



The Saint

All Saints Episcopal Church
Jackson, MS

February, 2011

SPIRIT FILLED CHURCH

A few years ago I received a letter from one of our parishioners thanking me for my sermon. In this letter the author specifically wanted me to know how deeply appreciative he was for being part of a church that is caring, nurturing, and spirit-filled. I felt so thankful to God for using us to help this parishioner encounter the reality of Christ in his life. On the other note whether his assessment was accurate I'll leave for you to ponder. Certainly we are not all that we ought to be as a church, nor will we be until we join the Church Triumphant in heaven. Thinking of our own Church here at All Saints, looking at how we embrace our diversity: gathering in worship every Sunday morning; sharing of meals after church service; sharing joys or sorrows with the distressed, anguished, heartache, and those in need; breaking bread with folks at Billy Brumfield House makes this church very unique. To a certain extent All Saints Church can be described as a church where everybody is somebody. No body is a stranger or alien; instead all are fellow citizens with the saints and [members of] God household (Eph. 2:19).

Sometimes in the midst of worship I have been moved by the realization that I belong to something really wonderful. I recognize, of course, that we need to know and to share our lives with others, which is why I am encouraging all of us to become involved in a small groups where we can be acquainted with the other members. But the point I am making is that even in the midst of a group of people whom we don't know we can have this feeling of belonging, for where the Spirit of God is at work, there is a unity which is very real and very deep. Thus, a Spirit-filled church is identified by its sense of acceptance and belonging, of togetherness and oneness, which transcends all eternal differences, whether of race or culture or education or financial condition or anything else. And so I ask myself, "What do I mean to my church?" A simple answer would be "What I am to the Church depends on how much I value the church in my life." To some people the church may be nothing more than a symbol of respectability. To others, it may mean only the occasional acknowledgment of God or it may exist, so far as they are concerned, only for

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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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certain conventional ceremonies: marriage, baptism, death. Or it may mean for their peace of mind, growth of souls, and a sense of eternity.

The church I am talking about is not a human institution. While in some of its aspects it is being made visible before our eyes, it is essentially a spiritual edifice, erected out of the redeemed lives of men and women. It is, indeed, earth-born but it is heaven-begotten. Earthly skill never could have devised it. It is a structure that has foundations whose builder and maker is God. For over two thousand years Jesus has been building his church. In every age and in every land, he has been gathering the rough stones out of the quarry of our humanity, hewing them into the shape of his holy purpose, cementing them by his own precious blood, polishing them by his providence, and building them into that vast edifice which over towers all the generations. (William Hiram Foulkes)

Let us not forget, that we are not the builders. We are only the living stones which the Lord is using to build his Church. He gives us life through the Gospel, and that life-giving message must be proclaimed by us. To switch metaphors for a moment, we must sow the seed and we must water, and then wait for God to nurture and grow it. We need to enhance our commitment to do whatever must be done, to give whatever must be given, to sacrifice in whatever way sacrifice is called for, so that more and more people have the opportunity to hear the gospel and to be added to God's building. I challenge us (the Saints' family) to strive to make our church a place where there is a sense of contact with God. Where God touches us through each other, as we exercise the gifts God has given us for each other's benefit, and share with each other our testimonies of what He is doing in our lives, and pray for each other and seek to carry one another's burdens. It is my prayer that you and I will continue to be a beacon of truth, spirit-filled, and a God sent messenger to the hungry souls. Let it be our desire to know Christ and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death..."Let's press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:10, 14).

William+

Prayers of the People

Please remember to pray for Andy, Brenda, Johnny, Hollan, Edward, Scott, Lissa, Marion, Vicki, Jennifer, Adelaide, Betty, Mary Jane, Janis, Mary Lane, Stephen, Lela, Lori, Barb, Betty, Lylah, Solomon, Betsy, & Word;

For Adam Pastor and Marc Hines, serving in the active military;

For Christy and Danielle during their pregnancy;

For those who have died - Mike Dobrosky, A.T. Williams,

For our ongoing stewardship of our time, gifts, and monies.





Save The Date!!

March 5th

All Saints Mardi Gras
Celebration



Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

April 28 - May 1
October 13 - 16

Cursillo #120
Cursillo #121

Junior Warden Report

I wish to thank this congregation for their support throughout 2010; for both your financial and physical support. Many calls for assistance (way too many) went out via this newsletter, or by way of the prayer chain, or by word of mouth, and this congregation has always responded beyond expectations. I do realize such 'pleas' can become tiresome and often I'm hesitant, even somewhat embarrassed to have to repeatedly ask for assistance; but that unfortunately seems to have become part of the Junior Warden's job. Let us hope and pray for a quieter 2011.

Good news! What we thought was going to be a major problem turned out not to be so major. The problem with the Parish Hall sewer line backing up (since before Christmas) is now resolved. I offer a big 'THANK YOU' to Jason Kelly for his assistance with that problem. I must chastise myself somewhat for relying on what a plumber told me when he cleaned out that line before Thanksgiving. The plumber ran a camera through the line and found and marked a spot on the ground where he said we most likely had a break. He went on to say we would need to have it dug up and repaired or the line would stop up again (rough estimate \$2,500). When the sewer line problems reoccurred a week or so before Christmas, I assumed the worse - i.e. that we would finally have to dig out that line, or possibly that the line under the slab was broken. Jason Kelly volunteered himself to assist and he started the digging in the area the plumber had marked. Jason dug for a couple of afternoons and I followed that up with an afternoon of digging. Eventually we found a PVC line. Unfortunately it turned out not to be a sewer line, but a water line - which we promptly broke. After repairing the water line we regrouped and rethought the problem and we decided to snake the line - in hindsight something I should have done earlier. Sure enough Jason found a blockage. It was a stubborn blockage but after a minute or two of snaking the line Jason had it cleared. We then ran all of the sinks and flushed all the toilets and we stood outside and reveled in the sounds of flowing sewage. Call us the Keystone Plumbers if you will, but in the end the problem did get solved. Thanks again Jason!

While on this subject I should mention that most of what Jason pulled out of that line was paper towels. I try my best to ensure both restrooms are supplied with toilet paper and hand towels, and Polly has been good about keeping me informed when in need of supplies. I just want to remind everyone to be careful what you flush. The night the problem reoccurred there was a sizable group renting the Parish Hall for a Christmas party so perhaps they ran out of paper and started using towels. We'll never know for certain. I'll have to make a point of ensuring 'extra' supplies are on hand for such events.

Since the theme of this month's newsletter seems to be potty related, I should mention that the men's room urinal is again out of order. I'll be looking at that soon. Also, the second toilet in the ladies room is being repaired but is giving me some trouble. I replaced the fill valve in that fixture only to go on and break the flush valve. It's becoming apparent that 'plumbing' is not quite this Junior Warden's bailiwick. Regardless, I hope to have that repaired before long. I apologize for the delay with this repair.

Again, let's all pray for a better 2011!



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From the Senior Warden:

At the January vestry meeting, Jolinda Charbonnet reported that over \$9,000 was paid to the diocese to reduce the loan on the parish hall. Additionally, more designated funds for the parish hall loan were received in January due to the request from former All Saints Rector, Reverend Mike Dobrosky. All Saints will be represented at annual council by Reverend William Ndishabandi, Reverend Cathy Halford, delegates, Hank Holmes, Greta Lovell and Vicki Miles. The alternate delegates will be Jolinda Charbonnet, Tori Meyers and Christine Nelson. Naomi Ndishabandi will also attend.

Tim Ryan advised the vestry on the needed repairs to the sewer line. After discussion, Jason and Tim agreed to look at possible ways to fix the sewer break. Those who attended the annual meeting on January 23, William advised that Tim, Jason and Jason's father worked to correct the break. Please thank them for their efforts to save money and for their hard work to make the necessary repairs. The vestry discussed the possible need to advise the diocese of the continual repairs to our aging building.

Lissa Nelson said the events committee would be meeting shortly to organize the Mardi Gras annual party. This event has been scheduled for Saturday, March 5. If you are willing to help plan, organize, set up, clean up or help in any manner, please let Lissa know. Remember all money earned from this fundraiser goes toward our general operating budget.

Christine Nelson discussed the possibility of having a service this year dedicated to Reverend Mike Dobrosky. Father William suggested that All Saints draft a resolution memorializing Mike. Christine will head up the committee to draft this resolution.

William advised the vestry that the annual parochial report was due in March. Jolinda and William will prepare this for submission to the diocese.

All Saints has several children interested in attending Camp Bratton Green. The vestry set aside \$1,000.00 to assist with scholarships for these children. If you are interested in donating funds to help the parents of our youth attend camp, please donate to All Saints and designate them as "camp scholarships".

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Nursery Needs

We are in need of some "new" toys in the Nursery and 2 extra crib sheets. If you have some items you would be willing to donate to the Nursery. Please bring them any Sunday and give to Dorothy.

Outreach

Please remember to pick up a few items for the Stewpot Food Pantry and also Baby Care Items Collection and place in the Narthex of the church.





Casseroles for Pastoral Care

I am trying to keep 2 to 3 casseroles in the freezer at All Saints to be used for members of our All Saints family when situations such as death, surgery, emergencies, hospitalization etc. occur within our community.

There has been a problem with these casseroles disappearing from the freezer. I will put a note on the freezer and if one is taken, I need to be notified, so it can be replaced.

Also, if you would like to supply an occasional casserole for pastoral care, please let me know by phone 601-925-4210 or e-mail deartoto36@att.net.

Thank you.

Christ's Peace,

Tori Meyers

Events Committee Meeting

The Events Committee will have a very brief meeting after the 10:30 service Sunday February 13, 2011.

Dear Saints:

I appreciate very much the Christmas bonus. I am so blessed to have a good job along with being a member of the family of All Saints.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and will have a very Happy New Year.

Thanks again.

Boxtops for Education

Please remember to cut or tear out the small boxtops for education on many items you probably buy at the store. Just place them in a small plastic bag and bring to church and place the box on the piano in the parish hall.

Each persons small contribution can make a difference when we put them together in helping the school in our neighborhood.



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Expect a Miracle!



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Altar Guild for February: Kinsey Narmour & Melissa Stuart

	Feb. 6 5th Sunday After The Epiphany	Feb. 13 6th Sunday After The Epiphany	Feb. 20 7th Sunday After The Epiphany	Feb. 27 8th Sunday After The Epiphany	March 6 Last Sunday After The Epiphany
Crucifer	Pam Turner	Tori Meyers	Emily Saucier	Kinsey Narmour	Pam Turner
Server	Ross Turner	Christine Nelson	Greta Lovell	Vicki Stuart	Ross Turner
Layreader: 8:00 10:30	Jolinda C. Cindy G.	Emma M. Jolinda C.	Jolinda C. Cindy G.	Emma M. Jolinda C.	Jolinda C. Cindy G.
Chalice Bearer	Ross Turner	Jolinda C.	Alec Valentine	Tori Meyers	Joy Patterson
Lectors	Greta Lovell Jolinda C.	Lauran Hall Kenny Hall	Melissa Stuart Alec Valentine	Vicki Miles Lissa Nelson	Joy Patterson Ross Turner
Host Family	Nancy Henderson	Polly Blakeney	Lisa Saucier	Lauran & Kenny Hall	Connie Taylor
Coffee Host	Dish & Donation	Greta Lovell	Gallagher Family	Kelly Family	Dish & Donation
Nursery Worker	Dorothy N. Naomi N.	Dorothy N. Cindy G.	Dorothy N. Kinsey N.	Dorothy N.	Dorothy N. Naomi N.

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