

The Well by the Sea

211 Forestbrook Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579



A person with blonde hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and red shorts, stands in a vast field of bright yellow flowers. Their arms are raised high in the air, and they have a joyful expression. The field stretches to the horizon under a clear blue sky with a few wispy white clouds. The overall mood is one of happiness and freedom.

Our Mission

To bring families
and individuals
into the fullness
and love of the
abundant life in
Jesus Christ.





Our Vision

To be an Anglican Church in which the Bible and complete gospel are taught unapologetically, the lost are led to Jesus, the believers brought to maturity, families nourished, the sick healed and the gospel shared outside the walls of the church.



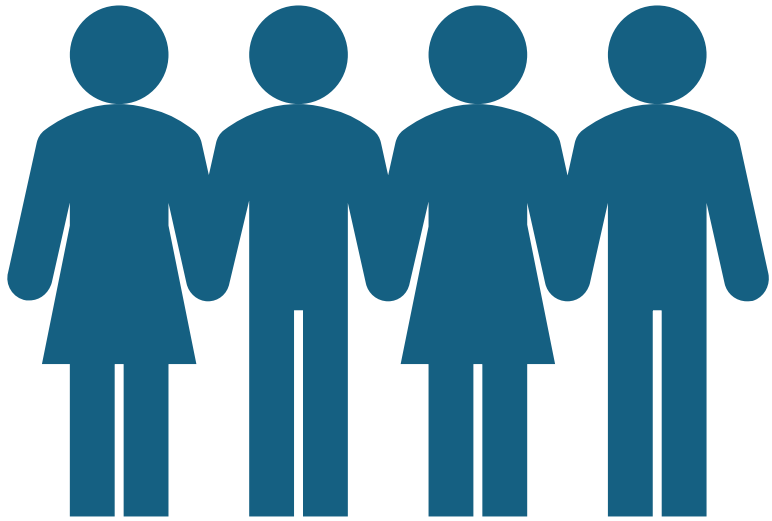
211 Forestbrook Rd
near the intersection of
501 and Forestbrook

Come, walk with us.



A Contemporary Church in
the Anglican Tradition

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Our Clergy

Priest Associate Harry Easterling

Harry Easterling is a priest associate who joined the staff of the Well last year. He is married to Renee who shares in his ministry. They have three grown children Mae (Thiel); Elyssa and Charles who helped them with multiple ministries over fifteen years. Harry was ordained to the priesthood three years ago (12/04) and serves the Well and surrounding churches with services. Harry works full time at Easterling Law Firm, PC and is a US Army veteran. Renee is a Special Education Teacher who plans to retire shortly.





Our Deacons



Deacon Deborah Hamilton

Rev. Deborah Hamilton was born, raised, and lived in Baltimore County, Maryland. She dedicated her love and life to Jesus at 12 years old. She did missionary work in a deaf orphanage in Ensenada, Mexico for 3 months in 1970, was a member of one of the first young contemporary Christian bands in the late 60s and 70s which traveled across the US, appeared on a local weekly TV program, appeared on the 700 Club in its early beginnings, is a recorded Christian songwriter, singer, musician and, when needed, a worship leader. She is a Certified Behavioral Analyst. In 1973, she and Rev. Ron Hamilton were married and have been in ministry, pastoring together for more than 50 years. She and her husband planted a church in Maryland in 1988, pastoring there for 15 years. They moved to South Carolina in 2010. In 2012, she was received into the Anglican Communion at The Well By The Sea, Myrtle Beach. In 2018, she was ordained into the Vocational Diaconate by Bishop Mark Lawrence. Along with leading worship, she moderates a weekly Bereavement Group, teaches the Bible Discussion Group, provides Christian Counseling for all ages, publishes the weekly church newsletter, creates periodic Educational Outreach Classes for the community, teaches a segment in the Spiritual Gifts Workshop, and assists the Rector in various ways at his request. She enjoys everything ministry; music; editing books, articles and papers; administering the "Personality Assessment;" writing; driving a 5-speed stick; and online word games that help her go to sleep at night.

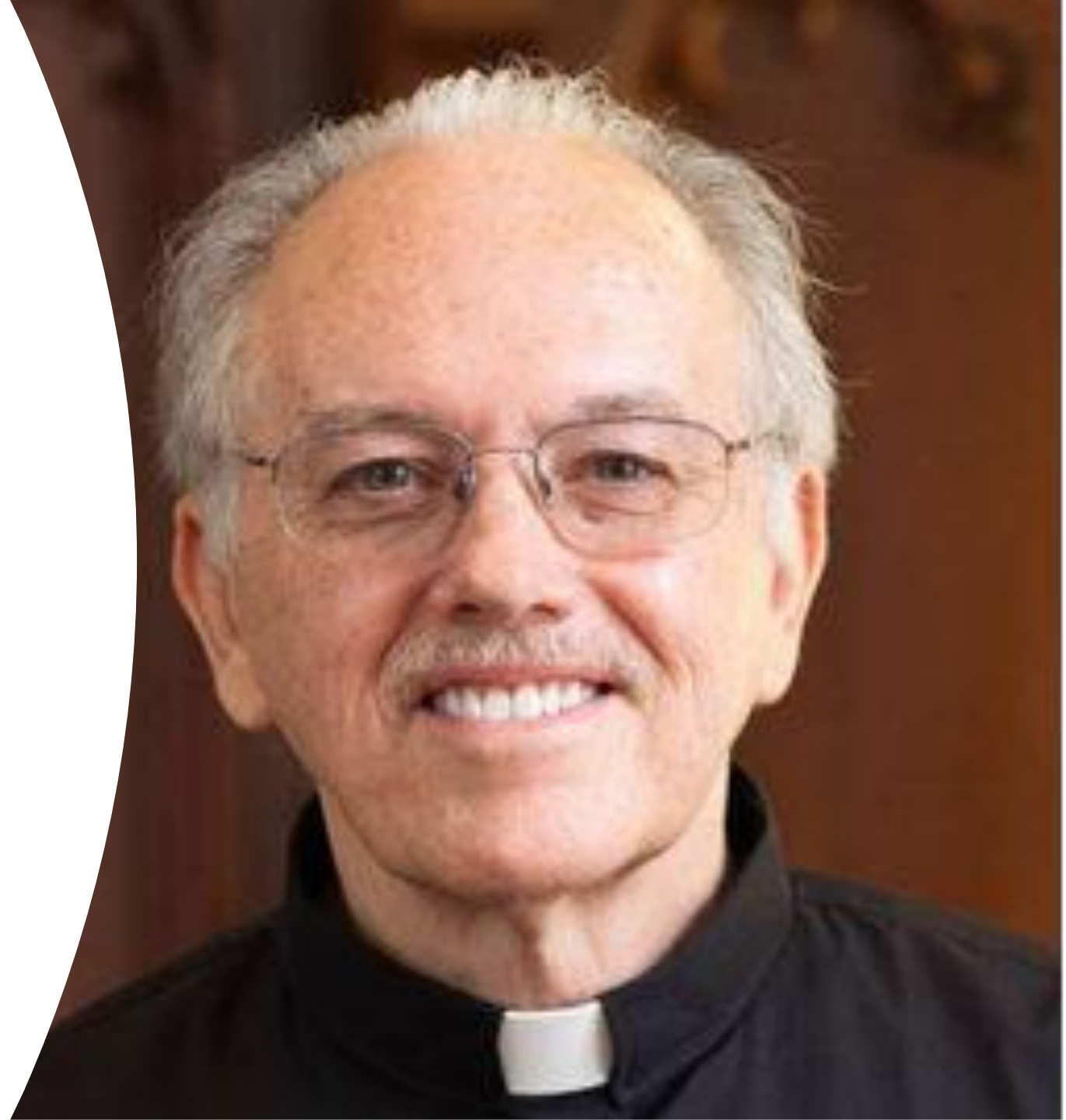
Deacon Ron Hamilton

Rev. Ron Hamilton and his wife, Rev. Deborah Hamilton, began attending the Well in 2011 after meeting Fr Tom during the early planting of the Well.

Ron was ordained in 1973 and began his first pastorate in 1974. In Maryland, he and his wife co-planted a church in 1978 and, in 1988, planted a new church where he was senior pastor for 15 years (both of those churches in different denominations).

After moving to South Carolina, Ron and Deborah were drawn to the Well church plant and have participated in its ministries over the last 12 years. At the encouragement of Fr. Tom Woodle and the approval of Bishop Mark Lawrence, both Ron and Deborah pursued the vocational diaconate in the Anglican Communion, were ordained in 2018, and now serve the body of believers at the Well and some outreaches into the community.

Currently at The Well, Ron is overseer or coordinator of the following ministries: Audio/Visual Ministry, Evangelism Ministry, Hangout Bible Study Ministry, Lay Eucharistic Ministry, Pastoral Care Ministry, and Technical Coordinator.





Deacon Glenn Ohanesian

Glenn and his wife Karolan helped plant The Well in 2009 and have watched God's hand on The Well from the beginning to the current day. They and their two sons, Zack and Sam, have worked in various ministries over the past 15 years. Glenn was ordained as a vocational deacon a little over five years ago after discovering the spiritual gift of prayer and healing. He has helped lead prayer and healing ministry at The Well both before and after ordination. He assists as he is able with Sunday services and participates in the Ukes by the Sea music ministry. Glenn continues to work full time in the legal field in addition to his ministry at The Well.



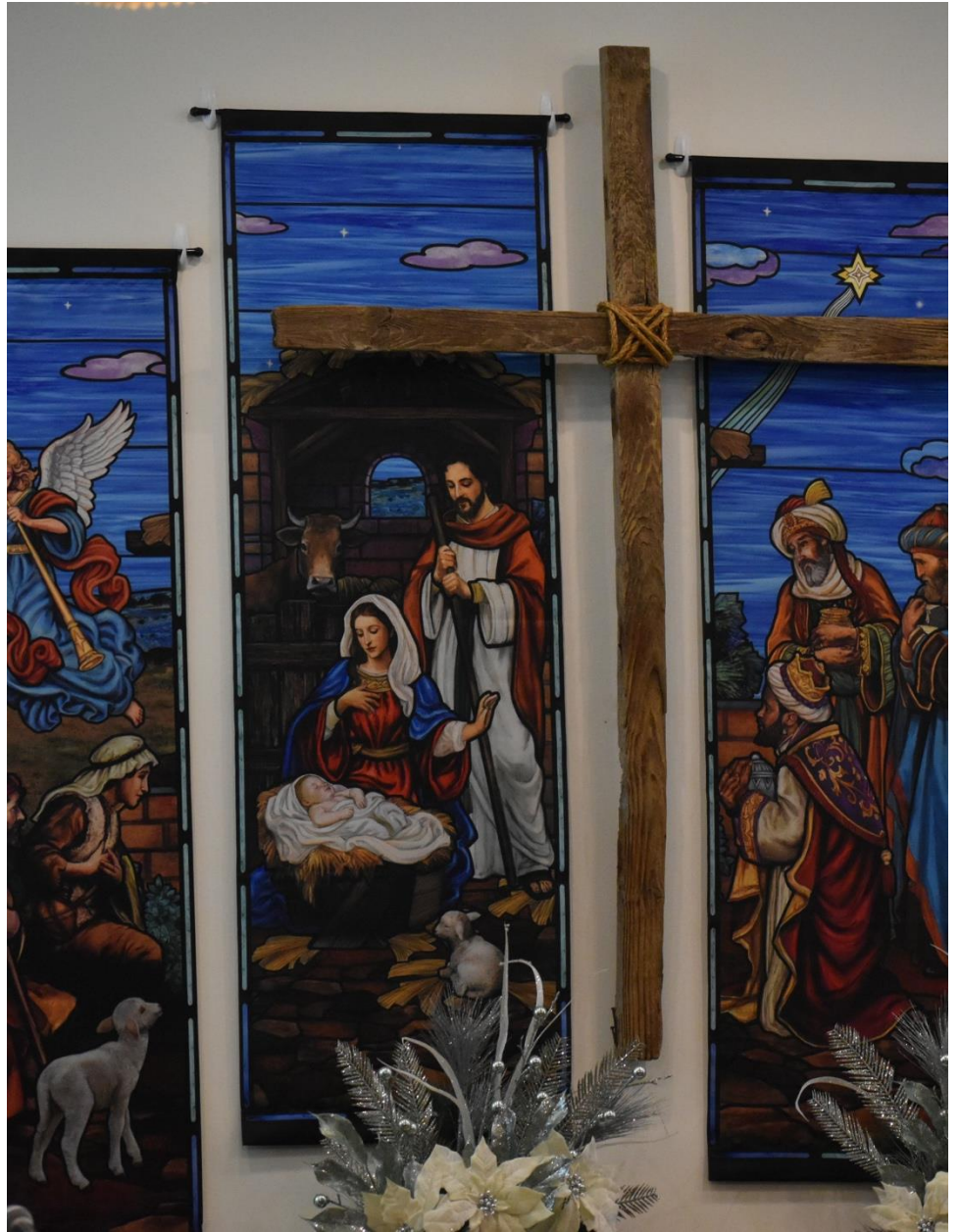
Core Values

- Jesus loves every person in creation
- Jesus cares more about people than He does form and process.
- Jesus has a plan and purpose for each individual and desires a living, loving relationship with him/her.
- A dynamic relationship with Jesus will lead to abundant life and the discovering of God's plan for each life.
- The Christian family is important and should be nourished through dynamic programming for parents, children and youth.
- Each Christian is given at least one spiritual gift according to God's plan for their life.
- Spiritual gifts are the tools that empower each individual to have a purpose in life and do their part in leading people to abundant life in Jesus.
- Spiritual giftedness of the laity and clergy should be utilized to its fullest extent in the church.



Core Values

- The church is a family in which we may not always agree, but where we are bound together by Christian love that supersedes disagreements.
- Families stick together through the good and the bad, celebrate joy with one another, mourn with one another, challenge one another, hold each other accountable and look out for the interests of one another.
- In sharing the abundant life of Jesus with others, we are committed to building other church families beyond our walls, that spring from our church family.
- The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are our final authority and contain all things necessary for salvation and abundant life.
- As a church, we are dedicated to being constantly renewed in order to keep our focus on saving the lost as well as nurturing the saved.



Strategic Plan

- To provide Bible-based teaching powered by prayer for the purpose of transforming lives.
- To provide dynamic worship experiences that are centered on Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- To allow the utilization of the spiritual gifts of the laity in fulfilling the purpose and vision of the church.
- To provide resources for teaching of evangelism and opportunities for evangelism of the lost including outreach to the underprivileged and marginalized population.
- To provide programming that leads individuals and families into spiritual maturity and abundant life.



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- To seek to bring healing to minds, bodies and spirits through the ministries of the Holy Spirit.
- To remain simple, straightforward, true to our purpose, prayer-driven and Jesus-centered.
- To never allow form to trump substance. To make the love of Jesus and the grace of God foremost in every situation and decision.
- To trust that God will provide and make room in our minds for Him to move unexpectedly and outside of our paradigms.
- To actively embrace newcomers and devote ourselves to nurturing them into full membership in the Body of Christ and the family of our church.
- To actively seek constant renewal in the church by a process of self-evaluation, prayer and discernment so that we may keep the mission and vision of the church alive and focused.





History of The Well



In October 2008, Fr. Tom Woodle met with Bishop Mark Lawrence who suggested a church plant, which would be the first in 40 years in the Diocese of South Carolina.

With a team of (6) pairs of husbands and wives, “A Contemporary Church in the Anglican Tradition” was planted.

Shortly afterwards, we were blessed with spaces at the Market Common, a local shopping village, and began holding services on Sunday evenings. We started with people bringing their own bag chairs. We met at the Market Common for about two years.

Subsequently, we moved to a local Elementary School and, upon leaving there, rented an office building, transforming the inside into a very nicely workable church setting.



Blessings Galore

Since day-one, God has been guiding us and providing at every step as we continued moving forward.

In 2012, a nearby church contacted us and asked if we wanted to purchase their building, with an offer that can only be described as God ordained.

In January 2024, we celebrated our church's 15th anniversary with the Lord having so generously blessed us by making it possible to pay off our mortgage. We now completely own our building and grounds.







Ministries

Acolyte Ministry

Adult Sunday
School

Altar Guild Ministry

Audio/Visual
Ministry

Weekly
Bereavement/Loss
Support

Bible Discussion
Group Ministry

Children's Ministry

Christ's Kitchen

Christian Life
Counseling

Communion Bread
Ministry

Credence Table
Flowers Ministry

Cursillo
Coordinators
Ministry

Educational
Outreach Ministry

Evangelism Ministry

Events/Calendar
Ministry

Festivals Ministry

Feeding the Flock
Ministry

Greeters Ministry

Greeting Cards
Ministry

Healing Ministry

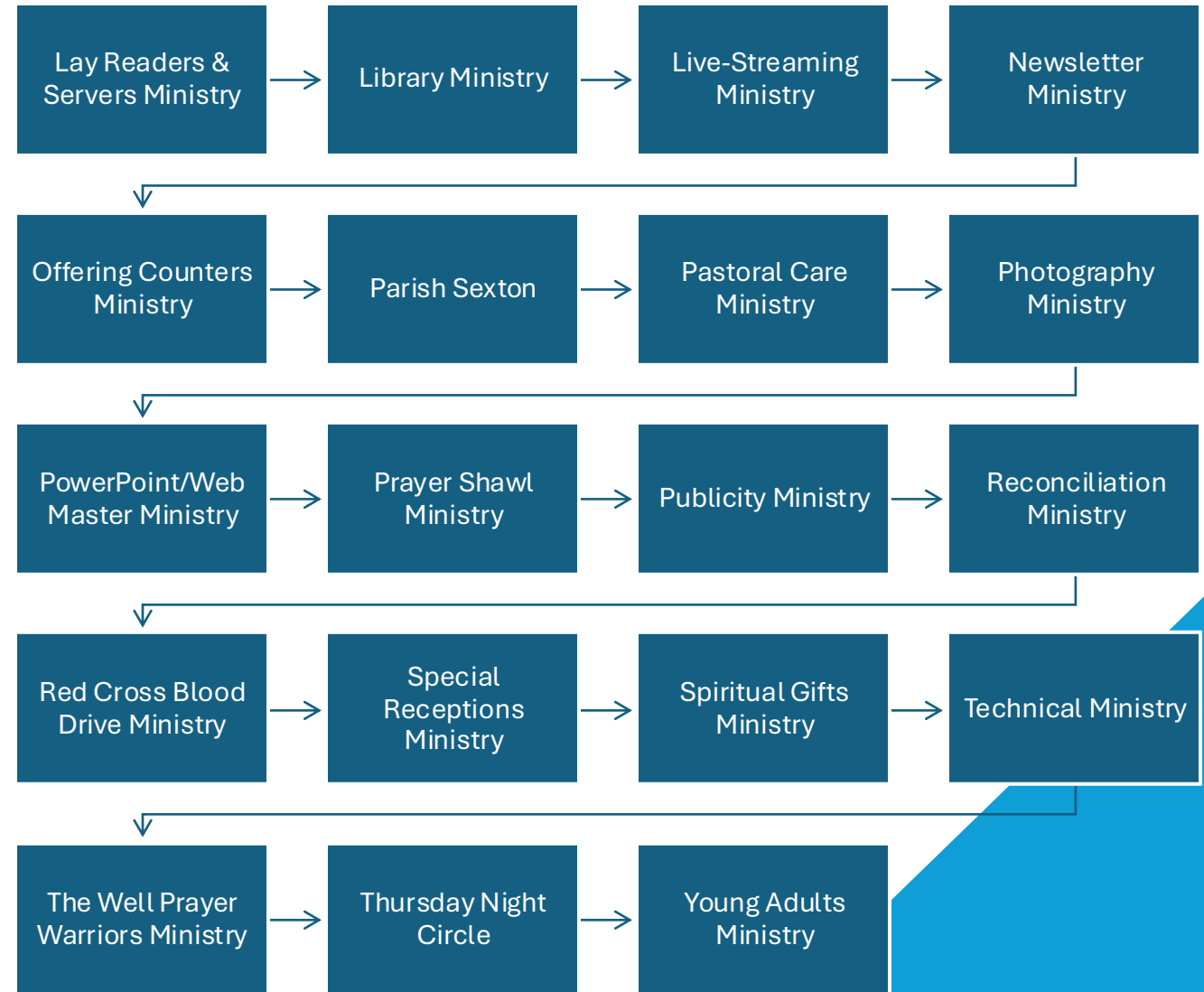
Intercessory Prayer
Ministry

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Missions

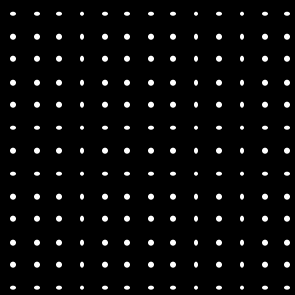
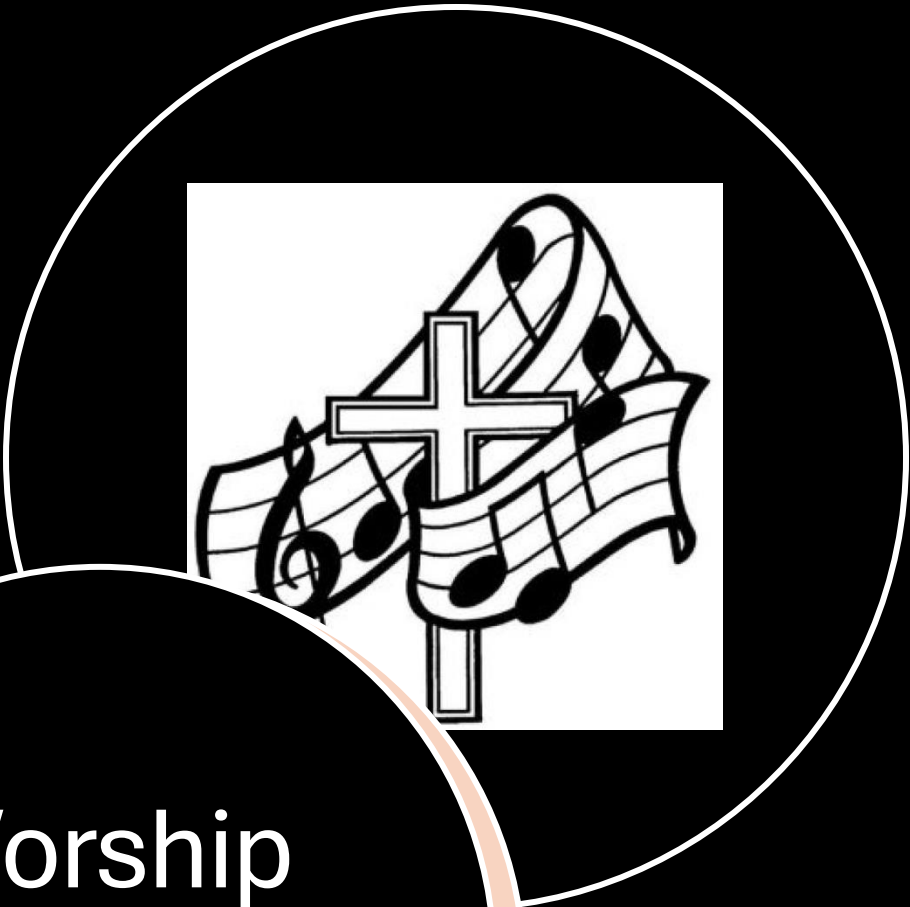
We're All God's Children seeks to alleviate the distress of poverty by: Providing medical care, education and resources to those in under-served areas of the world. Including building schools; providing deep, clean water wells, solar pumps and water towers; teaching usable life skills and providing needed items to senior centers, homeless shelters and children's activity centers.



The Well partners with Lespwa Timoun Clinic (which means “Hope for Children”) to deliver health, nutrition and educational services to those in need in eight communities in and around Port-au-Prince, Haiti.



Help 4 Kids serves around 3,000 children weekly, providing food, clothing, and school supplies. Congregation members donate monthly food items, help supply Back-to-School needs and participate in the Annual Christmas Drive.



Worship Music & Liturgy



Since The Well was founded as a “Contemporary Church in the Anglican Tradition,” we follow the Anglican Liturgy, but have never used an Anglican hymnbook.

We use contemporary praise and worship songs and incorporate them into the songs’ portions of our weekly and special services.

We also sing some familiar hymns which have been slightly modernized.

Our church has been characterized as Joyful.



The Area

The Grand Strand, as the Myrtle Beach area is commonly called, stretches for 60 miles along the South Carolina coast and includes a collection of communities within two counties - [Horry County](#) and [Georgetown County](#). Each community has its own identity and unique qualities.



Top 10 Reasons to Relocate to the area

1. Beach Life Is A Lifestyle

Did you know summer never ends in Myrtle Beach? That's because beach life is a lifestyle right here. That means you can live the dream of living on the beach year-round! With easy access to beaches, restaurants, and the life you'd imagine living a beach life!

2. Great Southern Hospitality

Millions flock to our shores every year for our restaurants, stores and local hang outs. The simple reason? Good ole Southern Hospitality. Most of our warm and friendly locals bring the southern style into our communities, which means a new neighbor may be right up your alley!

3. Beaches For Miles And Miles. 60 Miles, To Be Exact!

Where could you live with so many different options to enjoy the beach? The sparkling Atlantic Ocean banked with white beaches that are uninterrupted and our sunny South Carolina weather, your heart will be content! Our beaches host watersports, scenic tours, dolphin tours, fishing, and much more! The beach is calling you; won't you stop and listen awhile?

4. The Weather Forecast!

Tired of shoveling snow for most of the year? You'll enjoy your time in South Carolina, where cold temperatures stay for less than three months, and very rarely do we see snow. Our white sands, our average temperature is 74°F, and we average around 215 days of glorious sunshine. Your smile won't turn sour when winter hits!

5. Cost Of Living In Myrtle Beach, SC

The cost of living in Myrtle Beach South Carolina is 6% lower than the national average. These costs can vary based on your career, the average salary, and the real estate market in the area you choose. Housing here is 28% below the national average, but utilities and groceries are on the rise.

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6. Homes That Don't Break The Bank!

Investors' paradise is the Grand Strand, specifically Myrtle Beach. A good portion of the homes in this area are great for investing, whether you are looking for a secondary home or a summer getaway place this is the best choice! With many new communities popping up around the area, there is plenty to choose from.

7. Community Involvement

Many communities throughout Myrtle Beach have a lot going on, from community events to fundraising, breakfasts, and more. There's never been a more rewarding experience than being involved with your community. There are many genres of people who call our communities home, including artists, religious organizations, crafters, and more. Won't you take an opportunity to stay for a while?

8. We're Intelligent!

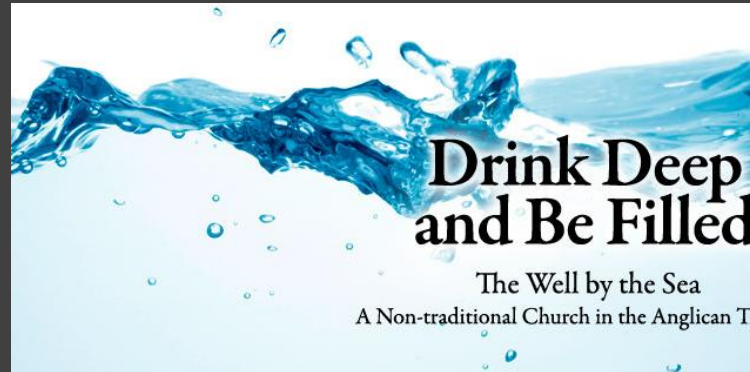
Horry County School District is an award-winning collection of schools up and down the strand, with remarkable public, parochial, private, and charter schools under its belt! With two universities, a technical college, and many area trade school, education at the beach is a win win!

9. Exercise With Mother Nature!

Everyone loves to go for a walk in the Myrtle Beach area, with thousands of miles of walking paths you are sure to find your favorite place! Walking on the beach in the early morning gives a different view than in the afternoon. Be sure to consider riding horses in the fall, and the experience will be worth the time. Yoga classes are often offered on the beach and can be very enjoyable.

10. Employment Opportunities

Myrtle Beach is a tourist town, and with that comes opportunities in the venue. Those looking to move to the area can look to this industry to help support their Beach lifestyle. Most of these jobs are hourly wage jobs, some of them are management positions and still, some are supervisory. There is more position beyond the tourist venue. If you are a teacher relocating to the area, a praxis exam in your area of expertise is needed before applying to teach in South Carolina, specifically in Myrtle Beach.



Praise for The Beach in the News

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Will you be a part?

