

Biographical Sketch  
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I have served as start up priest and vicar at All Souls Episcopal Church, Atlee (Hanover County, north metro Richmond) since February 2002. All Souls is a new congregation that began public worship in November 2003 under the sponsorship of the churches of Region 11 of the Diocese of Virginia.

I made it into the world in Oakdale, Louisiana, on the edge of the Acadian, bilingual French/English culture of south Louisiana, the first-born son of Bill and Ruth. I grew up in a Baptist family (Delta, my granddad was a deacon and Bible teacher). I responded to a call to ministry during high school—paid for my senior ring with pulpit supply money. My first church was Longstraw Baptist, outside Choudrant, Louisiana, a church served during college years.

College graduation came from The University of Louisiana at Monroe with a BA in biology. I attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and graduated with a Th.M. and a Th.D. in New Testament studies. The interface between the Bible and literature always has fascinated me, so I did extensive post-doctoral study in comparative literature at Emory University and at LSU during my teaching years.

Ministry in Baptist churches took me to Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Georgia. Between Kentucky and Georgia I taught for a decade as Associate Professor New Testament and Greek at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Then, I served as Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans and as an adjunct faculty member at Loyola University and at Our Lady of Holy Cross College, both in New Orleans. I also served as an English faculty adjunct at Kennesaw State University in the Atlanta area. I especially enjoyed the Jesuit community at Loyola.

I had a couple of years as an Episcopal layperson (I actually could miss church on Sunday) before beginning a ministry as lay reader in charge of a mission, Church of the Good Shepherd, Vidalia, Louisiana. I found my way into the ordination process and did Anglican studies at The School of Theology at The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. I'm still pecking away on a thesis for an STM in Anglican Studies. My Episcopal journey as a priest took me to service in the Diocese of Atlanta before moving to Richmond in 2002.

I'm blessed with two awesome children. Ben, (born 1977), recently resigned as choir master at Oakhurst Presbyterian Church in Decatur, GA and moved to Flagstaff, Arizona where he is a manager with Starbucks and has opened a guitar studio. He did his undergraduate work at Georgia State University in vocal performance. Ben's wife, Jennifer Hutton, is pursuing a Masters in Choral Conducting at The University of Northern Arizona.

Leigh (Katie) Perkins Glaeser, (born 1981), graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in August 2003 with a B. A. in French horn performance. She is married to John Glaeser of New Orleans. John plays French horn as a member of the Army Band stationed at Fort Gordon in Augusta, GA. Katie resigned from the Army band in her second tour of duty to give full time to parenting. They are the parents of Aeden (born 2006), and Jonas (born 2008).

When I'm not being a priest, I find life-giving energy in hiking, fly fishing, camping, cooking, reading, and writing. I especially enjoy reading in the areas of biblical studies, theology, philosophy, literary theory, psychology, poetry, Civil War history, and southern and western fiction. I dabble at writing poetry and reflective and devotional nonfiction. For the past several years, I've written daily devotionals based on the Daily Office readings for a Yahoo group.