

# ANDREW GRAM

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Princess Anne, Maryland

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## Mission Trip to Gulf Coast in April



Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast more than two years ago, yet the lives of thousands of families along the Gulf Coast are still disrupted, and many are without permanent homes. Since that time, Episcopalians throughout the Diocese of Easton have banded together to take part in four organized missions trips to the Gulf Coast of Mississippi. Last spring we sent our own Senior Warden, Carroll Lentz, to Mississippi as part of one of those mission trips.

The destination of these mission trips has been Camp Coast Care, which is housed in a converted Episcopal school a mile from the Gulf of Mexico in the town of Long Beach, Mississippi. The Center is a joint project of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi and the Lutheran Evangelical Church and local Synod. Both Episcopal and Lutheran churches have formed a nonprofit organization, Lutheran Episcopal Services, which runs the camp and provides staff and resources to help displaced people in the area. Episcopal Relief and Development has provided much needed grants to help the program.

The Center relies on volunteers from throughout the country, who can donate their time, talents and resources to help in the rebuilding effort. Camp Coast Care has adapted to the ongoing needs of the people affected by Hurricane Katrina. The focus has settled on construction and rebuilding efforts in the communities of Gulfport, Long Beach and Pass Christian. There is no longer a need for food items, clothing, or medical supplies at Camp Coast Care. But monetary donations from parishes and individuals continue to be needed and enable this very important mission to go forward.

Two types of volunteers are also needed: construction workers and support service workers. Specifically, for construction, there is a need for skilled labor (framing, wall board installation and finishing, electrical, plumbing, roofing, painting) and for helpers willing to learn construction skills. For support services, workers are needed at Camp Coast Care to support the work crews by doing on-campus jobs such as being a cook for a week, kitchen and dining room assistants, housekeepers for the volunteers' housing, and tool shop distribution.

Skip Wrightson has organized past mission trips for the Diocese and explains that the main talents needed for volunteers are flexibility and a willingness to work. Some advanced training in construction is requested for all volunteers. Team leaders will add to volunteers' skills. Workshops at building supply stores (Home Depot, Lowes, etc.) and participation in Habitat for Humanity type projects are highly recommended as great training for necessary skills for home rebuilding.

## Mission Trip this April

The Diocese has recently announced that a fifth mission trip to Camp Coast Care will be organized for two weeks in April: April 13-19 and April 20-26. Father David is interested in being part of the trip for the first week and is inviting others in the parish to join him in this mission in one or two ways:

- 1) Volunteer - commit to going down to Mississippi in April on the mission trip on either week or both weeks. Carroll Lentz can provide you with details on what you will experience and is happy to answer any questions you may have. There will also be information at the Diocesan Convention. Father David is hoping to have a meeting later this month for those who might be interested in joining him on this trip. Look for the notice of this meeting.

- 2) Make a donation towards the mission trip this April. Donations are urgently needed now and can be made to: The Bishop's Discretionary Fund, The Diocese of Easton, 314 North St., Easton, MD 21601 Please designate "Mississippi Mission" in the memo. Funds go directly to the people in need. There are no administrative fees involved. The Diocesan Mission trip is being coordinated by Skip and Sandy Wrightson who can also answer questions at skipwrightson@hughes.net (preferred) or 410-822-0205. The website for Camp Coast Care is [www.campcoastcare.com](http://www.campcoastcare.com). Consider prayerfully what God may be calling you to do.


# Sanctuary Candle Donations Needed

The following weeks are still open for donations toward St. Andrew's Sanctuary Candle :

- March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
- May 4, 11, 18 and 25
- June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
- July 6, 13 and 20
- August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
- September 7, 14 and 28
- October 5, 12, 19 and 26
- November 9, 16, 23 and 30
- December 7, 14, 21 and 28

If you wish to donate in honor or in memory of someone during 2008, please fill in the information below and either place in the collection plate with your donation, or return this sheet and your donation to the Parish Office.

Thank you.



**2008 Sanctuary Candle**

*The Sanctuary Candle burns  
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above the Reserved Sacrament  
to remind all  
of the Most Holy Presence.*

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Ministers for this week's service are:

**LECTORS**  
Virginia Green and Deborah Parker

**INTERCESSIONS**  
Joe Pinto

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**  
Joe Pinto

**ALTAR GUILD**  
Dee Muir and Virginia Green

**USHERS**  
Carroll Lentz and Nancy Stade

**COFFEE HOUR**  
John and Penny Nicholson



**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who came and helped create "bundles" for the Woods Home this past Sunday. Pictured are Tish Lentz and Penny Nicholson.

- UPCOMING EVENTS**
- 2/18 12:00 Noon Somerset Ministerial Lenten Service  
Followed by Soup Lunch at Metropolitan U.M.C.  
(Every Wednesday in Lent)
  - 2/19 Lenten Education Series: Passions of our Lord,  
7:00-8:00 p.m., Church Parish
  - 2/22-28 Diocesan Convention, Hyatt Resort, Cambridge, MD
  - 3/7 Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., St. Andrew's Church

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