

Episcopal Diocese  
of Albany

### Upcoming Events

School of Apostolic Action <i>Begins Spring 2005!</i>
Women's Advent Retreat December 3-4, 2004 Christ the King SLC (additional night available and day commuters welcome!)
Christian Education Conference Sat., May 14, 2005 "Teaching With Style"
Walk Thru the Bible New Testament August 6, 2005 Christ the King SLC

### Laurie's Links:

Focus on the Family links:  
(See Faith Launch, p. 2)  
[www.family.org](http://www.family.org)  
[www.focusonyourchild.org](http://www.focusonyourchild.org)  
[www.family.org/married](http://www.family.org/married)  
[www.family.org/fofmag](http://www.family.org/fofmag)  
(Focus on the Family  
Magazine link)



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Fall 2004

## Did you "Walk Thru the Bible"?

Fun, dynamic, entertaining, interactive—that's right, we're talking about the Old Testament!

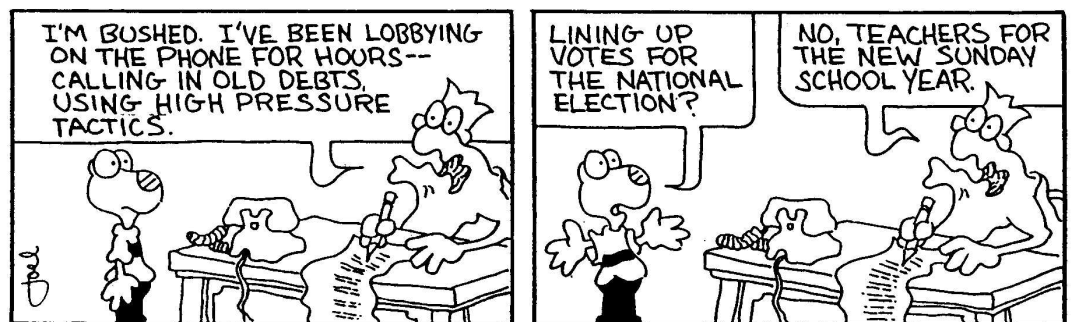
More than 150 people gathered at Christ the King SLC in August to learn more about the Old Testament. We had a youth group, several families, and nearly an entire congregation from All Saints, Hoosick! Our presenter, Shawn Lockett, was both professional and really funny.

We got to wear Esther's crown, talk about King David's heart, and frame the beginning of the world with our hands. In fact, we were able to tell the basic story of the Old Testament in just over 2 minutes—with hand signals!—by the end of the afternoon.

Plan on joining us next summer as we invite Shawn back to help us "Walk thru the New Testament" And for those of you that missed the Old Testament presentation, we're holding it again in April up North! So look for more info about these great offerings as well as our annual Christian Ed conference which will also be presented by the Walk Thru the Bible people: "Teaching With Style" is the title, and we know it's going to be great.

Take advantage of these unique conferences that bring the bible to life for your congregation, for your Sunday School, but especially for you—God continues to reach out to us, but are we doing all we can to reach out to Him?

### Pontius' Puddle



## "All Things New"—New Episcopal Curriculum from Morehouse

“Thoroughly  
scriptural,  
Thoroughly  
liturgical,  
Thoroughly  
Episcopal.”

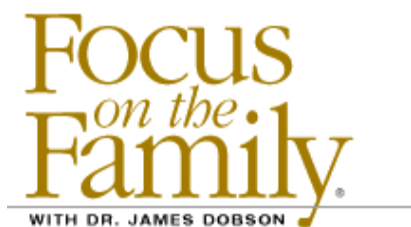


A free *All Things New* brochure may be requested by calling  
800-877-0012.

Or order by e-mail at:  
<http://www.morehousegroup.com/allthingsdetail.htm>

Innovative components include fine-art reproductions, multicultural music and an activity CD, a parent calendar to link the faith formation program with the home, and the interactive Kids in Common: Children's Book of Common Prayer.

## Faith Launch—From Focus on the Family



Also check out their magazines, articles, parenting tips!!!!

Want an easy way to tackle the Big Ideas in your family's faith life?

Check out the new program from Focus on the Family called Faith Launch. It's a 6 month, home-based family program for kids (ages 4-12) and their parents.

Topics covered:

- God
- The Bible
- Who Am I?
- Satan
- Jesus
- Heaven Bound!

Go to [www.family.org](http://www.family.org)

## These Unique Bibles Make Great Gifts!

### ReFuel for guys

Slick 'n' sleek sports magazine-like ---supercharged with Scripture "under the hood"! Give your teen guys sourcepower for living with this rubber-meets-the-road New Testament.

- \* 72 "Lists on Everything"
- \* Articles on "walking the walk"
- \* Insights into what girls are thinking
- \* Music reviews

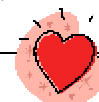
### Revolve for girls

Do you ever feel that the Bible is "too big and freaky looking"? Are you ever too intimidated to read it? Revolve is for you.

It's a Bible that looks like a fashion magazine! With this relevant format and over 500 further-study notes, you'll feel comfortable exploring this New Testament.

### Loose-leaf Study Bibles

This 5 ring binder Study bible was created just for note-taking with wide margins, and additional blank pages that can be added for your comments. Includes a 66 page concordance. A very unusual Christmas gift for someone on your list!



All of these Bibles are available at  
[www.ChristianBook.com](http://www.ChristianBook.com)

## School of Apostolic Action—One Day Classes at the SLC

### Our mission:

To offer a broad range of training in practical ministry, stewardship and leadership, all of which are focused on the principle of “Disciples Making Disciples”

*(Taken from Bishop Herzog’s Convention Address, June 2, 2002)*

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**Classes begin  
Spring 2005!!!**



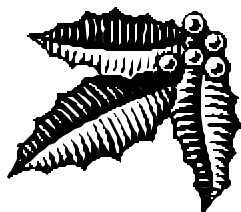
### Offerings:

This is where YOU come in...what would you like to attend?

Celtic Spirituality? Instructed Eucharist for Families? How to Find a Spiritual Director? Care and Feeding of Your Clergy? LEM Training? Let us know!

For more info, e-mail:  
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## Women’s Advent Retreat at the SLC, December 3-4, 2004



Relax, reflect, and remember that Advent is a season of expectation and anticipation. Leave your responsibilities behind and surround yourself with the presence of God. Feel your soul rejuvenate as we enjoy meditations, conversation and community, centered on the coming of Christ. Reclaim the feelings of peace and wonder that we often exchange for the busy-ness of the Advent Season. Are you called to be with us?

E-mail Deacon Laurie to reserve your spot: [LGRohr@AlbanyDiocese.org](mailto:LGRohr@AlbanyDiocese.org)

See this newsletter on-line at: [www.AlbanyDiocese.Org/Ministries/ChristianEd.html](http://www.AlbanyDiocese.Org/Ministries/ChristianEd.html)

## Grove Books—Anglican, evangelical and affordable!

Based in England and featuring well-known scholars, these mini-books provide excellent overviews on hundreds of contemporary issues such as the ordination of women, infant baptism and more. They say:

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## Want to Prevent Kids From Using Drugs?

“The strongest protection for kids to keep them from using drugs is parents saying they strongly disapprove of that behavior. There's an *80 percent decrease* in drug use when kids get that simple message.”

*Dr. David Stevens of the  
Christian Medical Association*

We are always looking for great Christian Education ideas and stories from the missionary outposts within the Diocese. Please send an e-mail to [LGRohr@AlbanyDiocese.Org](mailto:LGRohr@AlbanyDiocese.Org) and we will work to share your successes!

“And now, my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways.  
Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it.” *Proverbs 8:32-33*

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