

The Herald

October 16, 2011

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector: Sometimes it Causes Me to Tremble

Every now and again Katharine or I will wonder out loud, "I wonder what ever happened to Gordon Sturges?" Some of you may remember him....He was a handyman who could do just about anything....He could do woodwork; he could glaze windows; he could do masonry and tile; he could paint...He worked off and on around All Saints for about a year, four or so years ago. I really liked him; he was bright and personable...His legacy was that he painted our red doors, which required a lot of skill and hard work...It was a special paint and primer from Europe that required at least a dozen steps...the warranty of the paint is 25 years...before he began the project he studied the application instructions for a week, then he spent a good week sanding off the lead-laden old coats of paint. He did some work for Katharine and me around our house. He had our trust. He was always out of money.

One day he told Katharine that the apartment building in which he lived was being totally renovated and his new place to stay was not quite ready for occupancy. He said it would be ready in three days. I allowed him, against my better judgment, to sleep in the youth room...the three days became a week...His behavior became erratic....One night I was called by a L'Arche employee that Gordon was out of his mind and exhibiting threatening behavior....I drove to the church and it was true; he was acting like a madman. We learned he was addicted to crack and methamphetamine. I told him he had to leave the church and we never saw him again...I've missed him over the past four years that it's been; he was a good man, he was just unhealthy, had more of a burden than he could bear....and today our wondering about him ended. His mugshot was in the paper...He had attempted a robbery armed with a gun at a convenience store in Mt. Vernon. The article said he barricaded himself inside for almost an hour, holding two clerks hostage, and then was arrested and taken to the Mobile metro jail...and then more articles: robberies, murders, many committed by teenagers...today it seemed more than usual.

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble at the hurt of our world....tremble for the crucified among us...the broken of us who turn to violence as a way out of the life they live....I'm not excusing them....I'm mourning them....they all have stories as Gordon Sturges has a story....they're in our own families...the ones who bear a burden that is too great for them...held hostage by the dark of our world...How do we help them? Where is their salvation? These are not rhetorical questions....but questions I have for a God whose principal characteristic we say is love; and a God according to the scribes and editors of Genesis, who calls the whole of creation good....Does God tremble with us?

Perhaps our collective courage as a people of faith is part of the answer....the courage to stand in the muck and mire of the life into which we were baptized....a life in a world that is wounded and broken....Our vocation as the baptized is to bear light to this world enshrouded by darkness....to bear healing love, which is the incarnate love of God to the ones desperate for it...like Gordon and the many others....Trembling, I will go see him and tell him I miss him and that I love him....

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, October 12
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
4pm St Cecelia Choir
6pm Rector's Forum
6pm 15 Place Board mtg
7pm Adult Choir
7pm "The Money Pit" fundraiser

Thursday, October 13
9am Food Share preparation
12N Al-Anon
4:30pm Southern Care Hospice
7pm AA

Friday, October 14
5:30pm Food Share packing

Saturday, October 15
8am Food Share distribution

Sunday, October 16
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
5pm Conde Explorers

Monday, October 17
6pm Vestry meeting

Tuesday, October 18
3:30pm St Michael Choir

The Rector's Forum meets this Wednesday, Oct 12. Potluck dinner begins at 6, followed by conversation from 6:30-7:30. In addition to being a discussion for anyone who is interested, this gathering is also the place for all those who might be considering joining the Episcopal Church and wanting to know more about it. Everyone is welcome!

The Money Pit



Long, will be shown at the Crescent Theater this Wednesday night, Oct. 12, at 7pm. Tickets are \$15. Proceeds from the ticket sales will go to fund the Eagle Scout Project of Brewer Ayres. He is going to clean up and landscape part of DeTonti Square Park. A free nursery is available at All Saints; contact Pam Ayres at 404-2421 to confirm if you need childcare.

The Christian Living Today adult education class will start this week discussing God Is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World—and Why Their Differences Matter, by Stephen Prothero. The author says we are making a mistake in assuming that all religions are simply different paths of getting to the same truth and that we need to understand and appreciate their differences. Reviewers say:

“This book could well be the most highly readable, accurate, and up-to-date introduction to the world’s major religions.”

“Prothero has done it again. This is a powerfully written, paradigm-shifting book. How religious differences can be a bridge of cooperation rather than a bomb of destruction is one of the most important challenges of our era, and Prothero is as good a guide as you will find.”

The religions covered in the book are Islam, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Yoruba religion, Judaism, and Daoism, with a chapter on atheism as well.

The class meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Walter K. Smith room and will start discussing the book on October 16th. New members and visitors are welcome at any time. Copies of the book are \$11; please contact Henry Callaway at 694-6224 if you'd like one.

Friday Night Supper Club will be held on October 14 at 7pm at the home of Barbara & Hank Caddell, 1321 Dauphin Street. Please call 438-3048 to RSVP. Everyone is welcome.

Ours prayers are offered for the following parishioners: for Norma Bruce, whose sister Hortense died last week and was buried from All Saints; for the family and friends of Eddie Brown, who also died last week. *May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

The Food Share program is experiencing some difficulty due to a recent drop in donations. We have been spending approximately \$300 each month for food, with an added \$50 delivery charge. This provides enough food to create approximately 2-3 meals each for 72 families. To keep up this level of support to the Mobile community, we need your help. Additionally, we are looking forward to the holiday season, hoping to provide turkeys and hams. If you can help the Food Share program, please send a check made out to All Saints marked “Food Share.” Your help is greatly appreciated!

Food Share distribution for October

is this weekend. If you have never seen the program in action, why not come to any or all of the activities involved in providing food for our hungry neighbors.



The schedule is:

- * Thursday, Oct. 13, 9am—meet the Food Bank truck and help receive the food and set it up for packing.
- * Friday, Oct. 14, 5:30pm—packing the food into bags for the families; takes about 30 minutes.
- * Saturday, Oct. 15, 7:30am—arrival time to help bag up any food that is frozen; distribution begins at 8am; takes about 30-45 minutes.

A Godly Play Experience for adults,



especially those who have children ages 4 through 5th grade, will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 26, beginning at 6pm. You are invited to come and hear one of the sacred stories of the people of God in the same way our children hear it. These stories are as much for adults as they are for children. Wear comfortable clothes so that you can sit on the floor if you are able.

After the story we'll have the same kind of feast that the children have on Sunday morning, too. There will be time for discussion afterward if you want to learn more about the program. Everyone is invited and we hope to see you there!



Bayou Bash 2011 is on its way!!!!

November 12 is the date for All Saints' annual Bayou Bash fundraiser. Come enjoy a great evening of good food and drink, great music (entertainment by Bust!), silent and live auctions, and great people! Tickets are \$30 and are on sale after both services and from the church office.

This year, long-sleeve t-shirts will be made with the new logo seen above. The price will be determined by the number of shirts ordered. Contact Carol Mackey at 251-402-9448 or at carolmackey@gmail.com to place your order.

Many volunteers are needed to run this great evening. To volunteer, please contact Carol Mackey at 251-402-9448 or carolmackey@gmail.com, or Pete Mackey at 251-510-6905 or psmackey@bcmlawyers.com and they will put you in touch with the heads of various committees.

Bayou Bash is our main fundraiser, the proceeds of which benefit the community ministries supported by All Saints, such as IHN/Family Promise, the All Saints Refugee Fund, McKemie Place, 15 Place, L'Arche, Alabama Arise, South Alabama Cares, and Education for Ordained Ministry.

The primary moneymakers in this event are the ticket sales (so buy some for your family and for some friends — or invite your friends to buy their own tickets!) and the auction. The auction committee would like every household to contribute something to the auction. Ask for donations from businesses you support; consider donating your time or talent for auction....an item, or a service such as babysitting, cake-baking, yardwork, painting, etc. Please be sure that you are donating something you yourself would be willing to buy, not a typical \$1 item at a garage sale.

Mark your calendars for this terrific event! And, as always, thank you for your generosity in helping our community ministries become reality!

Look for us on Facebook: [The 7th Annual Bayou Bash](#)

For many are cold, but few are frozen

Apropos of this past Sunday's Gospel (see Matthew 22:14), we are aware of the fact that when the weather changes, the temperature inside the church does not always keep up with the temperature outside the church. Such is the case with the past couple of Sundays.

The temperature in the church must remain constant at 70° in order for the organ to stay properly tuned. It is also helpful for the thermostat to remain at 70° in order for the clergy, choir and acolytes to be comfortable with all their vestments on...and there are NO air vents in the chancel or behind the altar rail. Compounding the temperature are the candles, which put out an amazing amount of heat.

When the outside temp is pleasant, but not too cool, the church air feels cooler than we expect it to, and the clothes you wear for outside temps may not keep you warm enough inside. Therefore, please bring a sweater, jacket, shawl, etc. to keep you warm enough during the service. Bring a friend, too, and you can sit close to each other for a little body heat. Thanks for your consideration!!

Lost and Found

There are several 'found' items in the church office that need to find their homes.

One is a hard shell glasses case, black in color.

Next is an iPod charger cable with a unit that plugs into an electrical socket attached.

Last is a book from the Christian Living Today class: *Coming Back to Earth* by Lloyd Geering. There is no name inside, but there is a lot of red underlining. In it is also an article by Rabbi Kunstadt from the Press-Register that has been torn out, folded and inserted between two pages.

Please call the office if you can claim any of these items. 438-2492.

Nomination forms for Vestry members and delegates to the Diocesan Convention are on the desk by the church office. Elections will take place at the Annual Parish meeting, Sunday, November 6 at 9am. Please consider carefully nominating people who have the best interest of All Saints in mind, and make sure they are willing to be nominated before submitting a form.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who set-up, shopped, cooked, washed, baby-sat, slept over, and generally befriended our IHN/Family Promise guests, including: Danielle Juzan, Martha Hennessy, Karen McDonald, Woody Hannum, Albert Lilly, Barbara Brewster, Mark Williams, Rosemary Williams, Sarah Williams, Liz Kirby, Scott Kirby, Jim Ayres, Pam Ayres, Brewer Ayres, Liam Ayres, Gillian Ayres, Chloe Ayres, Wyatt Ayres, Lee Van Dyke, Pete Mackey, Debi Foster, Henry Callaway, Jean Tucker, Fred South, Pete Wilson, Michael Morrison, Clayton Ryan, Beth Hardaway, Catherine Mackey, Yvonne Ross, Christa Hankins, Gretchen Thiel, and Don Mosley, not to mention 7 volunteers from Trinity and 12 from St Mark's Methodist!

New Launderer needed-- After many years of washing hundreds of guests' linens and towels, our Beautiful Launderette, Danielle Juzan, needs a break. Please let me know if you could help with this during our next period (Dec. 25-31, 2011). We can spread the work among a team. Thanks all!

-Henry Brewster 479-9781

Thanks also to those who donated blood this past Sunday. The goal set for us was 15 donors; there were 12 who donated and a number of others who tried to donate but were unable to for one reason or another. LifeSouth Community Blood Centers and the Mobile community thank all of you for your generosity.

Baptism, anyone? All Saints Sunday, November 6, is the next day for baptism in the church. If there are any babies, children or adults who wish to be baptized, please contact Jim Flowers or Mary Robert at 438-2492.

All Saints Sunday is just a few weeks away! Jean Tucker is looking for folks to help with the food prep for our lunch following the one service that day (service begins at 10am). If you are willing to help, please call or email Jean: jwtucker@usouthal.edu or 753-1984.



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

A Sunday School Update



Now that Sunday School has been going on for five weeks, it is time to update parents and other interested folks on the Godly Play class, which includes 4-year-olds through 5th graders.

Godly Play is a program centered around telling the stories of God and God's People. The stories are based on parables, sacred stories and liturgical action. In Godly Play, we prepare a special environment for children to work with adult guides. Two teachers guide each session: one is the door person, who gets the children ready to enter the sacred space; the other is the storyteller.

Our teachers are learning the stories from scripts. They tell them without notes so that the stories become their stories, and then become the children's stories. The stories we have told so far are: The Circle of the Church Year, The Holy Family, Creation, The Flood and the Ark, and The Great Family. This week's story will be The Exodus. Our children are very involved in each of the stories. They are remembering things from week to week, asking and answering questions, participating, and adding their own Biblical knowledge. Our teachers are very impressed by how smart your children are!

Here is our schedule:

- Class begins at 9:20am—the children greet the door person, get nametags, and get ready to enter the room
- Children enter the room and sit in a circle where the storyteller is seated on the floor
- When everyone is ready, the storyteller tells the story
- At the end of the story are the wondering questions: I wonder what part of the story you liked best? I wonder what was the most important part of the story? I wonder where you might see yourself in that story? I wonder if there is some part we could leave out and still have everything we need for the story?
- Then it is time for work. The children decide what they would like to make their work that day. Sometimes they do individual work, sometimes they share working with the story figures.
- After the work it is time to clean up and put supplies away.
- Then we have the feast. First we pray. Then children who have volunteered pass out the napkins, the drinks and the food. Everyone enjoys the feast. Then other children help clean up.
- At 10:15am it is time to leave. Parents arrive to pick up young children; older ones can leave on their own if parents OK that. Everyone says goodbye to the storyteller and the door person before they go.

As you might guess, this is a lot to do in less than an hour!

Here are some things that will help:

- It is important that children arrive on time. We start at 9:20am.
- It is important that if they are late, the parents send them in quietly without interrupting the story. The storytelling is difficult to do if there are interruptions.
- It is VERY important that parents come to pick up their children on time. We finish at 10:15am. (Mary Robert is one of the teachers and has to be finished in time to vest for church. The other teachers have to find their own families.) Parents may let us know if it is alright to dismiss their older children to find their parents themselves.

Many thanks to everyone who makes it possible for us
to learn and wonder with these
wonder-full children!

Mark your calendars now!!!

All Saints Sunday

November 6

Join us for a day of *Celebration* for the **WHOLE Parish**

Schedule for the day:

9:00am Annual Parish Meeting

10:00am Holy Eucharist (one service only—note the time)

Following the service: LUNCH!

Annual Parish Meeting, Nov 6 This year the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on All Saints Sunday, November 6. On that day we will elect five vestry members each to serve three-year terms as usual, and one to serve an unexpired term of two years. Retiring members of the Vestry are: Renea Greene, Clark Kelly, Pete Mackey, Susan Meztista and Michael Morrison. The unexpired term is Marion Elledge's, who has moved out of state. We will also elect four deputies with alternates to Diocesan Convention, which will be held at Christ Church Cathedral, February 2-4, 2012.

Who may vote at the Meeting?

The Canons of the Episcopal Church (Canon 17.3) define communicants as 'confirmed persons aged sixteen and over who *for the previous year* have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.'

The All Saints Episcopal Church Constitution also requires that a communicant must have received Holy Communion at least three times in the preceding year.

Who may serve on the Vestry of All Saints Episcopal Church?

If you meet the qualifications to vote at the Parish Meeting you are eligible to serve on the Vestry, with the following exception: The All Saints Constitution states that retiring Vestry Members may not be elected to succeed themselves for *two years*, with the exception of those serving an unexpired term for one year or less.

Nominations for the Vestry

I wish to nominate _____ to serve on the All Saints Episcopal Church Vestry. I have read the requirements above and believe this person is qualified to serve. I have received his/her consent to stand election on November 6, 2011.

(Current Vestry members are listed on the back page of The Herald.)

Nominations for Deputy to Diocesan Convention

I wish to nominate _____ to serve as a Deputy to Diocesan Convention, February 2-4, 2012 at Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Name (Please print) _____

Your signature _____ Date _____

**Nominations are open until 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 2, 2011**

This Sunday: October 16, 2011

18th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24

The Lessons

[Exodus 33:12-23](#)

[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)

[Psalm 99](#)

[Matthew 22:15-22](#)

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Diana Nichols, Paula Reeves, Clayton Ryan,
Rosemary Williams
Bread bakers: Bruce Rockstad, Lillian Carsten
Flower Guild: Burl Ratcliffe, Diana Nichols
Breakfast: Clark Kelly, Curt Doyle, Will Hester
Reception: Debi Foster

8:00

Lector: Larry Hallett
Intercessor: Joe Basenberg
Chalice: Burl Ratcliffe
Ushers: Fred & Barbara South
Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: James Hamilton, Melissa Nissen
Intercessor: Melanie Petithory
Chalices: Lister Thomas, Clayton Ryan
Acolytes: Boone Reeves, David Reeves, Dustin Reeves, Danner Butler
Ushers: Martha Hennessy, Chris Conte, Skeeter Robertson

Music for Sunday

Voluntary Dietrich Buxtehude *Canzonetta* (BuxWV 172)
Processional Hymn 595 *Mannheim*
William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in excelsis Deo*
Thomas Attwood *Psalm 99*
Sequence Hymn 478 *Monk's Gate*
Offertory William B. Roberts *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*
Presentation Hymn 665 *Michael*
William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus and Benedictus*
Mason Martens S-152 *Christ our Passover*
Communion Hymn 684 *Caithness*
Motet William Byrd *Non nobis Domine*
Post Communion Hymn 596 *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*
Processional Craig Seller Lang *Tuba Tune*

Please keep in your prayers

✚ For healing:

Becky Bouler

Joy Russ

Katie Hammond

Roy Muth

Jim Gray

Jane Arnau

Joanne & Dan Young

Jean Dodge

Jessica Montalvo-Lopez

Robby

Ethan Fisher

Dick Van Benschoten

Devin Carlino

Charles Blackmon

Butch Boyington

Steve Hicks

Laurie Bailey

Gregg Pounds

Evina Valera

Ed Givhan

Devon Booth

Iris Prosch

Hugh Mauldin

Linda Coarsey

Jerry

Martha Mason

Richard Melton

Martha Murdock

LaNiece Bland

Lamar Elledge

Sharon Cleverdon

Mike Downing

Cheryl Peach

Patsy Childress

Laura

✚ For those who serve in the
armed forces:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Haley Jones

Daniel Taylor

Wes Parks

Jonathan Carter

Scott Tanos

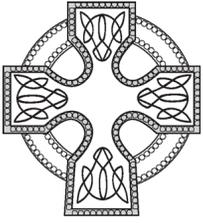
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DeMario Snead

Randy Johnson

Todd Jolly

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Marion Elledge
Rob Gray
Renea Greene
Woody Hannum
Amy Hunter
Clark Kelly, Treasurer
Pete Mackey
Susan Meztista
Michael Morrison, Junior Warden
Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker, Senior Warden
Darrel Williams

All Saints Committee Chairs

Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert
Addiction & Recovery: Becky Wilson
Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers
Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Melanie Petithory
Choirs: Jeff Clearman
Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey
Episcopal Youth (EYC): Liz & Scott Kirby
Finance Committee: Clark Kelly, treasurer
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Food Share: Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
Hospitality & Events: Jean Tucker
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Bill Evatt
Lectors, Intercessors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary Robert
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle
Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres
Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Michael Morrison
Refugees: Martha Harris
Ushers: Harold Dodge, Louie Wood
Stewardship: Woody Hannum, All Saints Vestry
Youth Christian Education: The Rev. Mary Robert

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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)