



The Saint

All Saints Episcopal Church
Jackson, MS

June, 2009

WHAT IS THE TRINITY?

We are upon the bare threshold of one of my favorite seasons (springtime) which we will not see for a while. "Springtime comes to us with the melodious rapture of "nature newly born" which at times interrupts and overcomes the rhythmic pulse of life," says Foulkes (p. 504). The season itself springs out during Lent, leads us gently through the Holy Week which leads us into a victorious day of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As much as we love the springtime it stays for a short period of time. Its charming weather blends into summer season. Summer is known of its heat and humidity but it has its attributes as well. It clears the sky, holds nature: the hurricanes and tornadoes, typhoons and monsoons, volcanoes and earthquakes. People enjoy going for vacation, recreation, and for leisure time. It is also a period of spiritual reflection on the "Doctrine of God" known as the "Trinity." The subject about God is too vast for the human understanding. This doctrine has caused much heated argument in the Christian church, and is still today a pragmatic subject in our Christian faith.

A story was told about a king who once asked the ranking philosopher of the land to tell him what the Trinity is. The servant asked for time to consider before giving his reply. When

the allotted time had expired, the request was made that it be extended, in fact, doubled. When the second period had lapsed, the wise man entreated his sovereign that he



might have days without number to pursue his search and cogitations. The philosopher applied himself feverishly. He worked his brain overtime. No avenue of approach was passed by. No stone was left unturned. The wise man came to his senses that God could not be pulverized in the mortar of the mind and analyzed. God defied the microscope. God was beyond the reaches of the telescope. God was always beyond the farthest flights of the philosopher's ambitious mind. God was still beyond the next horizon. And in chagrin and dismay, which bordered on despair, this patron of wisdom besought his king to be excused altogether from making further analyses and researches. His frank lament was, "The more I muse and meditate on the question what is God? The more incompetent I find myself to cope with the question and to answer it." (J. G. Kleiner, Our Unsearchable God p. 205). The truth is that God is

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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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great and wise beyond even the farthest knowledge of our understanding and searching. His saving grace in Christ is the wonder of wonders! God is more than our minds can take in. He dwells in a light to which no man can approach. Wells adds that, "The hem of His garments cannot be grasped with our mortal faith. It is his grace that cultivated our relationship with him and through this grace, our souls can rest perfectly assured that such a God will bring us safely through every darkness and perplexity, even through the valley of the shadow of death" (p. 211).

So, what is the Holy Trinity? According to Holman Bible Dictionary, "Trinity is a theological term used to define God as undivided unity of three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (I John 5:7)(p.1372). The father is of none, neither begotten, nor proceeding: the Son is eternally begotten of the Father (John 1:14): the Holy Spirit eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son (John 15:26). "Never did the Father have self-existence without the Son and the Holy Spirit or the Son without the Father and the Holy Spirit or the Holy Spirit without the Father and the Son" (Westminster, pp, 25) This is the God in whom we believe, whom we worship and adore, the God of all ages, the God of the faithful in the Old Testament and the God of the Christians of the New Testament, the God "from everlasting to everlasting" The scripture concurs that "There is but one only (Deut. 6:4), living, and true God (Jer. 10:10): who is infinite in being and perfection (Job 11:7), a most pure spirit (John 4:24), invisible (I Tim. 1:17), without body, parts (Luke 24:39) , or passions (Acts 14:11), immutable (James 1:17), immense (I Kings 8:27), eternal (Psalm 90:2), incomprehensible (Psalm 145:3), almighty (Gen 17:1), most wise (Rom. 16:27), most holy (Isaiah 6:3), most absolute (Exod. 3:14), most loving (I John 4:8), gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin. Berkhof considers "the doctrine of Trinity as a divine mystery beyond human comprehension." (Berkhof, 84).

Thus, the doctrine of the Trinity, as Berkhof puts it, is a mystery not merely in the biblical sense....that "man cannot comprehend it and make it intelligible" (Berkhof, p. 89). It is not taught in the Christian Church for the purpose of furnishing food for human speculation, but to furnish food for our faith, that we may learn to know God's Devine mystery" (The Concordia Pulpit, p. 105) The scripture tells us that what we know not now, we shall know hereafter. The amazing depths both of the wisdom and knowledge of God at which we devoutly wonder here below, do but indicate the far-reaching paths and the limitless fields of everlasting growth in intelligence and in apprehension which shall be ours in eternity. In the next twenty five weeks, until the Advent Sunday, we will learn more about "the incomprehensible God-Trinity." Let us dwell in the saving power of the Lord and his grace, and seek his face, be merciful and do justly for the sake of His kingdom, Amen!

William+

Prayers of the People

Please remember to pray for Myron, Stevie, Don, Susan, Edward, Scott, Lissa, Marion, Lela, Vicki, Bill, Betty, Jennifer, Peggy, Adelaide, Barbara, Stephen, Betty, Daryl, Taylor, Janice, Jennifer, Bob, Beverly, Mary Jane, Janis, Bill and Mary Lane Wheatley, Betty Sessums, Joy Patterson and family for the loss of her brother Warren, The Rev. Greg Proctor;

For those who have died;

For Adam Pastor and Marc Hines, who have returned to military duty in Iraq;

In thanksgiving for our fathers, and those who have mentored us throughout our lives.



POT LUCK PICNIC



June 13th
5:30 pm

Burgers and dogs
provided.

You bring your fixin's,
food, drinks and
friends.

Come welcome our new members!

Sign up sheet in Parish Hall

Healing Touch Ministry

First Saturday of every month
10:00 a.m.

Dorothy Porter, RN will be joining us June 6.

Aidan Lucas Stewart

May 18, 2009
6 lbs. 10 oz.
19.5 inches long

Parents
Bonnie Sikes and T. J. Stewart

Proud Grandparents
Judy and Dana Sikes.



Flower Bed

If anyone is willing to help (and offer their gardening knowledge), I am willing to work on the circular flower bed in front of the church one Saturday or Sunday. Just call or see me at church.

Cindy Gavette

From the Junior Warden

Thanks to Lissa Nelson for arranging a "cleaning day" at All Saints. The date is set for Saturday June 6. I have not scheduled a work day thus far as Junior Warden but have instead relied on a certain number of persons who routinely assist me with maintenance. Having a person other than the Junior Warden rustle up people for this purpose is very encouraging and is very much appreciated. Please plan to participate if you can. Contact Lissa for additional information.

I am actively working on the removal of debris from the two large pine trees recently felled between the rectory and the gazebo, as well as debris from a couple of trees that were felled on the east side of our property. In addition, the past several weekends I have been clearing the overgrown area in the southwest corner of our property, and that too has resulted in a substantial amount of debris. Please be patient with the cleanup effort as it is a lot of work and it will take some time to complete. I've mentioned before that by handling debris removal ourselves we should be able conserve the funds provided to us by the Diocese for this purpose. It is my goal that those funds be stretched to the completion of the dead tree project. One obvious drawback to this method is the time involved and the resulting visual affect. If anyone owning a pickup truck or utility trailer could haul off a load or so each week it would be of great help.

Unfortunately we have experienced another appliance failure in the rectory. The gas water heater tank began leaking and we had to have it replaced. The water heater was still under warranty however plumbing charges for the removal and installation of the replacement unit were approximately \$450. It has been a bit over a year since we had to call upon our congregation for assistance with "building and grounds" expenses - for the Parish Hall water heater and the rectory dishwasher as you recall - and you came through on those items in a big way. Once again I'll ask for your assistance in offsetting the plumbing bill by making a directed donation for this expense. Thank you in advance.

Tim Ryan





**Alternatives to Violence
Basic Workshop
June 26-28
\$50 (includes 3 meals)**

For more info, contact the Rev. Cathy Halford (601-672-7037, chaford48@yahoo.com) or Jim Henderson (601-594-2573, JIMEHOME@aol.com).

June Birthdays

Billy Wheatley	June 3
Jeanne Shannon	June 9
Ron Litton	June 13
Hank Holmes	June 18
Betty Sessums	June 19
James Sessums	June 23
Sam Litton	June 26

June Anniversaries

Lisa & Stan Saucier	June 1
Kay & Alec Valentine	June 2
Mary Lane & Bill Wheatley	June 16
Betty & James Sessums	June 21

STEWSPOT MINISTRIES NEWS

Summer is approaching and food needs are greater for families. Please remember the Stewpot Food Collection. Please place your donations in the basket in the narthex of the church.

Stewpot Summer Camp will be starting soon. It takes a lot of resources to offer these summer activities for youth in West Jackson. Opportunities for giving are:

- Sponsoring a child to camp
- Providing Lunch one day
- Providing healthy snacks
- Organize an activity

Contact Caroline Ellender at 601-540-8765 if you would like to help with this important ministry to children.

Digital TV Conversion

On June 12, 2009, all TV channels will begin broadcasting in digital. A Virginia company is providing free installation of in-home digital-to-analog converter boxes to Mississippi residents. The Federal Communications Commission recently awarded the installation contract to R&D Training & Technical Services, Inc. The company will provide the services to residents in Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and several other states. The local contact for this service is Debbie Weathersby's husband, Charles Flubacher . You can call him directly at 601-951-0845.

For more information on scheduling a free installation and setup for the DTV converter box, go to the RDITS Web site www.rdtts.com or send an e-mail to DirecTV at callcenterDTV@RDITS.com or call **1-866-202-4596**.

You may be eligible to request up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, to be used toward the purchase of up to two, digital-to-analog converter boxes. For more information about the converter box coupon program, call 1-888-DTV-2009 or visit <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/dtvcoupon/>

Digital off air reception of your local channels offers extra channels not available on satellite or basic cable. WAPT has weather radar on it's second channel. WLBT has local weather and a movie channel on it's second and third channels. WJTV has local weather and a retro channel (old TV series) on it's second and third channels. You might want to have at least one TV receiving off air in your home.





St. Alexis', All Saints', St. Mark's, and St. Christopher's of Jackson, MS are hosting the Fourth Annual **Commemoration of the Life of Medgar Evers Service** at St. Alexis', on Sunday, June 14, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

There will be a Eucharist using a special Liturgy of Racial Reconciliation featuring a noted speaker to be announced. Following the service there will be a potluck meal and live music. This event is open to the public, and all Episcopalians are invited. *More Information coming soon.*

Contact information

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- All Saints', Jackson - 601-372-5185
- St. Mark's, Jackson - 601-353-0246
- St. Christopher's, Jackson - 601-366-6768

Gray Center Work Weekends

Fri, Sep 25, 2009 – 06:00 PM *until* Sat, Sep 26, 2009 – 06:00 PM
 Fri, Nov 06, 2009 – 06:00 PM *until* Sat, Nov 07, 2009 – 06:00 PM

Everyone is welcome to come out Friday during the "gameplan" time to relax and enjoy each others' company. Saturday morning we will go full force working on the weekend project so don't miss out on the community, fun, and satisfaction these weekends produce. For questions or to be added to the work weekend email list, contact Grae Dickson at grae@graycenter.org.

**The Duncan M. Gray Center
Camp and Conference Center**

There is a new direction coming for the Gray Center. The Board is wanting to make the Conference Center side as family friendly as possible, so that it might become an end-destination for a families on any given weekend. Several items are being sought to be donated to assist in this endeavor. These include:

1. bikes in good working order
2. fishing poles, life jackets, boats, paddles, etc for the lake
3. DVD's and video games for the new "family room"
4. Board games and cards for the family room
5. Balls of all sorts, bats, gloves and other field related toys, such as frisbees

Very soon there will be a dock on the lake for fishing and boating, and bikes for riding. One of the conference rooms at the end of the hotel building is being converted, too, into a TV, game room for the kids and families.

Along with this expansion, there is also a drive started, to raise money for a swimming pool on the property. On the pool, for example, if a family pledges \$1,000 to the pool fund, paid over three years (\$30 a month), they will receive two weeks a year at the conference center for five years after the pool is built.

Your thoughtful prayer and help with the funding and donation of these items will be most appreciated. For more information, contact Betty Hines – bdhines.1@netzero.net or 769-218-0662



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Expect a Miracle!



June 2009

Altar Guild for June: Vicki Miles & Lisa Saucier

	June 7 Trinity Sunday	June 14 2nd Sunday After Pentecost	June 21 3rd Sunday After Pentecost	June 28 4th Sunday After Pentecost	July 5 5th Sunday After Pentecost
Crucifer	Pam Turner	Christine Nelson	Emily Saucier	Alex Lovell	Pam Turner
Server	Ross Turner	Tori Meyers	Greta Lovell	Hank Holmes	Ross Turner
Layreader 8:00 10:30	Emma Magee J. Charbonnet	J. Charbonnet C. Gavette	Emma Magee J. Charbonnet	J. Charbonnet C. Gavette	Emma Magee J. Charbonnet
Chalice Bearer	Joy Patterson	Ross Turner	Lisa Saucier	Greta Lovell	Hank Holmes
Lectors	Connie Taylor James Etheridge	Ross Turner Alec Valentine	Lissa Nelson Vicki Miles	Greta Lovell Lauran Hall	Kenny Hall Stephen Stuart
Host Family	Connie Taylor	Nancy Henderson	Saucier Family	Lauran & Kenny Hall	Polly Blakeney
Coffee Host	Dish & Dollar	Naomi Ndishabandi	Scott Essex	Pam Turner	Dish & Dollar
Nursery Worker	Dorothy N. Doreen N.	Doreen N.	C. Gavette	Doreen N.	Doreen N.

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