



The Saint

All Saints Episcopal Church
Jackson, MS

January, 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011!

The year 2010 is gone and the New has come! Thus, what would it take to make 2011 a great year in the life of this church? This question is similar to some of the questions we've discussed in previous vestry retreats. We inevitably face a sense of need when we face the unknown. It requires courage to conquer when we do not know the difficulties to be faced during the conquest. A new year is a time to begin introspection, looking back at the mistakes made in the previous year, and plans to make changes for a better future. Each year most of us make plans, set goals and objectives, and anticipate great success. Little do we know the sharp corners, turns, intersections, stops and dead ends in our way. Regrets, satisfactions; mistakes, accomplishments; shattered hopes, realized ambitions; burdens, blessings; sorrows and joys all that past is gone, though we still retain its blessed memory. There is inspiration in each of these facts. Putman puts it this way, "*The past is what we made it, the future is not yet ours, though we anticipate it through hope we need to be strong and faithful*" (John H. S. Putnam, 1934) p. 238.

Someone said, "Life is not only a serious business, it is a daring business. We must carry conscious and

unconscious responsibilities and interests. *How I wish it was easy to predict what was on the road ahead. Think about what would happen if we knew that we had only a day to live. God has kept that secret from us so that we may always depend on Him as the source of our lives.* Evan Lena says, "*Life's true measure is not years, but epochs of progress toward the ideal which God has set for our attainment.*" If we can feel the presence of God, it will give us courage. To follow such a simple recipe will prove of supreme worth and will bring about change in us. Taylor suggests that, "*taking a step of faith in our journey, letting go of the past, and let God take control of us is the most uplifting thing in life.*" Starting right is very important. Doubtless there is much in this year we would like to change; some things we have done that we are ashamed of, some left undone which we regret, but the page is turned, the year is gone, and its record stands for good or bad, for weal or woe, for shame, blame, or honor, as the case may be.

Let me put the question to us once again, "What would it take, in our opinion, for this to be a really great year?" The list of answers would probably be rather lengthy if opportunity were given for you to ex-

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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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press them. Let me narrow it down by asking a slightly different but closely related question: what would you do, given the opportunity, to make All Saints Church a better place for you? We don't have to use our imagination to answer the question. St. Paul, at one point was asked a similar question and this was his answer, "I'd bow my knees before the Father...asking him to grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner being So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God" (Eph. 3:14-19). This passage is an expression of Paul's prayer. He is concerned about the health of the Church and the city of Ephesus. No doubt he would have wanted the same thing to be true of our All Saints Church and the City of Jackson.

For this year, you and I are called to focus on our core mission of offering God's love to others, practice the spiritual discipline of prayer and self-giving love. So now is a good time to focus. Now is a good time to be lovingly clear about our faith, our mission and our agenda. As we step into this new year with fervor and vision, let's grab hold and embrace the truth that we are a Christian community, rooted in the forgiving grace of God and called to share this grace and forgiveness with the world. Let's seek God's guidance in the mission and ministry of Christ's church. Let's be clear together about our call in Christ to share the gospel, to grow our community, to reach out to our neighborhood, and to stand firmly for what is good, right, and just, not for the sake of politics or ideology, but for the sake our authenticity in faith. *I am hoping in the next twelve months we will be able to explore God's will and our commitment to love and care for those entrusted to us. It's my prayer that it will be the very happiest year we have ever had, and I wish us, one and all, a Happy New Year! 2011.* Let's stand ready in the offing with invitations, opportunities, and responsibilities. And now to "Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus all generations forever and ever Amen!" (Eph. 3:20-21).

William+

Prayers of the People

Please remember to pray for Edward, Scott, Lissa, Marion, Vicki, Jennifer, Adelaide, Betty, Mary Jane, Janis, Mary Lane, Stephen, Lela, Lori, Anna, Collin, Angel, Mike, Barb, Betty, Lylah, Debra Daniel, Ricky, Solomon, Betsy, & Word;

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

For Christy and Danielle during their pregnancy;

For our Annual Meeting .





Annual Parish Meeting and Potluck Meal
Sunday, January 23, 2011 after the 10:30 service

Junior Warden Report

We recently experienced a water leak on our property that resulted in a rather costly repair. The water line going to the Parish Hall started leaking, roughly in an area between the east driveway and the front of the Parish Hall. We suspect the line had been leaking for several days before it was discovered and unfortunately it took several days before a plumber could make the repair. Obviously we anticipate the next water bill to be quite high, but as I understand it the water department will reduce by half any excess water usage that results from a leak. The break occurred in the vicinity of where the Waste Management truck backs into our yard to get turned around. We had given them permission to back into the yard many years ago due to the driver having difficulty backing out of the driveway. One plumber I spoke to gave the opinion that both the water and sewer lines were much too deep for a vehicle to damage them. However we decided it would be best to instruct Waste Management to no longer back into our yard just in case it was the cause of the break. We do have some remaining funds from the tree removal project but they are not quite enough to cover the repair cost. I'll again ask our Parishioners to please consider making a special contribution to help offset this cost.

On the subject of repairs, we had a couple of furnaces in the Parish Hall give us problems. The hallway furnace would not light at all, and the Sunday School room furnace started making a loud clattering sound. The problem with the latter was a loose motor mount which caused a fan blade to strike the housing. Fortunately I was able to make this repair. However, I did have to call an HVAC repairman to service the unit in the main hall due to problems keeping the pilot light on. It has since been repaired at a relatively minor cost.

Tim Ryan

To my All Saints' family:

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your cards, visits, and prayers. For the last several years, All Saints has been an important part of my life. Although I'm not able to be there, I don't feel alone because of all of you in my life. I ask that you continue keeping me in your prayers. A blessed Christmas season and a happy and healthy 2011 to you all.

Janis Franklin



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From the Senior Warden:

A big "THANK YOU!" to Ross Turner for compiling the Time & Talent sheets received in November. And thanks to all of you who so graciously give your time to All Saints. Nonetheless, we need additional people to sign up for Host Family. Host family entails arriving at church 15 minutes prior to the service to greet members and guests and to give them the bulletin for that days service. You also walk the sacraments to the Altar during the offertory hymn, receive the offering plates and collect offerings from the congregation, returning the plates to the altar during the doxology. If you are willing to Host, please contact either Ross Turner, William or Greta.

The 184th Annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi will be held in Jackson, January 28-30, 2011. The Diocese is sponsoring several workshops during council. Non-council participants can attend. Lunch will be available at \$20.00, but you may want to pre-order. Registration for the workshops is available on the internet at http://annualcouncil.dioms.org/digital_faith/events. Workshops available are: A Planned Giving Primer; Challenge of Mission in Contemporary Culture; Congregational Development; Adults working with Youth; Communications; Stewardship; Overseas Missions Workshop (Sudan, Panama, Uganda, Honduras).

Bishop Duncan Gray, Canon David Johnson and Canon Kathryn McCormick are presenting Pre-Council Convocation Meeting. The central convocation will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 17, 2011 at St. Columb's, Ridgeland. All clergy, delegates, alternates and interested parties are welcome to attend.

The United Way is offering Tax filing assistance. The notice for this is posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

The vestry allocated up to \$1,000 from outreach funds for 2011 for Camp Scholarships. If you are in need of a scholarship, please see William or Greta. Camp registration begins in January. The vestry also approved giving \$200.00 to Stewpot from outreach funds for their holiday food distribution.

If you are preparing a report for the annual report, I ask that you submit this to me no later than January 4, 2011.

Another "BIG THANK YOU!" to Christine Nelson for organizing Christmas goodie bags for the guests at the Billy Brumfield House. Christine and Tori Myers will stuff bags to give to the guest on Christmas morning. Please let them know that their outreach into our community is appreciated!

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January Birthdays

Greta Lovell - January 4
Doreen Ndishabandi - January 18
Angel Kinsami Langafor - January 19
Ross Turner - January 21

January Anniversaries

None





In Case of Emergency During William's Absence

William has asked Reverend Chuck Culpepper of St. Alexis Episcopal Church in downtown Jackson to come for any spiritual emergency that may need a priest. Individuals who may encounter such unpredictable circumstance will need to call first the Church, the Senior Warden, or our Deacon, Reverend Cathy Halford. The Church will contact Reverend Culpepper and make arrangements for his services to you.

Summer Camp

Now is the time to dream of Summer Camp at Camp Braton Green. Camp registration is January 31st this year. Registration is once again on line. The vestry has set aside money to help if you need it. If you have questions or need assistance please contact Lissa Nelson.

ERD "Gifts for Life"

Thank you to all who contributed toward our buying Christmas "Gifts for Life" which the children chose from the ERD catalog.

Billy Brumfield Meal

All Saints prepares and serves the evening meal on Sunday, Jan. 23 at the Billy Brumfield Shelter. If you are willing help with this ministry, please be at the church by 5 p.m. and let Lissa or Scott know that you are planning to help.

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 January: Hank Holmes & Vicki Stuart

	Jan. 2 2nd Sunday After Christmas	Jan. 9 1st Sunday After The Epiphany	Jan. 19 2nd Sunday After The Epiphany	Jan. 23 3rd Sunday After The Epiphany	Jan. 30 4th Sunday After The Epiphany	Feb. 6 5th Sunday After The Epiphany
Crucifer	Pam Turner	Christine Nelson	Emily Saucier	Kinsey Namour	Greta Lovell	Pam Turner
Server	Ross Turner	Tori Meyers	Hank Holmes	Vicki Stuart	Melissa 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.	Emma M. Jolinda C.
Chalice Bearer	Alec Valentine	Joy Patterson	Lisa Saucier	Lissa Nelson	Cindy G.	Ross Turner
Lectors	Kenny Hall Vicki Miles	Lauran Hall Alec Valentine	Lisa Saucier Joy Patterson	Connie Taylor Lissa Nelson	Melissa Stuart Ross Turner	Greta Lovell Jolinda C.
Host Family	Lissa Nelson	Lauran & Kenny Hall	Naomi N.	Connie Taylor	Pam & Ross Turner	Nancy Henderson
Coffee Host	Dish & Donation	Lauran & Kenny Hall	Naomi N.	Parish Meeting Dish & Donation	Pam Turner	Dish & Donation
Nursery Worker	Dorothy N.	Naomi N.	Dorothy N. Kinsey N.	Dorothy N. Cindy G.	Dorothy N.	Dorothy N.

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