



# The Saint

All Saints Episcopal Church  
Jackson, MS

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## WHAT IS A CHURCH?

"What is a church?" Now that seems like an easy question, the sort of question one might answer in a simple sentence or two. One obvious possible answer would be, "A church is a building in which believers meet for worship," and another one would be, "A church is a body of believers committed to honor their spiritual doctrine by congregating together on a certain day of the week." In fact, the earliest Christians in the New Testament didn't have special buildings in which to meet for worship. For the most part, the early Christian Church met in private homes. The root meaning of "church" is not that of a building, but the body of believers. It is ironic that when you ask people what church they attend, they usually identify a building. Romans 15:5, says "... greet the church that is in their house." Paul refers to the church in their house—not a church building, but a body of believers. Thus, the word for "Church" in Greek "eklesia" means "a convened assembly." This word "eklesia" also has a Hebrew root, meaning, "to summon." - which in a sense means those people who are called together by God. In other descriptions the Church is "the communion of saints," "a city set on a hill" (Matt. 5:14), "a royal priesthood," "a dwelling place for God" (Eph. 2:22). Paul suggests that "we are God's building," (1 Corin-

thians 3:9). The foundation is Jesus Christ (v. 11), and people are the building built on it. Peter adds that we are all "living stones...being built into a spiritual house" (1 Peter 2:5). As we are built together, we "become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit" (Ephesians 2:22). We are the temple of God, the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:17; 6:19). We are "the people of God," 1 Peter 2:10 tells us. "We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God" (v. 9; see Exodus 19:6). As his people, we are given a great inheritance, and in response we are to try to please him and bring praise to his name.

Thus, if we claim to be what we ought to be (a church which is a body of believers), a city set on the hill, a royal priesthood, God's temple of the Holy Spirit, why is it that in spite of great sermons preached on pulpits of many churches in our cities, that crimes of hatred, racism, poverty, sins of greed, materialism, idolatry, lust, divorce and marital infidelity and hypocrisy, are escalating in our cities? What's wrong with the church? Someone recently said that "the church is failing just because it has given up on true radical transformation. Instead of counting the number of new converts we count attendance

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**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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and dollars. For some churches evangelism means getting people church-ed" (Keith Drury). Priests/Pastors/Preachers are getting burned out trying to meet individuals' needs, cater for their musical preferences, entertain them, amuse them, impress them with clever talks, and turn them into self-centered consumers of religion like it was pizza. Drury laments that our "church has lost its vision and discipleship ministry. It is no longer fishers of men but keepers of aquariums. Church leaders are busy transferring fish from other aquariums calling it church growth."

Maybe we may learn from the early church. Bonhoeffer, in his book, The Cost of Discipleship, reveals that the early Christian community, although it had no freedom of worship had a profound effect on the surrounding culture. Within a hostile and violent world, they witnessed to God's love and grace as they had experienced it in Jesus. Both as individuals and as communities of Christians, they sought to live lives informed by the power and values of Jesus. Bonhoeffer indicates that due to their witnesses, "the ancient Roman practice of infanticide was abandoned and the gladiatorial contest (killing for sport) was forbidden" (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1976). The power and those values learned were transmitted and reinforced as they gathered regularly to share the bread and wine, to tell and retell the stories of Jesus. They understood themselves as a "peculiar people," as "strangers and sojourners" as "citizens of heaven" (Heb. 12:12-14) and Paul adds, "they were in the world but not for the world."

How can we, in the modern church, have an influence on our society? Is there anything we can learn from the early church? Of course yes! Every generation has faced the same question and they have answered it. Jesus had very little to say about the church. He spent a great deal of time talking about the kingdom of heaven. In this regard, that should be our central theme. We must consider the church as the medium through which kingdom potentialities are brought to reality. Leo Tolstoy says, "Before one can hope to make the world better, he/she must make himself/herself better." What this means to us is that before we build alters and sanctuaries, we must build up faith and purity and the spirit of prayer. Someone said that "the character of any organization is determined by the character of its members". Bartow suggests, that "the church that ought to be, will need the spirit of individual responsibility which is but another expression for the spirit of sacrifice, and if the church is to endure, two elements must never be overlooked: evangelism and stewardship. Evangelism is the answer to the question of what Christ has done for you. Stewardship is the answer to the question, what have you done for Christ?" (Henry Bartow, p.210). Let us be a church that is able to encourage, support each other, be responsible to keep that which we were entrusted, fight the good fight and aim at winning the prize (Phil. 3:12-20). Let us be a church with the heart of Jesus where everybody is somebody!

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, Kristen, Brian, Steve, June, Mackenzie, Stephen, Mike, Barb, Betty, Steve, Mackenzie, Diana, and Doreen;

For Daniela Hines during her pregnancy;

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

For the staff and participants of Cursillo #119;

Give thanks for the birth of Taylor Elizabeth;

Give thanks for the ministry Bill and Therese Hanna.





### Junior Warden Report

I would like to get Naomi cooking on four burners again. One of the large burners on the rectory stove top is no longer functioning. Unfortunately the problem is not with the element itself but is within the stove top's electronics. As previously mentioned the stove top is quite old, and not in very good shape overall so I see no sense in repairing the unit. Please consider making a directed donation towards the purchase of a new stove for the rectory. Thank you in advance.

Clearing along the southern property line is nearing completion. We are having issues with trespassing on the property so we are hoping greater visibility and ultimately better lighting on that part of the property will help with the problem.

Tim Ryan

### October Birthdays

Emily Saucier – October 1  
Mufaro Vera – October 2  
Mary Saucier – October 3  
Ryan Saucier - October 3  
Richard Bradley - October 3  
Catherine Hanna - October 7

Trinity Vera - October 11  
Kafui Edusel - October 17  
Ed Johns - October 18  
Lissa Nelson - October 23  
Willie Cook - October 31

### October Anniversaries

Kenny & Lauran Hall - October 6

### Message From Doreen

Kapango! (Hi!)

This is Doreen sending greetings from Gulu, Northern Uganda! Please follow my blog Karibuni Uganda & Rwanda. It will have details of my experiences here, personal observations, my immersion into Acholi culture, as well as pictures from my journeys! I can not wait to hear your feedback.

Apwoyo Matek (Thank you very much),

Doreen Ndishabandi

Here's the link to the blog:

[http://eastafricaunited.blogspot.com/psinvite=ALRopfWZ3iNOUloMoVRQJZcBVCQdi\\_9ACpHIYpIBuR1aa2-Jus6RuDAUR-2Uga2M7PPO8pyB08iu1Lfb71zNxwpmowRwNmZIQw](http://eastafricaunited.blogspot.com/psinvite=ALRopfWZ3iNOUloMoVRQJZcBVCQdi_9ACpHIYpIBuR1aa2-Jus6RuDAUR-2Uga2M7PPO8pyB08iu1Lfb71zNxwpmowRwNmZIQw)

### **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Please cut and save your BoxTops for Education from food items you use and place in collection box in Parish Hall. We are collecting these for Sykes School in our neighborhood.



From the Senior Warden

All Saints Treasurer advised the Vestry that plate and pledge commitments were behind by approximately \$9,000.00. Additionally, our William Wheatley Capital Campaign drive has not received contributions as anticipated. If you can add a few dollars to the plate each Sunday, this will be a help.

The Stewardship drive will kick off at the end of September with the mail out of tithe, time and talent forms. We have set November 14 as the date to have pledges returned. Please note that these forms can be placed in the offertory plate any Sunday through November 14.

Bishop Gray will celebrate at All Saints on the evening of November 7, 2010. We will host a reception after the service with heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Ugandan Bishop Masereka will visit Mississippi at the end of October. He will visit Oxford on the 27th, the Delta on the 28th, Chapel of the Cross and St. Andrews Episcopal School on the 29th. Chapel of the Cross is hosting dinner for Bishop Masereka on October 30th.

The annual Parish meeting for 2011 has been scheduled for January 23, 2011 after the 10:30 a.m. service. Vestry elections for 2011 will be held on November 14. There are three vestry positions to be filled. Please contact any vestry member if you are interested in being on the vestry or would like more information about the vestry.

We would like to establish an EYC group. We propose that a member or members host one Saturday per month. Funds are available for activities and/or food. Contact Greta or Lissa for more information.

Drawdown is scheduled for October 30. Tickets are available. I urge all to try to sell 5 - 10 tickets. Remember this is our major fundraiser for Outreach. Support our efforts in the community and the world.

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Draw Down

Saturday, October 30th @ 6:30pm

Costumes for all ages are encouraged (but optional)  
Bring a carved pumpkin for judging

Get your \$25.00 ticket from any vestry member  
There will be a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall For Food, Wine and Beer

ALL SAINTS ULTREYA

Cursillo #119 is Oct. 21-24. Danielle and Jesse Gallagher will be attending. Our Ultreya members are asked to attend Clausaura in lieu of our monthly gathering on the 4th Sunday of the month.

CITYWIDE ULTREYA

City Wide Ultreya meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month 6:30 at St. Peter's by the Lake Church. The next meeting will be October 12. A program is being presented at these meetings which was designed by the Catholic Cursillo in New York.





CORRECTIONS TO ALL SAINTS DIRECTORY – 2010

Polly Blakeney – change email address to: [pablakeney@gmail.com](mailto:pablakeney@gmail.com)

Collins & Anna Langafor – add Angel Kinsami II;  
add Collins' name to (c) 601-918-6969;  
add Anna's name & number (c) 601-454-8656.

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*Expect a Miracle!*



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Altar Guild for October: Therese Hanna & Melissa Stuart

	October 3 19th Sunday After Pentecost	October 10 20th Sunday After Pentecost	October 17 21st Sunday After Pentecost	October 24 22nd Sunday After Pentecost	October 31 23rd Sunday After Pentecost	Nov 7 24th Sunday After Pentecost
Crucifer	Pam Turner	Melissa Stuart	Emily Saucier	Hank Holmes	Christine Nelson	Pam Turner
Server	Ross Turner	Christine Nelson	Alex Lovell	Vicki Stuart	Tori Meyers	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	Cindy G.	Joy Patterson	Lissa Nelson	Melissa Stuart	Greta Lovell	Tori Meyers
Lectors	Hank Holmes James Ethridge	Connie Taylor Lauran Hall	Kenny Hall Vicki Miles	Hank Holmes Greta Lovell	Lissa Nelson Alec Valentine	Jolinda C. James Ethridge
Host Family	Polly Blakeney	Lauran & Kenny Hall	Lisa Saucier	Nancy Hender- son	Connie Taylor	Lissa Nelson
Coffee Host	Dish & Dona- tion	The Gallagher Family	Lisa Saucier	Naomi N.	Greta Lovell	Cindy G.
Nursery Worker	Dorothy N. Naomi N.	Dorothy N. Cindy G.	Dorothy N.	Cindy G.	Dorothy N. Naomi N.	Dorothy N. Cindy G.

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