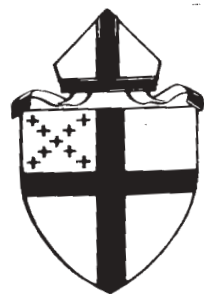


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Labyrinth Offers Unique Prayer Path at King of Peace

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KINGSLAND - King of Peace Church here laid approximately 43,000 individual marble tiles to create a labyrinth on the floor of its new sanctuary.

A labyrinth is a tool used in contemplative prayer and meditation, said the Rev. Frank Logue (vicar).

"Labyrinths are often confused with mazes," he said. "But while a maze has dead ends and blind alleys, the labyrinth has only one path leading both in and out of the center. The labyrinth is flat. One can always see the center. The destination is assured, so that the mind can be still and attentive."

While the labyrinth clears the mind and provides insight into one's spiritual journeys, the winding path is a metaphor for those journeys, he said.

"The labyrinth can offer a time to hold up a particular intention to God, such as when you are trying to discern God's will or pray for another person. But most often a labyrinth walk is a time of opening yourself to God without an agenda."

The King of Peace labyrinth is an 11-circuit medieval-style labyrinth patterned after the one built more than 800 years ago at Chartres Cathedral in France. Christopher Rayne of Kingsland laid the tile.

The labyrinth is available to be walked on scheduled days or by appointment.

For more information, interested persons may visit www.kingofpeace.org or call the church (912-510-8958).



The Man with the Vision

Christopher Rayne stands on the labyrinth he created at King of Peace. According to the Rev. Frank Logue (vicar), Rayne did so with no helpers "and was really the one with the vision." Logue knew he wanted a labyrinth, but said Rayne could envision it as a mosaic. "...and (he) was right in a way that is obvious now, but was not when he created it and carried it out."

- Photo By The Rev. Frank Logue, Vicar, King of Peace, Kingsland