



The Saint

All Saints Episcopal Church
Jackson, MS

June, 2011

PERPETUATING PENTECOST

Pentecost, to the Christian means the birthday of the Church (Acts 2:1-47). It was on this day, just over two thousand years ago, fifty days after our Lord's resurrection, that there occurred that event which was evidence that the Christian Church had got off to a good start (They were *all* filled with the Holy Spirit). God poured out His Holy Spirit upon a multitude of waiting, wondering people that they might become witnesses for Him to the uttermost parts of the earth. The dramatic phenomena accompanying this outpouring of the Spirit attracted the attention of a large number of God-fearing people residing in the city of Jerusalem. The spiritual significance of the fable was far reaching. Pentecost was the blossom-day of humanity, full of the promise of unmeasured fruit. To the Apostles it was baptism, confirmation and ordination, all in one. The disciples, empowered by the Spirit of God, preached the Gospel to the assembled group, with the result that some three thousand individuals were converted to faith in Jesus Christ on that day. Thus, the church of Jesus was established

and launched on the glorious career which it was to have from that day down to the end of time. The church gained recognition in the world that had crucified their Master. It transformed lives and built an empire without resort to the sword.

As we think of the Pentecost event let us ask ourselves one simple question? What perpetuated the Pentecost? What was the church doing? There was something above the ordinary about this early church. Its experience could not be accounted for upon the usual basis of tradition and religion as found in

current Judaism. We are told that the church in Jerusalem was fortified with Bible study. Members of the church were all in one accord. They'd found God in Christ and they were concerned to enlarge their knowledge of God. Thus they set themselves to be in the way of God's working and leading. The church was united in Spirit. This pre-Pentecostal Church had discovered that and had undergirded itself with prayer. Goodell, in his book on Acts, describes the members of the pre-Pentecostal



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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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church as *the "Heralds of a Passion Church"* who worked with a fervid moral contagion rather than by the persuasion of cool argument. The very fire of conviction which burned within their souls bred conviction in the souls of others. The motivation which drove them to almost unbelievable sacrifice and suffering for the Christ was not produced by an intellectual conclusion but by a dynamic passion of the heart. They dared to risk all for God because of the passion which burned within" (Charles L. Goodell, p. 234). These facts of experience expressed in changed lives and challenging testimony were the basis for the church's message to the world. The world listened to them with careful attention because what they said was reflected in how they lived (cf. I John 1:1-3). As the writer of the Acts of the Apostles puts it, "they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus, and they'd come hither to turn the world upside down."

Geiseman, in his little book, *The Gift of the Spirit*, writes, "No man can be of much use to the Church and the world in the highest things of the spirit until he has found his Pentecost. As it was with the disciples, so it was with Savonarola, with Martin Luther, with John Knox, with Bunyan and Wesley, and so, in later times, with Finney, Judson, Livingstone Moody and with Drummond; the first requisite for Pentecost was a waiting before God until something should take place. The disciples were not at liberty to undertake anything until that something had actually transpired. Jesus said to them, you want the power, you will have it, but on terms of which you are yet unaware" (O. A. Geiseman, P. 209)

Considering that which happened in the upper room in Jerusalem so long ago, we see basically a great adventure of faith. These men and women filled with the Spirit were staking everything, family, lands, houses, even life itself, on the surety of the word of God. Is that impossible in our day, a day of practical things, of great material wealth, of immeasurable progress in comfort and luxury? When we are challenged to examine closely the experience of a handful of people in Jerusalem in Acts 2, and then to seek the repeating and the perpetuating of that experience in our own lives, it is perhaps only the natural thing to ask if our age will permit the perpetuation of Pentecost. The early enthusiasm of the Christian disciples must be recaptured. Stanley John, in his sermon entitled "Great day of Pentecost," laments, "We live in an age which aims to rob religion of its "inflammatory touch." (E. Stanley John, p. 103). In this church we love so much Pentecost is being poured out of God's Spirit in order that you and I may carry on the word of Christ. When the transforming power of the Holy Spirit comes into our lives, it will enable us, as a church, to be on the high road of winning the world for Jesus Christ! I wish you a prosperous Pentecostal Season!

William+

If you have any photographs of people and any events at All Saints in the last 2 years, we need to borrow some pictures for the updating of the bulletin board in the hallway of the parish hall.

You may bring to the church office and designate for the bulletin board.





Junior Warden Report

We had a rather warm Easter service this past month. The A/C in the Sanctuary failed to work that Sunday, but we managed to get by. Thanks to Cindy Gavette and Kenneth Hall for providing a couple of floor fans. The HVAC repairman fixed the problem the following Monday. Fortunately it was a relatively minor repair.

I have not had to report on trees in quite a few months because all the dead and dying trees have been removed. Strangely enough though, the April storms did manage to bring down a large, and apparently healthy pine (behind the Sanctuary). We were lucky it did not fall on one of our buildings. However the Ndishabandi family was not so lucky in that the tree fell across the electric line servicing the rectory. William and family were without power for several days.

I have started work on a new "All Saints" sign. I hope to have that job complete as soon as possible.

Tim Ryan
Junior Warden

Cursillo/Ultreya News



All Saints Ultreya will meet on Sunday, June 26 at 12:30 following the service in the adult Sunday School Room. An hour of news, grouping, and music.

At the end of June there will be a state wide gathering of those who have attended Cursillo for some refreshing, singing, and worship in 2 or 3 locations. Jackson area specific, date, time, and place will be in bulletin.

REMINDER!!!

The Food Collection basket is in the narthex of Church. More food is needed for food pantries in the summer when children are home for breakfast and lunch.

BAKE SALE

Thanks to all those who donated baked items for the bake sale and to those who bought them.
We raised \$220.00 for Rev. Cathy Halford's trip this summer to Uganda. A check was presented to Cathy on Sunday, May 29.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

**JEANNE SHANNON - JUNE 9
RON LITTON - JUNE 13
H. T. HOLMES - JUNE 18
BETTY SESSUMS - JUNE 19
JAMES SESSUMS - JUNE 23
SAM LITTON - JUNE 26**

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

**STAN & LISA SAUCIER - JUNE 1
ALEC & KAY VALENTINE - JUNE 2
JAMES & BETTY SESSUMS - JUNE 21**



Dear All Saints Family,

Thanks for all that was done to make Cursillo #120 so special. The Palanca and other prayers were so appreciated. To have so many of the family there for wake-up and closing was absolutely wonderful. I hope that Lauran and Kenny never stop processing this experience. The amount of love that was so freely given was absolutely overwhelming for me.

I am so proud to be part of All Saints Family. And Lissa and I really appreciated Greta and Vicki coming to drive us home, one look at us at wake-up and they knew we needed help. Once again thanks for the love and caring. And I am so grateful that Cursillo never ends.

Hugs and Peace,
Ultreya,

Please check the Diocesan web site for
up coming conferences and retreats.

If there is one you would like to attend
and might need financial help contact
William or Greta.

SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN

Many of you are aware that my son, Kerry Walker, who is in the Air National Guard, has been deployed to Afghanistan. My family and I have been sending him home-baked cookies, etc. which he shares with others—they place their treats in his office. I spoke with him on Skype yesterday and told him I was going to mail some cookies to him. He asked that if I wouldn't mind doing so mail them to another area where they don't have many things immediately available or receive much of anything. He gave me the address where to send the package. Kerry is very fortunate to be at a base which is considered "the Hilton" of bases that has much of everything and also has great food.

I plan to place a box in the Parish Hall labeled "Troops" and request that anyone who would like to donate supplies please place them in the box and I will mail them to the appropriate address.

The following is a list of suggested items requested and needed:

Lotions, shampoos, liquid shower soap, female hygiene items – hairspray and conditioners – laundry items, especially fabric softener – salty snacks such as Pringles, Funyons, Doritos – sweets, such as snickers, candy bars, chocolate and trail mixes; little travel pillows, mini flashlights, rice crispy treats, beef jerky, crackers, tooth brushes and tooth paste, soap. Also appreciated are any used movies or popular TV series DVDs, they have limited TV connections.

I am sure that anything you can donate will be very much appreciated.





OUTREACH NEWS

Dear Friends,

Over my many years of living (nearly 87!), and my sharing in Christ's communion with all of you, I have had many opportunities to reach out to others. Let me tell all of you of one such event and how God can work through ones-self to reach to another: On every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. for many years I would call and check on my Auntie Ruth in Sioux City Iowa. She was my one remaining Auntie in the world, and our time together on the phone was precious. These Friday night calls became a veritable ritual between the two of us. Though she was quite ill in her last years, she told me she would keep the phone right in her lap and await my call, as it had become that important to her.

On October 26, 2010 I got a phone call from Ester Johnson, my Auntie's sister-in-law, to give me the sad news that my Auntie had passed away. Although I had been expecting something like this to happen soon, I still felt loss and void in my life. However something told me to go ahead and call this Ester the following Friday. Ester was actually very thrilled to hear from me the second time. We must have chatted for over thirty minutes getting to know each other. Well, now every Friday at 7:00 p.m. I call Ester. It's like I picked up right where I left off!! Even though I have never met Ester personally, I feel as though I have come to know her as a close friend! What is my point dear friends? That God may have closed one door but immediately opened another. My friends, this is how God works through us. If you are willing to reach out, God will work through you in ways you never expected!

In Christ's love
Jeanne Shannon

Prayers of the People

Please remember to pray for Angel, Connie, Mac, Bettye, Andy, Hollan, Edward, Scott, Lissa, Marion, Vicki, Jennifer, Adelaide, Betty, Janis, Mary Lane, Stephen, Lela, Betty, Solomon, Betsy, Word, Ruthie, Betty Ely, Jeremy, & Alex ;

For Adam Pastor, Marc Hines, Kerry Walker & Joe serving in the active military;

For Christy, Danielle, and Shungnu during their pregnancy;

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

For those who died during the tornadoes and floods in the past month;

For those who travel during the summer months;

For the power of the Holy Spirit to be experienced as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost.



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CALLING ALL READERS: As you know, All Saints donates school supplies to Baker Elementary at the beginning of each school year. These school supplies are very needed and much appreciated.

This next year (2011-2012), in addition to the supplies, I am hoping that some of you would be willing to become reading buddies with some of the students whose reading level needs to be increased. Children love to be read to and to read to someone else.

I am going to be speaking with Dr. Johnson, the principal, in the next week or so about this idea and would love to tell her that we have a list of parishioners on board. The reading time will probably take place in the morning. If you have any reservations about reading with these students, I will be glad to talk with you.

I will have more information after I talk with Dr. Johnson. In the meantime, please let Greta or I know if you are interested. Sharing time with these students can be not only a gift to them but a gift to you.

“These are a few of my favorite hymns!”

(...to paraphrase a song from the *Sound of Music!*)

Last summer we invited parishioners to submit a list of their favorite hymns (contemporary or traditional), which we incorporated into our summer worship services as they fit with the lectionary. Everyone seemed to enjoy the experience, so we are offering an encore!

Please list your favorites below and leave this form on the back of the organ or on the shelf in the Narthex.



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Expect a Miracle!

June 2011

Altar Guild for June: Hank Holmes and Lisa & Emily Saucier



	June 5 7th Sunday Of Easter	June 12 Day of Pentecost	June 19 1st Sunday After Pentecost	June 26 2nd Sunday After Pentecost	July 3 3rd Sunday After Pentecost
Crucifer	Pam Turner	Tori Meyers	Emily Saucier	Alex Lovell	Pam Turner
Server	Ross Turner	Christine Nelson	Vicki Stuart	Greta Lovell	Ross Turner
Layreader: 8:00 10:30	Jolinda C. Cindy G.	Emma M. Jolinda C.	Jolinda C. Cindy G.	Emma M. Jolinda C.	Emma M. Jolinda C.
Chalice Bearer	Ross Turner	Tori Meyers	Cindy G.	Lisa Saucier	Alec Valentine
Lectors	Stephen S. Lauran Hall	Joy Patterson Connie Taylor	Kenny Hall Vicki Miles	Lisa Saucier Jolinda C.	Greta Lovell Hank Holmes
Host Family	Connie Taylor	Lauran & Kenny Hall	Lissa Nelson	Betty Sessums	Polly Blakeney
Coffee Host	Dish & Donation	Naomi Ndishabandi	Pam Turner	Lauran & Kenny Hall	Vanessa & Jason Kelly
Nursery Worker	Dorothy N. Naomi N.	Dorothy N. Cindy G.	Kinsey N. Naomi N.	Dorothy N. Cindy G.	Dorothy N. Kinsey N.

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