

The Herald

July 8-15, 2012

6th & 7th Sundays after Pentecost

From the Rector: Of Politics and Partisanship

The word *politics* comes from the Greek word *Polis* which in the early stages of its etymology meant “fortified city.” For Plato, however, the word took on a much more rich meaning. For Plato the polis was the city state which reflected an ideal way of human living; even the architecture of the polis reflected for him and his philosophical school the forms of heaven. For those of you who know a little of Platonic thought, you’ll remember that his philosophy held that all visible forms of earth were but reflections of eternal forms of the divine realm. (One can readily see in Christian lore that the idea that Jesus was God in earth has its roots, to a great extent, in Platonic thought.) So the polis was an outward and visible sign in earth of how the very gods themselves lived in harmony. This philosophy is delineated in Plato’s masterwork, *The Republic*, whose original title was *Justice*. Plato’s work was a treatise and reflection on the question: How then shall we live together justly? For the Greeks, this required lifelong study and discourse towards an enlightened practice of living as community into our God-likeness. So to be human is to be political, that our lives’ work is to live ideally and practically for the good of the whole.

Michelle Obama raised eyebrows at a recent conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church when she stated that there is no better place to discuss the political issues of our day than in the church, of course raising the hackles of the doctrine of the separation of church and state; but the doctrine of church and state has to do not with influence, but with intrusive control. The doctrine states that government cannot exert control of churches, and that churches cannot exercise institutional control of government. So to say that the church has nothing to say about the political issues that face the common good of our society is, I think, an abdication of our responsibility as people of faith. In that regard I agree with Mrs. Obama....as people of faith, we should be studious and enlightened concerning the issues of the day....and vocal....and involved...We are the ones who are charged with changing the world for the better...that’s political, just as the gospels have a decided political edge...The gist of her speech largely challenged her audience to be engaged and involved, and for goodness’ sake...to vote.

Being political as church people, however, doesn’t mean that the church is to be partisan. Because of the rich diversity of our faith communities across denominational lines, it means that we respect a person’s right to vote their conscience for the candidate of their choice. The rub for us, of course, is deciding which candidate or party, or independent for that matter, represents best the vision of the teachings of Jesus, and all candidates to some extent always fall short of that ideal, and to complicate matters that ideal requires constant interpretation. So we respect differing opinions as to the means towards gospel ends. The point I want to make is this: that the nation’s business, the world’s business, (and such business is best described as political in the Platonic sense of the word)....that the business of the greater good has everything to do with our enlightened knowledge, discourse and influence as to the well being and dignity of the human community...the gospels compel us to such a noble vocation, just as Plato compelled the citizenry of ancient Greece. As unseemly as the partisan discourse is these days...the attack ads...the vast power of corporate influence....the skirting of real, present issues....ours is still to be an intelligent, gracious and enlightened voice for the good....and that takes hard work, humility and respect....so be involved; your work and your voice may ramify more than you know.

On the Calendar:

- Tuesday, July 3**
2-week Herald
11:30am All Saints serves @ 15 Place
- Wed-Fri, July 4-6**
Office closed
- Thursday, July 5**
1:30pm Campers leave for Special Ministries Camp @ Beckwith
- Sunday, July 8**
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Adult Christian Ed.
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
- Tuesday, July 10**
5pm Murray House Board
- Wednesday, July 11**
9:15am L’Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
6pm 15 Place Board
- Thursday, July 12**
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA
- Saturday, July 14**
10:30am PFLAG
- Sunday, July 15**
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Adult Christian Ed.
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
5-7pm Conde Explorers
- Monday, July 16**
Vestry meeting moved to 7/23
- Tuesday, July 17**
2-week Herald

This is a 2-week Herald!

Helpers Wanted! Thursday, July 5 is the day that the campers sponsored by All Saints will be leaving for Special Ministries camp at Beckwith. They will arrive at Stirling Hall at noon, have lunch and play some bingo before they get on the bus for their journey across the bay. Any youth who would like to come are needed to help calm nervous campers and allay any fears they may have about leaving. If you want to come, please be there by 12pm.

Anybody of any age who wants to come wish the children *bon voyage* is encouraged to come around 1pm to meet and greet, to help calm nervous parents, and to say goodbye. You won't want to miss such a scene of joy!!

Want to help with breakfast? One of our breakfast teams has lost a member who has moved from Mobile. If anyone is interested in joining the team, please call the office (438-2492) or call Burl Ratcliffe (404-1115).

Celeste Powers sends thanks to all who have sent cards, made phone calls, and delivered food to her (and David) after her fall in church 2 weeks ago. She appreciates all that has been done for her and wants everyone to know that she is feeling much, much better! She will find out in another week how much longer she has to wear the immobilizer on her arm. Please keep her in your prayers.

The church office will be closed for Independence Day holidays Wednesday through Friday, July 4-6. If you need a priest for an emergency, call Jim Flowers at 436-8932 or Mary Robert at 458-8581.

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July!!

Transportation Needed

Burl Ratcliffe needs a ride to and from the Food Bank in Theodore, July 24th, in order to attend mandatory Civil Rights training. Alabama has a new law requiring participating agencies to attend Civil Rights training; the Food Bank is one such agency and Burl must attend before signing a new 3-year contract, which will enable us to continue our Food Share program. The training starts at 1:00 PM and ends at 3 PM. If anyone can help, call Burl at church on Thursday afternoons or at 251-404-1115.



Many thanks for all the wonderful All Saints volunteers who helped cook, serve, wash, play, and be good companions with our Family Promise guests: Martha Durant, Matt McDonald, Jean Tucker, Fred South, Woody Hannum, Ben Foster, Gretchen Thiel, Mark Williams, Rosemary Williams, Sarah Williams, Martha Harris, Suzanne Cleveland, Michael Morrison, Clayton Ryan, Homer McClure, Pete Wilson, Laura Hampton Greene, Douglas Greene, Sarah Greene, Virginia, Grace Williams, Henry Callaway, Karen McDonald, Rose Ellen Stanbery, Debi Foster, Emily Mosley, Lee Van Dyke, Beth Hardaway, Yvonne Ross, Pete Mackey, Tim Kennedy, Forrest Brewster and Atem Kuot. The next guest slot is Sept. 9-16; please mark your calendars!

--Thanks, Henry Brewster



Please keep in your prayers:

- ✦ For healing for: Alan Grubbs, Greg Miles, Rob Johnson, Mitch Price, Austin Brown, Abigail, Roland & Will, Celeste Powers, Ruth Merrill, Vic Underwood, Jason Cummins, Jim Wilson, Barbara Deming, the Hale twins, John Stephens, David Barrineau, Ann Wilson Wesley, Johnny Madden, Ann Tiffin Greer-Cowden, Brian Hammond, Heather and family, Martha Collier, JoAnn Pappas, Martha Rose Hester, Dunn Chandler, Geoff Peach, Scott Podstata, Abraham Kuol, Becky Boulder, Roy Muth, Jim Gray, Jane Arnau, Jessica Montalvo-Lopez, Gregg Pounds, Evina Valera, Ed Givhan, Iris Prosch, Martha Murdock, LaNiece Bland, Sharon Cleverdon, Mike Downing, Patsy Childress, Anna Marie Brown, Laura
- ✦ For those who serve in the armed forces, especially: Spencer Abbot, Matt Abbot, Jonathan Carter, DeMario Snead, Randy Johnson, Jordan Caturia, Joseph Willcox
- ✦ For those who have died, especially Robert Campbell and Jeanette Meeks

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Vacation Bible School

July 23-27, 2012

“Focus on the Faithful”

9am-12noon
ks - 5th grade
stirling hall

438-2492 or asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org to register

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Vacation Bible School Registration Form

Name(s) _____ Age/Grade _____

_____ Age/Grade _____

Parent's name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____ (work) _____

Do any of your children have any allergies? Please list: _____

Focus on the Faithful

Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 23 — Friday, July 27

9am — 12 noon

Time and Talent Sheet

(Note: you don't have to be a parent to help)

I am willing to:

____ lead / assist with a small group (circle one)

Name: _____

____ help with arts and crafts

Phone: _____

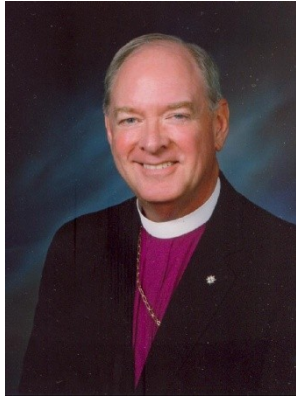
____ help with snack time / play time (circle one or both)

Email: _____

____ help get supplies organized

____ help set up on Sunday, July 22, after church

____ help clean up Friday, July 27



A Statement prior to the meeting of The Episcopal Church's General Convention in Indianapolis July 5th through July 12th by Bishop Duncan, Central Gulf Coast

25 June 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church convenes in Indianapolis on the 5 of July, it does so in the midst of prayer, study and divergent opinions on many topics that will come before us in both the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops. One of the proposals to be considered is to authorize the liturgies for the blessing of same-sex (same gender) unions.

As I have in the past, I intend to vote my conscience on all legislation. The Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast is multifaceted and not monochromatic in our views involving politics, social issues and religious interpretations centered in Scripture, Tradition and Reason. For that diversity I give thanks to God.

I believe that the proposal to allow the blessing of same-sex unions may be approved. If so, the media will cover it heavily and perhaps inaccurately. When you read or hear something from our General Convention, please "hold the phone," so to speak. I have been and will continue to consult with others in the Diocese to plan our response to all actions approved by the General Convention, and devise a plan that honors everyone in the Diocese.

Meanwhile, please pray for our Episcopal Church's General Convention and the work entrusted to us, our diocesan deputies and me as your bishop, for God's grace to move us forward in the work entrusted to us. I know our deputies join me in thanking you for your prayers, support, and good will.

In His Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Philip M. Duncan II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

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An Encore Weekend of *The Chat & Chew Supper Club* is planned for July 19-22 at 6:30pm in Stirling Hall.



Playwright Elyzabeth Wilder returns after a successful run of her one-woman show/dinner at the Alabama Shakespeare Theater to offer a newly revamped script and a new menu (vegetarian). If you did not get a chance

to see the show before or just want to come again (the great brownies are still on the menu), give Elyzabeth a call at 917-449-0222 to reserve your spot. Bring a friend, too! You'll be guaranteed a fine evening.

VBS Time Approaches! Vacation Bible School is drawing near. If you would like to help with VBS or if you have children or grandchildren you would like to sign up, please do it soon! You can use the form on the next page or call Mary Robert at 438-2492. Join us as we focus on some of the faithful characters of the Bible: Noah, Sarah, Joseph, Moses and Jonah.

Prayers are offered for the family and friends of Robert Campbell and Jeanette Meeks. *May light perpetual shine upon them.*

The July Food Share weekend is scheduled for July 19-21. Please mark your calendars and plan to help feed our hungry neighbors.

The 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church



On Thursday, July 5, the legislative session of the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church will commence. Every three years Episcopalians from around the world meet, as the General Convention website explains, “to seek God’s will for the Church in a planned, informed, and prayerful way” (<http://www.generalconvention.org>).

The General Convention, which is the governing body of the Episcopal Church, has been meeting since 1785, and is a bicameral legislature. It includes the House of Deputies, which has more than 800 members (up to four clergy and four lay persons from each diocese), and the House of Bishops, which is comprised of more than 300 active and retired bishops.

The Handbook for Bishops and Deputies (<http://www.generalconvention.org/gc/prepare>) describes the process in this way:

“The House of Deputies and the House of Bishops meet and act separately, though both Houses must concur on legislation for it to be adopted. When the two houses do meet together, it is called a Joint Session, a session in which no legislation is acted upon. On the sixth day of Convention, the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance will present the budget of The Episcopal Church to the sole Joint Session of Convention.

“Each House has a legislative routine, which includes the consideration of reports from legislative committees and discussions on resolutions; debate and votes on resolutions before the House; and votes on nominees for offices and committees of the Church.”

This triennium’s General Convention will be held at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, hosted by the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, and will convene from July 5 to July 12. During that time, various resolutions will be discussed and voted on by the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops. To see a full list of resolutions to be presented and to track their progress during General Convention, go to <http://www.generalconvention.org/gc/resolutions>.

Watch live coverage of the General Convention, beginning on July 2, at www.episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/gc2012.

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MUSLIMS, JEWS, AND CHRISTIANS – TOGETHER

INTERFAITH SYMPOSIUM

Thursday – July 12, 2012

Mobile Masjid of al-Islam 7:00-9:00 pm

1559 Duval Street • Mobile, AL 36605

***** PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE *****

TOPIC

You've Never Been to a Muslim Place of Worship? Please join us!

Once again, we are particularly excited about this event. For the first time, Triologue of Mobile will visit a Muslim house of worship, or masjid. The members of Mobile Masjid of al-Islam are excited that they will welcome us on this date. Come get the answers to your questions. Please join us!

RSVP (251) 380-4458

Requested—though not required (for the sake of planning only)

Admission is Free

Light refreshments served which meet dietary restrictions of all faiths

Special thanks to Mobile Masjid of al-Islam for their hospitality

Sunday, July 8, 2012
6th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 9

The Lessons

[Ezekiel 2:1-5](#)

[2 Corinthians 12:2-10](#)

[Psalm 123](#)

[Mark 6:1-13](#)

The Collect of the Day

God of unearthly wisdom, we take offence at your humanity; we lose our faith that you can change us: come to us who are your own; convert our inward looking eyes and take us on the road where all is lost and all is gained, through Jesus Christ, the prophet. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Gretchen Thiel, Laura Williams
Bread bakers: Nancy Lancaster, Bruce Rockstad
Flower Guild: Kathy McKenzie, Diana Nichols
Breakfast: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Suzanne Cleveland, Barbara Evatt
Reception: Gretchen Thiel

8:00am

Lector: Mary Hunter Slaton
Intercessors: Bill Evatt
Chalice: Burl Ratcliffe
Ushers: Joe Basenberg, Bill Case
Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

Lectors: Molly Allison, Diana Nichols
Intercessor: Martha Harris
Chalices: Ben Harris, Ruth LaMonte
Acolytes: Darrel Williams, Emma Gray, Kim Gray
Ushers: Mark Williams, Hank Caddell, Jim Ayres

Music for Sunday

Voluntary Peter Phillips *Trio*
Processional Hymn 657 *Hyfrydol*
David Hurd S-277 *New Plainsong, Gloria in Excelsis Deo*
Robert K Kennedy S-413 *Psalm 123*
Sequence Hymn 635 *Wer nur den lieben Gott*
Offertory Anthem J. S. Bach *May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour*
Presentation Hymn 530 *Gott sei Dank*
David Hurd S-124 *New Plainsong, Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*
David Hurd S-161 *New Plainsong, Agnus Dei*
Communion Hymn from *Voices Found* 98 *Canonbury*
Post Communion Hymn 528 *Rowthorn*
Processional Malcolm Archer *Festive Scherzo*

Sunday, July 15, 2012
7th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 10

The Lessons

[Amos 7:7-15](#)

[Ephesians 1:3-14](#)

[Psalm 85:8-13](#)

[Mark 6:14-29](#)

The Collect of the Day

God of the prophets, whose word cuts through the webs of power and holds the tyrant to account: be with all who raise their voice against oppression and misrule, who are imprisoned and abused for freedom's sake; help us to stand and speak with them and witness to your kingdom now: through Jesus Christ, the name above all others. Amen.

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Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Gretchen Thiel, Laura Williams
Bread bakers: Nancy Lancaster, Bruce Rockstad
Flower Guild: Burl Ratcliffe, Becky Wilson
Breakfast: Jean Tucker, Burl Ratcliffe, Kay Montgomery
Reception: Martha Durant

8:00am

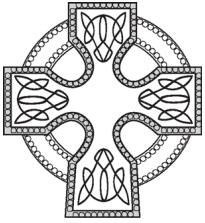
Lector: Larry Hallett
Intercessors: Joe Basenberg
Chalice: Serena Willcox
Ushers: Pete Mackey, Harold Dodge
Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

Lectors: Eric Browne, Beth Hardaway
Intercessor: Frances Rouse
Chalices: Henry Callaway, Nancy Lancaster
Acolytes: Douglas Greene, Brendan Williams, Ben Foster
Ushers: Curt Doyle, Doug Greene, Ray Pappas

Music for Sunday

Voluntary TBA
Processional Hymn 372 *Leoni*
David Hurd S-277 *New Plainsong, Gloria in Excelsis Deo*
Robert K Kennedy S-413 *Psalm 85:8-13*
Sequence Hymn 295 *Christus, der ist mein Leben*
Offertory Anthem
Presentation Hymn 686 *Nettleton*
David Hurd S-124 *New Plainsong, Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*
David Hurd S-161 *New Plainsong, Agnus Dei*
Communion Hymn 706 *Halton Holgate*
Post Communion Hymn 492 *Finnian*
Processional TBA



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Harold Dodge
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Rob Gray
James Hamilton
Woody Hannum
Amy Hunter
Emily Kelley
Don Mosley
Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker
Darrel Williams

Curt Doyle, Treasurer

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Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers
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Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey
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IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Bill Evatt
Lectors, Intercissors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary Robert
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Property: Ricky Bradford
Refugees: Martha Harris
Ushers: Harold Dodge, Louie Wood
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Wedding Guild: Betty Bentley
Youth Christian Education: The Rev. Mary Robert

All Saints Episcopal Church

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Service Schedule

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| Sundays | 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Breakfast 9:20 am Christian Education Classes (during school year) 10:30 am Holy Eucharist |
| Wednesdays | 12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel) |