



# The Saint

All Saints Episcopal Church  
Jackson, MS

October, 2009

## OVERSEAS MISSION TRIP

On February 6, 2009, at Lake Terrace convention Center, Hattiesburg Mississippi, in his address at 182nd Council, Bishop Duncan Gray III said, "in the midst of our current economic troubles...I am going to ask you, in the coming years, to expand your vision of what we will need as a church to be faithful to the mission of the church as it has been given to us." His vision for the overseas mission to The Masereka Christian foundation in western Uganda and the Diocese of Twic East in Southern Sudan echoes the words of Isaiah 6:8, "whom shall we send and who will go for us." A team of nine faithful Episcopalians from Jackson and Oxford, Mississippi, in response to the Bishop's call, answered, "Here we are send us!" The team of seven laity and two clergy, intrigued with St. John's 1:39, 46, "Come and See, Go and Tell!" couldn't wait! The verses in the Gospel of John demands action: Notice, Jesus' invitation in John was intended for Andrew and Simon Peter; soon Philip repeats the invitation to Nathanael, "Come and see!" (v. 46). This first sentence, Come and See, if not the exact beginning of the Christian Movement, is one which contains in essence and symbolically three important truths concerning our Christian faith. (1) Seeing, (2) Believing, and (3) Action. Thus "Come and See, Go and Tell" is an invitational state-

ment. In the epistle Hebrews 11 we see Abraham and other faithful people of God determined to put God first (Heb. 11:8, 9). These guys risked their lives for the sake of the Gospel. Church history identifies Christianity as the result of the risk takers who, by faith, brought Christ to the pagan world. As someone



said, "Committed, intentional and courageous people are never scared to take risk, face challenges, and often get things done."

Earlier in the year, after Chuck Barlow's power point presentation at the council, many people indicated they were of the interest of going. Several of these people attended our preliminary meetings in Grenada. Of course with the economic crisis, a number of them dropped out. However, there were those who had the desire to go but were not sure of overseas travel. The nine who've just returned met several times prior the journey. During these meetings the words of St. Paul, "I can do all things in Christ Jesus that strengthens me" (Phil.4:13) became the fabric and mission statement of the team. We were reminded that "we are infinite, human, and with limited resources", but often said, "We can do all things in Christ Jesus that

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Deacon

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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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strengthens us.”

For those who've never been on a mission trip, I would encourage you to try one day. However, let me warn you ahead of time, overseas mission trips need lots of preparations. Unlike sabbatical, vocational, or field trips, mission trips call for one to abide in the cultural trends of your location. Think about going into a different culture, tribe, and attempt speaking foreign language, eating alien food, and living with strangers. A mission trip becomes very meaningful when Christ stands in the center of all our differences and unifies us with his blood. Our recent team can testify of the meaningful time we spent in Kasese.

The foundation of our church is built from the legacy of those who gave themselves unreservedly, selflessly, and risked themselves for the sake of the gospel. The best example is David Livingston. Livingston once said, "Death alone will put a stop to my efforts!" Love and passion for Christ was the exclamation of the man who died upon his knees in the heart of Africa, praying for "the open sore of the Lord." The inscription upon the marble that marks his resting-place closes with his own words: "All I can say in my solitude is, May Heaven's rich blessing come down on every one — American, English, Turkish who will help to heal this open sore of the world" (by Clifford G. Howell, Mountain View, California: Pacific Press Publishing, 1912).

As Christians, you and I are travelers trying to cross the rough and boisterous oceans of life. There are waves of distress, billows of trouble, storms of adversity, shoals of danger, quicksand of error, and rocks of destruction we anticipate encountering on our journey. But our blessed Redeemer comforts us with these words, "Fear not for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name...you are mine. He promises to see us through..." (Isaiah 43:1-3). He is the anchor of hope to steady us. He is our divine compass to direct us. He is the voice of the captain to cheer us, and the hand of the pilot to guide us safely to the destination yonder! He calls us to delight ourselves in the Lord; and promises to give us the desire of our heart (Psalm 37:4-5). The word "delight" in the Hebrew context, is not an abstract but concrete. To delight in the Lord signifies that our heart-desires will be increasingly like His; hence, we have that in which we delight. It is not so much what we say, but the life we live which really counts. Whenever I read these verses I feel freed from anxiety, stress and spiritual burnout. Timothy Stone in his commentary on this Psalm, particularly on verse 4, quotes Owen Meredith's remarks that, "in tracing the shade, we should find out the sun." Earth's highest joy is found in our unselfish attitude and kindly acts to others. The same Word of God has said, "In all your way acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths." Paul gained this thought when he challenged the Philippian church: "to be anxious for nothing but in everything..." (Phil. 4:6). Thus in committing our way unto the Lord, the anxiety of worry goes, but it must be an act on our part. Committing ourselves to God requires a submitted will, a yielded life, and a confident hope. There is a reassuring sense of the Divine presence when we have committed our way to Him and then trust Him. Paul's prayer was "that I may know Him and the power of his resurrection" (Phil. 3:10). It is my prayer that you continue to support the cause for mission and outreach of our Church, that you'll be part of the mission team, that you'll plant the seed to those in our neighborhood. Do not forget to mark your calendar for the forthcoming draw down. Visit our website for updates of our church events.

William+





### **Prayers of the People**

Please remember to pray for Stevie, Edward, Scott, Lissa, Marion, Lela, Vicki, Bill, Jennifer, Peggy, Adelaide, Barbara, Stephen, Betty, Mary Jane, Janis, Mary Lane, Polly, Melissa, Alexander, Stephen, Mike, and Soloman;

For those who have died and their families—especially the family of Catherine Johns;

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

### **Adult Sunday School**

Calling all adults for Sunday School! We would love for any and all adults to meet together for Sunday school beginning at 9:30. We will use the method of lectio divina for discussing the Gospel appointed for that day. When interpreting something read or heard, it may be the same as others or very different. As William pointed out in one of his sermons, the style and vocabulary in which the Bible was written is not quite the same as today. How very worthwhile to hear and discuss the beautiful words of the Gospel! There may be a word, a phrase, or a sentence that has a special meaning or effect on you. Not only will we be able to share our thoughts with one another but, hopefully, we will have a better understanding of what Christ wants us to hear.

### **From the Junior Warden**

As of late September we still have not quite finished painting in the Parish Hall. I anticipate that one or two weekends into October will be required to complete the job. Please consider assisting in this effort until it is completed.

I mention tree debris removal in most newsletter reports, primarily because the debris is quite visible and I want to ensure that everyone knows it is being resolved, albeit slowly. As usual, any assistance with this effort would be greatly appreciated.

We have received a new 4 camera DVR/security system which I and Kenny Hall will install in the rectory soon. This is the last of the “major” security enhancements we have been planning and working to accomplish (since June of 2008). Please remember that the bulk of the cost of all of these security improvements has been handled by donations as well as with financial assistance from the diocese.

Tim Ryan





**October Birthdays**

**Emily Saucier - October 1**

**Mary Saucier - October 3**

**Ryan Saucier - October 3**

**Richard Bradley - October 3**

**Catherine Hanna - October 7**

**Ed Johns - October 18**

**Lissa Nelson - October 23**

**October Anniversaries**

**Kenny & Lauran Hall - October 6**

**Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk**

**Saturday, October 10, 2009**

**Trustmark Park at 9:00 am.**

Donations will benefit the Alzheimer's Association for vital research into this disease, essential support programs and services.

Information can be found at [www.alz.org/ms](http://www.alz.org/ms) scroll down to memory walk and click on Jackson Walk.

For more information call 601-987-0020. If you want to give a donation, Tori Meyers will be happy to get it to Barb Dobrosky.

To Our All Saints Family,

Wonderful things were done to and in the Church and Parish Hall on such short notice to make Catherine's service beautiful and full of meaning. It was truly saints at work showing love, caring and compassion from our church family. Nothing we could ever say or do would mean as much as our heartfelt "Thank You".

Ed, Leigh Ann and Traci

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**WHAT: DRAWDOWN**

**WHEN: OCTOBER 16, 2009**

**WHERE: ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Tickets \$25.00**

With

**Sherman Dillon and the Dillonaires**

**BE THERE OR BE SQUARE**





## PRESS RELEASE

### The Rev. Dr. William K. Ndishabandi to Attend Credo Conference

The Rev. Dr. William K. Ndishabandi has accepted an invitation to attend a CREDO conference from November 9-16, 2009 at the Bishop's Ranch Conference Center located in Healdsburg, California.

The eight-day conference provides participants with the means to find direction and clarity in four component areas: spiritual, physical, vocational, and financial. CREDO provides a foundation for participants to embrace wellness and to prayerfully discern the direction of their vocation.

CREDO was founded in 1997 as a pilot program funded by The Church Pension Group. Episcopal clergy, deacons and bishops from virtually every diocese in the country have taken advantage of the CREDO benefit. Participants are selected at random from all active clergy with more than one year in the Pension Fund. The Church Pension Fund pays all but \$500. of the conference costs.

The Rev. Dr. William K. Ndishabandi will join approximately 30 other clergy in the CREDO conference. Over the course of the conference, participants will meet in plenary sessions, small groups and private consultations with faculty members. Participants also have ample quiet time to reflect on their personal and professional lives.

Each participant commits to extensive reflection through pre-conference instruments and surveys that focus on personal and professional wellness. the work of CREDO is organized around four major areas in each person's personal and professional life. Each of these components is explored as an integral part of the whole.

- Spiritual-offers a sacred space where each participants can reflect on his or her interior life and relationship with God in Christ
- Vocational-provides opportunities for reflection, discernment, and planning in the professional areas of vocation, career, and work
- Health-encourages reflection on physical and emotional health and will-being, stewardship of the body., and development of a plan to address the individual's health needs.
- Financial-explores all aspects of personal financial management and encourages reflection on God-given resources and how best to use them in response to God's call.

Through this discernment and visioning process, and with the help of a faculty team of professionals, each participant builds a CREDO plan- a personal covenant based on his or her CREDO work, and a formal expression of the CREDO experience. The CREDO plan provides a personal baseline and strategy for effective implementation.



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*Expect a Miracle!*



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Altar Guild for October: Therese Hanna & Vanessa Kelly

	October 4 18th Sunday After Pentecost	October 11 19th Sunday After Pentecost	October 18 20th Sunday After Pentecost	October 25 21st Sunday After Pentecost	November 1 All Saints Day (6:30 pm)
<b>Crucifer</b>	Pam Turner	Christine Nelson	Greta Lovell	Emily Saucier	Greta Lovell
<b>Server</b>	Ross Turner	Tori Meyers	Alex Lovell	Hank Holmes	Hank Holmes
<b>Layreader</b> 8:00 10:30	J. Charbonnet C. Gavette	Emma Magee J. Charbonnet	J. Charbonnet C. Gavette	Emma Magee J. Charbonnet	J. Charbonnet 6:30:C. Gavette
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Joy Patterson	Greta Lovell	Ross Turner	Lisa Saucier	Tori Meyers
<b>Lectors</b>	Kenny Hall Stephen Stuart	Greta Lovell Lissa Nelson	Vicki Miles Ross Turner	Lisa Saucier Alec Valentine	Hank Holmes Joy Patterson
<b>Host Family</b>	Kenny & Lauran Hall	Polly Blakeney	Therese Hanna	Lissa Nelson	Betty Sessums
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Dish & Dollar	Lisa Saucier	Scott Essex	Pam Turner	Reception
<b>Nursery Worker</b>	Dorothy N. Lissa Nelson	Dorothy N. Naomi N.	Dorothy N. Anna Langafor	Dorothy N. Naomi N.	Dorothy N. Lissa N.

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