



# The Saint

All Saints Episcopal Church  
Jackson, MS

March, 2010

## OUR LENTEN EXPERIENCE

On Ash Wednesday we were reminded that we "came from dust and to dust we shall return." This statement was a proclamation of curse to Adam and Eve after their disobedience to God. God said, "By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken (cf. Genesis 2:7); for dust you are and to dust you will return" (Genesis 3:19). Through Adam and Eve sin entered the world, and death through sin spread to all people because all sinned (Rom. 5:12). And through their offences, judgment and condemnation befell us, however through one man's righteous acts [Jesus], the free gifts came to all men resulting in "justification of life" (Rom. 5:18). Thus, the statement, "For dust you are and dust you will return" is a reminder that our life has an expiration date only known by God. It is good to be reminded of our future. Richard Braunstein aptly remarks, "The season of Lent (which commences on Ash Wednesday) is not about us, nor about what we give up neither add to our daily lives. The season of Lent is about the journey to the other side of death."

On that happy note, how is everyone doing so far with what you've given up since we started our Lent? It is a tradition in the season of Lent to give something up. But this is not mandatory. When we think of Lent, let's not

dwell too much on the historical and theological side of the case as upon the personal and practical side of it. Instead of trying to find out how Lent originated and how it has been kept, let us ask how we can keep it today. Instead of scolding the world for its worldliness let us scold ourselves for our sins and ask how, during these forty days of quietness, these precious Lenten days, we can rebuild the wasted affections of the heart and make improvement in all those virtues that are pleasing both to our own consciences and to God.

I personally view the Lenten season as a spiritual convalescence. In dealing with the body and its needs, it is easy enough to know when the body is in health and when it is not. However, it is not easy to diagnosis the spiritual symptoms. Spiritual diseases do not reveal themselves so readily. A person may have a spiritual low temperature which is a lack of warmth and vitality, with pulse slow and weak, yet this person nor his friends can hardly diagnosis the symptoms of his spiritual condition. Others may experience lack of spiritual appetite for studying the Word of God, hearing it preached from the pulpit, fellowship meetings such as: Kairos, Ultrea, and other Christian gathering, while others may experience difficult in spiritual breathing. Robert Smith, a Christian psychologist suggests "Prayer is the Chris-

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### THE VESTRY

<b>Greta Lovell</b>	<b>Senior Warden</b>
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<b>Danielle Gallagher</b>	<b>Jason Kelly</b>
<b>Alec Valentine</b>	

**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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tian's vital breath and when prayer becomes an irksome duty the soul is very seriously diseased." The danger, Smith warns, "is that victims of that nature may continue to drag themselves through the forms of service, but when it becomes heavy and lifeless and constrained, this becomes a serious sign of ill-health of the soul" (Robert Smith, p. 134). So do I know how healthy or unhealthy my soul is? Whether I know or not, the fact remains, it is good for me to investigate my soul every so often, to test it, to try it, to find out about it if I can. How many times during this past year did I go to church and give my heart to God in whole-hearted worship? Maybe, if I looked at the record and counted those times I would be shocked and grieved to see how few they were. How many times did I approach the communion table last year, thrice, twice, once? Maybe, if I looked at the record of my spiritual activities here I would find that I had proven faithless to the command: "This do in remembrance of me." I sometimes wonder why we call ourselves Christians when we do so little in our lives to bring Christ close to us as the companion of our daily walk. Most of us feel that when we have spent an hour at worship on Sunday morning, paid our pledges to the church's treasurer and answered various charitable demands made upon our purses we have done our duty to God and to our fellow people. And yet we expect everyone to love God with all his heart and his neighbor as himself. If anything goes wrong in our personal life, in the life of our community or of our nation, contrary to our ideas of what should happen under the reign of Christ, we hold up Christianity to criticism and claim loudly that the church has failed of its purpose. Who is the church? You and I are the church! Henry Howard, in his article entitled, "Where Wisdom Hides", suggests that, "There are only two courses open for us as honorable people in the church of God: either to make our conduct coincide with our creed, or to quit reciting our creed." Howard points out that "The things we believe in most cases are things into which we put the bulk of our money and time." Let's observe our personal expenditure and ask ourselves, what is the major part of our expenditure, where is our faith? Every one of us can ascertain his/her spiritual direction by applying this simple test. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21).

I invite you to keep Lent in meditation and in prayer. From meditative repose will rise the prayerful spirit. Come, acquaint yourself with Jesus. In the end, your calloused and cold heart will become tender and the dawn of Easter will meet you with a risen Lord whose new life shall call you to renewed endeavors. As we approach Easter, it is fitting that we meditate on the serious subject of the sacrifice that Jesus made to save us from eternal death and separation from God. Let us therefore join Jesus in his walk (during the holy week) toward Good Friday and the crucifixion. Paul says, for me to live is Christ and die is gain (Phil.1:21).

William+

### Prayers of the People

Please remember to pray for Edward, Scott, Lissa, Marion, Vicki, Jennifer, Adelaide, Barbara, Betty, Mary Jane, Janis, Mary Lane, Polly, Alexander, Stephen, Karen, Chase, Lela, Lori, Anne. Bill, Connie and Michelle;

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

For healing, change and growth during the days of Lent.





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.

#### SITTERS NEEDED

Jesse Goodsell is needing sitters for his mother, The Rev. Marion Goodsell.

It will pay \$11.00 per hour.

Hours are 8 to 5 or evenings.

Light cleaning and cooking needed.

Please call Jesse Goodsell

at 601-353-8888.

#### March Birthdays

Scott Essex - March 1

Donald Charbonnet - March 6

Bill Hanna - March 13

Christy McCullough - March 31

#### March Anniversaries

None

#### Junior Warden Report

I had intended to wait until drier and warmer conditions before resuming the work on dead tree removal. However, there were three large dead trees along the Kroger line, behind the Sanctuary, that had in my opinion become very dangerous. So I went ahead and had them dropped. It will most likely be spring before I can get a truck in there to remove the debris. It appears at this point we have possibly 3 or 4 dead or dying trees remaining on our property. As I recall, we started this effort with 20+ dead trees when we first received funds from the diocese. So we are slowly making progress. It appears the remaining funds will suffice to finish the job.

I would like to ask again if anyone borrowed some of the rectangular white tables that we use in the Parish Hall. At one time we had seven of them and now we are down to four. We need to recover these tables if possible before the Bishop's dinner.

Several people have asked about the device mounted on the ceiling in the Parish Hall foyer. Just for your information, that is a small camera which transmits to a monitor in the office. It does not have recording capability. Oftentimes Polly, William, or whomever will be working in the office and they hear someone at the front door. This system allows them to determine who is there and whether or not they should respond. It's just another security measure. The camera and monitor were donated.

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.

### Easter Lilies



If you would like to contribute to the Easter Lilies Fund, please complete the following form and return it, along with your check or money, in the Church office by Sunday, March 28.  
The suggested amount is: \$10.00.

The Easter Lilies are given today "to the Glory of God" and in thanksgiving for

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or in loving memory of

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Given by

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### All Saints Lenten Readings

Reminder for your response to note asking for your reflections on your experiences as a member of All Saints Church. Need to have emailed, mailed, or given to Polly by March 3. Your thoughts and words are important.

### 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.

### Rose Hill Rumble

The Camp Bratton-Green Alumni Association is sponsoring the Rose Hill Rumble on April 17, 2010. This is a disc golf tournament and fundraiser for the semi-private course at Camp Bratton-Green. Entry fees are \$25.00 for Novice, \$35.00 for Amateur, \$45.00 for Advance Amateur; and \$50.00 for Pro (minimum 4). Lunch and cabin Saturday night included. Primitive camping available. See the parish hall bulletin board for more information or contact [alumni@graycenter.org](mailto:alumni@graycenter.org) or [dgrayjr@gmail.com](mailto:dgrayjr@gmail.com).

## Cursillo News

Cursillo # 118 March 11 – 14 at Gray Center

Fourth Day workshop April 10 – Jackson Area Church to be named later

Cursillo Leaders Workshop May 14 – 16 – Hyatt Place, Ridgeland

Cursillo # 119 October 21 – 24 at Gray Center

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.

## Bishop's Barbeque

The Bishop's Barbeque is Saturday, May 29, 2010 at Gray Center. If you have an item or items for the silent auction, please see Greta Lovell. Whole butts will again be available this year. More information will be available in April newsletter.

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*Expect a Miracle!*



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Altar Guild for March: Hank Holmes & Lisa Saucier

	March 7 3rd Sunday In Lent	March 14 4th Sunday In Lent	March 21 5th Sunday In Lent	March 28 Palm Sunday	April 1 Maundy Thursday	April 2 Good Friday	April 4 Easter Sunday
<b>Crucifer</b>	Melissa Stuart	Tori Meyers	Kinsey Narmour	Emily Saucier	Greta Lovell	Vicki Stuart	Pam Turner
<b>Server</b>	Greta Lovell	Christine Nelson	Greta Lovell	Hank Holmes	Alex Lovell	Tori Meyers	Ross Turner
<b>Layreader</b> 8:00 10:30	Emma M. Jolinda C.	Jolinda C. Cindy G.	Emma M. Jolinda C.	Jolinda C. Cindy G.	Jolinda C.	Emma M.	Emma M. Jolinda C.
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Cindy Gavette	Joy Patterson	Lissa Nelson	Jolinda C.	Melissa Stuart	Greta Lovell	Tori Meyers
<b>Lectors</b>	Connie Taylor Kenny Hall	James E. Joy Patterson	Greta Lovell Lissa Nelson	Hank Holmes Lisa Saucier	Alex Valentine Lauran Hall	Stephen S. Kenny H.	Vicki Miles Jolinda C.
<b>Host Family</b>	Connie Taylor	Polly B.	Lissa Nelson	Lisa Saucier	Betty Sessums	Nancy H.	Lauran Hall
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Dish & Dollar	Pam Turner	Scott Essex	Vanessa Kelly	n/a	n/a	Easter Luncheon
<b>Nursery Worker</b>	Cindy G. Alex L.	Dorothy N. Naomi N.	Dorothy N. Naomi N.	Dorothy N. Alex L.	Dorothy N.	Alex L.	Dorothy N. Naomi N.

