

2012 Christ Church Vestry Candidates

Martha Bryant is a retired widow. She has been an Episcopalian fifty years and a member of Christ Church for one year.

What do you think we do well at Christ Church?
Choir, ECW

What areas of the church and its programs do you see yourself helping to organize or lead?

I see myself helping to organize a program for the parents of youth to meet and fellowship while their children are meeting so they can learn what the children are doing and get to know other parents

What would you like to see happen at Christ Church in the future?

Christ Church should attract more members, young married couples and children. A church grows when there are youth.

What gifts, passions or experiences do you bring that would make you a valuable resource for Christ Church?

I can serve in helping to set up for programs.

Sudee Campbell is a cradle Episcopalian and member of CECS for 29 years. She is part of the CAAB (Classroom Assistance for Atypical Behaviors) team for St. Tammany schools. She and her husband Joe have two children: Andrew, 24 years and Elizabeth, 23 years.

What do you think we do well at Christ Church?

At Christ Church we do many things well:

Our Liturgy and Liturgical supports are active and dedicated ministries through the Altar Guild, Acolytes, Lectors, EMs, and Ushers.

- We keep our traditional organizations creative and with the times; thru ECW, men's Club, EYC, and Christian education.
- Ministry to our parish family is active and interactive through uplifting in prayer, visiting ministry, and food/meals through the Martha's and Marty's.
- Our Outreach: through youth character building organizations i.e. BSA, GSA, EYC, Literacy w/ ESL, the food bank, and CCC.
- We are a generous, very gracious, inclusive and welcoming parish family committed to our Church

and our greater community through our daily work and other service based organizations.

What areas of the church and its programs do you see yourself helping to organize or lead?

I see myself actively supporting all current ministries and outreach at CECS. I enthusiastically would continue in furthering the Vestry accomplishment of the past few years. My particular areas of interest are Stewardship, Welcoming, Building and Grounds, and Christian Education.

What would you like to see happen at Christ Church in the future?

Christ Church should...

- Spruce up our grounds as an outward and visible sign of our presence in the community.
- Strengthen/Encourage/Develop our youth character and service building organizations; EYC, BSA (Tigers thru Eagles), GSA (Daisy's thru Senior's)
- Encourage Stewardship all throughout the year
- Strengthen and build Parish Family through a DOCC style Christian Edu. format

What gifts, passions or experiences do you bring that would make you a valuable resource for Christ Church?

I have three decades of commitment, service and spiritual growth at CECS. 'Am an alumnus of Sewanee's EFM, EDOLA's School of Ministry, and Certified visiting EM, and EM. On my secular side: married 29 wonderful years to Joe, mother of 2 fantastic young adults Andrew and Elizabeth. Degreed- BS Busi./Marketing, been active in many community organizations and currently employed w/ STPSB working with Special needs children.

I would use my gifts, passions and tempered experiences:

- to communicate all facets CECS to the larger community
- to plan, develop and execute a grounds beautification effort to enhance our foot print on Seventh Street between Michigan & Pennsylvania Ave.
- to establish better liaison w/ BSA troop #98 and GSA troops
- to strengthen our EYC, Adult Forums and Christian Edu.

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Lauren Canal is a single hair stylist and educator. She has been Episcopalian her whole life and a member of CECS for 26 years.

What do you think we do well at Christ Church?

At Christ Church we have a great community and sense of friendship. We are open people that welcome everyone, which is how it should be.

What areas of the church and its programs do you see yourself helping to organize or lead?

I see myself helping...with the Sunday school and youth programs. I truly believe that in order for our parish to thrive, we need to involve the children more and offer better programs and more events for them and their families.

What would you like to see happen at Christ Church in the future?

Christ Church should...merge our varying ministries and find more activities for us to do as a whole. We want to bring in more families, then we need to show them why they want to be members of our church. Christ Church is the church I grew up in and I hope that it will continue to be an environment that my sister and I can raise our children in.

What gifts, passions or experiences do you bring that would make you a valuable resource for Christ Church?

I am friendly and personable. I will admit that I am opinionated, so I am not sure if that is an asset or a fault, but I have drive, leadership skills and passion when I set my mind on something. I interact every day with various members our community and talk openly about my church and how I am involved and what we offer.

Joann Greer is a retired accountant. She has been an Episcopalian for over two years and a member of CECS since September 2010.

What do you think we do well at Christ Church?

At Christ Church we are friendly, welcoming, and generous in our support for those in need. Our twenty-five children in Project Christmas received all of their wishes!

What areas of the church and its programs do you see yourself helping to organize or lead?

I see myself contributing to a vestry of diverse abilities, but cohesive in goals and decisions.

What would you like to see happen at Christ Church in the future?

Christ Church should...provide adult Christian education. Make prudent financial decisions while striving to upgrade or replace deteriorating accoutrements. Encourage additional pledging.

What gifts, passions or experiences do you bring that would make you a valuable resource for Christ Church?

I am an active member of the Altar Guild, treasurer of the ECW, chaired the Project Christmas. As an accounting manager, I developed the ability to make difficult decisions.

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Bob Lawrence has been married for 52 wonderful years to the former Nancy Adcox and we had two children, Robert III and Allyson. Robert III is deceased as the result of a bicycle accident and daughter Allyson is vice president. of AT&T who lives in Roswell, GA, with her husband Jon Lundquist and their 6-year-old, twins Austin Robert and Taylor Dean. Since their son's death they have raised our son's twins James and Daniel and they were baptized at Christ Episcopal Church. He is retired and has been an Episcopalian and member of CECS for 21 years.

What do you think we do well at Christ Church?

At Christ Church we do well in accomplishing some goals and not so well in others. We are a friendly and accepting church, comfortable with our liturgy and our new rector, and comprised of a nice, wide spectrum of parishioners in all walks of life and levels of circumstance. We have nice facilities to share with the community and to expand our mission.

What areas of the church and its programs do you see yourself helping to organize or lead?

I see myself helping to support our rector and deacon in their difficult mission to convey the teachings of Christianity, support developing spiritual goals for the church and myself in particular and personally greeting and encouraging others to greet every newcomer and young members into our church every Sunday and when we see them in our everyday life. I would pledge to support Christian evangelism and expansion of the church's role in the life of the community.

What would you like to see happen at Christ Church in the future?

Christ Church should step into a never much before explored world of individual Christian evangelism. I might even suggest classes to teach Christians how to speak comfortably about our church and our love of Christ. Everyone in the church should feel at ease telling other people how wonderful it is to be a member of Christ Church, how readily inclusive we are and welcome them to join us in worship. We

need to let others know how much we, as individuals, love our little church and welcome those people into our fellowship. If we express our real enthusiasm for Christ Church and display to others the Peace we have found in Christ, many may follow us. We must be open, kind and giving Christians who make others wonder, "Why are they always smiling and glad to be with us, greet us and welcome us to their communion?"

What gifts, passions or experiences do you bring that would make you a valuable resource for Christ Church?

I have been a newspaper editor, a municipal director of public works, a law enforcement administrator and most of all, always a volunteer for the public good in Scouting and Exploring as Istrouma Council chairman for Exploring and Bogue Chitto District chairman for Scouting. I served as chairman for the Bogalusa home rule charter commission. I guided the rebuilding of Bogalusa's Cassidy Park as the volunteer chairman of the city park commission for 11 years and am very experienced in soliciting financial assistance from good people, as well as planning for the future as the park's success today shows. I am also a novelist and an artist working in pencil, pastels and primarily, oils. Having listed these things, I will say that I am always humbled by the help and guidance God has given me to be able to take time help others and accomplish works. My experiences have left me with a real feel for people, a love of all people and the ability to deliver my opinions and strong ideas without causing conflict. I would gladly help with our church's public relations, offer my expertise in works projects and share my love of Christ with everyone.

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Richard Ray is a retired widower with two grown children. He has been an Episcopalian 36 years and a member of CECS for five years.

What do you think we do well at Christ Church?

At Christ Church we make new members and visitors feel welcome. I felt this from my first visit to CES.

What areas of the church and its programs do you see yourself helping to organize or lead?

I see myself helping...organize new bible study groups. I organized a group at my former church that stayed together and grew for over fifteen years. I also taught Sunday School for nineteen years.

What would you like to see happen at Christ Church in the future?

Christ Church should...find new means of outreach while still meeting the needs within the church family.

What gifts, passions or experiences do you bring that would make you a valuable resource for Christ Church?

I have experience serving on vestries. I have served twice. I have a deep faith in God and wish to share my faith and knowledge of Bible with others.

Jacques Walker has been an Episcopalian 30 years and a member of CECS for six. He and his wife Jill have a son Rannie, who is nine years old.

What do you think we do well at Christ Church?

At Christ Church we are good with fellowship.

What areas of the church and its programs do you see yourself helping to organize or lead?

I see myself helping in various ministries: Vestry (if elected); President, Men's Club; EM; Usher; Acolyte Coordinator.

What would you like to see happen at Christ Church in the future?

Christ Church should:

- Broaden its appeal in the local community
- Reinvigorate its youth programs (to include Sunday school).

What gifts, passions or experiences do you bring that would make you a valuable resource for Christ Church?

I have:

- Broad management experience, in the business community and in non-profit organizations (to include boards of directors).
- Current involvement in several key ministries (Men's Club, EM, Ushers)
- The desire to see CECS grow spiritually and as a congregation (Christmas Eve early service was fantastic with 190 worshipers- imagine CECS filled every Sunday like that!!!).