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All Saints Episcopal Church
Jackson, MS

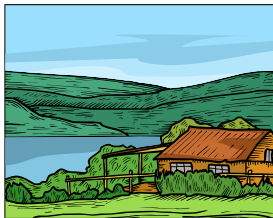
September, 2009

LABOR DAY IS HERE!

It's been an All Saints Church tradition for family members to gather at camp Bratton Green every Labor Day weekend for a three day social and spiritual enrichment. For All Saints community, the Labor Day weekend is a time to reflect on "our Common values." It is a time of reassessing and revisiting our strength as a "one Church in Mission; inviting, reconciling, and transforming" (Bishop D. Gray III). Labor Day weekend is a time we ponder and reflect on our vision and mission statement which bets us to "strive through prayer, worship, study, and fellowship, and to be a people, individually and corporately, in whom and through whom, Christ lives and changes the world with his love." This statement urges us to reflect and travel back over the road we've pictured ourselves (cf. Jeremiah 6:16) and ask whether our road is an avenue or an alley? Is it a highway or a byway? Of course everyone, including the national map quest, with exception of the GPS, knows that All Saints Church is on Daniel Lake Boulevard, but the street I have in the picture is far more than the boulevard. I am talking about our

vision for All Saints and our South Jackson neighborhood.

Early this year, during the vestry retreat, The Rev. Canon David Johnson, told members of the vestry



that, "knowing our strength, weakness, threats, and opportunities, is the best way to

go." Johnson urged, "It is terribly important to have a clear and attainable vision." He said, "Vision is the ability to see yourself in relationship to the future." Let's ponder on our vision and ask whether we are there or making effort to get there. In order to make a difference we must constantly bear in mind our goals and objectives. We must seek to accomplish what we see.

Someone said, "Work done with interest is altogether different from that done through necessity or sense of duty." All the effective work, all the great work of this world, is done by those whose hearts are in their work. President Harper's last prayer was: "May there be for me a life beyond this life, and

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The Rev. Cathy Halford
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THE VESTRY

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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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in that life may there be work to do, tasks to accomplish." Leonardo de Vinci makes a similar statement, "You O God have given all good things to people at the price of labor." Work is a necessity to keep the body, soul and mind alive. All that God wants of any one is faithfulness. Not brilliance, not success, not notoriety which attracts newspaper notice, but the quiet, regular and careful performance of trivial and common duties as beneath "the great Taskmaster's eye." George D. Boardman once said, "To be faithful in that which is least will win as rich a reward as faithfulness in the greatest..." In every piece of honest work, however irksome, laborious, and commonplace, "we are fellow workers with God" (I Cor 3:16). Paul said, "If anyone will not work, neither let him eat" (II Thess. 3:10). H. Bonar, in the lyrics of one of his hymnals says, "Go, labor on; spend, and be spent."

Labor has been dignified and made sacred by Jesus, who was a carpenter and went about doing good. It is synonymous with happiness to most human beings. Without it there is little pleasure or satisfaction in rest. "When the days of toil are long and the yoke seems galling and the burdens bow the shoulders, it may help to remember that no greatness ever has been dreamed or done without it, and that its opposite would entail worse misfortune" (James A. Garfield). C.S. Louise said, "There is no short and easy road to Paradise. The point is to learn to sing as we work, to see the shining goal through the mists of sorrow or service, to realize that we are in line with the infiniteness of the universe and God..." (G. B. F. Hallock, Ed, Ministers Manual, pp. 418).

We have in the life of Christ the highest example of a worker. Let us not forget that workers are always appreciated and are always in demand. God never goes to the lazy or the idle when he needs people for his service. When He has something to be done he calls someone to do it. When God wants a great servant he calls a busy man. Scripture and history attest this truth. Moses was busy with his flock at Horeb. Soul was busy searching for his father's lost beasts. David was busy caring for his father's sheep; Elisha was busy plowing with twelve yoke of oxen; Nehemiah was busy bearing the kings' wine-cup; Amos was busy following the flock; Peter and Andrew were busy catching fish for their business; James and John were busy mending their nets; Matthew was busy collecting custom duties; Saul was busy working for his government; William Carey was busy mending and making shoes; the list goes on. "Let's write our records and hold them up to be read." Dr. Henry Van Dyke expresses it forcefully in this poem entitled My Work: "Let me but do my work from day to day in field or forest, desk or look, in raring marketplace, or tranquil room. Let me but find it in my heart to say, when vagrant wishes beckon me astray, this is my work, my blessing, not my doom: Of all who life I am the one by whom This work can best be done in my own way, to suit my spirit and to prove my powers, then shall I cheerfully greet the laboring hours And cheerfully turn when the long shadows fall At eventide to play and love and rest, because I know for me my work is best."

Someone aptly said, "I give what I have today, in the hope that I might have more to give tomorrow, for in giving I am most truly receiving." Let's not weary in doing good. Thank you for all you do for the glory of God. Pray for me as I travel with the Diocesan Team to Uganda. We are answering the call for mission and the urgency for outreach. In all, remember that we co-laborer with the Lord, (I Cor 3:9-10).

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, Polly, Melissa, Jobe, Kelly, Jean, Alexander and Mary;

For those who have died and their families—especially the family of Kelly Donald in the loss of her mother, Gloria Milner;

For safe travel for Doreen and William;

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

For our Labor Day Weekend fellowship.

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

Thanks to Cathy Halford and to all of those who have assisted in the painting of the big room in the Parish Hall.

I am continuing with the removal of tree debris and debris from the clearing of overgrown parts of the property primarily now on the back (south) part of our 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





September Birthdays

Katherine Ryan - 9/3

Therese Hanna - 9/5

Alec Valentine - 9/9

Lauran Hall - 9/15

Jonathan Ndishabandi - 9/21

Danielle Gallagher - 9/22

Lynda Ryan - 9/25

Lynn Thames - 9/25

September Anniversaries

Vanis & Betty Ely - 9/2

Ron & Sam Litton - 9/11

Jesse & Danielle Gallagher - 9/21

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 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

Special Food Drive – The Good Samaritan Center

The Good Samaritan Center has asked for the assistance of All Saints Church in collecting food goods for the month of September 2009. There will be a special bin in the narthex signed for this purpose. Please consider contributing food products through the month of September. This food drive is a one time, and one month only project. As usual we will have a food bin for the Stewpot Food Kitchen as well so feel free to contribute to either or both bins.

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





LABOR DAY WEEKEND

CAMP BRATTON-GREEN

Swimming, Canoeing, Food, Friends, Family, Worship

Saturday night—Dish and a Donation!!!

Bring your coolers with drinks and food for the weekend!!

Single Person Per Night: \$15

Couple Per Night: \$20

Family (immediate Family) Per Night: \$25

Day Visit \$5

BIG HOUSE

\$100 for Double Occupancy, \$60 for Single Occupancy per Night

(Minimum of 10)

All Saints does not profit for this event. All money collected goes to Gray Center to cover the cost of the facilities. Any Money collected in excess is used to reserve Gray Center for next year and any other costs incurred.

Thanks and WOW!

For once, I have something to say and I am not going to ask you for anything. The vestry has asked a lot of you this year. And we wanted to take this opportunity to tell you all how much we appreciate the way that you have responded. We are the “little church that could” because, when something needs to be done, all of the Saints respond.

At the start of the year, we asked you to join us in a capital funds campaign to contribute money over and above what was pledged so that we could meet our obligation to repay our loan from the diocese. You have responded and, thanks to your contributions, we have been able to make our promised payments to the diocese. Thank you.

Recently, we asked for people to help to purchase school supplies for our outreach effort to assist Baker Elementary. Bill and Cathy were able to give out every single item to someone in the congregation. Many people not only did the leg work of going out and purchasing the supplies but they also declined reimbursement and donated the purchased supplies to the effort. Thanks again.

When you were asked to help with the painting of the great room in the Parish Hall, once again you gave of your time and treasure to help with this effort. At least a dozen people have put in time on that project which is on-going. We can already see that the results are going to look really good. Thank you yet again.

And most recently we asked you to make donations to help cover a portion of the cost for William to travel to Uganda as a part of the Bishop’s mission team. So far we have exceeded our goal of raising \$500.00 towards the expenses and we have more than \$150.00 donated towards seminary support. And I understand that there are still donations coming in. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

You are the strength of this little church and you are what makes this place special. I can’t think of anything else to say except WOW!

From your lame-duck Senior Warden, Ross.



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Expect a Miracle!



September 2009

Altar Guild for September: Vicki Miles & Lisa Saucier

	Sept. 6 14th Sunday After Pentecost	Sept. 13 15th Sunday After Pentecost	Sept. 20 16th Sunday After Pentecost	Sept. 27 17th Sunday After Pentecost	October 4 18th Sunday After Pentecost
Crucifer	Labor Day Weekend	Christine Nelson	Emily Saucier	Hank Holmes	Pam Turner
Server	Labor Day Weekend	Tori Meyers	Greta Lovell	Alex Lovell	Ross Turner
Layreader 8:00 10:30	Labor Day WE J. Charbonnet	Emma Magee J. Charbonnet	J. Charbonnet C. Gavette	Emma Magee J. Charbonnet	J. Charbonnet C. Gavette
Chalice Bearer	Labor Day Weekend	Lissa Nelson	Tori Meyers	Alec Valentine	Joy Patterson
Lectors	Labor Day Weekend	Connie Taylor Lissa Nelson	Vicki Miles Lisa Saucier	Greta Lovell Ross Turner	Kenny Hall Stephen Stuart
Host Family	Labor Day Weekend	Connie Taylor	Lisa Saucier	Nancy Henderson	Kenny & Lauran Hall
Coffee Host	Labor Day Weekend	Naomi N.	Scott Essex	Cindy Gavette	Dish & Dollar
Nursery Worker	Labor Day Weekend	Dorothy N.	Anna Langafor	Dorothy N.	Dorothy N.

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