



# The Saint

All Saints Episcopal Church  
Jackson, MS

November, 2010

## THE THANKFUL HEART

We begin the month of November with the celebration of "All Saints Day" and towards its end (Nov 25) we commemorate the National Thanksgiving. Both of these celebrations come once a year to call us to recognition of this deep expression of our thankfulness. The word "*Thanksgiving*" in the Bible Dictionary, is defined as, "*An expression of gratitude directed towards God (cf. Luke 17:9; Acts 24:3; Rom. 16:4), generally in response to God's concrete acts in history. Someone said, 'Thanksgiving is one of the highest tokens of a noble nature.'*" Thanksgiving is the *act of rendering or expressing gratitude for favors and mercies granted.*" According to Cecil's interpretation, "Gratitude signifies sensibility, generosity, and a feeling of obligation" (Cecil, p.474). Hence Butler suggests, "Thanksgiving was central to Old Testament worship. Sacrifice and offerings were made, not grudgingly but with thanksgiving" (Psalms 54:6; Jonah 2:9). Thus, thankfulness was often expressed: for personal (Psalm 35:18) and occasionally for national deliverance (Psalm 30:4-5; Isaiah 12:1)" (*Butler, Trent, C,*

*Holman Bible Dictionary, 1991, p.1336*). And in the New Testament thanksgiving is regarded as a natural element of Christian worship (I Cor. 14:16-17) and is to characterize all of Christian life (Col. 2:7; 4:2). There are no people of any other land that have more cause for thanksgiving than us. We see little poverty here, we see few starving even when times are bad. The luxuries of this life are not limited to a special class. We have not only the necessities of life but have a greater share of the luxuries than any other people in the world. For all these we owe a debt of gratitude that can never be fully paid.

In the Gospel of Luke 17:11-19, we see the value of the gift of health accented to ten lepers. In a twinkling of an eye people who were in misery of life are transformed; one moment lepers, the next moment swift movements of life is renewing them; another moment, and they are made whole. It is an overwhelming experience. Note this, with the exception of one Samaritan all others lepers who received healing were Jews. The Samaritan, bewildered

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### THE VESTRY

Greta Lovell      Senior Warden  
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Therese Hanna          Clerk

Kenny Hall          Vanessa Kelly  
Tori Meyers          Shungu Nhema  
Lissa Nelson          Christine Nelson  
Danielle Gallagher      Jason Kelly  
Alec Valentine

**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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with blessing, comes back to thank the Jesus. On the way to the priest as he feels the new tide of life rising in him, makes everything new, his heart is pierced with the sense of the goodness that could do so much for him. He turns and ran back to thank God -the giver of life while the other nine proceed on their way. They must have been thankful too, but gratitude was not their first priority. The episode is not for us to judge who is right or wrong but Jesus himself questions the motive, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?" The Lord marvels at incredible ingratitude of the nine. I do not know how it happens that so many mean sprits are found among those who had the best opportunities of a pure faith and a noble ethics, and why such notable characters are found among Samaritans and pagans. I do not mean to go into this now beyond the reminder that it is just the greatly privileged who are tempted to take great benefits as matter of course. The ten marvelously benefited men represents us who enjoy all the blessings that are ours as citizens of this free land, the most favorable surroundings yet some of us have fallen into a bad habit with ingratitude hearts to the sacrifice of our forbears.

How do we say thank you? How do we count our blessings? Ramsey once said, "The great difficulty of all Christian life is that of making our practices keep pace with our professions. If creeds always had the power to keep deeds up in the van, then what we profess would be but the startling point" (Ramsey, James W. Expositor's Minister's Manual, 1931, p. 614). Two weeks ago, in his homily, Mr. Ross Turner, reminded us that we are stewards of what God has entrusted us with. He concluded his homily with a question which demands our answer: "God is calling us, how will we respond?" Echoing his homily, I am reminded of a proverb that says, "hearts without gifts are better than gifts without heart." Jesus says, "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over; shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you mete withal it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6:38). Most of you know me very well. I rarely talk so much about giving money. My view is that the issue of money should be addressed by church members. Why? Because they are God's co-workers, God's field, and God's building. In fact they are God's sanctuary and the Spirit of God lives in them." (1 Cor. 3:9, 16). However, at this time, I feel compelled to talk about giving. This is probably my first appeal to every one of you who call All Saints "My Home!" You've probably heard from our treasurer that we are financially tight. I am appealing that if you've not honored your pledge or signed up for our pledge, time and talent form please think about it, pray about it, and consider making a reasonable pledge for your church. It is my prayer that Jehovah Jirah (God the provider) who saw us through during the recession will provide for us. Let's put our hands together to overcome the challenge. The most practical way of demonstrating our interest in anything is to be financially interested in it. We do not expect any enterprise in this world to go along without financial backing. There was a time when the call was not so much to give money as to give bodies to be burned but still people offered to die for the sake of the gospel. There have been times when other things were called for. But at this time there is a special call to you all to give money; a call just as urgent upon us now as the call to suffer persecution was in the old Roman days. I deeply appreciate your support and generosity. When I say time and talents I mean other gifts which money cannot buy. The old writer on Missions, Wernicke, on one of the pamphlets, wrote "It is harder to pray for missions than it is to give to missions. We need your participation in vestry, committee meetings, coffee hosts, acolytes, alter guild, choir and the like. Any gift that you bring to us as a church is appreciated. Thank you for thinking about your church!





### 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, Steve, Mackenzie, Deana, Lylah, Debra and Peggy;

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

For those who have lost their jobs and are seeking employment;

Give thanks for the birth of Thomas Nader Hines, grandson of Betty Hines;

Give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us in this parish and given us a rich spiritual foundation.

### Junior Warden Report

It has been a rather eventful month of October on the Junior Warden front. I installed a new cooktop in the rectory in mid-October. The Ndishabandi family seems to be pleased with the top. I offer a hearty thanks to this congregation (and a non-member as well) for your generous assistance in the purchase of the new unit.

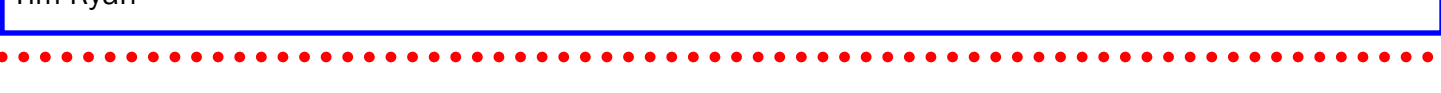
Due to much prodding from Alec Valentine I finally put in a call to a repair man to look at the refrigerator in the Parish Hall. The refrigerator has been running constantly and freezing everything inside. The good news is that it only required a new thermostat, a relatively minor and not too costly repair. Hopefully this will also result in some lower electric bills.

A large dying pine and a smaller dead pine on our property have been felled and bucked recently. This is really good news. Those 2 trees are the last of the 20+ trees that we've been removing over the past three years. The remaining 'tree' funds provided by the Diocese will go into the general fund. I am still in the process of handling the debris. As I previously mentioned we'll keep a closer eye on the tree situation so as to not get so far behind.

We have added a new Entergy pole and light on the back part of our property, behind the gazebo. We have had some security issues on that part of the property and we hope the additional lighting will help to alleviate those problems. There is an Entergy light on a pole behind the rectory which I will have turned off so as to not incur additional monthly expense. That light illuminates an area behind a 6 foot privacy fence which is essentially an area in which no one can see, so it is really not doing a lot of good. I intend to install a fluorescent flood in place of that light which should be sufficient illumination for that area. Clearing of shrubbery along that area as well as in the back yard is continuing.

As for the not so good news, we have again experienced sewage line problems. The sewage line running from the rectory and along the east side of the Parish Hall had to be cleared of roots. Skeen Plumbing strongly suggests that they replace some of the damaged line near the Parish Hall. They estimate that cost at around 1K to 2K, depending on how much time it actually takes. This issue was discussed in our October Vestry meeting. We decided that we will try to defer this expense for now by treating the sewer line on a regular basis with a root control chemical. We based this decision on the fact that we had a similar problem with the Sanctuary sewage line several years ago. At that time they suggested replacing that line and in the interim to use the root control chemical. We did not replace the line and I have treated the line periodically with root control. We have not have had any further problems with that line.

Tim Ryan



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From the Senior Warden

All Saints will have a special service on All Saints Day, November 1 at 6:30. Please make plans to attend.

The vestry approved sending Stephen Stuart on this fall's Ugandan Mission trip and appropriated \$2,500.00 of outreach funds to cover airfare and expenses of the trip. William and Stephen will leave November 30, 2010 for Uganda. William also advised that Reverend Cathy Halford is currently scheduled to travel to Uganda in the summer of 2011.

Father William will be taking his vacation immediately after the Uganda trip. He will stay in Uganda and return to All Saints for the 1st Sunday after Epiphany, January 9, 2011. William is working to have supply clergy during his absence.

We have received information on some exciting events:  
The Central Convocation has scheduled a Convocation Lock-In for November 19, 2010 in connection with "Harry Potter 7". Youth interested in attending can contact Greta Lovell by phone or email. Reverend Annie Cumberland is coordinating this event. For more information, see the notice posted on the bulletin board.

Louisiana Bishop Thompson announced the first **Episcopal Church Night with the New Orleans Hornets**. This will be on Saturday, November 13 at 7 p.m. at the New Orleans arena. Ticket range from \$15 to \$50 and children under 2 are free. See the bulletin board for more information.

We have pamphlets and flyers with information on BMCF, Bishop Masereka Christian Foundation. This information is available in the Parish Hall foyer.

Bishop Gray will be celebrating with All Saints on Sunday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m. We will have a reception after the service. Please bring heavy hors d'oeuvres and/or wine for the reception. Tori Myers will send out a reminder email the week of November 1.

Remember that your stewardship packages are due by November 14, but can be turned in anytime prior to that date. The Budget Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, November 16 to prepare the 2011 budget. If you are interested in assisting with this, please let me know.

Anyone interested in being a vestry member should contact Greta Lovell, Father William, Vanessa Kelly or Shungu Nhema for more information. Qualifications to be on the vestry include confirmed communicants, at least twenty-one years of age, canonically resident and actually residing in the Parish and entitled to suffrage at its annual meeting. We also stress that you are able to attend vestry meetings on the 3rd Sunday each month after the 10:30 service.

The annual Parish meeting for 2011 has been scheduled for January 23, 2011 after the 10:30 a.m. service.

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**A REMINDER OF WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT**

There's no better gift for a birthday, an anniversary, a teacher, for Christmas, or just because than a donation to Episcopal Relief & Development. Your generosity can provide food and water, medical care, small business loans, a family garden, or green gifts such as a smokeless stove and a solar energy system. Any of these can begin to lift an individual or family out of extreme poverty. Orders from the "Gifts for Life" catalog can be made online at the Episcopal Relief & Development website, by calling the 1-800 number, or by completing an form in a catalog ordered by your clergy. If you order by Dec. 6 for Christmas, you can be assured that a gift card will arrive in the mail. These "Gifts for Life" help people and their community to "not only survive but thrive".

Dear Saints:

We have allowed too much time to pass before expressing our deep appreciation for your outpouring of love as we left All Saints. The generous gift to the discretionary fund, the dinner, and your kind words were a touching expression of the love that is All Saints. We have treasured our time at All Saints, a community that nurtured us and our children greatly. Not only did our children grow up at All Saints but, in a very real way, we did as well through the spirit-filled people that we've known over the years. The memories that were made there will forever be in our hearts. We pray that God continues to bless and use each of you.

Thank you for being such a loving people of God.

Christ's peace and love,  
Bill and Therese

**STEWOPOT FOOD MINISTRY**

Don't forget to bring a food item each Sunday for the Stewpot Food Pantry Collection in the Narthex. Also, if you have any baby or toddler items they are also needed.

Also, if you would like to make a monetary contribution toward Thanksgiving Day meals distributed by the Stewpot, you may send your contribution directly to them. Their address is on their monthly newsletter in the foyer of the Parish Hall.



**Workday**

We will have a work day, Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>, in preparation for the Bishop's visit (November 7<sup>th</sup>).

Typically for workdays, we try to get started around 8 – 9 am and we usually finish up noon to 1 pm. I will not be handing out assignments, so feel free to do whatever you feel needs to be done on our property. Since the focus of this work day is for the Bishop's visit I think we should concentrate our efforts on the Sanctuary and the part of the Parish Hall that the Bishop will see, but I will not discourage anyone from whatever they wish to do.

Bring your own tools and supplies.

Here are some suggestions.

- 1 Litter pickup
- 2 Blow or sweep parking lot, driveway and walkways
- 3 Sanctuary windows – clean and remove cobwebs inside and out
- 4 Sanctuary carpet – steam clean (if someone wants to rent a steam cleaner machine they will be reimbursed. Just let me know in advance so we do not duplicate our efforts.)
- 5 Sanctuary baseboards – dust, clean
- 6 Parish Hall – Foyer windows especially need cleaning
- 7 Parish Hall – Table set up
- 8 General cleaning
- 9 Due to drought, our yard does not really need to be cut. However, if someone has a 'mulching' mower it might be a good idea to go over the front lawns.
- 10 Clean playground. I do not anticipate Bishop Gray will be climbing the rope ladder and riding our slide but I did notice the other day that it is becoming cluttered with limbs and pine straw.

Think about what you might like to do to help and bring whatever you will need for the task.

Paper towels, window cleaner, all purpose cleaner, rakes, blowers, string trimmers, etc.

Let's have a great turnout!

Thanks in advance,

Tim Ryan

**ULTREYA**

Will have information in the bulletin of a "Welcome Home" Jackson area Ultreya in November following Cursillo #119.





**Presentations from The Center for Formation & Mission  
of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi:**

***Benedict's Sacred Reading, December 3-4, 2010.***

Cost for Registration - \$95.00 double occupancy; \$110 single occupancy.  
For additional information, please contact the Rev. Jennifer Deaton at  
[deatonj@gosaints.org](mailto:deatonj@gosaints.org) and/or Emily Everett at 601-948-5954.

***"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord" – Knitting & Needwork in Advent, December 3-5, 2010.***

Cost for Registration - \$170 double occupancy; \$185 single occupancy;  
\$35 Saturday only 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Includes 2 workshops & lunch)  
For additional information, please contact the Rev. Jennifer Deaton at  
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**November Birthdays**

Ian Stuart – November 1	Pam Turner – November 21
Kenny Hall – November 6	Nancy Henderson – November 23
Cole McCullough – November 6	Ian Lovell – November 23
Joel Ndishabandi – November 1	Balin Kelly – November 29
Betty Hines – November 16	Matt Narmour – November 29
Melissa Earls – November 17	

**November Anniversaries**

Bill & Teresa Hanna – November 26



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*Expect a Miracle!*



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Altar Guild for November: Hank Holmes & Lisa Saucier

	Nov 1 All Saints Day 6:30 pm	Nov 7 24th Sunday After Pentecost	Nov 14 25th Sunday After Pentecost	Nov 21 Last Sunday After Pentecost	Nov 28 1st Sunday Of Advent	Dec 5 2nd Sunday Of Advent
Crucifer	Ross Turner	6:30 Pam Turner	Tori Meyers	Emily Saucier	Kinsey Namour	Pam Turner
Server	Greta Lovell	6:30 Ross Turner	Christine Nelson	Vicki Stuart	Melissa Stuart	Ross Turner
Layreader: 8:00 10:30	6:30 Emma M.	8:00 Emma M. No 10:30 service 6:30 Jolinda C.	Emma M. Jolinda C.	Jolinda C. Cindy G.	Emma M. Jolinda C.	Jolinda C. Cindy G.
Chalice Bearer	Alec Valentine	6:30 Cindy Gavette	Lisa Saucier	Ross Turner	Jolinda C.	Hank Holmes
Lectors	Hank Holmes Ross Turner	Connie Taylor Lauran Hall	Kenny Hall Vicki Miles	Jolinda C. Greta Lovell	Lissa Nelson Alec Valentine	Hank Holmes James Ethridge
Host Family	Lauran & Kenny Hall	Lissa Nelson	Betty Sessums	Lisa Saucier	Polly Blakeney	Nancy Henderson
Coffee Host	Reception	Dish & Donation	The Gallagher Family	Pam Turner	Greta Lovell	Lisa Saucier
Nursery Worker		6:30 Dorothy N. Kinsey N.	Dorothy N. Cindy G.	Dorothy N. Kinsey N.	Naomi N. Cindy G.	Dorothy N.

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