



ALL SAINTS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Herald

September, 2014

Sundays after Pentecost

From the Rector: Of Getting it Right

Of the myriad neuroses in a hyper-neurotic culture, one stands out as the most persistent, and that is our compulsion, our obsessive need to “get it right.” Perhaps it is the perfect storm, of a toxic combination of post Enlightenment thinking and Calvinistic theology that pervades post modern Western culture that has so crippled our ability to live committed visionary lives, lives rife with meaning and joy. Statistically, North Americans are the most unhappy, most addicted people in the developed world. By post Enlightenment thinking, I mean that we suffer from the belief that the human mind (mostly the left side thereof) is all-powerful... Philosophy calls this phenomenon in human evolution “the rise of the autonomous self.”

The Enlightenment witnessed a renaissance in mathematics and the sciences. In the Enlightenment Western culture found new and exciting ways to quantify reality. Everything could in essence be measured, listed, categorized. The infinite, transcendence, and mystery all took a backseat to the notion of power attained through the human mind’s gift of precision and the sense of certainty engendered therein. Nietzsche coined the term “the Übermensch,” the super-man to describe the brave new human who would usher in a utopian society with his all-powerful mind.

Calvinism, a highly influential theological movement following the European Reformation, articulated a doctrine of humankind’s abject unworthiness. Though fundamentalism is a relatively modern phenomenon, Calvinism planted the seed by emphasizing a strict reliance on a literal interpretation of scripture. Calvinism espoused the quest for certainty, a hallmark of the Enlightenment, while holding that only an elite few would experience the joys of heaven in the next life; and that there was no escaping the bonds of sin in this earthly life. My theory is that the compulsion for certainty born of the Enlightenment, and the fear of an exacting, exclusionary God propounded by Calvinism has made us post modern westerners sick with the compulsion for order and certainty laced with the disposition of unworthiness and fear... Hence our vocation as a culture is to get it right... knowing all the while that we will never get it right. A psychic split. It is no wonder that our culture is so depressed and anxious. This is insanity.

The Christian vision is not about measuring up and getting it right... nor, for God’s sake, is it about fear. That is not to say, however, that the life of faith is not without rigor. Ironically it is the more difficult road... but it is a road whose roadmap is mystery, not certainty; aesthetic awareness not rules for the sake of rules. The life of faith is risky, uncertain, and improbable. It requires the ability to think critically and imaginatively. It requires artful speculation in lieu of dogma. To live the life of faith one must recognize that there is nothing in stone except that the creation is still in its becoming and that its engine is love, and that we are invited to participate in it with whole hearts. To live the life of faith one must give up the need for certainty and nurture the improvisational skill of the imagination. The imagination is not so much concerned with what is right, as it is with what is true. The life of faith is about *true*, and the art of being true gives great leeway for mistakes and false starts, changes of mind, visions and revisions, surprise, awe, peace of mind... not about getting it right.

Along the road of the life of faith, don’t worry about getting it right. You won’t... take courage and aim for getting it true... Right?



Parish Picnic, Aug. 31

The Parish Picnic will be at the home of Kim and Clark Kelly on Sunday, August 31, following the 10:30 service. Come to church dressed for the fun! Everyone is asked to bring a potluck dish - 'main' dish, side, salad, bread or dessert. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on, and a bathing suit if you'd like to swim in the pool or the river. Tea, lemonade and water will be provided; if you prefer other drinks, you may bring them.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PLAN TO COME! See you there!

Directions to the Kellys' home:

- From I-10 or midtown, take Dauphin Island Parkway to Clubhouse Road & turn right (BC Rain high school will be on the left/CVS on right)
- Take Clubhouse a short distance and veer right onto Riverside Drive (there will be a sign that says Riverside Community)
- Go 1.6 miles on Riverside
- Turn right onto Eloong Drive
- Eloong wiggles around to our driveway
- Brick columns with address 2466
- Go down gravel driveway to house straight ahead

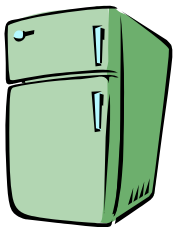


August Birthday Celebration

Prayers for those whose birthdays are in August will be offered at both services as usual on Sunday, but there will be no reception following the 10:30 service. Instead, there will be cake and singing and, perhaps, a birthday line dance at the party! Y'all come!



Got Ice?



If you are planning to go straight from church to the Parish Picnic and need to keep your potluck dish cold, the refrigerator in Stirling Hall will be available to store it until church is over. Burl Ratcliffe will be there to receive your dish before church. Be sure to label it with your name!

Sunday School begins Sept. 7

Classes for children and youth begin on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 9:20am. Godly Play is for age 4yrs through 5th grade, and meets upstairs in the Parish Hall. Sixth and seventh graders will have a Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, Sept. 6 in preparation for the Bishop's visit on the 14th. Speaking of Faith is the class for 8th-12th graders, and will be held in the Youth Room of Stirling Hall. Classes end at 10:15.

About Godly Play

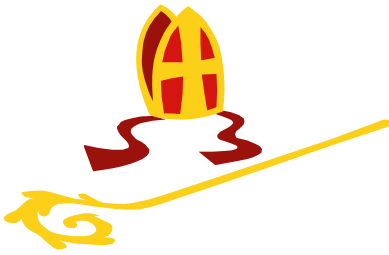
Children have an innate sense of the presence of God. The Godly Play approach helps them to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Based on Montessori principles and developed using a spiral curriculum, the Godly Play method serves children through early, middle and late childhood and beyond. Come join us!

About Speaking of Faith

An offering for youth grades 8-12, *Speaking of Faith* is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith through discussion of Scripture, tradition, and experience. We will meet in the Stirling Hall youth room starting promptly at 9:20 and ending at 10:15. The goal is to create a space where youth can ask questions, discuss their ideas, express both their faith and their doubts, reflect on the teachings of the Christian tradition, and explore opportunities for ministry within the Church and the world. The class will be led by Peter Wilson, an All Saints parishioner and Vestry member, former parish youth director, and a high school history and social studies teacher.

Food Share in September

Come help pack food bags at 7:30am on Saturday morning, September 20, just before the distribution at 8am. We'll pack the food, distribute it, and finish by 8:30.



One service only for Bishop's visitation!

The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan will make his visitation to confirm, preach and celebrate at All Saints on

September 14, 2014. This will be his last such visit with us before his retirement next year. As such, we will have **only one service** that day, at 10:30am. Please plan to be present, not only in support of those who will be confirmed, but in support of the Bishop as well. We will still have breakfast at 9am and Sunday School at 9:20 and Adult classes at 9:30.

If you would like to be confirmed or received from another denomination into the Episcopal Church, or would like to reaffirm your confirmation vows, it is not too late. The Rector's Forum, meeting bi-weekly on Tuesdays at 6pm for supper and conversation, is the primary vehicle for adult preparation. Youth in 6th grade and up who have not been confirmed are invited to attend a one-day retreat on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at the church. Please contact the Rector, Jim Flowers at rector@allsaintsmobile.org or 438-2492 for more information.

AIA Mobile Chapter donates food

During the months of July and August, the Mobile Chapter of the American Institute of Architects collected cans of food and donations of cash to purchase meat for the Food Share program at All Saints. The food was delivered this week - almost 1000 pounds of it! Many thanks to Steve Stone, Jim Bray, Louis Tooker and Nic Gray for delivering it in midday heat. Have you hugged an architect today?



Pictured, left to right: Jim Bray, the Rev. Mary Robert, Louis Tooker, Nic Gray, Steve Stone.

Lectionary Readings for Sept:

Sunday, Sept 7, 2014

Lessons: [Exodus 12:1-14](#)
[Psalm 149](#)
[Romans 13:8-14](#)
[Matthew 18:15-20](#)

Sunday, Sept 14, 2014

Lessons: [Exodus 14:19-31](#)
[Romans 14:1-12](#)
[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

Sunday, Sept 21, 2014

Lessons: [Exodus 16:2-15](#)
[Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45](#)
[Philippians 1:21-30](#)
[Matthew 20:1-16](#)

Sunday, Sept 28, 2014

Lessons: [Exodus 17:1-7](#)
[Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16](#)
[Philippians 2:1-13](#)
[Matthew 21:23-32](#)

Family Promise Serving YOU!

The annual fundraising event for IHN / Family Promise during which local 'celebrities' serve dinner in various Mobile eateries returns this month! Mark your calendars for Sept. 16 from 6-8pm, when 'celeb' Jim Flowers will serve you at T.P. Crockmiers downtown on Dauphin Street, and for Sept. 23 when 'celeb' (and big-money-raiser) Mary Robert serves at Atlanta Bread Company on Dauphin Street west of I-65. All tips earned by the guest waiters are given to Family Promise, a non-profit organization helping homeless families with children.

The Refugee Pantry

During September, we are asking for liquid or powder laundry detergent (we have none) and bathroom cleaner for the pantry. Please put it by the volunteer desk on Sundays or drop it off M-F during office hours. Thanks.

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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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.



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

September Birthdays			
1 - Tom Praytor	12 - Ben Harris	17 - Bruce Barrett	28 - Susie Pappas
2 - Linda Anderson	12 - Celeste Powers	19 - Danner Butler	29 - Lynn Slaton
4 - Geoffrey Cleverdon	12 - Emily Callaway	22 - Tessa Travis	29 - Mark Taylor
6 - Henry Perkins	12 Anne Katherine Butterworth	22 - Jane Bartlett Pappas	29 - Elizabeth Doyle
6 - John O Pomerat	13 - Pam Ayres	22 - Elise Doyle	29 - Breck Pappas
10 - Rhett Flowers	13 - Mattie Mitchell	23 - Maurice Branscomb	30 - John Caddell
10 - Christian Stanbery	14 - Laura Carsten Mahrenbach	23 - Cecil Gardner	
11 - William Kelly	14 - David Reeves	23 - Mary Margaret Brown	

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.

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

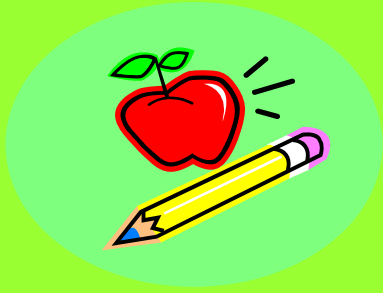
(corner of Government & Ann)

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.





September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Office closed	2	3 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	4 12N Al-Anon 4p Adv. Trebles Choir 7p AA, Smith Rm	5	6
7 13th Sun after Pentecost 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	8	9 4p Beg. Trebles Choir 6p Rector's Forum	10 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	11 12N Al-Anon 4p Adv. Trebles Choir 7p AA, Smith Rm	12	13 10:30a PFLAG
IHN / Family Promise Week hosted by All Saints but held at Central Presbyterian Church , Dauphin & Ann Streets						
14 14th Sun after Pentecost 8a NO SERVICE! 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist & Confirmation Reception follows <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">IHN Week</div>	15 6p Vestry mtg	16 4p Beg. Trebles Choir 6-8p Serving YOU! @ T.P. Crockmiers (Jim)	17 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	18 12N Al-Anon 4p Adv. Trebles Choir 7p AA, Smith Rm	19	20 7:30a Food Share packing and distribution
21 15th Sun after Pentecost 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	22 6p 15 Place Board	23 4p Beg. Trebles Choir 6p Rector's Forum 6-8p Serving YOU! @ Atlanta Bread (Mary)	24 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	25 12N Al-Anon 4p Adv. Trebles Choir 7p AA, Smith Rm	26	27
28 16th Sun after Pentecost 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Birthday Reception	29	30 4p Beg. Trebles Choir				



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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)