

The Herald

May 19, 2013

The Day of Pentecost

From the Rector: Of Love Unleashed

Our daughter Katie was married this past weekend. It was a very small and simple wedding, just close family, but still elegant and beautiful. The poor groom fought back tears the entire service, which meant as the officiant I had to fight back tears as well. Katie and Gerald got engaged last year in the Spring, but called it off in the Fall only to get engaged again this past February...so we had a touch of doubt whether this was going to happen or not. But such is life, a twisting and turning and seemingly random journey towards some thing...or towards something. Our family motto has become: *We will do our best to live creatively into whatever is next...I think our lives' experiences utterly undermine the sentimental and naive notion that God has a plan for each of us. I believe God is like a poet or jazz musician who is expressing God's self through intuitive improvisation, incorporating, as artists do, the light and the darkness...and we, God's beloved, just have to pay close enough attention to this loving creativity as it unfolds...and muster the courage that, even when things seem dark and despairing...we muster the courage to call the whole of things good. That is a consummate act of love.*

It is easy to sentimentalize love, particularly in our culture: Love, that alluring warm infatuation with our beloved, notwithstanding the fact that the divorce rate in this country exceeds 50%...but love is so much more. I tell people for whom I preside at their marriage that love can only exist in community. It is why we ask the congregation in the Marriage rite: "will you support these persons in their marriage?" In homilies and in counseling I tell them that this marriage is not just about them, (the king and queen for a day syndrome) but it has ramifications for the entire community in which they live...just as at each Baptism, at each marriage, the community is changed. I tell them that the love that they model will be witnessed by the community in which they live, and that at its heart love is sacrifice for the other, opting always for the happiness of the other, which leads to true and lasting joy engendered along the twisting and turning and surprising path we call life....so our loving each other is a profound responsibility, because people need to be reminded what love looks like in the flesh, taught again what love is...our species has to see to believe....and needs reminding. So our vocation is that we are all witnesses to love on earth, and that witness may only take root and thrive in community.

But again, love is more. Physicists are still grappling with the origins of the universe...but I want to say that what was in the beginning...that which burst forth...that which was unleashed at the so-called big bang was pure love, love the consummation of both energy and matter...love that creates through sacrifice, engenders all things... something always, on a cosmic scale has to give to create the new...the big bang might be called the ultimate sacrifice...a cataclysmic unleashing, pangs of the birth of a substance which is all matter and energy....all that is...still being born as we speak...everything...everything made of the same substance and that substance is love....We are incarnations of the beginning...made of love deep in our DNA. We are stardust, as it were, to borrow a phrase...Just as God is love and we of same substance, means that we are made for sacrifice, witnessing to the most powerful

force of the universe, which is love that no manner of evil along the way can stand or last against. So we are God's own blood kin, and therefore we are made first and foremost to love with all due courage and diligence as we improvise along with our improvisational God, along an uncertain, unplanned and surprising path towards some thing or towards something that we know to be good... We are to live lives of love, that of which we and all things are made....and the sooner the better.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, May 14
12N Golden Circle
5pm Murray House Board mtg

Wednesday, May 15
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Thursday, May 16
9am Food Share delivery
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Friday, May 17
5:30pm Food Share packing

Saturday, May 18
8am Food Share distribution

Sunday, May 19
Day of Pentecost
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Burgers for Beckwith

Monday, May 20
6pm Vestry mtg
6pm 15 Place Board mtg

Wednesday, May 22
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Thursday, May 23
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Sunday, May 26
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Birthday Reception

Monday, May 27
Office closed: Memorial Day

The Friday Supper Club will meet on May 17 at the home of Barbara and Fred South, 1112 Dauphin Street. Please call 694-0143 or 574-8707 to let them know if you are coming and what you will bring to share.

Food Share Is This Weekend!

Here's the schedule:

- Thursday, May 16, 9am, unpacking food pallets
- Friday, May 17, 5:30pm, packing food bags
- Saturday, May 18, 8-8:30am, food distribution (volunteers should arrive at 7:30am)

All activities take place in Stirling Hall and none lasts more than 30 minutes or so. Everyone is invited to help!



This Sunday is the Day of Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit manifested herself to the disciples, represented by tongues of fire over their heads. It is the day we are reminded that our call is to spread the Gospel to all the world. Join us on Sunday at the 8am or 10:30am services. Wear something red or other colors of fire!



Don't Miss Burgers for Beckwith, a fundraiser for the Special Ministries Camp at Beckwith (see next page). Last year we raised over \$2200 for expenses such as renting the bus to take the children to Beckwith and back, plus items we provide such as flashlights, ponchos, bug spray and beach towels. Call the office (432-2498) or email Mary Holbrook at mary@allsaintsmobile.org to let us know you are coming and join us on the 19th after the 10:30 service!!

Farm to Table Tasting and Wine Event!

The Mobile County Master Gardeners present fourteen South Alabama farmers and producers who will provide fresh produce, seafood and sausage to ten chefs and caterers who will create fresh tastings of special dishes for your culinary delight. Meet the growers and the chefs! And save room for the sweet ending from seven local dessert, pastry, and coffee specialists in Mobile and Baldwin Counties, the perfect finale to this locally sourced feast. Add live music and enjoying wine in your own commemorative glass. Don't miss the best of all things local! (See next page for more information.)

The May Birthday Celebration Reception

will be on May 26, the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. If you have a birthday in May and are not going out of town that Sunday, please be sure to bring something to snack on for the reception after the 10:30 service! As always, those with May birthdays will be recognized at both services with a prayer at the announcement time. Everyone is invited to celebrate with the family!

Our prayers are offered for Rob Gray and family at the death of his uncle, Jim Gray; and for Barbara Evatt and her family at the death of her sister, Brenda Adams. *May light perpetual shine upon them.*

Godly Play Sunday School ends for the summer this Sunday. Many thanks to Frances Rouse, Pam Ayres, Emily Mosley and Jim Ayres for being such excellent class leaders. And thanks to all the children who have been such enthusiastic wonderers!



The Vestry of All Saints will meet for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 20 in the Saad Room at 6pm. Please let the office know if you are unable to be there.

The Directory Update is happening slowly but surely. If you have not had a chance or have not yet taken the time to fill out the update form, please do it now. There will be forms at the back of the church on Sunday, as well as forms on the volunteer desk throughout the week for those who are electronically challenged. If nothing has changed for you, please let us know that as well. Put forms in the alms basins Sunday or turn in to the office. Thanks!

Harrison Callaway (son of Henry & Emily) graduated from Furman University on May 4th. He will start work in July as a business analyst for a large auto finance company in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Congratulations, Harrison!

The Refugee Pantry needs non-food staples such as paper towels, toilet tissue, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, dish and laundry detergent, bath soap, light bulbs, dry cat food, ant spray and bug spray. Please drop items off at the office. Thank you.



The Episcopal Church welcomes you



Announcing: Burgers for Beckwith!

Who: Everybody!

When: Sunday, May 19, following the 10:30 service

What: Lunch—burgers and hot dogs, side dishes and drinks

Where: Stirling Hall

Why: To raise money to support Special Ministries campers at Beckwith

How: Sign up on Sunday or email Mary Holbrook (mary@allsaintsmobile.org)

Cost: Suggested donation is \$10 per adult and \$7 for children under 13



Details... Details... Details...

When: Monday, June 3, 2013 6-8 pm

Where: 5 Rivers Delta Hall
30945 Five Rivers Blvd. Spanish Fort, AL 36527

RESERVATION REQUESTED by May 24 - \$65 per person

Please make checks payable to: Mobile County Master Gardeners

12915 Dauphin Island Pkwy. Coden, AL 36523

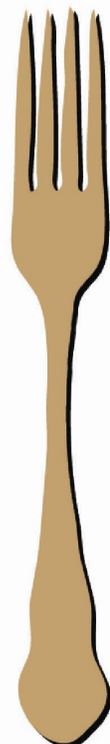
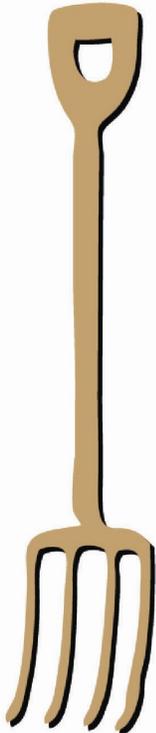
Must be 21 years of Age or Older to attend.



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Our Database Needs Updating! We need correct information for our record-keeping and the church directory. If we can get sufficient response from you all, we will be able to print a new directory (picture-less) and send it via email. Please fill out your name, spouse/partner's name, street address, phone #s you want listed and email address(es) you want The Herald and other church communications to go to. Add your birth date, with or without year. For children, please give their full date of birth. For children in college, add their college address if they would like to receive The Herald. **If nothing has changed, please let us know that, too!**

Return the form by mail, by placing in the alms basin on Sunday morning, or dropping it by the church office.

Thanks for your help!!

Your Name _____

Spouse / Partner _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Your Email Address(es) _____

Spouse / Partner _____

Phone(s) Home _____ Your Cell _____ Your Work _____

Spouse / Partner Cell _____ Work _____

Your D.O.B. ___ / ___ / ___ Spouse / Partner D.O.B. ___ / ___ / ___

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College Addresses

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Sunday, May 19, 2013

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The Lessons

[Genesis 11:1-9](#)

[Psalm 104:25-35, 37](#)

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

[John 14:8-17, 25-27](#)

The Collect of the Day

Fire-borne God, before the violence of your passion no separating wall can stand: may your unseen Spirit pour herself upon young and old, male and female, gay and straight, throw our borders into confusion and give us a new language of love; through Jesus Christ, the Image of God's Being. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Gretchen Thiel, Bruce Rockstad

Bread Bakers: Beth Hardaway, Lillian Carsten

Flower Guild: Elizabeth Doyle, Katharine Flowers

Breakfast: Jean Tucker, Burl Ratcliffe, Kay Montgomery, Margaret Winkler

Reception: Burgers for Beckwith (*see pg. 2-3 of this issue*)

8:00am

Lector: Pete Wilson

Intercessor: Larry Hallett

Chalice: Mark Taylor

Ushers: Harold Dodge, Bill Case

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

Lectors: Richard Coarsey, Lillian Carsten

Intercessor: Valerie Mitchell

Chalices: Louie Wood, Ruth LaMonte

Acolytes: Ben Foster, Douglas & Sarah Greene, Emily Doyle

Ushers: Henry Callaway, Michael Morrison, Ricky Bradford

Music

Voluntary Dietrich Buxtehude – *Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist*, BuxWV 208

Processional Hymn 225 *Salva festa dies*

Song of Praise John Rutter S-236 *Benedictus es, Domine*

Edward Bairstow (Anglican Chant) – *Psalm 104:25-37*

Sequence Hymn 228 *Webbe*

Offertory Anthem Harold Friedel – *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

Presentation Hymn 516 *Down Ampney*

Ronald Arnatt *Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit*

Mason Martens S-148 *The Lord's Prayer*

Jeffrey Rickard *Christ our Passover*

Communion Hymn 510 *St. Agnes*

Motet H. A. Chambers – *Spirit of Mercy, Truth, and Love*

Post Communion Hymn 347 *Litton*

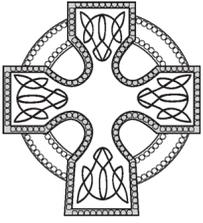
Processional Johann Sebastian Bach – *Fantasia super Komm, Heiliger Geist*, BWV 651

Please keep in your prayers:

✚ For healing for: Sharon, Mary Gardiner Tims, Buck Belmore, Sara Martin, Alan Grubbs, Joe O'Shea, Annette Sanders, Stella Vaughn, Katie Hammond, Bryant Blake, Skip Shirah, John D. Cade, Becky Price, Amanda, Achol Guet, Barbara Blum-Barnett, Caroline Fletcher, Dorothy Clark, Mackenzie Petersen, Tom Wilson, Glenda Bazzel, Nancy Hartley, Shannon Lord, Mit Kopf, Francis Argulewicz, Nancy Golson Smith, Charlie Myers, Trinity Church, Nancy Quittmeyer, Regina Slayton, Julie Tadlock, David Leff, Steven Bodiford, Walter Sims, Mitch Price, Austin Brown, Barbara Deming, John Stephens, Heather and family, Martha Collier, JoAnn Pappas, Dunn Chandler, Scott Podstata, Abraham Kuol, Roy Muth, Jane Arnau, Jessica Montalvo-Lopez, Evina Valera, Ed Givhan, Sharon Cleverdon, Patsy Childress, Anna Marie Brown, Laura

✚ For those who serve in the armed forces, especially: Spencer Abbot, Matt Abbot, Jonathan Carter, DeMario Snead

✚ For those who have died, especially Jim Gray and Brenda Adams



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Henry Callaway, Sr Warden

Hank Caddell

Valerie Case, Clerk

Richard Coarsey

Chris Conte

Elizabeth Doyle

James Hamilton

Woody Hannum

Amy Hunter

Emily Kelley

Don Mosley

Burl Ratcliffe

Clayton Ryan

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Service Schedule

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