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October, 2014

Sundays after Pentecost

From the Rector: Salvation 6.0

A sermon preached on Sept. 28, Proper 21, Year A, 2014

“For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him...”

With the internet and social media there are more and more blogs written by clergy these days...some, though few, are pretty good... but most for me fall into the category of “what drives me crazy about the church”... Most writers acquiesce to the same old dogmatic language all too familiar to us; language that has become ossified with careless overuse... as if such language continues to carry some sort of authority... I read a blog just this week written by an Episcopal priest in Cincinnati, editor of the *Forward Movement* publication, in which the good father was decrying what he perceived as a liberal revisionist movement in the church; also called the progressive movement, the emerging church movement... a movement that has brought us gender inclusive language with which we speak of God; a renewed challenge to a literalistic approach to scripture; and a means to place scripture into creative conversation with post modern culture.... This movement in the church has been going on for at least five decades and in no small way it has challenged and continues to challenge the way we’ve spoken of and enacted the Christian vision in the past, versus how we might speak of faith and act it out in our current context... in short, it is challenging the way we’ve always done it.... This movement birthed the Jesus Seminar, for those of you who know what that is.... And for those who don’t, it is a group of scholars which have taken a literary and historically critical approach to scripture taking into account the literary, historical, and social contexts in which the gospels were written... deconstructing them, as it were, in order to reconstruct a believable theology, true to the text, without superstition and the baggage the church teaching over the centuries has laid upon it; and there’s a lot of baggage....and then there’s relevance... Our faith must be relevant! “You are the Messiah, the Son of God,” Matthew has Peter say... That’s been enough for many in the church over the years... but just what does that mean.... Jesus, our Lord and Savior... what does that mean? We should know shouldn’t we?... If we are going to give our lives to such a vision, really... then we should know what we are talking about when it comes to faith beyond a catch phrase or slogan. Right?

Among other things with which I took issue in this blog was the author’s statement that the church needs to quit talking so much about social justice and talk more about salvation... Does that bother y’all... ? It bothers me... as if justice and salvation are somehow unrelated... So I want to talk about salvation... I want to talk about salvation the way the writer of Matthew’s gospel talks about salvation... Salvation, one of those church words that we don’t bother to consider beyond a catch phrase or slogan....and indeed salvation is a principal theme in Matthew, just as it is in the other gospels... just as it is throughout the whole of scripture... It is the chief aim to which all of the mythology, all of the rhetoric, all of the poetry, all the theology of scripture bears witness.... So I want to revisit, if you will, the premise, the idea of salvation as it is presented in our sacred scripture.

First of all salvation is not personal... It is not about me... Jesus is not our personal savior... Salvation has to do with community, the salvation of a people...In Hebrew scripture during the eras of the patriarchs, the judges, and the monarchy, salvation was about the well-being of the people... It was the job of the patriarch or the judge or the king to see to the well-being of their people... to see that there was food enough... to see that there was security and safety....to see that the people lived without shame, that they lived dignified lives.... The chief concern of all the prophets, both minor and major, from Isaiah to Malachi, was that the leadership of Israel tended with justice to its people... When Isaiah speaks of a savior to be born of a virgin... He is speaking of new leadership for Israel (Hezekiah in particular) who will govern the people with mercy and equity... It was recognized in the social philosophy of the ancients that unless the whole of society lived in equity, then no one lives with equity... that the

Blessing of the Animals Oct 5



The annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis Day (Oct. 4) will take place Sunday afternoon, Oct. 5 at 4pm in the garden. All animals are welcome; please make sure they are appropriately restrained.

Rector's Forum

The next Rector's Forum will be Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 6pm in the Saad Rm. The evening begins with potluck supper; discussion follows from 6:30-7:30. All are welcome!

Friday Night Supper Club

The next Friday Night Supper Club will meet on Oct. 17 at Beth Hardaway's house (6438-B Cedar Bend Ct) at 7pm. Interested persons should contact Beth (bhardaway@southalabama.edu or 343-7765) and tell her what dish you can bring to share. Newcomers are VERY welcome!



Altar Guild Members Wanted

The Altar Guild is looking for a few (or many) good members to join this important ministry. Both men and women are welcome! There are currently 5 teams serving on a rotating basis for a month at a time. Setup and take-down schedules are flexible. You do not need to already know how to do this work - on the job training will be given. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, email or call Betty Bentley at bbentleymobile@aol.com or 438-1312.



Family Promise Fundraiser a Success

Many, many thanks to all those who came to let Jim Flowers and Mary Robert serve you at Crockmier's and the Atlanta Bread Company, respectively. Thanks to your generous tips, Family Promise raised almost \$4000 on those 2 nights alone! A great deal of that amount was thanks to YOU!! Family Promise also benefits from the proceeds of the Bayou Bash and, of course, from your personal support during IHN weeks at All Saints. Keep up the great work!



Lectionary Readings for Oct:

Sunday, Oct 5, 2014

Lessons: [Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20](#)
[Psalm 19](#)
[Philippians 3:4b-14](#)
[Matthew 21:33-46](#)

Sunday, Oct 12, 2014

Lessons: [Exodus 32:1-14](#)
[Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23](#)
[Philippians 4:1-9](#)
[Matthew 22:1-14](#)

Sunday, Oct 19, 2014

Lessons: [Exodus 33:12-23](#)
[Psalm 99](#)
[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)
[Matthew 22:15-22](#)

Sunday, Oct 26, 2014

Lessons: [Deuteronomy 34:1-12](#)
[Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17](#)
[1 Thessalonians 2:1-8](#)
[Matthew 22:34-46](#)

Kitchen Help Thank-You

Many thanks to those who came last Saturday to help cull pots, pans, dishes and other unusable things from the kitchen. Such good help was offered that the job was completed! There will not be another session this Saturday as previously announced.

The Refugee Pantry

During October, we are asking for shampoo, laundry detergent and lotion for the pantry. Please put it by the volunteer desk on Sundays or drop it off M-F during office hours. Thanks.



Food Share in October Come help pack food bags at 7:30am on Saturday morning, October 18, just before the distribution at 8am. We'll pack the food, distribute it, and finish by 8:30.

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health of society has everything to do with equity among the elite and the marginalized as well... that until the lost and forgotten are at table, as it were, then there is no salvation... Salvation then is synonymous with the good of the whole. If there is anyone who is not saved, then none of us are saved.

And that leads to the second point.... Salvation is not a future event.. certainly not something one attains in the next life; scripture does not speak of heaven as a future event, nor as an otherworldly place... For some reason (probably the need for control) the church has gotten that wrong... Salvation in Hebrew scripture and in the gospels, and in Paul is about the way we live now; on earth as it is in heaven... and again it is not about us... salvation is something we bear to the community, to the world... In that regard, salvation is a process, a process of the good, a way of life, a vocation in which we work for the good of the whole... a calling... We are called to the work of salvation... That is Jesus' legacy: That we live our lives for salvation... Salvation is not a commodity... something we get... It is a way of life... a life of sacrifice and love of our neighbor... It is our lives lived for the least and lost... those not included, those not at God's bountiful table... It is our lives lived for the good, God's kingdom, God's commonweal, that transforms our world... salvation is an ongoing process of drawing all to the heart of God.

And finally, Salvation has everything, everything to do with the social, everything to do with the economic, everything to do with the political... How we live together as a people is what our faith is all about, at least if we are paying attention to scripture.... So to speak and act for affordable health care.... to speak and act for just wages... to speak and act for civil rights.... To speak and act for clean air and water, and a sustainable planet... to speak and act against violence in any form it takes... to welcome the stranger, to feed the hungry to take care of our least... these are all issues of salvation, gospel issues.... To say that we as people of faith have no business to speak of such things in the public sphere is abject heresy....

Our call is to see to the well being of our neighbor... That's it.... And we gather here Sunday after Sunday to remind ourselves of that.... We use carefully chosen words in dramatic fashion, and make beautiful music because this is what matters profoundly at the heart of things... We come to this altar to remember that, no less than Christ's body and blood, our bodies and blood are to be given as nurture for a starving world... Perhaps the most important part of our liturgy is the part when we leave... when we go out into the world empowered to bear the good... to enact the kingdom of God, no less.

In today's passage Jesus is calling out the powers that be of his day, just like the prophets before him, calling out the powers that be for not living up to the way of Justice... Our translation uses the word righteousness, but make no mistake, the word in the Greek means **justice**... We are to live the way of justice which is the way of salvation.... And we are told that it takes an honest commitment... One brother promises to work in the vineyard and does not go... the other refuses to work and then changes his mind... Matthew is holding up for us a model of repentance.... For us to take an honest look at why we are here, and then to act on what we know to be true... Faith is not so much belief as it is action.... acting for the true and the good... There is nothing more grand in this life; no metaphor can quite touch it... nothing with greater authority than to act in love... to be saviors, all of us together, in solidarity with the Christ... The vineyard is ripening as we speak... Will you go? Will you live into the grand mythology of what it means to be human: the very vessels of God's life?.... Will you go?

October Birthdays			
1- Barbara Evatt	6- Elizabeth Jenkins	13- Libby Davidson	22- Michael Morrison
1- Wyatt Ayres	6- Erin Schaub	14- Susan Meztista	24- John Shields
2- Nyirou Kuot	7- Gwen Hughes	16- Wylly Stirling	27- Diana Nichols
3- Suzanne Cleveland	9- Becky Wilson	19- Matt McDonald	27- Jim Ayres
3- Liam Gray	9- Palmer Hamilton	20- Caroline Snow	28- Doug Woodhouse
4- Tom Hewitt	9- Gigi Armbrecht	21- Zach Samuels	29- Andy Mitchell
5- Aguol Kuot	9- Betsy Schneider	22- Mary Holbrook	30- Woody Hannum
6- Mark Williams	10- Julia Stirling	22- Kathy McKenzie	31- Laura Shields Brangle

If we have inadvertently left your birthday off of the list, please call the office (438-2492) to let us know. We will add your birthday to the church database.

Auction Items are Coming In!!!

Stay tuned for pictures next week of some of the fabulous items you will want to bid for!

However, we still need more items!

Donation forms are available in the church office during the week, on the church website under the Bayou Bash tab (<http://allsaintsmobile.net/bayou-bash-2/>) or from Doug Woodhouse and Jana Simpson on Sundays.

The deadline for turning items in is Wed, Nov. 5.

The 10th Annual Bayou Bash will be held *FRIDAY, November 7, 2014 from 6pm – 10pm*

Please note that the day of this important event has been changed from Saturday to Friday. This change is being made in an effort to avoid scheduling conflict with College Football.

Bayou Bash is All Saint's annual fundraiser for our outreach ministries. This is a great time of food, entertainment and fellowship, all for a great cause! Plans are underway for this year's event.

The Auction, both live and silent, is the main source of revenue. It's time to start collecting auction items. Some general guidelines for auction items are:

New or Vintage/Collectible items are preferred

The Auction Committee will decide each item's auction merit

The deadline for Auction items will be Wednesday, November 5, 2014

ALL auction items must be accompanied by a completed *Auction Donor Form**

*Auction Donor Forms are available from an Auction Committee Member, in the Church Office or on the Church web site (www.allsaintsmobile.net)

The following is a listing of this year's Committee Chairpersons along with their contact information:

Event Co-Chairs	Ricky Bradford	rbradford66@gmail.com
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Beverage Committee	Pete Mackey	psmackey@bcmlawyers.com
Ticket Committee	Clark Kelly	clark@weld-supply.com

If you would like to participate and have fun on a committee, please feel free to get in touch with the committee chairperson and let them know.

All Saints and Trinity Episcopal Churches,
along with Clawed Boudreaux, invite you to the

Tenth Annual Bayou Bash

Friday, November 7th

6 to 10 p.m.

151 South Ann Street

(corner of Government & Ann)

Music by **Bust**
Food & Fun
Silent & Live Auctions

All proceeds (after expenses)
directly benefit All Saints' and
Trinity's outreach ministries.

Tickets \$30
For more information,
call 438-2492.





October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	2 12N Al-Anon 4p Adv. Trebles Choir 7p AA, Smith Rm	3	4
5 17th Sun after Pentecost 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows 4p Blessing of the Animals	6	7 4p Beg. Trebles Choir 6p Rector's Forum	8 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	9 12N Al-Anon 4p Adv. Trebles Choir 7p AA, Smith Rm	10	11 10:30a PFLAG
12 18th Sun after Pentecost 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	13	14 4p Beg. Trebles Choir	15 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	16 12N Al-Anon 4p Adv. Trebles Choir 7p AA, Smith Rm	17	18 7:30a Food Share packing and distribution
19 19th Sun after Pentecost 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist & Baptism Reception follows	20 6p Vestry mtg	21 4p Beg. Trebles Choir 6p Rector's Forum	22 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	23 12N Al-Anon 4p Adv. Trebles Choir 7p AA, Smith Rm	24	25
26 20th Sun after Pentecost 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Birthday Reception	27 6p 15 Place Board	28 4p Beg. Trebles Choir	29 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	30 12N Al-Anon 4p Adv. Trebles Choir 7p AA, Smith Rm	31	

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 October 2014

Date	Time	Lector	Intersessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Vestry Greeter	Altar Guild	Bread Bakers	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Godly Play Doorkeeper	Reception
Oct 5 17th Sun after Pentecost	8am	MH Slaton	J Basenberg	S Willcox	H Dodge J Basenberg	L Wood H Caddell M Elledge	R Bradford	S Drew L Raouf B Ratcliffe J Rogers M Winkler	N Lancaster B Rockstad	C Hall B Hardaway	B Ratcliffe	Eliz Doyle	M Morrison E Doyle
	1030 am	L Van Dyke A Blair	V Mitchell	F Hannum B Harris	Dav Reeves A Atem N Hamilton	R Dillard W Hannum				B Bentley K McKenzie	CL Taylor	K Flowers	
Oct 12 18th Sun after Pentecost	8am	L Van Dyke	B Evatt	B Ratcliffe		M Morrison R Bradford W Grace	R Bradford						R Williams
	1030 am	E Browne C Zimmermann	H Caddell	R LaMonte C Ryan	M Williams E Gray C Mosley	F South H Callaway				C Ryan J Tucker	M & K Winkler	CL Taylor	
Oct 19 19th Sun after Pentecost	8am	MS Stephens	L Hallett	M Taylor		C Doyle D Greene D Greene	R Bradford						B Ratcliffe
	1030 am	B Barrett M Durant	M Harris	B Hardaway M Morrison	D Williams H Snow L Snow	B & B Evatt							
Oct 26 20th Sun after Pentecost	8am	P Wilson	S Willcox	L Van Dyke									
	1030 am	B Hardaway R Gray	D Foster	N Lancaster L Wood	Dus Reeves Em Doyle SF Greene	M Williams C Conte J Hamilton	R Bradford				E Jenkins		D Foster (B'day Celebration)



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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)