

The Anchorage
A Contemplative Ministry

DEPTH SOUNDINGS

Encouragement, Inspiration and News from The Anchorage

May 2008

10th Anniversary 1998-2008



Gratefulness:
To God Be the Glory

“Gratefulness: To God Be the Glory”

By Cathie Powell

On May 27, 1998, the South Carolina Secretary of State affixed the state seal to a Certificate of Incorporation, Non-Profit Corporation, for The Anchorage. We knew then that God was prompting us, and now 10 years later, we are so aware of God's leading and say a loud “To God Be the Glory.”

As you can see in our financial statement, From God's Abundance has been exactly that, as God exceeded our expectations for actual income. Please continue to be with us in prayer, listening for God's leading – even MORESO now that you have pledged \$131,000 of our 3-year goal of \$153,700. We want to depend entirely on God, not on the money. We are excited about using the gifts of so many faithful friends to fully fund the initiatives stated, starting with office/program space in a park-like setting in the Greenville area. If you have any suggestions please be in touch. We'd like to move in by fall. We also plan to add a part-time administrative assistant, doubling the number of employees! We would appreciate your prayer as God leads.

We hope you like our new logo. We added the heart in the middle of the cross anchor so that all three, faith, hope and love, are represented in the one symbol. The colors call us to “come away... anchor deep.”

“New” can be both exciting and scary. We are aware of the challenges that are ahead of us. We move into this new fiscal year with eagerness to serve God who has entrusted us with this counter-culture ministry called The Anchorage, and to serve those God brings, as we provide space for folks to soak in God. May the words of encouragement below encourage YOU to listen for God's invitation to come away and anchor deep.

“Words of Encouragement”

“At an Anchorage sponsored retreat at Mepkin Abbey in the spring of 2006, Cathie encouraged me to attend at least one chapel service with the monks. My plans were to spend my days alone in silent prayer, not in formal liturgical prayer with the monks. However, since she was my spiritual director, I figured I'd better check out what she suggested. Boy, am I glad I did! During my time praying with the monks, the Lord spoke to my heart and set me on an exciting new spiritual path that has kept opening up all year and brought great joy. I am indebted to Cathie, The Anchorage and Mepkin Abbey for the way God worked through them to bring an extraordinarily beautiful gift to me, that keeps getting bigger and bigger. Isn't that just like God? Thanks be to Her!”

Laura Ellen Truelove*

*Update on Laura Ellen: This week she donned her “habit” in the “Ritual of Clothing” as six months ago she was welcomed into the Order of Julian of Norwich in Minnesota. She is now Sister Laura Ellen.

“The Anchorage has made a tremendous impact on me and my spiritual journey. Through different retreats and one-on-one spiritual direction I have really come to know more deeply and intimately the one TRUE God and His love for me. I will never be the same because of the way God has used The Anchorage in my life.”

Beth Morgan

*“The times at the beach retreat have provided a haven for me, **space to open up and let God wash back into my life**, in the quiet company of others seeking the same.”*

Margaret Hardy



The Anchorage

Vision

For all people everywhere to see God more clearly, love God more dearly and follow God more nearly. For when just one person moves toward living out of that graced space, there is a ripple effect which is our best hope for the healing of our world. The Anchorage wants to contribute to that hope.

Mission

The Anchorage provides a setting in which women and men may come away to be with God, as revealed in Jesus the Christ; and to come to love more deeply, through spiritual direction and contemplative retreats, this God who loves us beyond measure.

Metaphor

A safe harbor in which to anchor deep in still waters as a respite from the wind and waves; where pilgrims may enjoy prayerful grace, honor the rhythm of Sabbath and open more fully to the mystery of God's love.

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“Words of Encouragement”

“My spiritual journey has been greatly enhanced by retreats and spiritual direction from The Anchorage. All of my experiences have been inspirational and proved exactly what I needed at the moment. One of many God-is-present Anchorage happenings was the 4-day Mepkin Abbey retreat. God’s presence was so real I felt Him hovering near me morning, noon and night. What a joy!”
Jaquie Haymond

“In reflecting on my spiritual journey over the years, there have been many times when God has reached down from the heavens with gifts of immeasurable grace. There have been unquestionably those that have occurred out of the scope of my limited awareness. And then, there are those that have illuminated my life in a way that leaves no room for doubt of God’s presence, pace and abundant love.

Such is my experience with The Anchorage. When I entered spiritual direction including the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius (Retreat in Everyday Life – see * to right) several years ago, I was quite confused and wavering in my faith. I held some “Traditional” beliefs. If pressed, I would even acknowledge that God had been a part of my life path, but I was far from knowing a personal God through Jesus Christ and his loving, creating Presence in my life. Perhaps the greatest gift for me, through the grace of God and Cathie’s prayerful guidance was to fully realize the impact of the words ‘God is love.’ **There is no need for more.**”

Madeline Blackwell

“The Anchorage’s Annual Beach Retreat has a permanent place on my calendar. I find it a perfect balance of what I need to “feed” me spiritually for the year. It is intellectually alive, spiritual stretching, emotionally supportive and physically invigorating – long, solitary walks on the beach followed by massage with a professional who understands the integration of body and spirit. The Anchorage sends us renewed into the world!”

Jo Ann Hoffman

“Life is busy, and it’s easy not to set aside time for God. Therefore, it has become my practice to look over The Anchorage brochure when it arrives and **intentionally plan some “God time”** via one or more offerings with The Anchorage.

I have enjoyed two 5-day Directed Retreats at Mepkin Abbey just before Holy Week, and the time there has been rich: worship with the monks, spiritual direction with Cathie each day, labyrinth walks, and time wandering the grounds of the Abbey with God. Each time I have come home centered, with new insights about my self and my life. I recently treated myself to a “Spring Quiet Day” at Cathie’s house with a small group of other people. The quiet time was a blessing and was fruitful for me as we silently meditated on scripture and the writings of Julian of Norwich.

I recently retired from ministry, and both before and after my retirement, I spent several days with Cathie, exploring what retirement means for me. I think that because of this gift I gave myself, I have been better able to begin my retirement journey.”

Martha Ebel



Upcoming Events

June 2008 and our 10th Anniversary Events

June 12, Thursday, 9:30 – 3:30, Summer Clergy Day, “Fear and Worry: Is It an Intimacy Issue?” led by Mike Flanagan.

10TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS! **Aug. 22, Friday – Aug. 23, Saturday**

“The Living Flame of Love: Life in the Spirit According to St. John of the Cross” with Martha Campbell. This overnight retreat will be one of our best opportunities to ‘come away.... anchor deep’ as we spend time with God immersed in this poem by John of the Cross, a 16th Century Carmelite monk who led the reform of the order. Bonclarken Conference Center. Flat Rock, NC, has single rooms with private baths and a peaceful lake.

Nov. 21, Friday – Nov. 23, Sunday

“Thomas Merton, My Brother: The Impact of Thomas Merton on My Life and Thought” with Glenn Hinson. This weekend retreat will be full of insightful, heart-warming stories about Thomas Merton as he and Glenn became friends while at Gethsemane. Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, NC has a lovely lake and good food. Our cabins have single rooms, shared baths and a small kitchen.

We have reduced the fees for our 10th Anniversary Events!

And, as with all our events, if \$10 is all you can pay, then that is all you pay! **We do not want \$ to get in the way of what God is doing.**

To reserve your space, send \$10 payable to The Anchorage. Thanks!

Sept.-May: “A Retreat in Everyday Life.” Meet weekly with a spiritual director trained in the *Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius*.

Look for all our ‘08-’09 events in August! Caregivers Dinner, Beach, Mepkin, Clergy Days and more!



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*"I've loved you the way the Father has loved me. Make your home in my love."
John 15:9
THE MESSAGE*

"Words of Encouragement"

"Before my experience with The Anchorage, I was a "human doing" thinking my relationship with God was based primarily in active involvement in the world for God's sake. Following my introduction through studies with The Anchorage into a more contemplative way of being, I wrote this poem. It still resonates with my relationship with God, and it seems the essence of what The Anchorage added to my life:

*"When I pause, measuring my pace,
And silently gaze into God's face,
God gifts to me in that quiet space
Awe-filled peace of astounding grace."
Pam Shucker*

Financial Status as of April 30, 2008 (Fiscal Year is July 07 - June 08)

Gifts hoped for	\$ 49,000
Received FGA	\$ 46,647
Other gifts received	\$ 14,423
Total Gifts received	\$61,070
	(OVER BUDGET!)

Total income hoped for	\$ 70,660
Total received	\$ 81,577
	(OVER BUDGET!)

We are beginning to fund our new initiatives! Notice our **God-inspired gift income!**

THANK YOU, DONORS AND PARTICIPANTS!

We invite you to prayerfully consider, is God nudging you to partner with us, to fulfill our exciting new vision and make a 3-year pledge of any amount?

We are glad to send you our mailings at no cost to you. If you no longer wish to receive our mailings, please let us know.

THANKS!



The Anchorage display at our 10th Anniversary Drop In.