
Reporter like Charles Kuralt or Steve Hartman
2. What/who makes you laugh?
Just listening to people's stories and telling mine

3. What's the funniest thing that's ever happened to you while in the pulpit?
I was conducting a wedding for a couple who were starting over at 82 and we had a retired chaplain from the Citadel who was 90 and had performed her first marriage assisting. He fainted in the middle of the ceremony and so I held him up and continued with the ceremony.
4. Do you have a favorite book or author?
Letters to My Daughter by Maya Angelou

REVEREND DOCTOR THOMAS GUERRY



1. What profession would you choose if you were not a minister?
Bookstore owner.
2. What/who makes you laugh?
**What: Absurdity
Who: Monty Python, Steve Martin, Peter DeVries**
3. What's the funniest thing that's ever happened to you while in the pulpit?
Just as I said, "Let us pray," the landline telephone in the choir loft began to ring.
4. Do you have a favorite book or author?
**Book: 'Cry, the Beloved Country'
Authors: Wendell Berry, John Updike, James Lee Burke**

Reverend Philip Bryant Continued...

Reverend Doctor Thomas Guerry Continued...

5. Who's your favorite disciple and why?
Peter. He was so human.
6. Which historical figures would you like to meet?
Churchill
7. Do you have a nickname? If so, explain...
Phil. Aunt Grace started calling me that when I was an infant. Since she did not have much education it was always spelled Field.
8. What's your favorite dessert?
Key lime pie
9. What's your favorite song?
Carolina on my mind by James Taylor
10. Do you have a favorite childhood memory?
Sitting on a porch and listening to my Uncles tell stories
11. What do you wish you'd known when you started your career?
You don't have to be right all the time.
12. Where would you like to travel?
Pacific Northwest

5. Who's your favorite disciple and why?
Philip. He was responsive and inquisitive but not pushy.
6. Which historical figures would you like to meet?
Dag Hammarskjold, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, John Woolman
7. Do you have a nickname? If so, explain...
"Foods" Shoe size 14
8. What's your favorite dessert?
Bread pudding - with the appropriate sauce
9. What's your favorite song?
'Embraceable You'
10. Do you have a favorite childhood memory?
Riding in the pickup truck with my dad late on a cold winter afternoon.
11. What do you wish you'd known when you started your career?
The difference between substance and trivia.
12. Where would you like to travel?
Greece, Austria, Ireland

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DECEMBER EVENTS

Sunday, December 2, 2012, Congregational Meeting, Elder Elections

Sunday, December 9, 2012, Lessons and Carols Service

Monday, December 24, 2012, 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Services

(All children are invited to dress up and sing at the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service, for more information contact Anne Blessing anneandbo@yahoo.com.)



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ACTIVITIES by Pat Hiott-Mason

The Women of the Church will hold another silent auction starting the first Sunday in November and ending the Sunday before Christmas. The items will be displayed at 44 Queen with bid sheets. Besides the wonderful paintings and crafts donated by the members of our congregation, we have expanded to include other items members wish to donate.

If anyone has questions, contact Pat Hiott-Mason at 843-762-2208.

Also a fountain has been donated and installed in our 44 Queen garden. Be sure to stop by and see it soon.

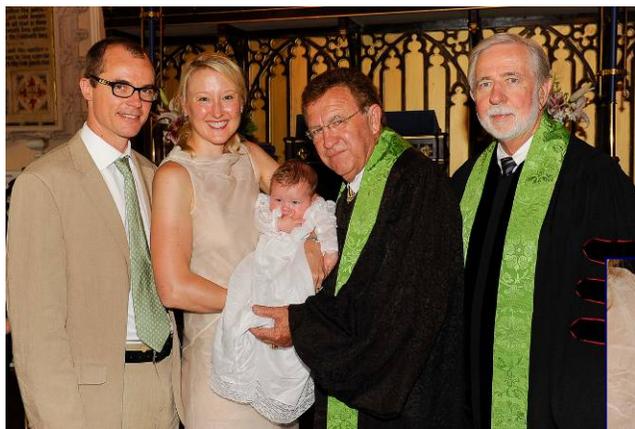
The Fall tours of the church have begun with much success.

The Women of the Church have seen a need to reach out to those that need a helping hand due to illness or other circumstances. Vickie Guerry is heading up the Helping Hands Ministry and already has 25 volunteers who will prepare food and deliver it to families.

Deborah Burkette is the new treasurer of the W. O. C. We will keep the congregation notified of future projects.

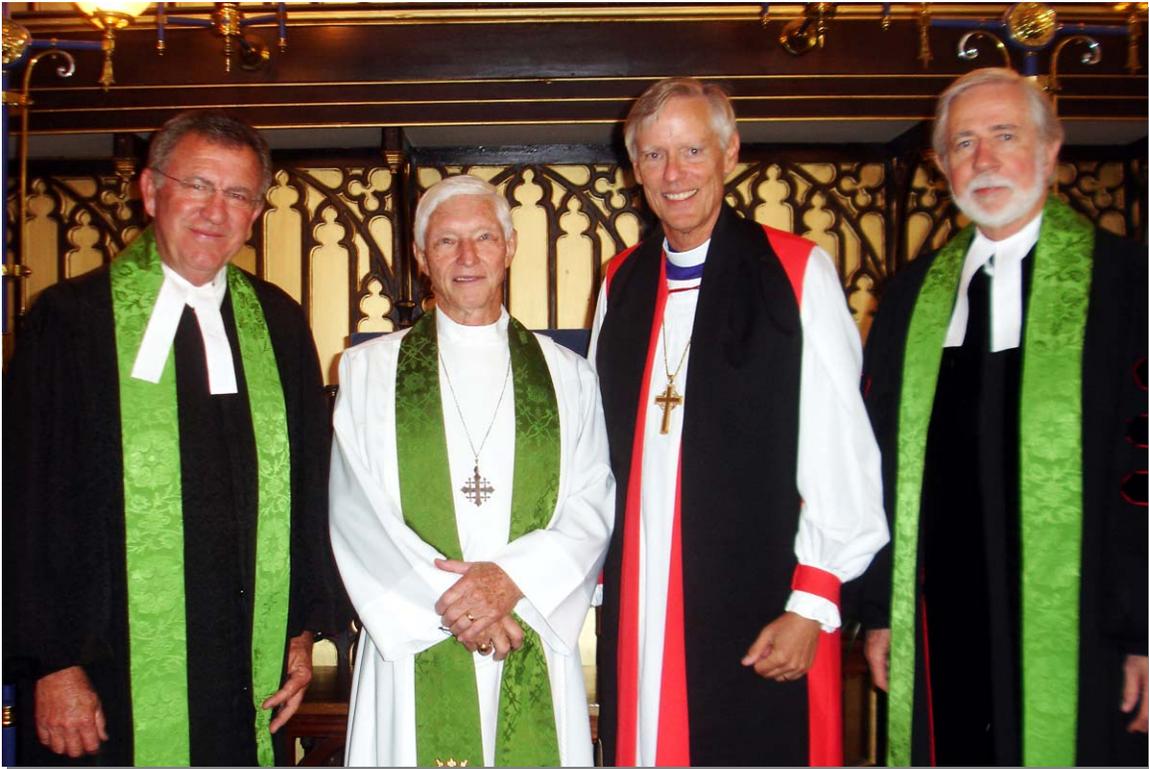
CHRISTENING HELD

Our membership is growing! **Dalton Louise Warren**, daughter of Caroline and John Warren, was Christened on July 29, 2012.



ANNUAL AUTUMN SERVICE – OCTOBER 21, 2012

The Huguenot Society of South Carolina's annual Autumn Service (Revocation of the Edict of Nantes) was held October 21, 2012. A collation in the courtyard of 44 Queen Street followed.



Pictured above (left to right): The Reverend Philip Bryant, our pastor, The Reverend Philip G. Porcher, Chaplain of the Huguenot Society of SC, The Right Reverend Charles G. vonRosenberg, retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee, and The Reverend Doctor Thomas Guerry, our associate pastor





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November 8, 2012

Dear Friends,

This summer the Board of Directors and members of this congregation surprised me with the greatest honor I could ever hope to receive. The special service the flag flown over the Capital in Washington and of course the marble plaque to be placed near the one my father received after his death are truly overwhelming.

After all the kind messages and kissing at the reception that followed it dawned on me that it is I who should be honoring you as the extended family of this church (some of whom live as far away as California and beyond). It is this tremendous group of caring people many of whom don't always get the recognition that is deserved that share in this great day and honor directed at me! Without you we have no church. Without your prayers none of us would be able to get through deaths in the family and cancer and other perils.

So, let me thank you from the depth of my heart for making the last 34 or 35 years so great and productive and for singling me out for this great honor.

God bless us all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan".

Daniel Ravenel

DR:ebm

THE IMMORTALS

Arthur Ravenel, Jr. and Daniel Ravenel are pictured below with their church plaques. They are the only living persons whose names appear on the French Huguenot Protestant Church's walls.



THE IMMORTALS: ARTHUR RAVENEL, JR. AND DANIEL RAVENEL

HUGUENOT CHURCH MEMBER ON WHEEL OF FORTUNE



The photo above is of Jillian Crane (in red), member of the congregation, and her mother Joyce Crane (in white). They are June Iseman's daughter and granddaughter. Jill was a contestant on The Wheel of Fortune in September. The show will air locally November 26, 2012. Jill will also be married in the church on April 20, 2013.

REPAIRS AND RESTORATION UPDATE

As most of you know, three events, the earth quake of 1886, the application of 'cementious' paint in 1996, and the, now infamous, whole of 2009 are the primary culprits leading to the major repair work now ongoing at our church.

Where are we today with the work? Below is a quick update of where the church repairs stand today.

The work on the rear of the church is finished and the final coat of stucco and paint has been applied. Please notice the beautiful restoration on the gothic arches above the windows, as these arches had to be completely rebuilt.

On the south side of the church, the old stucco has been removed, and the broken bricks have been replaced. New stucco has been applied and is now being painted with a lime wash. It is around ninety percent complete.

On the north side, the old stucco has been removed and the broken bricks are being replaced. The north side is forty-five percent complete, with an estimated finish date of January 1, 2013.

On the front of the church, restoration work will not start until January, as we did not want construction to impair the scheduled weddings. The estimated completion date is April 1, 2013.

I am sure everyone has noticed the change of paint color on the south side of the church. When compared to the front of the church, the south side provides a sharp contrast between the new pink color and the older gray color. Many of you have asked how we arrived at the new color.



The restoration goal was to return the church to its original condition in 1845, but 167 years have passed, and we have no records indicating the original color of the church. We decided we needed expert help to determine the original color of the church. We hired noted architectural conservator, Frances Ford, to determine the original church colors. The forensic process Ford used

would be suitable for an episode of TV's Cold Cases Files. Ford took samples of the stucco from several places on the church and samples of the windows. She cast the samples in a polyester resin, and, after hardening, the samples were cut into cross sections, mounted on slides, and photographed. The photomicrographs would prove to "reveal the sequence of paint layers over time, thickness, dirt layers, and textures." The end result brought to life the 1845 color scheme of the church. We now know, the exterior façade was a very pale pink, with black gothic arches over the windows, and cream window frames. When the restoration is complete, our church will look as it did when it was new in 1845.

The estimated cost is to repair the church is \$1,126,000. We received \$300,000 as a settlement from our law suit. The remaining balance is \$826,000, and we have set up a construction loan through the endowment account to fund the repairs. We are considering several options on how to repay the loan, and we will keep the congregation updated when a final solution is reached.

John Hilton President, Board of Directors

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

A new type of ministry has begun at our church and we welcome everyone to participate. If someone in our church family has a new baby, has had surgery and needs a meal, has a death in the family, or has an extended illness, we want to be there for you.

The following persons have already signed up and agreed to serve on one of the teams that are in place:

Downtown Charleston

Patricia Ewing
Nada Arnold
Sandra Thornton
Ellen Murray
Jan Benson

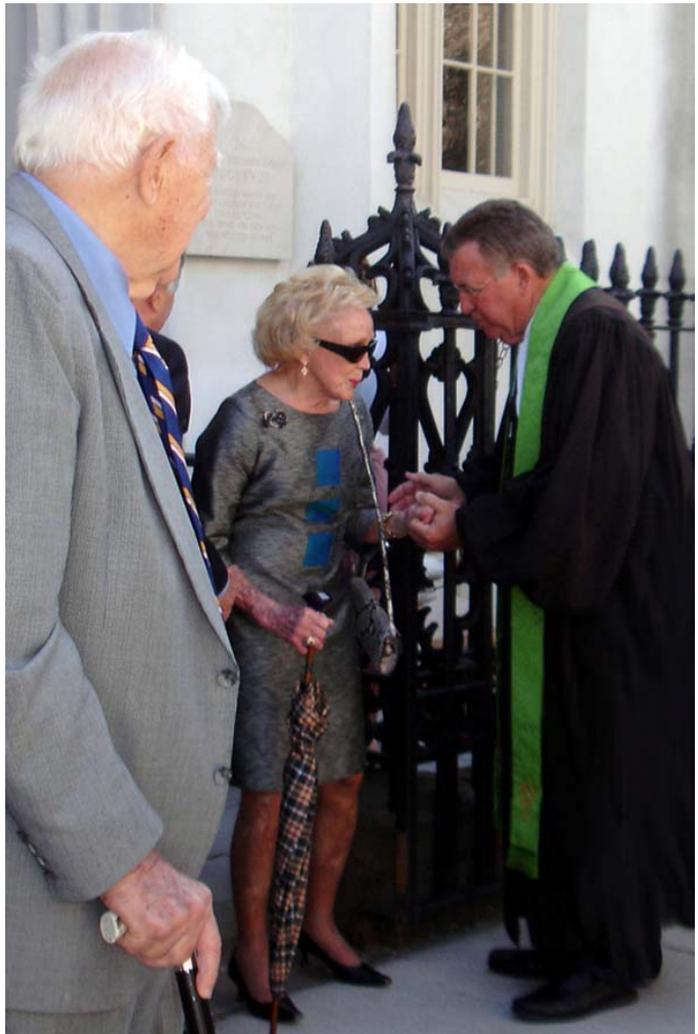
WE STILL NEED A LEADER FOR THIS GROUP!

Mt. Pleasant, Isle of Palms, Sullivans Island

TEAM LEADERS: Emmie and Barry Hammett
Barbara Claypoole
Beverly LaHue
Bessie Gantt
Michelle Pollak
Alexandra Garcia
Connor Gantt
Karen Plaehn
Rick and Karen Karam
Chris Mansfield

James Island, West Ashley, Hollywood

TEAM LEADER: Alice Hambright
Harriett Reavis
Patty Ravenel
Frances Gaillard
Barbara Thomas
Renee Marshall
Bonnie Oulla
Anna Hilton



If there is a need, and we don't know about it, we cannot respond. Please contact Lynn at the church office, Phil or Tom if there are needs. You may also contact Vickie Guerry at vickieguerry@gmail.com or 478-1595. She will then contact the group leader from the geographical area where the need is and the group leader will arrange for the meal.

Vickie is also serving as a backup for each group if there are not enough team members available to help at a certain time.

If you are interested in joining one of the teams, please let Vickie know and provide your email and your phone number. It is a great way to meet people and to care for each other!

COCKTAILS IN THE COURTYARD

The French Protestant Huguenot Church welcomed all members to “Cocktails in the Courtyard” Thursday, October 24, 2012 at 6:30 PM. The event was held in the 44 Queen Street courtyard.



THE HUGUENOT CHURCH CHOIR by Beth Dixon

The Huguenot Church choir is back in full swing for the Fall. They meet every Wednesday evening for rehearsal with our choir director, Tray Stephenson. The choir includes 13 singers consisting of 5 sopranos, 3 altos, 3 tenors, and 2 basses. Consider joining them if you have a singing voice! Below are profiles of four more of our talented choir members.

Brian D. Ross

Brian has been a member of the choir since Christmas of 2006 and sings tenor. A native of Louisville Kentucky, he moved to Charleston in 1998 and graduated from the College of Charleston in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology. He then earned his certificate in massage therapy from Trident Technical College. Brian has owned and operated two private massage therapy practices since then, but his real professional passion is hospitality and tourism management. He has over 14 years of experience in this field and is currently the Director of Revenue Management and Director of Guest Services at the Tides Hotel on Folly Beach. Living and working on Folly Beach is a dream come true for him and he is proud to call the Lowcountry home! He sings with the Taylor Festival Choir and has had the privilege of singing on two internationally released choral albums with this ensemble. A devout fan of University of Kentucky basketball, he is better known and listed (officially) as “Brian Kentucky Ross” on these recordings! He currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Taylor Choir. Brian enjoys bow fishin’, kayaking, traveling, playing poker, parasailing, sky diving, and high adventure. He also loves spending quality time with good company including his beloved full-blooded mutt named Jaina.





Emmalee Hinson

Emmalee sings alto in our choir. She is a rising senior at the College of Charleston and is majoring in Music History with a minor in English. Her plans after college include earning her M.A. in choral conducting and hopefully teaching at the high school level. In her spare time she enjoys baking, stargazing, and reading Shakespeare! When asked how she found



Emmalee Hinson and Renee Blankenship

our choir group, she says, "I started working here in October of 2011 after some existing choir members asked me to consider joining! It ended up being a great fit, and I'm very happy to be here!"



Courtney Richmond

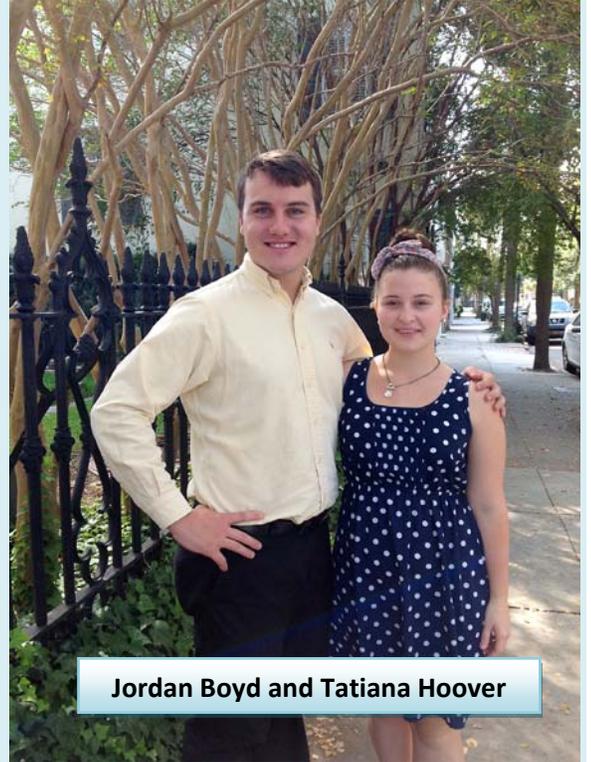
Courtney, or "Cat" as she prefers to be called, joined the choir last spring and sings soprano. She is currently a senior at the College of Charleston with a double major in Vocal Performance and English Creative Writing. She is studying voice under Deanna McBroom. She is an active performer in numerous programs and ensembles at the College, including concert choir, and the opera program. Outside of CofC, she participated as a chorus member in the inaugural performance of Opera Charleston's Carmen, and performs often with the Taylor Festival Choir. Cat is from Atlanta, Ga., and in addition to her love of singing, she greatly enjoys writing poetry, studying German language and culture, and reading Russian literature. She was referred to the Huguenot Choir by former choir member Siobhan Rodriguez.



Tatiana Hoover

Tatiana joined the choir this Fall and sings soprano. She is a sophomore studying Vocal Performance as her major at the College of Charleston, with a minor in German. She is part of the Honors College, studies voice under David Templeton, and is a member of the CofC Concert Choir, CofC Opera, and Opera Charleston. She placed second at the

Mid-Atlantic National Association of Teachers of Singing auditions this past spring. When she's not involved in music, Tatiana likes dancing, sailing, and riding her horse, Neverland.



Jordan Boyd and Tatiana Hoover



Pictured Above: Choir Members Brian Ross, Fernando Troche, and Dick Donohoe

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Blessing of the Animals service was held November 24, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind...And God saw that it was good. – Genesis 1:25



CONDOLENCES

We wish to extend our sincere condolences to Bill and Renee Marshall and their family on the recent loss of Bill's father, Allen Sims Marshall. Our hearts and prayers are with them in this time of sorrow.

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." (Matt. 5:4 Geneva Bible 1560)



HUGUENOT CLASSIFIEDS

"Therefore by their fruits ye shall know them." (Matt. 7:20 Geneva Bible 1560)

- 1) Crisis Ministries service days: Contact: William Applegate. william@yarboroughapplegate.com 972-0150.
- 2) Fellowship/Social Events Committee: Interested? Join a committee to look into having a new quarterly congregational social supper. Contact: postmaster@frenchchurch.org 722-4385.
- 3) Worship/Altar Guild: Communion Silver Polish 4 times per year. Communion Linens as needed. Contact: postmaster@frenchchurch.org 722-4385.
- 4) Newsletter: Contact: Anne Blessing anneandbo@yahoo.com 860-4556.
- 5) Collation (Ongoing): Pick a Sunday soon. Just sign up to bring a dish. Contact: postmaster@frenchchurch.org or 722-4385.
- 6) Ushers: Contact Bill Thornton sandwthornton@comcast.net 722-7630.
- 7) Lay Reader: Contact Bill Thornton sandwthornton@comcast.net 722-7630.
- 8) "Interested in the history of the church? Volunteer to lead a tour for visitors after normal Sunday worship. Contact Gloria Hedden 881-8831.
- 9) Louise Carraway is available for teaching piano lessons to children and adults. Anyone interested should contact her at 803-236-7249 or louisecarraway@gmail.com.



Pictured Above: Barbara Claypoole, Bill Thornton, and Beth Dixon