



ALL SAINTS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Herald

May, 2015

Easter, Pentecost

From the Rector: Dear William

William Flowers is a great guy. Smart. Gracious. Sensitive. He is a cousin of mine who lives in Dothan. He's one of the few Flowers cousins that I actually like. He is one of the seven children of Paul and Grace Flowers, the second to the last in birth order. His mother Grace was from "Tidewater", Virginia, married a young doctor named Paul Flowers and moved to southeast Alabama where her husband would found a new hospital, and begin a practice in obstetrics.. She was well-educated, a social activist, a liberal in a sea of, well..... She was a member of the League of Women Voters some fifty years ago in Dothan, Alabama of all places. She had to drive to Montgomery for meetings. She was aptly named Grace... she cared for the down and out... she insisted her husband tend to the less fortunate in his

medical practice... she was an ardent supporter of civil rights and thereby endured the scorn of many in our town. Her son William bears her legacy... He is intelligent and articulate. He pays attention to the world around him. He studies. He cares passionately for equality and justice. He is kind and gentle. And though he takes on the sundry liberal causes in a most conservative part of the world, he is respected by his interlocutors. He is a great guy. He is also an atheist. He says there is no God.

I remember the day, not so long ago, that one wouldn't dare admit to being an atheist; but now, in post modern America, in an age when all of our institutions are called into question, atheism has become mainstream, fashionable even... and for good reason. People are fed up with what purports to be Christianity in our culture. The institutional church in its denominational manifestations has fallen prey to the disease of self-interest. It has for hundreds of years turned inward with self-preservation being its chief rubric. It has carved its untenable dogma into the edifice of certainty, scorning the imaginative questions of the faithful. It has become exclusive and judgmental. It has presumed a moral authority without grace and humility. It has caused harm through emotional and physical abuse; supported illegal wars of the military industrial complex; it has, in the main, propounded a theology that no thinking, honest person would dare espouse. Ironically, I think a healthy atheism is a creative step towards an authentic life of faith. Authenticity... that's what is lacking in the church.

I have told people that I am an "a-Theist." That is, I don't believe in a male deity aloof in the heavens who saves one child in the NICU, and doesn't the other; or a deity who allows disease and hunger (mostly among the poor); or a deity that topples sailboats capriciously in Mobile Bay. Perhaps the greatest sin of the church has been that it has purported to know the nature of God when in truth its theological premises have always been, at best, speculation. Paul Tillich argues that doubt is an essential dynamic of faith. I would add to that that the human imagination is equally essential; that theology is always evolving in artful speculation. that our liturgical life celebrates mystery, not prescribed catechumena. The church has always had a problem with such talk.

So, William.... Here's the thing. Humankind and its institution, the church, has imprisoned God in a temple of certainty... a temple inhabited by a God made in its own image... If God is the deranged watchmaker in the sky, I'm so with you... But, if God is the name we ascribe to the beguiling mystery of the universe.... If God is the spirit of love that moves us to care for our neighbor, and the least and the lost.... if God is love for the world whose means is justice and peace... if God is the inspired imagination that improvises the true, the beautiful, and the good into being... If God is infinite possibility amid the ambiguity of life... then I'm down with that... We humans need to name things... We thrive on symbols, outward and visible signs of what we know to be true.... Perhaps the word "God" has outlived its usefulness... but no matter, we need something "other," but intimately proximate, to whom we express our gratitude and the joy of being alive, and creatively sentient, our inevitable deaths notwithstanding... We need to praise. It's our nature. Our hearts are made for it.... because ultimately that is all that is left to do, when all things have been done.

Keep the faith William... the church needs the likes of you.

Summer Service Time

Beginning May 31, we will begin a summer schedule with one service on Sundays at 9:30am through June, July and early August. (There will be no breakfast or Godly Play during the summer as usual.) Many folks travel during the summer and our attendance reflects that. Mary and I will be standing in for Mark Dunnam, rector of St. James, Florence, Italy while he is on sabbatical for the months of June and July (Jim in June, Mary in July) so one service will be more manageable for us while the other is away. We think it would be a good time to let the 8:00 and 10:30 congregations get to know each other as well. We will resume our regular schedule of services in mid-August.

Special Ministries Camp

It is time to plan for the Special Ministries Camp session at Camp Beckwith! The dates are Sunday, June 28 through Wednesday, July 1. This year, an all-time high of 47 campers of rising 4th and 5th graders at Leinkauf school are being recommended to go! This means we really need your help more than ever before. If you would like to sponsor a child to go to this camp session, the cost is \$225; if you can sponsor a 'part' of a child, any amount is a wonderful gift. Checks should be made out to All Saints and marked 'Special Ministries' and can be given to Karen McDonald or Elizabeth Doyle, or sent to the church.

Recognition of Seniors

All Saints' graduating high school seniors will be honored on Sunday, May 17, during the 10:30 service. Please be present to help bless them and pray for them as they begin a new journey.

Other Schedule Changes

- Tai Chi class has changed to Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm in Stirling Hall.
- While the downtown Farmers' Market is open, Burl (our sexton) will not be here to open the church buildings until 10am on Saturdays.

Family Promise begins May 3

Our next opportunity to serve guests from Family Promise will begin on Sunday, May 3, with supper. Please sign up with Henry Brewster (hbrewster@brewsterlaw.net) if you can help; there are still slots open.

Rector's Forum

The Rector's Forum will meet on Tuesday, May 12 in the Saad Room. Potluck supper is at 6pm followed by conversation at 6:30pm. This will be the last Forum until July, when Jim returns from Italy. (see article to the left) Please read your Herald to know the date the Forum will resume.

Golden Circle

Tuesday, May 12 is the day for the next Golden Circle. Come join us at 12N in Stirling Hall for a delicious lunch and bingo!

Food Share in May will be on Saturday, May 16. Come help pack food bags at 7:30am on Saturday morning just before the distribution at 8am. We'll pack the food, distribute it, and finish by 8:30.

The Refugee Pantry

During May, the pantry needs toilet paper, and laundry detergent. Please put it by the volunteer desk on Sundays or drop it off M-F during office hours.

Prayers Offered

Please keep in your prayers Cora Lemmon and Jan Cade, at the death of their brother-in-law, David French Bacon III, and Ricky Bradford, at the death of his mother, Anzell Bradford. *May light perpetual shine upon them.*

May Birthdays			
2 - Norma Bruce	8 - Scott Schneider	15 - Ben Foster	25 - Barbara Caddell
2 - Katie Flowers	10 - Kim Kelly	19 - Michel Shain	25 - Greg Miles
3 - Bill Case	11 - Bess Nichols	20 - Greg House	25 - Ricky Bradford
5 - Flossie Leatherbury	12 - Suzanne Scott	22 - Sue Hawkins	25 - Paul Roper
5 - Wieu Kuot	12 - Emily Mosley	24 - Jim Clark	26 - Beth Hardaway
7 - Eleanor Pomerat	14 - Louise Chiepalich	25 - Suzanne Drew	30 - Mary Kate Cook
7 - Emily Doyle	15 - Meredith Mosley	25 - Lee Van Dyke	30 - Julie White-Spinner

**You're invited to attend the Consecration of the Fourth Bishop
of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast**

God willing and the people consenting

The Reverend James Russell Kendrick

will be ordained and consecrated a Bishop in the
One, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church,
and
Fourth Bishop of the
Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

Saturday, the twenty-fifth day of July
in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen
at two o'clock in the afternoon

Mobile Civic Center Expo Hall
401 Civic Center Drive
Mobile, Alabama

CHIEF CONSECRATOR

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church

The Bishop and Standing Committee of the
Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
request your prayers and the honor of your presence.

Clergy: Red Stoles
Bishops: Rochet, Chimere, Tippet

Reception following at
Christ Church Cathedral

Additional information:
www.bishopsearch.diocgc.com

Please note that since this will take place in Expo Hall of the Civic Center, there will be room for **EVERYONE** who wants to attend! This is a great chance to see the wider Church at its liturgical best. For the weekend schedule of events, [click here](#).



Want to be involved in the Consecration of our new Bishop?

The Rev. Russell Kendrick, Bishop-Elect

Diocesan Youth Weekend with Bishop

To celebrate our new bishop's consecration, young people (Grades 6-12) are invited to begin collecting items for the Wilmer Hall Thrift Shop, and on July 24 we will join the new Bishop for lunch at Wilmer Hall and present these items to the Thrift Shop. Young people will then stay overnight on Friday, July 24, at Camp Beckwith in the cabins. There will be a camp fire and youth program that evening. On Saturday, July 25, they will join the rest of our diocese for the consecration for the Fourth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. We are renting vans and providing transportation (for free!) from three locations along I-10 between Dothan and Mobile as well as return transportation on the way back. All meals and lodging are being provided by the Commission on Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

Registration forms will be emailed to each church, so mark your calendars and watch for more details! Contact James Lawrence, Diocesan Youth Coordinator at james@beckwithal.com or (251) 616-2162 with questions.

Altar Guild Work for Consecration

The Diocesan Altar Guild has planned a work day to prepare for Bishop-elect Russell's ordination on Saturday, May 16th, at Camp Beckwith. We will meet at 9:00 am. Lunch will be available for \$12.00.

We will not be stitching linens but will have purificators to prepare and discuss plans for our altar duties at the consecration.

If you are interested in helping us at Beckwith, please contact Dianne Walters, Transition Team Logistics/Altar Guild, dirdh68@gmail.com by May 8th so she can make reservations for lunch. If you need more information, let her know. Hope to see you at Beckwith and look forward to this exciting time in our Diocese.

Consecration Choir

The consecration of our new bishop will be a joyful time in our diocese. An adult choir and a children's choir composed of singers from around the Diocese are being assembled by Christopher Powell, Organist and Choir Master at Christ Church Cathedral; Jeff Clearman, All Saints Principal Parish Musician, Kevin Davis, Organist/Choirmaster at Trinity, Mobile, and Jason Beasley, Organist/Choirmaster at St. Stephen's, Brewton will also be participating. If you are interested in being part of one of these choirs, please see Jeff (jeff@allsaintsmobile.org) for more details. The deadline to sign up is May 15.



May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Easter 5 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	4	5	6	7	8	9
IHN / Family Promise Week		IHN / Family Promise Week		IHN / Family Promise Week		
10 Easter 6 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">IHN ends</div>	11	12	13	14	15	16
		12N Golden Circle 4p Junior Choristers 6p Rector's Forum	9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 530p Tai Chi, Stirling Hall 7p Adult Choir	12N Al-Anon 4p Senior Choristers 7p AA, Smith Rm		7:30a Food Share 10:30a PFLAG
17 Easter 7 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Senior Recognition & Holy Eucharist Reception follows Jim & Mary to Clergy Conf →	18	19	20	21	22	23
		4p Junior Choristers 6p Vestry mtg 6p 15 Place Bd	9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 530p Tai Chi, Stirling Hall 7p Adult Choir	12N Al-Anon 630p Newcomers' Supper 7p AA, Smith Rm		
24 Day of Pentecost 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	25 Memorial Day <i>Office closed</i>	26 <i>Rector leaves for Italy!</i>	27 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 530p Tai Chi, Stirling Hall	28 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	29	30
31 Trinity Sunday 9:30 Holy Eucharist Reception follows						

Please mark your calendars right away with the dates you are to serve!
 If you cannot be present for the date you are scheduled, please get a substitute and let the church office know who it is. 438-2492.

Lay Ministers for May 2015

Date / Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Vestry Greeter	LEVs	Altar Guild	Bread Bakers	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Godly Play Doorkeeper	Reception
May 3 Easter 5 8am	L Hallett	S Willcox	H Callaway		P Mackey F South		B Evatt (C Bailey & B Montgomery)	B & B Evatt B Caddell K McKenzie RE Stanbery	B Hardaway L Carsten	E Doyle K Flowers	J Burce L Hallett E Hughes S&L Kirby	TBA	The Mosleys
	M Kelley C Gardner	B Barrett	N Lancaster R LaMonte	E Doyle A Atem E Doyle H Gardner	D Mosley H Brewster B Hines	E Valera							
May 10 Easter 6 8am	P Wilson	J Clearman	B Ratcliffe		R Dillard W Hannum		F&W Hannum (P Coleman, M Merrow)			C Hall B Hardaway	C Kelly C Doyle J Rivers	TBA	M Durant ML Durant
	N Hamilton SF Greene	F Rouse	B Hardaway R LaMonte	D Williams M Morrison L Snow H Snow	H Caddell M Elledge J Rivers	E Jenkins							
May 17 Easter 7 8am	MS Stephens	L Hallett	S Willcox		B & B Evatt		P&E Burgess (N Bruce)			C Mackey K McKenzie	J Clearman M Harris S Cleveland B Evatt	TBA	C Hall
	B Jackson E Valera	M Durant	B Harris R LaMonte	SF Greene M Williams C Mosley N Hamilton	M Morrison R Bradford W Grace	E LaMonte							
May 24 Pentecost 1030am	B Woodmansee M Allison	H Caddell	L Thomas M Elledge	D Williams H Gardner	W English D Greene D Greene	C Kelly	L Thomas (J Chiepalich) C Ryan (MK Cook)			C Ryan B Wilson			F Rouse
	A Atem B Harris	B Evatt	L Wood B Bentley	SF Greene H Snow L Snow	J Basenberg M Williams C Conte J Hamilton	H Caddell							
May 31 Trinity 930am										J Tucker B Brewster			

**MOBILE COUNTY
MASTER GARDENERS
4TH ANNUAL
FARM TO TABLE
TASTING EVENT**

Monday, June 1, 6:00-8:00pm

Five Rivers Delta Hall, Spanish Fort, AL

\$65 per person

**Non-refundable advance reservations
are required**

Reservation Deadline is May 22

Mail check payable to MCMG to:

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Mobile, AL 36695

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Service Schedule

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)