



# The Saint

All Saints Episcopal Church  
Jackson, MS

April, 2010

## ALLELUIA, JESUS IS ALIVE!

Looking back upon the Holy Week scenes, one might think there were no such thing as pity in the human heart, as one contemplating some of the deeds of men today he might think that men are monsters. Remembering that these same disciples who took the bread and the cup from Jesus' hands and pledged him their deathless loyalty fled in fear and left him to face his tormentors alone, one might think that all men are cowards and traitors. The dark hours (Good Friday) when Jesus lay buried were to the disciples hours of anguish. They could not reconcile that last indignity with the magnificence of his spiritual program. It must have seemed to them, and seemed to everybody, as if all that they had shared in was a dream, now quenched forever by the grave. The fact of death extinguished all their hopes. It invalidated every claim of Jesus. It brought down into a hopeless ruin the building they had thought to be of God. The fact is that Jesus' crucifixion was the most inevitable thing that ever happened (Rom. 6:5-11). He died so that we may have life, and life



everlasting. Barstow, in his article, "Human Contact of the Cross" remarks, "The magnificent compelling thing about Jesus is that he was willing to take all the chances and the consequences of carrying such a disturbance to its utter limit without flinching or compromising at any point. He endured all the physical, mental and social sufferings that go with such a course. He had His dark hours and never wavered" [Henry H. Barstow: Article: "Human Contacts of the Cross" pg 159]. If Jesus was to rest forever in the grave which injustice made for Him, what would have been the fate of believers? If we have only a grave to look back upon as the inspiration of our spiritual experience, where could our Christian doctrine stand? How could God's redemption plan come to pass? Wilson remarks that "The Christian religion wouldn't have a firm foundation of its faith at all. It wouldn't be worth the effort to die for. It would be futile in practice and meaningless in purpose..."(Frank Wilson, p. 164). His mission would have flopped (I Cor. 15:17). Thank God for his

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The Vestry meets after the  
10:30 service on the  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday of each month.

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love for us! He gave us his begotten son to die for our sins (John 3:16), and He was buried, and He rose again the third day..."I Cor. 15:3). I feel singing a chorus here: "He lives! He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way...He lives...salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives: he lives within my heart!" (Baptist Hymnal #438).

Looking out upon the world of nature on this happy Easter day, we see the breath of spring on the air, filling all things with new life. Just as the breath of spring puts new life into the budding flower may the power of Christ's resurrection puts new life into our laggard souls. Let's remember that Jesus Christ came into the world purposely to seek and to save the lost (cf. Luke 19:10) and to redeem those who were under the curse of the law by reason of their transgressions (Rom. 5:9-11). The resurrection story is so powerful and transforming. It transformed the women who went to the tomb in the early morning to anoint the body of Christ (Mark 16:1-6), it transformed the disciples engulfed with fear in the upper room. It transformed the disheartened couple traveling to Emmaus. It always transfigures and lifts the believer's heart beyond and above the reach of the corroding hand of time. It gives us a glimpse of the new life beyond the grave, with a conviction that even though "we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we will fear no evil..." (Psa. 23:4). Jesus' resurrection is a powerful experience which rejuvenates life, restores health, redeems and reclaims the soul. Some of us have not yet taken into our souls the power of Christ's resurrection. We have talked about it, celebrated the Easter that brings it, but, deep under all, we have not really rested our souls upon it in the way we should. Christ's resurrection will never cease to create wonder and will do so until that glad day when we, too, shall arise with bodies incorruptible, like to "His glorious body according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself" (I Cor. 15:22).

The Easter greeting is Christ's glad announcement to the world that the spiritual forces are the predominant and ultimately victorious forces in the universe. Yes! There's something about "Easter morning" that is so radiantly beautiful and so persuasive. No wonder Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary mother of James on that glad morning, upon witnessing the empty tomb they hastily returned to Jerusalem to testify about the risen Christ. For these women, the testimony of the resurrection of our Lord was not merely so much pious soothing syrup to comfort timid and sickly people living in constant fear of death. It was a new day and a new beginning. Take a look at the dead seed that springs up with new life in the springtime. St. Paul says, "If anyone is in Christ, the old has passed away, behold, the new has come"(2 Cor. 5:17). We should emulate the plants reviving around us. He who made a thousand of spring seasons to bud and bloom, will He not be able to give us a new heart, a new love, and a new faith? St. Paul writes, "As we have borne the image of the man of dust (Gen. 5:3), we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man"(Rom. 8:29). Fellow brethren and friends of All Saints Episcopal Church, may this Easter bring you hope and peace; lift your heart above the perishable things of earth to that place where Christ sits and enthroned in glory, and reveal to you the God who is love and that love shall never lose its own! Amen.

William+





### BILLY BRUMFIELD MEAL

All Saints will be serving the Sunday evening meal at the Billy Brumfield shelter on Sunday May 23. Please come and help serve the meal that Scott has prepared.  
We will leave the church at 5 p.m.

### April Birthdays

Vicki Miles - April 5  
Alphonso Trezevant - April 11  
Polly Blakeney - April 12  
William K. Ndishabondi - April 15  
Melissa Stuart - April 15  
Stephen Stuart - April 20  
Peggy Rush - April 29

April Anniversaries  
None

### Junior Warden Report

We have had two repairs recently to a couple of Parish Hall appliances. First, the Parish Hall furnace that heats the hallway and bathrooms started making a very loud clattering noise. As a result we have been keeping it turned off most of the time. The technician indicated that the noise was coming from a bad relay switch in one of the electronic components. He ordered a new part and installed it a few days later and it seems to have solved the problem. Unfortunately the repair bill was over \$600. At least now I know we have a contingency fund (money market) to pay such an unexpected bill. However, our treasurer asked that I put out call for assistance in paying this bill since our income year to date has been under expectations. If we do use the money market fund it will still be necessary to pay back that account so please consider making a directed donation for this expense.

The second repair involved our ice machine which fortunately was still under its 3 year warranty. I and many others have noticed that it has been producing very little ice over the past few months. The repair technician did find a problem and he fixed it in one visit. If you would like to assist with this repair bill, please write a check to.....Oh....sorry.....that machine was still under warranty so there was no charge. I guess I'm just so used to asking for money.

Over the years many persons in our congregation have expressed concern about persons parking off of the driveway, particularly by the NA and AA groups. I've personally never been overly concerned with the issue but I will admit that the concerns of others do have some merit. I had considered installing a rope 'fence' along either side of the driveway. That would involve nothing more than 4 x 4 posts about 8 feet apart strung with heavy rope. I've also considered the use of split rail fencing. Either split rail or rope I think would be visually pleasing and in keeping with our rustic landscape (as well as being relatively inexpensive). Recently someone approached me with what I thought was an excellent idea. That involved lining the driveway with stumps from the recently felled trees, and possibly topping some of the stumps with plants. I bring this issue up in the newsletter because any actions we take to remedy the problem will have such a significant visual impact. So I want to solicit thoughts from the entire congregation. Please feel free to provide your input if you have any thoughts on the matter.

Tim Ryan



### Adopt a Building at Gray Center

Gray Center offers any church the chance to "adopt a building." We would pay \$1000 (different rates are available) and volunteer a weekend (date optional) when a few of us would go up and do fix-up refurbishing chores on that building. As a pay-off, Gray Center would kick back \$500 on our Parish Weekend, which happens to be about what we pay anyway. We could charge ourselves the same rates and come out with some extra money.

### All Saints Directory Update

Vicki Miles has volunteered to up date the All Saints Directory. Please contact her with any changes. Her phone is 601-951-4838 or e-mail @ vickimiles@aol.com. You may also call or e-mail the Church. We are also working on a comprehensive e-mail list for the Church and are requesting that anyone willing to receive Church info by e-mail –e-mail the Church so we will have one list in one computer.

### "THE SPIRIT OF ALL SAINTS"

We are still collecting your experiences, memories, reflections, and thoughts for our parish reading. The date for receiving has been extended through Easter Sunday.

If you have forgotten, you received a letter the end of February. Thanks to those who have already responded.

### STEW POT MINISTRIES

When changing out your winter clothes to spring and summer clothes, please remember to donate your unwanted items to the Stewpot Clothing Closet and their other ministries. Children and teen clothing are especially needed.

Children's toys and games are also appreciated for Sim's House for women and children.

You may place items in the Parish Hall (by the closet to the left in the first hallway).

### Altar Guild Chairperson Needed

All Saints still needs a new chairperson and/or two co-chairpersons for the Altar Guild.

Chapel of the Cross, Madison, MS is holding an "Altar Guild Gathering" on April 24, 2010, cost is \$35.00. Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

### Nursery Assistant

We are in need of a nursery assistant one Sunday of the month . Please speak to Dorothy, if you would be willing to do this and which Sunday of the month. Naomi and Alex serve in the nursery at present.

### Dinner with the Bishop

All the Saints and the Body and Soul feeding service have agreed to hold a fundraiser for Bishop Gray. Wednesday, April 21, 2010, we will have "Dinner with the Bishop". The menu includes:

Tomato Basil Soup  
Bowtie Pasta Alfredo with Grilled Chicken, wild Mushrooms  
and Sun Dried Tomatoes  
Grilled Asparagus  
Pesto Bruschetta  
Tiramisu

More Details later.

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### **Prayers of the People**

Please remember to pray for Edward, Scott, Lissa, Marion, Vicki, Jennifer, Adelaide, Betty, Mary Jane, Janis, Mary Lane, Stephen, Chase, Lela, Lori, Bill, Michelle, Nancy, Pam, Bob, Cindy, and Billy;

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

For our vestry and their leadership;

For an Easter season of celebration of resurrection and new life.

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