



The Saint

All Saints Episcopal Church
Jackson, MS

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LET'S KEEP THE FAITH

This world is more than a machine; it is more than the play of force upon matter. It is permeated with rationality and rationality is the expression of (the) mind. Industry is finding new ways everyday for solutions to its problems. But every invention by which our burden has been made lighter and our way made easier has come into existence through the regnant power of faith. Without it there could be no achievement. The story of medicine, including the development of heart surgery, organ transplant, and astronomers' scientific achievements, has come in the same way. But Christian faith surpasses all. At its core and depth, the Christian life is about living for something much greater than ourselves. It is not only about self-transcendence, although that is part of it, it is more about the death of self and rebirth into a much larger story than the petty dramas in which we lived before.

A faith in God brings us a steadying and sustaining influence in life with which nothing else may be compared. A faith in God will enable us to overcome our human errors. Paul reminds us, "We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness

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**The Vestry meets after the
10:30 service on the
3rd Sunday of each month.**

Our Mission

**"We strive through prayer,
worship, study, and fellowship
to be a people, individually and
corporately, in whom and
through whom Christ lives and
changes the world with his
Love."**

Sunday Services

8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist
9:30 A.M. - Sunday School
10:30 A.M. - Holy Eucharist

**Healing is offered on the 2nd
Sunday of each month.**

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hence real issues of race and gender, economic imbalance, disease and poverty are ripping us apart. The spirit of faith has in all ages been the power under whose inspiration the conflict against evil has been maintained and the victories for righteousness won. Without faith the position of the apostles would have been discouraging indeed. In what they saw in the world of sight and reason there was everything to depress. But these were the things seen and temporal. But yonder, in the things unseen and eternal, in the things upon which their faith was fixed, in the world of their unchanging God, in the presence of their living Lord, in the assurance of those mighty, spiritual influences which were to crown their work with success was everything to stimulate and strengthen (cf. Hebrews 11:1-ff). What they saw was the world against them. What they believed was threat but they trusted in God. Their faith put them in conscious alliance with the Holy Spirit. They believe and therefore they worked. Faith was the mainspring of their lives. Faith is the mainspring of Christian effort today.

What is Faith? The word "Faith" is one of those terms that get thrown around quite often in spiritual and especially Christian circles. Faith is used in our New Testament Scripture as a life principle or method by which the believer is to overcome the world. Indeed it does play an important part in the religious life of a person. The author of Hebrews 11:1 defines "Faith" as *"being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."* According to scripture, faith is the dynamic catalyst for conversion, salvation, and even sanctification. The vital spiritual background of pioneers of faith in the book of Hebrews indicates a serious commitment of faith. *To meet life fairly one needs an active faith.* Faith is religion with responsibility. Faith is like the main-spring of a watch which sets all the wheels going, is the inspiring motive of life. Faith puts all our energies in motion. On the other hand, if we have no faith there is no incentive to struggle. McManus, in his book *"Wide Awake"* suggests, *"The concept of faith is not so much dependent upon who we are or how much belief one can muster up. Faith is more about what God has said and done. Faith is a conviction about things unseen. It is the promise of a better world, a better future – a better you."*

The trouble with many of us today is that we have forgotten God. We have been too much concerned with the temporalities of the present hour and the immediate problems which have beset us. But life has meaning and purpose only as we find that ultimate meaning and purpose that is back of the universe. That reality rests in the life of our heavenly Father. Keep faith in your selves and remember the inherent dignity that belongs to man. Keep faith in man's ability to meet the conqueror whatever obstacle may beset him. Faith in God assures us of His cooperation in every effort we make toward the things he expects of us and that He is trying to accomplish in this world. He cares more for our holiness than for our happiness. He expects us to be willing to sacrifice our passing comfort, even our very life if necessary, to forward the kingdom. He assures us we can have absolute faith in His help and support. But we must be ready, as St. Paul urges us, to endure hardness as good soldiers of Christ. Let us keep faith in our moral standards of right and wrong. Let us keep faith in God, who in the long last will bring his purpose to full realization. I know of nothing better to strengthen us for meeting life than a living, powerful, regnant faith that rise about all obstacles, no opposition, knows no defeat and finds its satisfactions only in triumph and victory.

William+





Prayers of the People

Please remember to pray for Stevie, Don, Susan, Edward, Scott, Lissa, Marion, Lela, Vicki, Bill, Jennifer, Peggy, Adelaide, Barbara, Stephen, Betty, Mary Jane, Janis, Bill, Mary Lane, The Rev. Greg Proctor, Anne, Polly, Melissa, Naomi, Connie, Jobe, Kelly, Donald, and Jean;

For those who have died and their families—especially the family of Connie Taylor in the loss of her brother, Myron and the Ndishabandi family, in the loss of Naomi's brother;

For Adam Pastor and Marc Hines, serving in military duty in Iraq.

Volunteers Needed for Silent Ministry

Often referred to as the silent ministry, the Altar Guild provides set-up services for the 8:00 and 10:30 services and provides occasional duty throughout the year in preparing for special observances. Currently, there are only six members of the Guild, and new members are really needed to carry out an effective program of worship support. Teams of two are assigned a month in rotation to implement this mission which requires about one hour a week to do the work. An added benefit is that Altar Guild members learn more about why we do what we do in our liturgy, and the personal worship experience is enhanced. Please consider joining this group. If you are interested, contact Hank Holmes.

From the Junior Warden

Thanks to Cathy Halford for spearheading interior painting of the Parish Hall. Cathy has available several color samples, so feel free to provide your input on the final color selection. Cathy plans August 8 and 15 to get the job done, so if you can donate your time and/or money for this project it would be appreciated very much.

Thanks also to those who are working on the shrubbery and plants in the driveway circle. Over the past few months I have noticed something of a revival of interest in building and grounds - and that interest is certainly welcome. Maintaining our five acres is really too much for a single person to handle on weekends and weeknights.

I am continuing with the removal of tree debris and debris from the clearing of overgrown parts of the property. I have cleared the east side of the property of the three trees taken down for the new fencing. I will now start working on the debris in the back of the property. If anyone owning a pickup truck or utility trailer could haul off a load or so each week it would be of great help.

Tim Ryan





August Birthdays

Kay King Valentine - August 6

Vanessa Kelly - August 10

Stan Saucier - August 10

Vicki Stuart - August 15

Mary Lane Wheatley - August 30

Orin Gallagher - August 22

August Anniversaries

Stephen & Vicki Stuart - August 8

Tim & Lynda Ryan - August 15

Stewpot Summer Camp

Funds are needed for the Stewpot Summer Camp even though will be ending soon. Contributions were \$10,000 lower than last year.

You can help by sending a doantion for "Summer Camp" to:

Stewpot Community Services
1100 W. Capital Street
Jackson, MS 39203

School Supplies Help

For the third year, All Saints will be providing school supplies for sixty students at Baker Elementary School. If you are a parent of an elementary student, you know how much it can cost to outfit a child with the required school supplies each year. When All Saints began purchasing school supplies, approximately 95% of the students attending Baker qualified for the free lunch program. Each year, many students begin the year with no supplies because of the significant expense for a family struggling to make ends meet. Many of these families have more than one child in school which makes the expense more of a burden than the family budget can handle.

We need your help in on this project and there are two ways in which you can help. On the last Sunday in July (26th) and the first Sunday in August (2nd), lists of specific school supplies will be available for anyone wishing to assist in purchasing the needed items. The list for required school supplies is lengthy and purchasing all the items for sixty students is a major undertaking. For instance, we will need 140 composition books, 320 pocket folders, 2,408 crayons, etc. In order to obtain the correct number of supplies, all of the needed items have been divided into lists which will be available for you pick up, purchase the items, and bring them to the church. In order to be consistent in all of the packets, you are asked to purchase the items from any Wal-Mart store. We have more than enough money available for these purchases and you will be reimbursed for your expenses. The items will be collected in the Parish Hall through Wednesday, August 5th.

On Sunday, August 9th after church, your help will again be needed to assemble the kits. The kits contain different items, depending upon grade level. After the kits are assembled, the supplies will be delivered to the school on Monday, August 10, in time for the start of school on the 12th.





TO ALL THE "WORKER-BEES" OF ALL SAINTS:

I am asking for help from anyone interested in painting the parish hall (the big room)! We are hoping to take about two Saturdays during the month of August, preferably August 8 and 15, to get the job done. There is so much to be proud of at our church. Since our cleanup day a few weeks ago, things are looking so good. Let's brighten up the room where we eat and meet with our own brothers and sisters and with so many others outside our parish. I will have color samples for you to see and give me input. The more the merrier and the quicker we will be able to complete this project. Please contact me at chalford48@yahoo.com or 601-607-3096. Thanks!

CATHY HALFORD

Let's Eat Shrimp, Mississippi

Help Support

Lutheran Episcopal Services in Mississippi

Let's Eat Shrimp Mississippi,
annual fundraiser for Lutheran Episcopal Services in Mississippi

Sunday, August 30, 4 - 8 p.m.

The Cedars, on Old Canton Rd.
just across from old St. Andrews School
(Meadowbrook near I-55)

Shrimp plate, boiled potatoes, salad, dessert

Entertainment

A Mississippi Revue

featuring Delta blues, Elvis music, and Jimmy Rodgers-type country music.

Tickets: \$20.00 per plate.

See or call Alec Valentine

601-750-5592 or 601-924-2951

Lutheran Episcopal Services in Mississippi (LSEM) needs our support.

Among other programs, they do:

Disaster Preparedness, Recovery and Relief (restoring hope to those affected by natural disasters)

Restorative Justice Programs (serving children and families of the incarcerated)

New Life for Women (providing a continuum of care for chemically dependent women)

Children's Educational Enrichment Services (addressing the needs of at-risk youth)



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Expect a Miracle!



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Altar Guild for August: Hank Holmes & Pam Turner

	August 2 9th Sunday After Pentecost	August 9 10th Sunday After Pentecost	August 16 11th Sunday After Pentecost	August 23 12th Sunday After Pentecost	August 30 13th Sunday After Pentecost	September 6 14th Sunday After Pentecost
Crucifer	Pam Turner	Christine Nelson	Emily Saucier	Hank Holmes	Emily Saucier	Labor Day Weekend
Server	Ross Turner	Tori Meyers	Greta Lovell	Alex Lovell	Tori Meyers	Labor Day Weekend
Layreader 8:00 10:30	J. Charbonnet C. Gavette	Emma Magee J. Charbonnet	J. Charbonnet C. Gavette	Emma Magee J. Charbonnet	J. Charbonnet C. Gavette	Labor Day WE J. Charbonnet
Chalice Bearer	Joy Patterson	Ross Turner	Lisa Saucier	Greta Lovell	Hank Holmes	Labor Day Weekend
Lectors	Vicki Miles Ross Turner	Alec Valentine Lauran Hall	Lisa Saucier Kenny Hall	Stephen Stuart Joy Patterson	Hank Holmes James E.	Labor Day Weekend
Host Family	Kenny & Lauran Hall	Polly Blakeney	Therese Hanna	Lissa Nelson	Betty Sessums	Labor Day Weekend
Coffee Host	Dish & Dollar	Cindy Gavette	Scott Essex	Greta Lovell	Kenny & Lauran Hall	Labor Day Weekend
Nursery Worker	Doreen N.	Doreen N.	Doreen N. Anna Langafor	Anna Langafor	Doreen N.	Labor Day Weekend

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