



The Saint

All Saints Episcopal Church
Jackson, MS

May, 2009

CALLED TO SERVE

A day before Palm Sunday, the entire church vestry went through a one day retreat convened by The Rev. David Johnson, the Canon to the Ordinary in the Bishop's office. He went through the qualities of a health congregation and helped us identify our strength and weaknesses: We concluded with a goal to: (a) Build on our strength; (b) Convert our weakness into strength; (c) Maximize opportunities around us; and (d) Minimize our threats. During the retreat, St. Paul's letter to Ephesians came to my mind, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Johnson reminded us of our Baptismal vows, our obligations, and our commitment to the ministry of Christ. Robert E. Speer, sums it up well, "The Church will lift herself to her missionary task... when she sees... souls to be saved, and the image of Christ to be wrought out..."

Our obligation as a congregation is, first of all and last of all, to God. We belong to God. God has by right a full ownership of us. He redeemed us. "Our great obligation, then, and that which comprehends and includes all other obligations, is our entire consecration to God" (I Cor. 6:19, 20). This inclusive obligation to God is general. We are God's instrument. An instrument for any use needs to be the best of its kind. We are God's servant. Any servant needs to be at his best in furnishing and efficiency. It is our obligation to "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of

Christ." (Gal. 6:2; Rom.15:1; Phil. 2:4, 5; I Pet. 1:22). It is our obligation to reach out to those who cannot come to church to worship, and cannot engage in the active life of the church, the sick, the disabled, the aged, and those in



and fervent prayer of the "shut-in" members can make a tremendous impact in the life of the caretakers.

Johnson reminded us that our Church was God's agent to the people. Binney Simpson, in his article, "The Church and Its Ministry," writes, "There is no organization or institution, no avenue or agency in its outlook on the needs and possibilities of people as the church. (p.343). In his great commission, Jesus sends his disciples "To go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...and pledged to be with them always to the end of the age..." (Matt. 28:19, 20).

Looking at where we are coming from, life has been severely tested by these years. We may even be glad that it has been put to test. It is by such testing that weakness is discovered or strength made sure. And looking back we may with a certain high satisfaction and

nursing homes. However, it is possible to have fellowship, prayer and praise. The believing

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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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thanksgiving observe that under these trials the congregation has not altogether failed. We have come through and will come through yet again. So among the many lessons the years teach we do well to ponder and lay to heart certain ones of great importance. One of these lessons is that though our community has been so changed, it is the same world. There is a continuity in human life and human history. And if progress is slow, we need not therefore be disheartened or give up our faith. Alfred Noyes, the Astronomer, once said, "We climb to power by inches..... The trend is upward still and slow yet goes forward."

Folks remember that what we do is not only remembered, it continues to exist in its effects upon our characters. R. H. Wells, in his article, reiterates that, "A statue is carved by repeated blows; a picture is created by repeated strokes of the pencil. Our characters are formed by repeated actions. You know what is meant by character. It refers to the kind of person you are, the goodness or badness of you. One comes into the world with a character ready made. It is formed by degree and it is the work of a lifetime. Every one's character is the effect of the way he lives and acts. We form our own characters and everything we say, think and do contributes to the formation" (Wells, p. 337). Man was created with a capacity for God. God breathed into man his own divine spirit and man became a living soul. H.J. Dale, adds, "In a world, man possesses personality. To Him have been entrusted those qualities of will and emotion and intellectual discernment which together constitute what we speak of as personality."

We are God's workmanship (I Cor. 3:9). That is where the song of hope and comfort beings. I would be frightened of the first, because when I say I am His I am not talking for effect; I am talking out of my life, deeply. Even today I say I belong to Him, and I am almost ashamed because I do not feel there is anything worth his possessing in me. But wait a minute-we are His workmanship! That means He is working on us. There is the suggestion in it of artistic beauty. Morgan reminds us that "We are his workmanship, not yet perfected, but in process" (Campbell Morgan, p. 253). The figure of the potter helps me. The wheel is moving swiftly with the aid of the potter's foot on the treadle, and he gives speed or slowness as he wills to the revolving wheel. What is on the wheel? Clay. There is no beauty in it, but it is the stuff the potter wants. Me and you are just the stuff God needs and that is why he created us for an infinite purpose we have not yet begun to see.

And this is my conviction, strengthened and increased by these years-that there is a great meaning to it all, a great and worthy outcome, a far-off divine event to which the whole congregation moves. J. Percival Huget, offers some words of comfort, "If we cannot survive we are not fit to survive! If we cannot endure we shall not win any crown! If we cannot learn we shall not pass in this school of experience! If we cannot do better we shall waster God's love and patience! If we cannot out of defeat organize victory, out of our delays find new on goings, through hard times win back or win on to good by steep and rugged paths, climb higher grounds"(p.437). Let us encourage each other by saying that "yes we can and we will!" May God grant us hearts of wisdom and may he enable us to endure. May y'all have a blessed Mother's Day and a prayerful Memorial Day!

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, Cyndi, Joy, the Gallagher family, Stacye, Cyndi, Taylor, Yvonne, Kelly, Janice, John and Gwen, Jennifer, Bob, Beverly, Mary Jane Timmerman (Greta's mom), Janis (recovering from her hospitalizations in Manhattan Nursing Home), Yvonne (Cindy G.'s sister who has emphysema);

For those who have died;

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

For the Staff and Participants of Cursillo #117, especially Willie, Alisha and William:

For a Easter season of thanksgiving and awareness of the beauty and goodness of God's creation.





Healing Touch Ministry

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

Dorothy Porter, RN will be joining us in June.



Save the Date!

June 13

All Saints
BBQ



Cursillo #117

April 30 - May 3.

All Saints has 2 participants
(Willie Cook and Alisha Sullivan)
and Fr. William is serving as a
Spiritual Director.

Clausura (Closing Service) 2:30
p.m. on May 3.

Nursery Help Needed!

PLEASE sign up to volunteer in the nursery.

We must do a back ground check on all nurs-
ery workers and we need people now!

Special thanks to all who have
already volunteered to serve!

Saint Mary Catholic Church – Yard Sale – Saturday, May 2nd

I'd like to invite All Saints Parishioners to drop by Saint Mary Catholic Church on the corner of Claiborne and St. Charles Ave, for their annual yard sale. The event will be inside the gymnasium. My family has donated a lot of my late mother's household belongings to this event and there will be a lot of nice items for sale.

Tim Ryan

From the Junior Warden

I'm certain you have noticed the absence of the "All Saints" sign out on Daniel Lake. That sign was built by talented members of our congregation many years ago, but it has since fallen into disrepair. I finally decided that no sign was better than the one we had so I decided to take it down. Thanks to Kenny Hall (and his Dad) the sign will either be repaired or rebuilt.

There has been further progress on dead tree removal. Two large dead pines near our gazebo/deck have been felled and bucked. I am currently working on removing the debris. As always, if anyone can assist with the debris removal it would be appreciated.

I wish to thank Lissa Nelson and her sidekicks Greta Lovell and Vickie Miles for their chair cleaning campaign. The three of them scrubbed clean over 100 of the folding Parish Hall chairs.

Thanks also to Alec Valentine, and some others (unknown to me), in helping with the yard-work on our property. Our property really looked nice for Easter Sunday.

Tim Ryan
Junior Warden





Mexican Fiesta!!

May 9, 2009

6:30 p.m.

\$5.00/person

(Contact Greta Lovell for Tickets)

Cash Bar

Bring your favorite appetizer!

Menu

Assorted Appetizers

Smoked Chicken Enchiladas w/Salsa Verde

Beef Quesadillas w/Blanco Con Queso

Shredded Pork Burritos w/Sour Cream Sauce

Señor Scott's homemade salsa

Black Beans

Spanish Rice

Sopillas and fresh fruit compote

May Birthdays

George Lovell, III - May 4

Zach McCullough - May 9

Mimi Bradley - May 16

Tori Meyers - May 16

Tim Ryan - May 22

Vanis Ely - May 26

Debbie Weathersby - May 30

May Anniversaries

Pam & Ross Turner - May 13

Jolinda & Donald Charbonnet - May 25

Naomi & William Ndishabandi - May 26

Billy Brumfield

All Saints feeds Billy Brumfield

May 24

STEW POT MINISTRIES LUNCHES for SUMMER CAMPERS

Stewpot's Summer Camp needs volunteers to prepare lunch for the children once every 2 weeks. Contact Tara Lindsey at 601-353-2759.

Funds are available to buy the food for preparation.

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).



Gray Center Work Weekends

Fri, May 08, 2009 – 06:00 PM *until* Sat, May 09, 2009 – 06:00 PM
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

The Bishop's Barbeque

Schedule of Events

Friday May 22

6:00 pm Jambalaya Dinner & Live Music

Saturday May 23

10:00 am Gates open & Silent Auction opens

11:30 am—1:30 pm Food served

1:00 pm Renaissance Relay Race

Awarding of Tent Competition Winner

1:30 pm The Kudzu Kings perform

2:30 pm Silent Auction closes

6:00 pm Dinner & Pub Quiz

Dusk Memorial Day Fireworks Display

Sunday May 24

10:30 Memorial Day Eucharist (Chapel)

Tickets

Adults \$10 Children (ages 3-12) \$5
(Tickets at the door \$12 and \$6)

Take a Whole Boston Butt Home!
\$25 each

For Tickets

Contact Greta Lovell or the Church office

Menu

Pulled Pork BBQ	Smoked Chicken Quarters
Cole Slaw	Baked Beans
Texas Toast	Cookies

For more information or to donate items for the Silent Auction: www.dioms.org



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Expect a Miracle!



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Altar Guild for May: Hank Holmes & Pam Turner

	May 3 4th Sunday of Easter	May 10 5th Sunday of Easter	May 17 6th Sunday of Easter	May 24 7th Sunday of Easter	May 31 Day of Pentecost	June 7 Trinity Sunday
Crucifer	Pam Turner	Tori Meyers	Emily Saucier	Alex Lovell	Greta Lovell	Pam Turner
Server	Ross Turner	Christine Nelson	Greta Lovell	Hank Holmes	Tori Meyers	Ross Turner
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	Emma Magee J. Charbonnet
Chalice Bearer	Hank Holmes	Lissa Nelson	Lisa Saucier	Tori Meyers	Alec Valentine	Joy Patterson
Lectors	Joy Patterson Hank Holmes	Lissa Nelson Greta Lovell	Lisa Saucier Ross Turner	Vicki Miles Stephen Stuart	Lauran Hall Alec Valentine	Connie Taylor James Etheridge
Host Family	Therese Hanna	Nancy Henderson	Lisa Saucier	Polly Blakeney	Lauran & Kenny Hall	Connie Taylor
Coffee Host	Greta Lovell	Lisa Saucier	Scott Essex	Lauran & Kenny Hall	Pam Turner	Naomi Ndishabandi
Nursery Worker	Katherine Ryan	Dorothy N.	Cindy Gavette	Dorothy N.	Naomi N.	TBA

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