



First Wednesday Men's Lunch

JUNE 5 AT NOON

Speaker: Richard B. Grimball, Jr.

St. Philip's Church Parish House
corner of Church & Cumberland



Born in Charleston, Richard Grimball moved at a young age to Columbia and later attended Christ School, a boarding school for boys in Arden, NC. He always stayed in touch with his Lowcountry roots, though, and he came back to study at the College of Charleston, where he met Irmo native Paige Martin. Richard and Paige married in 1993, and after living in Charleston for a year, they moved to the Asheville area, where Richard taught English, coached, and served as an administrator at Christ School. In 1999 they moved to Sewanee, and Richard completed his Master of Divinity before they returned to Asheville, where he served as an assistant to the rector of his sponsoring parish, Trinity Episcopal Church.

After two years as a parish priest, he knew that his love and calling was in schools, and he accepted the position as senior chaplain of Christ Church Episcopal School in Greenville, SC. He served CCES and many different parishes as a Sunday Supply/Sunday Interim for more than ten years, but he experienced "burnout" and left education and ministry for four years. In the interval, he drove an 18-wheeler, drove a concrete mixer, and managed a concrete plant. The Grimballs moved back to Charleston with three boys and a nephew in June 2016, at which time Richard officially left the Episcopal Church and began serving in the Anglican Church in North America under Bishop Mark Lawrence in the Diocese of South Carolina.

Richard currently serves as the chaplain of the Charleston Port and Seafarers Society, giving him a mission field of thousands of souls in our port for a brief stay. He notes that the road from Greenville to Charleston was not filled with romantic stories and beds of roses: "When we no longer know Jesus and are only serving Him, the well of living water can dry up, leaving us empty and lost. There is a beautiful lesson and blessing in all of this, and I pray that my story will allow Jesus to touch at least the heart of one person attending on June 5." When he is not spreading the Good Word to visiting sailors or volunteering at St. Michael's on Sundays, Richard enjoys boating, fishing, and hunting with family and friends.



Buffet lunch served

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