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The Rev. John Morrett Retires to Florida

KAPAAU, BIG ISLAND -- After several failed attempts, the Rev. John J. Morrett has at last formally and finally retired. The end of an extraordinary ecclesiastical career of over 50 years spanning Asia, the Pacific, and the Mainland, came to an end when he and his wife/partner Joani moved to Jacksonville, Florida, in mid-June to be closer to their families.

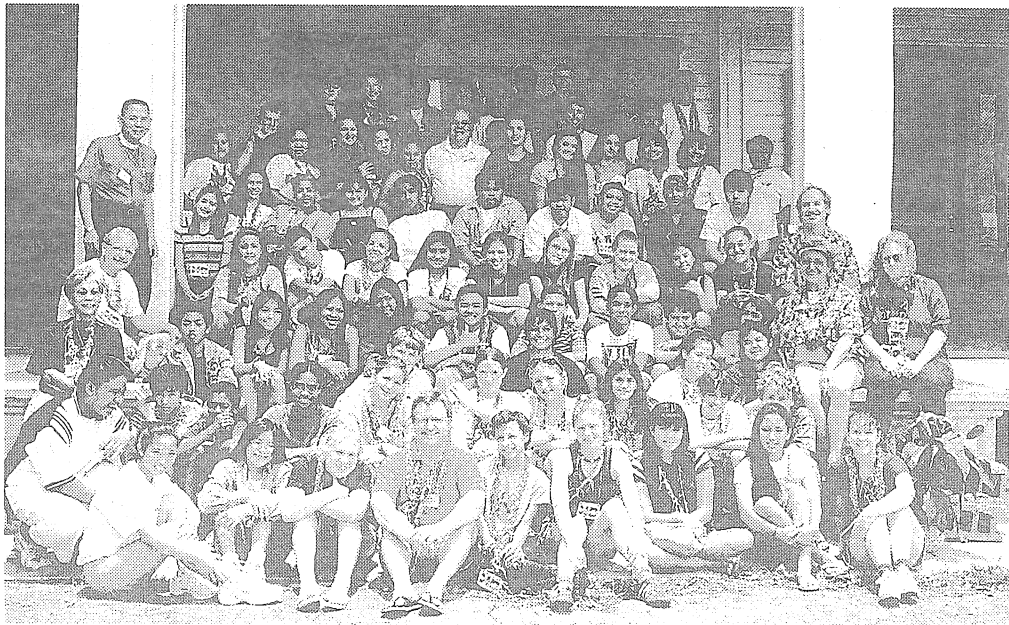
Fr. Morrett leaves behind a legacy of service to the church and humanity that will be difficult to match. Dean of St. Andrews' Cathedral, founding rector of the Church of Holy Nativity, missionary to China and to Southeast Asia, "interim" Vicar of St. Augustine's Church in North Kohala on the Big Island and elsewhere, celebrated war hero, Bataan Death March survivor, prisoner of war, author, friend to hundreds and known to thousands he has touched in corporate boardrooms and remote villages of Thailand.

A short biography says it all: Born 1916, Springfield, Ohio; Ohio State University; ROTC; Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1939-41; called up in the reserves as a Lieutenant; sent to the

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I myself have changed during the weekend. I seek God through prayer and songs and praises. When I did the skit about praying to God, I really felt that God has a lot of things to do and yet he has time to be with me, guide me, and help me everyday. . . .

-- Rodel, Good Shepherd Church



A group photo from the New Beginnings weekend, April 30 - May 2. This weekend retreat for youth in grades 7 to 9 was an opportunity for young Christians to hear from their peers on issues of parents, peer pressure, siblings, and just how Jesus fits into all of these and other areas of their lives. For more comments from the New Beginnings weekend, see page D.

Journey To Adulthood Training at St. Christopher's

St. Christopher's will host a diocesan-wide training for Journey to Adulthood, led by Amanda Hughes. The training will occur all day Saturday, August 28. There will also be an informal gathering with Amanda Hughes for clergy, parents, and other interested people to discuss the rationale and implementation of the program in a parish setting. Journey to Adulthood is a parish-based program of Christian formation for youth 11 through 18 years old. The program is divided into three groupings: Rite 13 (11-13 year olds), J2A (14-15 year olds) and

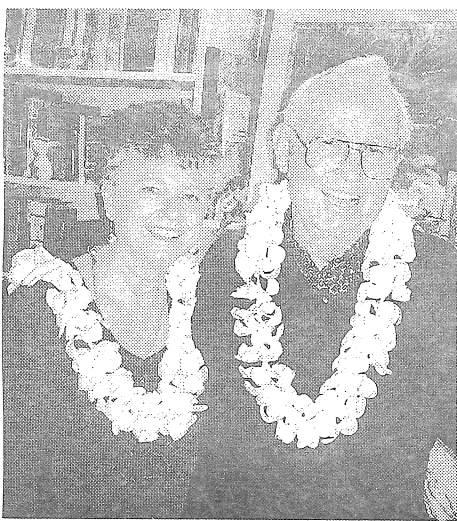
Young Adults in the Church (YAC) (16-18 year olds). For more information contact the Rev. Cass Bailey at 262-8176 or Ms. Lucille Tamura at 536-7776 ext. 105.

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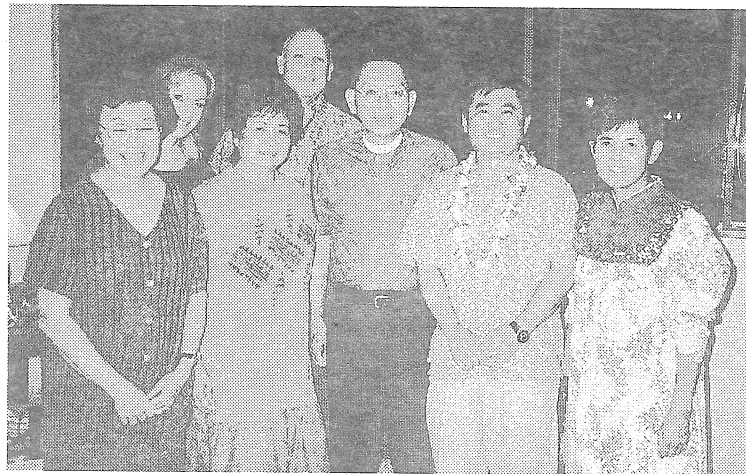
This issue of the Chronicle is for both July and August. The deadline for the September issue is August 9.



Joani and the Rev. John Morrett at a farewell party before their departure.

Representative from Sister Diocese Visits Hawai'i

The Rev. David Eisho Uehara of the Diocese of Okinawa was a recent guest of the Rev. and Mrs. Norio Sasaki. Fr. Uehara was on his way home to Okinawa after studying English at the University of California at Berkeley. Pictured with Fr. Uehara are members of Hawai'i's Companion Diocese Relationship Committee and Bishop Chang, who hosted a welcome dinner for Fr. Uehara. Another committee member not pictured is the Rev. David Kennedy. Hawai'i and Okinawa are in the process of establishing a relationship with each other. The Bishop of Okinawa, Fr. Uehara, and other representatives will be visitors at the Diocesan Convention in October.



Pictured (L - R): Myrtle Kaneshiro, Sue Wilson, Barbara Maeshiro, Jim Benson, Bishop Chang, Fr. Uehara, and Jane Ibara.

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BISHOP'S LETTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The "lazy hazy days of summer" have been busy days of preparation. There have been the preparations by our Happenings Team for their mission to the Diocese of Alaska in August; by our youth representatives for the National Episcopal Youth Event in Terra Haute, Indiana, later this month; by Pam Junge and Drew Van Culin for their ordination to the Diaconate this month; and by our diocesan staff for the Annual Meeting of our Diocesan Convention.

Even getting ready for my vacation next month requires careful preparation of my calendar as time draws near. The close of the academic year has generated a greater number of activities this year. Meetings that seemed distant when postponed till the summer are now in the moment. And of course, the final decisions and arrangements for vacation travel must be made so that friends and relatives can prepare for our visit.

One of the things that I will take on vacation with me is continued reflection on an emerging mission

statement for our diocese. Since I attended the College for Bishops in March, I have been trying to find a single sentence that could describe the mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii in the next millennium. To date I have either written or offered publicly 38 different versions of that sentence. The opening phrase, "Unified in Christ through baptism, we....", has remained consistent. Some of the concluding words have been "we proclaim the Gospel by word and deed to all peoples".... "we proclaim the Good News to all persons"... or "we daily live our baptismal covenant as the people of God."

I invite you to pray how you might finish this opening statement on mission. It has been a part of discernment for my ministry over the past two months. Share your statement. Share the Good News of God in Christ. "He Lanakila Ma Ke Kea."

+Richard S. O. Chang

Bishop's Calendar

JULY

- 11 Christ Memorial
- 18 St. Jude's
- 25 St. James'

AUGUST

- 1 West Kauai
- 8 St. Peter's
- 15 St. Luke's
- 22 Vacation
- 29 Vacation

Clergy Notes and News

On Sunday, May 16, the Rev. John C. Park entered life eternal after hospitalization for complications following surgery to replace two heart valves. To his wife Eugenia and son Titus we offer our prayers and support in their time of sorrow. A Requiem Eucharist was celebrated on Saturday, May 22, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, with inurnment following in the Cathedral Columbarium Garden.

The Rev. John Longo has announced his resignation as the Rector of St. Mary's Church, Honolulu, and will begin his retirement on July 1. He and Barbara will retire on the Mainland in order to be nearer to family.

The Rev. Brian Nurdning will serve as the Interim Vicar of the Waikiki Chapel for one year.

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Morrett Retires

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Philippines; captured at Bataan; prisoner of war for 2 1/2 years; a ship carrying him and 750 other American prisoners sunk and he escaped to safety; his war exploits featured in Collier's Magazine March 3, 1945; ordained June 1947. A missionary to

Anking, China, where he witnessed the Communist takeover, barely escaping to Hawaii.

An example of the power of his ministry: in January 1949 he started a church in an abandoned dairy farm building outside Honolulu; a year later there were more than 400 parishioners and 300 children in Sunday School. Today, Holy Nativity is one of the largest Episcopal congregations in

Hawai'i. A special 50th anniversary celebration and service in Fr. Morrett's honor was held there earlier this year.

Thirteen years later he was called to be Dean of the Cathedral and for the next seven years was regularly recognized as a moving force in the affairs of Honolulu, the state, and the Pacific during early statehood, urban growth, the beginning of the Diocese of Hawai'i, and the Vietnam War.

He was supposed to retire on Sept. 21, 1981, on his 65th birthday. A call from Bishop Edmond L. Browning took him to St. George's in Pearl Harbor. There followed the call to "interim" posts in Ohio, Thailand, Hilo, and Kapaau. Retiring for the third time to North Kohala on the Big Island, he was shortly summoned as "interim" Vicar at St. Augustine's, which also was in sharp decline. He turned it into a growing parish.

Even as he prepared to depart Hawai'i, he continued to show concern and solicit support for those in need, especially the war-torn refugees of Southeast Asia such as the Karen tribe of Thailand, whom he and Joani had worked with and supported for more than 10 years.

The John J. Morrett Fund has been established by St. Augustine's to continue such support in his name. Those interested in contributing to this fund should send offerings to The Morrett Fund, c/o Marilyn Smith, Treasurer, P.O. Box 220, Kapaau, HI 96755.

-- Frank Morgan

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Diocesan Prayer Calendar

We pray for the Episcopal Families at:

JULY

- 1st Sun. St. Alban's, Honolulu
Frank & Norma Chun
Queen Emma Chapel, Honolulu
St. Paul's Chapel, Makawao
Polly & David Hilsabeck
- 2nd Sun. St. John's, Kula
Heather Mueller-Fitch & Rik Fitch
- 3rd Sun. Trinity-by-the-Sea, Kihei
Morley & Linda Frech
- 4th Sun. St. Peter's, Honolulu
David & Anna Marie Kennedy (Interim)

AUGUST

- 1st Sun. St. Timothy's, Aiea
Vince & Maria O'Neill
- 2nd Sun. St. Stephen's, Wahiawa
Alex & Simeona Geston
- 3rd Sun. St. Philip's, Maili
Marilyn Watts & John Norris
- 4th Sun. St. Mary's, Honolulu
Erni & Grace Uno
- 5th Sun. St. Jude's, Ocean View
St. James', Kamuela
Hollis Wright & Chris Parsons

LEADERSHIP

"FRED" and the "B"-Word

This is the first in an ongoing series of articles explaining the work of each of the departments of Diocesan Council. In this issue we will hear from Jim Putnam, chair of FRED (Finance and Real Estate Development). Other departments will be featured in later issues.

Two million dollars a year is what it takes to keep the Diocese running. The Diocesan Council prepares the "B"udget for review, amendment, and approval by the annual meeting of the The Episcopal Church in Hawaii (TECH), or more commonly referred to as the Diocesan Convention. Now budgets and finance, especially trying to explain them, can be a real snoozer. I am not a CPA--that is left to Peter Pereira our Treasurer--so I will try and keep this easy.

The Finance and Real Estate Department (FRED) is responsible for the income side of the budget. The program departments--Congregational Development, Communications, Nurture & Education, and Church in Society--plan how the money is spent. The office of the Bishop, diocesan admin-

istration, and various commissions, such as Ministry Development, also submit budget requests.

Money for the budget comes from three main sources: income from investments in our portfolio, a small amount from rentals and parking, and, of course, the assessment. For the 2000 budget, assessments on parishes and missions will account for 69% of the budget, investment income 22%, and all the rest 9%.

So what has FRED been doing to help out the "B"? We have taken advantage of the wonderful run of the stock market and sold off capital gains at market highs to reduce the EHH debt. Diocesan Council just approved sale of \$458,000 in stocks, which when applied to principal with this year's budget payment will leave only \$242,282 left on that once \$4 million monster. FRED recommends that the 2000 Budget continue a \$150,000 debt payment that will leave \$92,282 by the end of next year. The good Lord willing we should have that thing paid off next year.

These accelerated payments significantly reduce the interest we owed.

Avoiding interest charges has freed up funds for the program departments and the diocese. The providential part of this whole plan is that the strength of the stock market has already replaced (on paper at least) more than 50% of the amounts we cashed in last year and this year. As a matter of interest to parish and mission treasurers who still are awake and have made it this far, the diocesan portfolio grew at over 22% for the last year and at an almost 18% average for the last three years. These numbers are as of the end of February when the market was just flirting with 10,000. (Of course we all know that it has broken through 11,000, and I hope it stays up until this article is published.)

Knowing more about the "B" should help you understand YOUR budget. Each parish and mission will get to vote on the budget and also have an opportunity to review and discuss it at the deanery budget meetings coming up at the end of June and early July. If you have questions feel free to contact me or the dedicated members of FRED: the Rev. Marv Foltz, Bettye Jo Harris, Kayoko Hanano, Nelson Secretario, and Paul Loo.

-- Jim Putnam

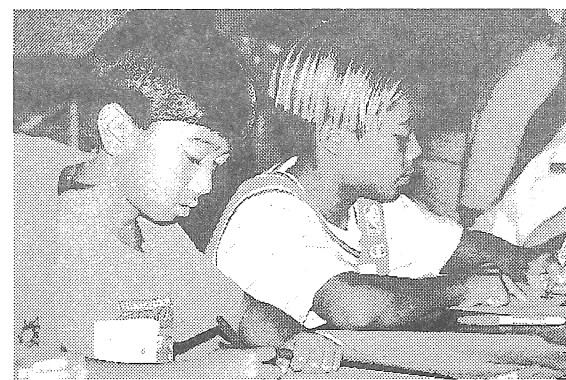
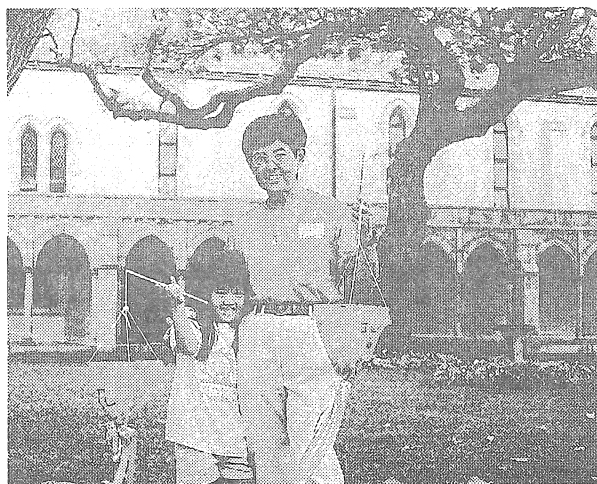
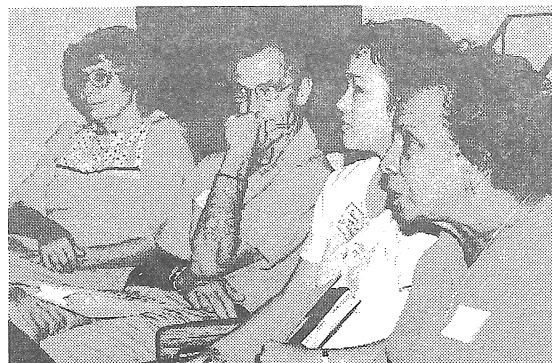
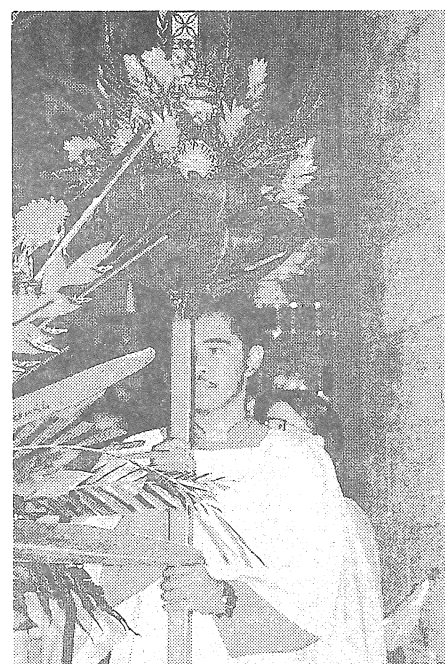
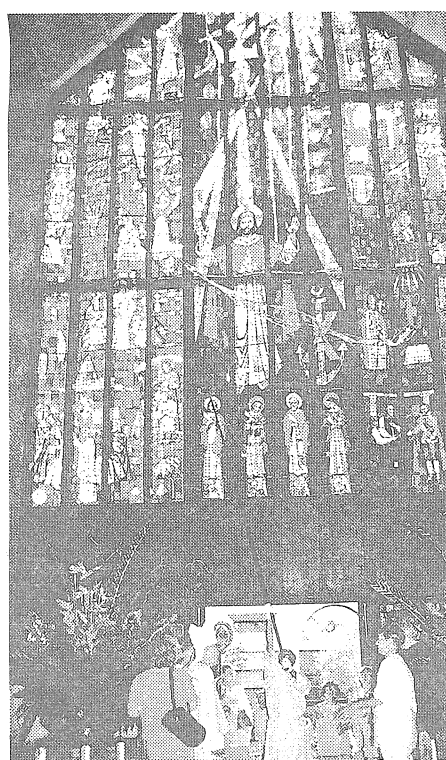
Discernment and Call for the Diocese of Hawai'i!

Commissions on Ministry and persons in preparation for Holy Orders often use discernment and call language, but sometimes the rest of us wiggle out of such talk. That is unhealthy for us!

Toward the end of June, members of the Diocese will be invited to nominate persons for various positions of leadership among us, to be elected at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Convention in October. The most important part of this process may be to nominate an ample number of qualified and motivated members of the Body of Christ who feel called by God to serve. If we all do that well, the election will be fun!

Please ask God to suggest to you appropriate persons, lay and clergy, for Ecclesiastical Trial Court (lay), Cathedral Chapter, Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, and Secretary to the Convention. Members of the Nominating Committee are ready to assist you: David Caldwell, Laureen Chong, Bruce Kennedy, John Millen (Chair), Cynthia Salley, and Mary Wilson. Please discern, call potential nominees, and then nominate! The whole diocese will benefit from your effort.

SCENES FROM CATHEDRAL DAY, MAY 22



DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

1. Commission on Ministry
Deanery Budget Review,
East Honolulu
5. Fourth of July Holiday -
Diocesan Offices Closed
Pam Junge's Ordination,
St. Timothy's
7. Companion Diocese
8. Mokuleia Board
East & Central Honolulu
Clericus
Central Honolulu Deanery
14. Finance & Real Estate Dept.
(Deanery Budget Recom-
mendations Review)
15. Cathedral Chapter
21. Compensation Review
Committee
Clergy Newsletter
23. Standing Committee
24. Council Dept. Meetings
Diocesan Council -
4th Budget Review
28. Stewardship Committee

AUGUST

4. Finance & Real Estate Dept.
5. Commission on Ministry
- 6-8, 13-15. "Happening,"
Fairbanks, Alaska
9. Chronicle Deadline for Sept.
13. Standing Committee
17. Hawaii Clericus
18. Compensation Review
Companion Diocese
19. Maui Clericus
Cathedral Chapter
20. Admissions Day Holiday -
Diocesan Offices Closed
HEPAM
25. Stewardship Committee
Clergy Newsletter
27. Kauai Clericus

SEPTEMBER (selected)

7. Deadline for Resolutions,
Diocesan Convention
9. Chronicle Deadline for Oct.
13. Second Mailing Deadline,
Diocesan Convention
17. Deadline, Convention
Registration
24. Deadline, Diocesan
Convention Reports

OCTOBER

- 22-24. Diocesan Convention

NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Holy Nativity School Receives Accreditation

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) has awarded Holy Nativity School accreditation for another six-year term. Holy Nativity School is an Episcopal day school associated with the **Church of the Holy Nativity, Aina Haina**. The accrediting body is able to grant up to a maximum of six years to schools it examines.

Holy Nativity School began a self-study process more than a year in advance of the accreditation team's visit in February 1999. Accreditation measures a school's quality of teaching, curriculum, fiscal health, and administration.

Founded in 1949, the school serves 211 children from age two through grade six. Cynthia L. Hoddick is headmistress and the Rev. John C. Millen is rector.



St. Christopher's Seeks Church School Director

St. Christopher's, Kailua, is seeking a Church School Director (Sunday School). This person will help to develop, plan, and implement a program of Christian Formation for children at St. Christopher's, especially its Sunday morning Church School.

This position currently entails 8 hours per week including Sunday morning. The position is from roughly August 15 through June 15 (40 weeks). Salary is \$15 per hour. This is a contract position and offers no benefits at present. This position requires a self-starter who is able to work independently. Some background and experience with the Episcopal Church is required. Initial tenure is for the 1999/2000 program year. This position is expected to move to quarter-time and possibly half-time in one year. A full job description is available from St. Christopher's Episcopal Church.

Please send resume no later than July 30 along with contact information for 3 references to: Church School Direc-



Bishop Richard S. O. Chang and the Rev. Alex Geston join in the dedication of St. Stephen's remodeled kitchen.

tor Search, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 456, Kailua, HI 96734; (808) 262-8176; (808) 262-1053 fax; E-mail bcb@aloha.net; www.oahu.net/saint-c/



St. Stephen's Dedicates Remodeled Kitchen

On Wednesday, June 2, a joyous gathering celebrated the remodeling of the kitchen at **St. Stephen's, Wahiawa**. Bishop Chang dedicated the new kitchen in a short service held prior to a catered dinner, cooked in the new kitchen. The remodeling was made possible through a \$35,000 gift from Episcopal Church Women (ECW). A number of ECW members, as well as others from the West Oahu Deanery, were on hand to celebrate with the members of St. Stephen's.



St. George's Begins Healing Services

Every Thursday evening, beginning at 6:30 pm, **St. George's, Pearl Harbor**, will hold a public healing service. People are welcome to come for prayers either for themselves or for someone else. For more information, call 422-7888.



Dear Bishop,

I would like to thank you for the most excellent time at Camp. It was fun to make new friends and I enjoyed it a lot.

I thank you for bringing my friends and myself closer to the Lord. For teaching us certain things about Jesus that we didn't know, and having the praying circle.

-- Johnathon, St. Timothy's

The New Beginnings Programs really changed the way I see and feel about the word of the Lord. Being a Guardian Angel was a really good experience for me. I really got closer to God. By looking at the way the kids and adult sponsors acted and felt about this weekend, I think I have seen Gods marvelous works happen in each one of us. I myself have changed during



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the weekend. I seek God through prayer and songs and praises. When I did the skit about praying to God, I really felt that God has a lot of things to do and yet he has time to be with me, guide me, and help me everyday.

-- Rodel, Good Shepherd

... I learned how to look at another person's point of view--not just only mine. I came a lot closer to God especially when we went in a circle and prayed for each other on Sunday. The thing I learned the most is not to criticize and not to yell and be calm while arguing.

-- Brandon, Good Shepherd

... I also made more friends, got to find more about myself and true feelings about things. The part where we got in a circle and prayed was my favorite part. ... Oh yeah, also I liked when we got a question and had to form a circle and answer it, it helped me to actually stop and think about it then do something. I enjoyed the experience soo much, I advised my friends to go next year.

-- Claire, Good Shepherd

New Beginnings was a good experience for me because I learned a lot of things. We did this warm fuzzy thing where you had to give a little string, which was a warm fuzzy, to a person and hug them. I also learned to look at a person from the inside, not out.

-- Rachel, St. Timothy's

...Peer pressure was a good topic, I learned that there is a lot of ways to get pressured, and there is good peer pressure too. Also when we talked about judging a book by its cover, well that's kind of what I did with my group, but I found out that they were the coolest and I wouldn't have traded them for anything. Praying with them was real touching, and I was pleased to have people that I trusted pray for me.

Ever since I left that weekend I felt like a different person, a better person, because I knew that the Lord was whatching over me....

--Lynn, Good Shepherd

...The main thing I learned is to follow God's steps and not the bad guys. And also to be careful on your actions and your attitude to people. Finally I learned to sing and dance in joy and make our own prayer to God.

-- Myron, St. Paul's