



# The Saint

All Saints Episcopal Church  
Jackson, MS

September, 2010

## LABOR DAY WEEKEND

It is Labor Day Weekend folks! Each year, at this time, the Saints families gather at Camp Bratton Green to celebrate our legacy of which we are and what God intends us to be. The weekend ushers us into family devotion, relaxation, social and spiritual edification. Labor Day is a day set aside to honor all laborers - men and women, young and old, employed and unemployed. It's a national holiday, a day off for everyone, the business communities are supposed to be closed, and the labor forces enjoy the relaxation atmosphere. I was struck with a remark someone made about this holiday. He said that the Labor Day is always an under-celebrated official national holiday. The original intent of "Labor Day was to provide a holiday that would honor the social and economic achievements of American workers." Labor Day weekend has become less a clarion call to our unity as workers than a depressing reminder that summer is at the exit. The holiday itself is pretty much the one holiday on which we have collectively decided to celebrate something by not doing it. This weekend can be a great opportunity to step away from our homes, businesses, or work at home jobs, allowing ourselves to recharge our batteries and spend some quality time with family members. Most people observe this weekend as their day off from work, the end of summer, a time children return to school, and a time for resting. However, the true meaning of Labor Day runs much deeper.

Years back this holiday used to be a community social gathering. Families cele-

brated Labor Day by going to fairs or parades, having backyard barbecues, going to the beach or on a picnic, and generally doing those things they know will soon be impossible or impractical due to the shortening daylight hours and busy schedules. "Unfortunately, the true meaning of Labor Day has been all but lost, pushed out by its celebration as the last official day of summer and a day off from work, rushing in for climax of baseball season, searching for seasonal tickets for the football leagues, and hustling for fall season. Labor Day, according to Watts, essentially, "was intended to be, and in many ways remains, an annual national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country" (Theodore F. Watts).

History reveals that in late 1700s into the mid 1800s, when working people increasingly joined together in trade unions that would bargain collectively for the benefit of all members. People like Peter McGuire, who had started his work at age 11 to support his mother and six sisters while his father fought in the Civil war, joined thousands of his fellow workers to march the streets of New York in demand of better working conditions. Peter and some colleagues promoted the idea of a holiday in honor of the working people." (Patra McSharry, Ed., Working in the World). When workers band together to secure justice for themselves and their fellows so that they might raise their families in decency, they are acting under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God. The

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### THE VESTRY

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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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holiday was intended to celebrate the hard labor and sacrifices of the American workers which has contributed tremendously to the highest standard of living and the greatest production of quality goods and services the world has ever known. Macagnone observes, "Without the hardworking men and women of our labor force, our nation would not have achieved what it has," (Anthony D. Macagnone, New York News paper, August 2010).

You and I are "God's Co-laborers and God's field" (I Cor. 3:9) and in addition, "We are God's Temple" (I Cor. 3:16). "If anyone ruins God's sanctuary - God will ruin Him too..." (v. 17). God has given each one of us a job. The details differ. The situations vary. But essentially the task is the same. We should not make a distinction between the man who sits behind the desk and the man who works in the yard. Both are laborers. One may labor mentally while the other labors physically. One may get the work in; the other may get the work out. Our attitude should reflect what we believe. Christian employees should be conscious of our work ethics. As Christians we owe our employee/employers an honest day's work (cf. Eph. 6:5). Paul emphatically suggests "If any man will not work, neither let him eat." For us Christians, our life's primary vocation should be ministry. Thus, we should view our workplace as ministry. Our offices, cars, classrooms, or kitchens should be viewed as pulpits for good news. Let's remember that our attitudes and actions reflect who we are. Thus, Paul urges us, "whatever we do, let's do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that we will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord we serve...the Lord Christ" (Col. 3:23-24).

Somewhere Kipling sings about the necessity being laid upon us: [it is more blessing to do the job that entrusted to us with the tools that lie closer to our hands]. Dick Tafel, former editor of Our Daily Bread, laments that our culture is dying because of ignoring the precepts of God. Tafel observes that the modern society, has created a monster which apparently leaves no room for God" If we claim that we are laborers with Christ, let's ask ourselves, "Where is the love to the neighbor? What has happened to the church attendance?" (Dick Tafel, Fort Myers Beach, Florida, Dec. 2004). The world continues to invent new, bigger and better machines; making more trips into the space; funding heavy wars, having more overtime; more money programs, hence the poor continues to become poorer and rich becoming richer. Our society is falling apart. There is no love for each other. Domestic violence, divorce, break ins are increasing in every city. People are becoming obsessed with their jobs and have no time for family; no time for God. This is the monster, created by society's demands and fed by labor. What is missing in our society? The simplest answer is that our society is missing the spiritual dimension to combat the monster's circuitry. Tafel suggests that "the church needs to engage Jesus full time and overtime. Remove all "de facto" barriers against Him. And finally, let Him perform his spiritual workmanship within us." It's my hope that this Labor Day weekend will find all of us healthy and strong. Let's hope the weekend will be peaceful, quality time for you and your God. I hope you'll make the effort to join us at Camp Bratton Green. If you have not made your reservation please do so at your earliest convenient time. More details about the event are posted on our website. This is an opportunity one cannot afford to miss. Bring a friend with you but let Kenny Hall or Jolinda Charbonnet know ahead of time. I will be very delighted to see you there!

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 and Barb;

For Daniela Hines during her pregnancy;

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

For a safe Labor Day Weekend blessed by God's love and peace.





### Junior Warden Report

There is not a lot of news to report on the Junior Warden front. That may be considered a good thing. With the rainy evenings and weekends I've not been able to do as much yard work as I should. So I apologize for the condition of the yard.

Unfortunately I need to impose on the congregation by asking for contributions for a specific need. Fortunately though I'm not talking about a lot of money. Shortly before Naomi and Joel returned from home William informed me there was a problem with the cook top in the rectory. One of the large burners would not come on. I was hoping the problem would be as simple as replacing the burner element but unfortunately that was not the case. Upon further inspection I found at least one, and possibly two switches are bad. I had considered calling in a repair person but considering the age and condition of the cook top I decided it would make more sense to replace it with a new unit. The existing unit is very old, scratched up, and has broken knobs. A very basic four burner electric cook top sells for about \$400. Not a lot of money but things are much tighter than usual so I decided not to burden the general fund. Please consider making a donation for this purchase.

I mentioned that the wet weather was hindering general property maintenance. It has also hindered the task of removing the remaining tree debris. I was greatly encouraged the other day by an offer of assistance with the effort. I will likely plan a day when it cools off a bit to get several All Saints men (and women if they wish) to meet up there and get the job done. As far as dead trees on our property I'm happy to report that there appears to be only a single large tree on that will need to be removed soon, plus one smaller tree. We'll definitely have enough money in the funds provided by the Diocese for this purpose to complete the job. We will need to make a point to keep a close eye on the condition of the trees and take them down expeditiously as possible so as not to get so far behind.

Tim Ryan

#### September Birthdays

Katherine Ryan	9/3
Therese Hanna	9/5
Kinsey Narmour	9/7
Alec Valentine	9/9
Lauran Hall	9/15
Jonathan Ndishabandi	9/21
Danielle Gallagher	9/22
Lynda Ryan	9/25

#### September Anniversaries

Vanis & Betty Ely	9/2
Ron & Sam Litton	9/11
Jesse & Danielle Gallagher	9/21

#### Sunday School Information

6-9 year-old Sunday School will begin a new year on Sunday Sept. 12. at 9:30. We will meet at Burger King for a breakfast treat and talk some about "Summers".

- Miss Cindy

Adult Sunday School begins at 9:15 on Sunday, September 12, 2010 in the parish hall, nursery will be provided. The coffee should be ready when you get there! We look forward to seeing you.

- Lissa

The approved vestry minutes (previous months) are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the Sunday school rooms. If you would like a copy of any vestry minutes, just ask.





## ULTREYA

Ultreya will meet on Sunday, September 26, following the 10:30 service. We will meet in the adult Christian Education room, and will have some supplies and a list available.

Please make note the next Cursillo is planned for the 2nd weekend in October.

## INTEGENERATIONAL EVENT

If you would be interested in an intergenerational event - preschool to grandparent - holistic, spiritual experience please sign the chart in the parish hall.

Indicate preference of time -  
Saturday morning, Saturday late afternoon,  
Sunday late afternoon.

There will be hands on stuff, music, games, and food for body and soul.

We are tentatively planning a drawdown for  
October 30, 2010.  
The events committee will meet at CBG.  
See Lissa for more information.

Bishop Gray's Annual Visit  
November 7, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

## These are a few of my favorite hymns....

Imagine my surprise when I visited the church in Texas in which I grew up and discovered that the idea of incorporating favorite hymns into the summer worship services was not an original one! Oh, well, perhaps it was still a good idea, if not an original idea!

Nevertheless, I am delighted to report that we have incorporated into our services almost all the submitted hymns, with the exception of one we may save for Labor Day and one which we definitely are saving for the Christmas season. If you enjoyed this summer review of old and new favorites, we may do a reprise next summer!

## From the Senior Warden

The August vestry meeting was held on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>. Following is an update of some items discussed by the vestry.

The next Ugandan mission trip tentative dates were discussed. The tentative dates are November 30 through December 12, 2010. In addition, vacation dates for Father William were also discussed since he would prefer to take his vacation before returning from Uganda. The vestry was supportive of William's need to have a vacation, since did not take one last year.

Father William has been discussing a possible pulpit switch with the Reverend Ann Whitaker, Creator Clinton. No dates were set for this. However, the vestry supported the idea of setting the four (4) 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday's of the year as dates to perform Morning Prayer, which would allow William four Sunday's off. This would not be started until after September 1, 2010.

Our major fundraiser for outreach, drawdown, was discussed. We have been unable to set a firm date. The vestry added another possible date that may be more favorable.

Greta Lovell



## Labor Day Weekend @ Camp Bratton Green

All Saints weekend at Camp Bratton Green is Labor Day weekend, September 3-6.

We will have church at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 4 in the Chapel at Camp Bratton Green, followed by a pot luck supper at 6:30 p.m.

Scott Essex has agreed to cook the meat for Saturday's dinner, so please bring side dishes and desserts to accompany the meal.

Bring your coolers with drinks and food for the weekend!!

### Cost:

- Single Person Per Night: \$15
- Couple Per Night: \$20
- Family (immediate Family, limit 6) Per Night: \$25
- Day Visit \$5, per person

### BIG HOUSE

- \$100 for Double Occupancy, \$60 for Single Occupancy per Night (Minimum of 10)

If you would like to prepay, please fill out the registration form (found on the All Saints website) and mail with check to:

Kenny and Lauran Hall  
Attn: Labor Day Weekend  
201 Camelot Way  
Brandon, MS 39047

If not prepaying, please bring payment and registration forms and turn in by Saturday night at dinner to Lauran Hall, Kenny Hall, or Danielle Gallagher.

All Saints does not profit for this event. All money collected goes to Gray Center to cover the cost of the facilities. Any Money collected in excess is used to reserve Gray Center for next year and any other costs incurred.

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*Expect a Miracle!*



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Altar Guild for September: Vanessa Kelly & Vicki Stuart

	Sept 4 (Saturday) Service at Gray Center 5:00 pm	Sept 12 16th Sunday After Pentecost	Sept 19 17th Sunday After Pentecost	Sept 26 18th Sunday After Pentecost	October 3 19th Sunday After Pentecost
Crucifer	Gray Center	Christine Nelson	Kinsey Narmour	Emily Saucier	Pam Turner
Server	Gray Center	Tori Meyers	Greta Lovell	Vicki Stuart	Ross Turner
Layreader: 8:00 10:30	Gray Center	Emma M. Jolinda C.	Jolinda C. Cindy G.	Emma M. Jolinda C.	Jolinda C. Cindy G.
Chalice Bearer	Gray Center	Alec Valentine	Tori Meyers	Lisa Saucier	Cindy G.
Lectors	Gray Center	David Culpepper Lissa Nelson	Alec Valentine Stephen Stuart	Lisa Saucier Joy Patterson	Hank Holmes James Ethridge
Host Family	Gray Center	Betty Sessums	Nancy Henderson	Lauran & Kenny Hall	Polly Blakeney
Coffee Host	Dish & Donation At 6:30 pm	Lauran & Kenny Hall	Scott Essex	Pam Turner	Vanessa & Jason Kelly
Nursery Worker	Gray Center	Dorothy N. Cindy G.	Dorothy N. Naomi N.	Dorothy N. Cindy G.	Dorothy N. Naomi N.

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