



# The Saint

All Saints Episcopal Church  
Jackson, MS

January, 2010

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Friends! I congratulate you for a successful transition into a new year. A new year is like a wrapped birthday gift. We receive it with happiness and many expectations. It comes to us as of the passing of time. It speaks of new effort and old failure. It tells of new opportunities and of those that have passed from us forever. When I was young I used to enjoy the New Year's Eve fireworks. People in my small town of Kilembe gathered on the streets with fireworks, with symbols, lyres, fruits, xylophones, horns, drums, and metals to make noise as a gesture of bidding farewell to the old year and welcoming a new year. Wishes were made, food prepared, and celebrations rocked the place. For me, New Year's Eve was a long anticipated event. I always felt as if I've become new. The old (of me) had gone and the new (of me) had come (I Pet. 5:7).

For many years now, I've discovered that each year comes with its own package. For some people, the new year comes as the cross to carry and the burden to bear while others enjoy the benefits therein. As we grow older we are startled the way time rolls past and

leaves us. We can not hold Christmas day back any more than any other day. We can not hold back either a minute of time. Someone has said, "The present day and the past year would be a poor cage in which to live if it did not have a door opening out into a newer and better day." A custom exists in Central Africa when a person has taken a wrong road and has had to return to the one he has left, he breaks a bough of a tree across that path which has misled him and also scratches a furrow across it. Thus those who follow need not make his mistake and go in the wrong path. We inevitably face a sense of need when we approach something new or something we've never done before. Nobody knows the difficulties to be faced during the year.

Nowadays our society tends to get too crowded. One thing chokes out another in our lives, and too often it is the best that gets choked out. We are living so fast, we have so much to do, so many interests! As someone, feeling the disadvantage of this hurry, said: "I am in danger of being jostled out of my spirituality."

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**The Rev. William Ndishabandi**  
Rector

**The Rev. Bill Hanna**  
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**The Rev. Cathy Halford**  
Deacon

#### THE VESTRY

**Ross Turner** Senior Warden  
**Tim Ryan** Junior Warden  
**Jolinda Charbonnet** Treasurer  
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**Kenny Hall** Vanessa Kelly  
**Greta Lovell** Shungu Nhema  
**Lissa Nelson** Christine Nelson  
**Stephen Stuart** Tori Myers

**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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We no longer have time for each other. Our society is becoming more and more individualistic. There is less social interaction. Domestic violence cases are escalating, people are becoming less and less committed to their faith and churches are shrinking. Young people are becoming increasingly alcoholic and drug addicted; crime rate is on the rise everywhere. It is a real danger that threatens us all in our rushing life.

Most of us have a purpose and often think about life but how often do we think of our future? The prophet Jeremiah tells us that God has a plan for each of us. Not a disastrous but a prosperous plan..." (Jer. 29:11). How do we attain this plan? We have to claim it! St. Paul makes it plain. That for any vision to be achieved there must be a sense of agency and serious commitment. He urges us "to press to on and aim at winning the prize." Paul adds that we should "Forget the things which are behind, and stretch forward to the things which are ahead"(Phil. 3:13). The prize he is talking about is of a high calling. It is possible to achieve it not simply for a good saint here and there but for everyone who is willing to run for it (Phil. 3:12). This is Good-news for all of us who are aiming at achieving our vision. David Smith adds that "Christ is to each that each has found him. To the soul that has sunk in the mire, He is a Savior; to the intellect that has wrestled with doubt, He is a guide; to the heart that has sorrowed, He is a comforter." The poet Coleridge is an illustration of a man who failed to reach his goal because his energies were not organized; he failed to reach the goal he might have attained because he was always going to do so many great things, and comparatively few of them were completed. Upon the death Coleridge, Charles Lamb wrote to a friend: "Coleridge is dead, and is said to have left behind him above forty-thousand treatises...not one of them complete" (Ramsey, 1940, p. 23). Thus if we are interested in enjoying our life's journey we should therefore travel our appointed road and employ the experience which it brings.

As we are approaching the Epiphany season let's not despair but give Christ the best of us. If Christ is to use us to the best advantage, then he must have all there is of us. We must give ourselves entirely to his service. Bishop Hendrix, in his "literature of the Saints," reminds us that only when we give our all to God can we know him, and can he make use of us." It is my prayer that this year will be a year of peace, a year of bounty, and a year of blessing for you. Merry Christmas and Happy New year!

William+

### **Prayers of the People**

Please remember to pray for Edward, Scott, Lissa, Marion, Vicki, Jennifer, Peggy, Adelaide, Barbara, Betty, Mary Jane, Janis, Mary Lane, Polly, Alexander, Stephen, Karen, Chase, Lela, Lori, Garth, and Michelle;

For those who have died: Robin Dow,  
Dot - close friend of Gavette family;

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

For a personal ephiphany in our lives.





### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 10, after the 10:30 a.m. service. We will have our monthly Dish & Dollar meal during the meeting. We will NOT have Dish & Dollar on January 3.

### January Birthdays

Greta Lovell - January 4

Doreen Ndishabandi - January 18

Ross Turner - January 21

### January Anniversaries

None

### THANKS!

Thank you for your contributions to the Gifts for Life Fund for our Sunday School children to buy gifts for other children and families in other parts of the world!

### Junior Warden Report

I'm certain everyone is aware that we now have a new Sanctuary furnace. Thanks to everyone for your patience with this problem. I must apologize for the delay in addressing the problem, which as a consequence required that we move one of our December services into the Parish Hall. After that service and after a discussion with the Senior Warden and Treasurer it came to light that there were some funds in a money market account that we could borrow and move forward with the repair. Had your Junior Warden been a bit more informed about finances the situation could have been handled more promptly. I thank everyone for their generous contributions towards this purpose.

Debris from the most recently felled trees in the back part of our property has been removed. We still have a number of dead trees to be removed and fortunately we still have some funds provided by the Diocese for this purpose. I hope to resume work on this project this spring.

One of the last security enhancement measures to be implemented is currently underway on the rectory. This involves the installation of a DVR, motion detection system at the rectory. As of this writing it is partially installed and should be completed shortly.

As usual, I can always use assistance in keeping up our property. Ongoing concerns include litter pickup, debris pickup, cleaning/blowing the parking lot, playground cleanup, tending to shrubbery, etc.

Tim Ryan



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*Expect a Miracle!*



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Altar Guild for January: Therese Hanna & Vanessa Kelly

	January 3 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day	January 10 1st Sunday after the Epiphany	January 17 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	January 24 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany	January 31 4th Sunday after the Epiphany	February 7 5th Sunday after the Epiphany
<b>Crucifer</b>	Pam Turner	Tori Meyers	Emily Saucier	Alex Lovell	Emily Saucier	Pam Turner
<b>Server</b>	Ross Turner	Christine N.	Hank Holmes	Greta Lovell	Hank Holmes	Ross Turner
<b>Layreader</b> 8:00 10:30	Emma M. Jolinda C.	Jolinda C. Cindy G.	Emma M. Jolinda C.	Jolinda C. Cindy G.	Emma M. Jolinda C.	Jolinda C. Cindy G.
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Joy Patterson	Ross Turner	Lisa Saucier	Hank Holmes	Greta Lovell	Hank Holmes
<b>Lectors</b>	Ross Turner Joy Patterson	James E. Lissa Nelson	Hank Holmes Connie Taylor	Greta Lovell Kenny Hall	Lisa Saucier Alec Valentine	Lauran Hall Vicki Miles
<b>Host Family</b>	Betty Sessums	Connie Taylor	Saucier Family	Nancy Henderson	Kenny & Lauran Hall	Therese Hanna
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Lisa Saucier	Kenny & Lauran Hall	Scott Essex	Ndishabandi Family	Greta Lovell	Cindy Gavette
<b>Nursery Worker</b>	Dorothy N. Lissa N.	Alex L. Naomi N.	Dorothy N. Cindy G.	Dorothy N. Anna L.	Alex L. Naomi N.	Dorothy N. Lissa N.

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