



The Herald

March 20, 2011

Second Sunday in Lent

From the Rector: Of Being Sent

I've just received the semi-annual newsletter from Michael and April Floyd. Michael was my Old Testament professor at the Seminary of the Southwest...April ran the refectory, and marshaled a cast of liturgical dancers who from time to time participated in our Thursday Eucharist. Last year we supported them financially through proceeds from the Bayou Bash in their ministry to the Dominican Republic. They were there to establish an Episcopal Seminary. That has happened, and now they have moved to Ecuador to do the same thing. The Episcopal diocese of Ecuador has only sixteen congregations, down from thirty just a few years ago, due to an embezzlement by the bishop, who has just now been removed... and is in dire need of competent clergy to restart the diocese. Michael Floyd's job is to teach and prepare the next generation of Ecuadorian priests.

I marvel at their fortitude. Can you imagine? They live in Quito, where the predominant language is Spanish, but a third of the population speaks some twenty different indigenous dialects. The Floyds already spoke Spanish, but now they have had to immerse themselves in learning the native tongues. They are committed to the Anglican persuasion of Christianity to the extent that they have left friends and family in Austin and Holland and Taiwan to live some ten thousand feet up in the Andes to prepare people for ministry. They give me hope that there is a future for the church.

The word apostle means, "the sent one." I don't know what difference they will make...but I know they will make a difference because of their living a life of sacrifice, intelligently and imaginatively...they are not naive, immature Christians...they've been around the block, as it were... and they are living into their apostolic life....living into being sent out for God's greater good. In the newsletter Michael looked older than I had remembered him...but it has been ten years since seminary....He looked older, but joyful standing at the altar in a struggling congregation soon to be a seminary as well. The Floyds rely on support from friends and supporters in the U.S. because the church there hasn't the funds to pay them...but they persist...they persist for the sake of the gospel...they embody a life of faith.

As Christian folk let us own up to our being sent out....sent out from our comfort zones...sent out to do God's work where it is needed most, wherever that may be....Let us own up to our being named apostle....for God depends on us...the sent ones...for there is no one else.



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, March 15

3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels choir
6pm 15 Place Board mtg

Wednesday, March 16

8am Race Relations Committee
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
4pm St Cecelia choir
6pm Taizé service & supper
7:30pm Adult Choir

Thursday, March 18

12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Friday, March 18

8:30am unloading Food Bank truck
10am-4pm Historic Homes Tour
5:30pm Food Share preparation

Saturday, March 19

8am Food Share distribution
10am-4pm Historic Homes Tour

Sunday, March 20

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Adult Christian Ed
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Monday, March 21

6pm Vestry meeting

Tuesday, March 22

12N Golden Circle
3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels choir

Wednesday, March 23

9am Lenten Bible Study (chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
6pm Taizé service & supper

Thursday, March 24

12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

A Lenten Bible Study, led by the Rector, will begin on Wednesday, March 23, in the chapel. The session will start at 9am with an Order of Morning Prayer from *The Book of Common Prayer*, and continue with Bible study until around 10:30am. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesdays in Lent (March 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13 and 20), a Taizé service in the Chapel will begin at 6pm. The service will last approximately 35 or 40 minutes, and will be followed by supper and conversation. Nursery will be provided; a table for young people to do homework will also be provided.

The Vestry will supply the first Wednesday meal, March 16, and the choir will provide the meal on March 23. The Thursday and Friday night supper clubs will do March 30 and April 6. We need folks to volunteer for April 13 and 20. Flower Guild? Altar Guild? Weber Guild? Layweeiders? EYC? Ushers? How about it? Call the office to sign up: 438-2492.

This year during the Lenten season, our focus will be on contemplative worship. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel each Wednesday evening beginning on March 16 for a Taizé service. Taizé is an ecumenical community of worship founded in France in the 1950's which became principally a community of youth in its early history. Since then it has become a place of pilgrimage for all ages who seek a very intentional form of reflective and contemplative worship. There has been a genre of beautiful music written for Taizé services... It is easy to sing... often repetitive... sometimes in canon... it contains beguiling harmony... but it is meaningful for the singer and non-singer alike. We will have readings...periods of silence... reflections... and, of course, beautiful music. The service will last about forty minutes followed by supper and informal conversation. We hope this will be an effective means to "keep a holy Lent."

Lenten Meditation Booklets published by Episcopal Relief and Development are available on the table in the office entrance to the Parish Hall and on the back pew of the church. They are free for the taking.

Speaking of Episcopal Relief & Development, this organization, which helps people in times of disaster in this country and around the world, is a very appropriate way by which to help the people of Japan as they struggle to recover from the recent earthquake and tsunami, as well as any other place you choose. Donations can be made online or by putting a check in the offering plate marked 'for ERD.'

IHN/Family Promise week continues this week through March 20. If you have signed up to help, please remember to show up! If you need help, contact Henry Brewster at hbrewster@brewsterlaw.net; at home: 479.9781; or at work: 338.0630.

The Rector's Forum has decided NOT to meet during Lent, so that the participants can focus on coming to the Lenten Taizé service and supper on Wednesday nights. The Forum will resume after Easter.

The Friday Night Supper Club meeting for March will be on March 18 at Nancy Lancaster's, 2933 Quail Creek Run at 7:00 p.m. Please call her to RSVP at 602-1855. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Children's Sunday School

The Sunday School children will begin a project this week (March 20) to help raise money for the EYC's mission trip to Mexico. Hot Mats for Mexico is the name of the project; children will be making potholders and selling them for \$5 each. The crafting will take place in the EYC room after breakfast between services for the next two weeks. Adults, get your wallets ready! :)

Our sympathy and prayers go to Beth Hardaway at the death of her cousin, Larry Lake. *Let light perpetual shine upon him.*

Prayers of thanksgiving are offered for the safe return of Soren Rodning from Afghanistan!

The African Children's Choir will



perform a concert at Central Presbyterian Church, 1260 Dauphin Street, on Friday, March 25, @ 7pm. Everyone is invited. There is no charge for admission.

A free-will offering will be taken to help support the efforts of the choir back in Africa. You won't want to miss this opportunity to attend!

I BREAK FOR LACE should have been a bumper sticker on Sara Lee's car! That lady loved all sorts of needle work, but LACE was her



favorite. She looked for and purchased lace pieces from junk sales, estate sales, flea markets and antique shows. On one such occasion, she found a piece of crochet with Christian symbols actually a part of the crochet. She purchased it and put it aside in her treasure box as it didn't fit our altar in the church. After she died last March, I found that piece, repaired it and made it into a frontal for the altar in the chapel. We will dedicate it in her memory on Sunday, April 3rd @ 9:30 in the chapel, and everyone is invited. I think that she will be pleased. -Betty Bentley

ECW Spring Day Away, an annual retreat for the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of the diocese, will be held on **Saturday, April 9**, at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Gulf Breeze, FL. The speaker will be the Rev. Christie Olsen. Flyers and registration forms are on the Parish Hall bulletin board. Cost is \$10 and the registration deadline in March 20. For additional information, contact Dorothy Moore, President - Commission for Episcopal Church Women, at (850) 932-9282.

Special Ministries Camp in June!

For more than 30 years, All Saints Parish has sent children from Leinkauf Elementary to Camp Beckwith for several days, paying for the children's tuition through fundraising and donation. This year's session will be Thursday, June 30 through Sunday, July 3 and we hope to be able to send thirty children again this summer.

This is a special time for these 2nd and 3rd graders, who will do things such as spend the night away from home, learn to swim, even ride across the Bay for the very first time. They love it and the Beckwith staff love them!

The cost to go to camp is \$200 per child. Can you help by sponsoring one of these children? If so please make your check to All Saints Episcopal Church and mark it for *Special Ministries Camp*. Drop it by the church office, put it in the offering plate, or mail it; your help is appreciated!

Halfway Between Equality and Richville

There is hunger in Florence, Alabama.

You wouldn't think so to drive through this pretty little town with its thriving downtown and well-kept historic neighborhoods. At night when the restaurants are buzzing, it's hard to find a homeless person on the street.

Florence does not have the kind of grocery store where union labor stocks the shelves with freshly made sushi and baby watermelons straight from a Chilean summer. For the last two decades I have shopped at a neighborhood grocery store where snuff and chewing tobacco are prominently displayed and where the hourly-wage workers know nothing about 'bargaining power'. Organic milk--or organic anything, for that matter--is not available at this store.

The reason I have shopped here for the past twenty-three years is because it is close to where I live. I have never lived in a subdivision nor do I ever intend to. People from the "section 8 houses" (government subsidized) walk to this store daily for food and cigarettes. Because it is a small store-- easy to get to and easy to walk around in compared to the behemoth Walmart located on the outskirts of town -- the elderly like to shop here. College students pop in for cases of the beverage du jour. But mainly it is the grocery store of the working poor. The featured items prominently displayed include a lot of saltines, white bread, cheap breakfast cereal, canned vegetables, and store-brand boxes of macaroni and cheese.

Through the years I have seen a lot of young mothers, usually with their babies in their grocery carts, sorting through envelopes of clipped coupons as they shop, working hard to save a dollar here or there. I have seen fast food workers still in their uniforms in the check-out line with a cart full of the makings for chili or spaghetti. Later in the afternoon, the construction guys come in for a six pack and something to throw on the grill. Very rarely have I been in line behind someone using food stamps or WIC cards.

This Tuesday I saw something at this store I had never before seen. It was around 4 pm and parents had just picked up children from school. This is a popular time for people to grab a few items before heading home to make dinner. I was there myself for toilet paper, some grapes and a bag of rice, not an entire cart of groceries. As I picked up a basket and headed down the first aisle, a kid, maybe 8 years old, in badly fitting glasses, pleaded with his mom to buy a jar of mayonnaise. "But we're out!" He had picked up the mayonnaise from the sale floor display and held it up to show her the product as he pleaded. "You said!" he accused. "It's on sale." He held the jar of mayonnaise like a sports trophy above his head before he shifted it down to cradle it in a 'baby-doll' position. Whatever the mother said was whispered, but the kid in the glasses put the mayo back on

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the display and they headed for the checkout, a loaf of sliced bread the only item in her hands.

I don't think the reason they did not buy that jar of mayonnaise was because it was not organic.

Then on my way to find the toilet paper, I strolled by the meat counter. A man and woman in their 30s with two kids under the age of five held court at the hamburger section. They looked serious. They had obviously been in the store for a while because their cart was already relatively full of bags of potatoes, cans of green beans and corn, some dried beans, and several packs of the brand of hot dogs on sale this week. The dad had bought a store-brand grape soda from the cold drink machine, took a big swig from the can, and then handed it to the little girl, telling her to share it with her brother. When the wife showed him a package of hamburger meat, it was time for a conference. You could tell that they were adding up the cost of what was already in their cart and trying to decide if they could afford the hamburger meat. But what killed me, really killed me, was the pleading look in her eyes as she asked her husband if they could buy it, as she tried to rationalize the expenditure, there at 4 pm on a Tuesday afternoon in Florence, Alabama. She would really like to have the hamburger meat for her family, but they must first consult the rest of their grocery list and see if there would be enough money to buy it and the rest of the necessities they would need that week.

My grandfather was an accomplished gardener. By the time I was old enough to ride the school bus to his farm in the afternoons, he had two gardens. One was to supply food for his family. The other was to give vegetables to anyone else who needed food. One of my aunts was outraged by the people who came by to fill up bags with tomatoes, green beans, corn, and onions, people she had labeled as 'sorry people'. "They're just using him," she would say. "Just too lazy to make a garden for themselves." My grandfather smiled at my aunt and never said a word as he kept on cutting lettuce and pulling onions and radishes out of the ground and putting them into the trunks or back seats of the cars of anyone who stopped by and asked. My grandfather's farm was--and this is God's truth--halfway between Equality and Richville. My brother found the road sign the state of Alabama bulldozed when they widened the intersection there at my grandfather's farm. To the left: Equality. To the right: Richville. We were located halfway between the two.

Coosa County is a great poor man's county. Halfway between the struggle for equality and whatever lay on the other end of the spectrum. When my ancestors

gave up owning slaves and moved there, I am not sure they knew what the future held other than hoping it was something more fair. Happier times, if no longer Richville.

It worries me that we seem to be drifting more and more toward what Jimmy Santiago Baca described in 1977 as "only a few people got all the money in this world, the rest count their pennies to buy bread and butter". My father came back from WW2 and never told us anything at all except that he had seen a man shoot another man dead over a wheel of cheese. Later we found out that Daddy had been in several major battles, including the Battle of the Bulge, and that he had sat on a snow-covered 'bench' in Germany all winter as he ate his provisions only to find in the spring thaw that the 'bench' had been a frozen dead mule. We found out that he was wounded twice and one of only two people from his platoon to live through the entire war. But of all the horror he must have seen, of all the unspeakable horror there was in WW2, what he wanted me and my brother to know was this: given the right circumstances of hunger, people will do what they feel they have to do.

Butter or bullets is not a new dilemma, but in the meantime as our country figures out the latest round of this, maybe this is not the time to rub our gourmet acquisitions in the faces of others. As Julianna Baggett's recent FaceBook post read: "Dear food gloaters who upload pics of their (gorgeous) meals, as Sister Mary Bertha would say: Did you bring enough for everyone?"

From the blog: A M Garner: Talking in Accents

Thursday, 3/10/11

<http://amgarner.blogspot.com/2011/03/halfway.html>



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Rwanda

One Man's Story of Genocide



As a humanitarian aid worker, Carl Wilkens found himself in Rwanda when the genocide was launched in April 1994. Carl refused to leave even when urged to do so by close friends, his church and the United States government. Venturing out each day into streets crackling with mortars and gunfire, he worked his way through roadblocks of angry, bloodstained soldiers and civilians armed with machetes and assault rifles in order to bring food, water and medicine to groups of orphans trapped around the city.

Carl uses a storytelling format to talk about the genocide and the treacherous thinking that says we can solve a problem by excluding someone.

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

USA Library Auditorium 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Open to the Public

Sponsors

The Quest for Social Justice

Gulf Coast Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education

Check out Carl Wilkens' website: <http://worldoutsidemyshoes.org/>

EYC NEWS

I am glad to be home and I look forward to seeing you all. We have a busy spring planned for EYC, as well as preparation for the mission trip in July! I know this is a busy time of year, but I encourage you all to participate as much as possible!! We are going to try having lunch and EYC following church, so you can all stay after the 10:30 service and not have to come back in the afternoons.

Change your calendars to May 7th for the Yard Sale!

All current 9-12 graders are able to go on the mission trip.

PARENTS: If your child is interested in going please email me this week, so I can have you on the list to receive updates.

THIS Saturday, March 19th

Food Share. This weekend is food share at the church, so please come Saturday morning at 7:30 to help distribute the bags.

Sunday, March 27th

Painting. 12- 1:30. The EYC room is in the process of receiving a makeover with a lovely new paint job. We are only 1/3 of the way done. We will finish it up on this day after church. Lunch will be provided.

Sunday, April 3rd

Bake Sale. There will be a bake sale between services, as well as after the 10:30 service.

Sunday, April 10th

15 Place. We will be serving lunch to the homeless at 15 Place downtown. Bring a change of clothes to church and we will ride down there together following the 10:30 service. We will be back around 1:30.

SATURDAY, April 16th

Fish Fry. We will be having a Lenten Fish Fry as a fundraiser for the mission trip. More details to come!

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Sunday Lectionary: 2nd Sunday in Lent

[Genesis 12:1-4a](#)

[Psalm 121](#)

[Romans 4:1-5, 13-17](#)

[John 3:1-17](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday, Mar. 20

Altar Guild: Barbara Evatt, Barbara Caddell, Kathy McKenzie, Bill Evatt

Flower Guild: Kathy McKenzie, Elizabeth Doyle

Breakfast: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Suzanne Cleveland

Reception: Michael Morrison

8:00

Lector: Serena Willcox

Intercessor: Jeff Clearman

Chalice bearer: Burl Ratcliffe

Ushers: Bill Case, Joe Basenberg

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Beth Hardaway 2) Hubert Tate

Intercessor: Hendrik Snow

Chalice bearers: Foy Hannum, Ben Harris

Acolytes: Louie Wood, Hannah Williams, Laura Hampton Greene

Ushers: Michael Morrison, Cart Blackwell, Henry Callaway, Hubert Tate

Music for Sunday, Mar. 20

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach *Ich ruf zu dir*, BWV 639

Processional Hymn 401 *Leoni*

James McGregor/Hans Leo Hassler S-89 *Kyrie eleison*

plainsong, Tone V.1 *Psalm 121*

Sequence Hymn 634 *Ich ruf zu dir*

Offertory Anthem Harold Friedell *Jesus, So Lowly*

Presentation Hymn 636 *Foundation*

David Hurd S-124 *New Plainsong, Sanctus and Benedictus*

Calvin Hampton *Mass for the New Rite, Agnus Dei*

Communion Hymn 489 *Tallis' Ordinal*

Motet John Goss *God So Loved the World*

Post Communion Hymn 473 *Crucifer*

Processional Johann Sebastian Bach *Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten*, BWV 642

Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers for healing:

The people of Japan

Jerry

Edgar & Gwen Hughes

Frances Morgan

Martha Mason

Sylvia Spann

Richard Melton

Mel Manning

Pete Gaillard

Hank Caddell

Agnes Lambert

Martha Murdock

LaNiece Bland

Lamar Elledge

Sharon Cleverdon

Danny Moreau

Mike Downing

Celeste Taylor

Pauline Oliver

Cheryl Peach

Pauline Danner

Butch Boyington

Betty Torbert

Devanie Ellison

Barbie Driver

Patsy Childress

Marion

Debbie Davis

Chris

the White family

Brenda

Tillye Semple

Laura

Serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Glenn Foster, Jr.

Zack Hadley

T. J. Sherman

Jamie Pontious

Haley Jones

Thedford Daniel Jones, Jr.

Daniel Taylor

Charley Taylor

Daniel Robert

Wes Parks

★ **Refugee Pantry Items** ★

★ We need items such as **laundry soap**, **toilet paper** (multi-packs), **paper towels**, **adult-size toothbrushes**, **dish soap**, **bath soap** and **garbage bags**. Please put them in the church office or the Ann St. narthex. Thanks! ★



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Food Share: Susan Meztista, Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
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Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres
Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Michael Morrison
Refugees: Martha Harris
Ushers: Bill Evatt, Louie Wood
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Service Schedule

Sundays 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Breakfast
9:25 am Christian Education Classes (during school year)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays 12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)