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2011 Budget passes council unanimously

[MSE] The 184rd Annual Council adopted a \$2,316,544.00 budget in Jackson on January 29th which carries a deficit of \$12,744.

Diocesan Treasurer Ed Thurmond presented budget details at council which contained some new investments in college chaplaincies, particularly Delta State University and the University of Southern Mississippi.

The establishment of a Hispanic Ministry line item was also included in the 2011 budget which will aid in the strengthening of Latino/Hispanic ministry in the diocese with emphasis being given to Rankin and Scott Counties.

As Thurman stated last year, if all 83 congregations would meet the norm and give 15% of their operating budget another half million dollars would be generated for the diocese to use for the benefit of mission and ministry.

To view the budget in its entirety, please see the January issue of The Mississippi Episcopalian which may be found online at dioms.org.



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Over 2,000 Episcopalians from all over the Diocese of Mississippi Gathered for the Closing Eucharist of the 184 Annual Council at the Jackson Convention Center.

Bishop highlights new initiatives in opening address

By Scott Lenoir

In his opening address Friday, January 28 at the Jackson Convention Center, Bishop Duncan Gray III reviewed the ministry of the diocese in 2010 and also addressed new initiatives which he looked forward to in the year to come.

"An important part of my job is to offer resources that will contribute to the health and vitality of the local congregations. To that end, we have expanded certain programs in the coming year and will initiate new ones with the primary purpose of strengthening local congregations," said Bishop Gray to the clergy and lay deputation gathered in Jackson for the 184th Annual Council.

The Bishop emphasized the importance of participation in congregational development through the Cooperative College of Congregational Development, a weeklong in depth program housed at Gray Center and sponsored by six surrounding dioceses. "[Through these programs] we are developing locally trained stewardship consultants that are available to assist with year round stewardship programs," Gray said.

Bishop Gray also said that a partnership with the Diocese of Texas and the Seminary of the Southwest will enable an alternative track for ordination to be used in certain circumstances.

Work with youth is the second largest line item in the budget, and Gray said that an investment this year will be made to begin college chaplaincies at the University of Southern Mississippi and Delta State University.

"Those new initiatives grew out of the commitment of local congregations - Calvary, Cleveland; Ascension and Trinity Churches, Hattiesburg - but are funded through the giving of congregations throughout this diocese."

Provisions for expanding adult ministry will be made through the Bishop's plans for a series of conversations to begin with young adults this spring. Bishop Gray wants to gather young adult's thoughts regarding revitalizing this facet of diocesan ministry. Gray said that the Bishop's Mission Corps is still "alive in my heart and mind," but that the program is lying dormant for now.

The Bishop cited three churches in the diocese which are growing in these troubling economic times: Good Shepherd, Columbus; St. Francis, Philadelphia; and St. Timothy's, South Haven. "This investment in mission and growth has been the hallmark of Executive Committee decisions around funding.

Racial Reconciliation

Highlighted near the opening of the address, in light of the 50th anniversary of many civil rights events, was the Bishop's invitation to all in the Church to look honestly at our past, what we have done and what we have left undone, and to "recommit ourselves in word and action to building a church and a society that respects the dignity of every human being.

"This work of racial reconciliation is much harder than we first imagine, because it requires an honesty, a vulnerability, and a capacity to listen that

does not come easily to us. Yet, I believe it is part of the foundational work that we have been called to do in this place in our time."

The Racial Reconciliation Task Force is a resource for congregations to use as we begin to remember, along with the rest of our society, the events of the early sixties which shaped Mississippi history.

Outreach

Also planned for 2011 is a reorganization of the diocese's outreach ministry. In the past, the Diocese has used a local Outreach Foundation to help with the needs of local congregations doing outreach work as well as to aid in helping response to crisis situations.

"We will look to redevelop an Outreach Foundation that will assist local congregations with ideas, consultants and start up funding for new outreach initiatives."

Also involved in this plan, according to Gray is to better utilize "one of the great resources of our church, our deacons, in the broadening of our servant ministries."

Gray acknowledged that the diocese's partnership with Lutheran Episcopal Services of Mississippi (LESM), has served the Church and the state well, especially in the post-Katrina rebuilding. However, the Bishop's plan to reorganize the Diocese's outreach ministry will bring disaster relief response back into the hands of local parishes with diocesan

Bishop's opening address,

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Notes & Quotes

By Jim Carrington



As this is being written Episcopalians all across the Mississippi are gearing up to head to Jackson to participate in a vital activity of our church, one that sets our policies and elects key

leaders. That activity is the 184th Annual Council of the Diocese of Mississippi. I know that all Episcopalians will not be involved in Council, but in the years to come I encourage more and more of our parishioners to take part in Councils as delegates or simply as visitors. As someone recently said, "There's nothing like being among some 2000 Episcopalians at a Closing Eucharist of Council." I agree it is an awesome experience, but Council is more than just the Closing Eucharist. It is a weekend of shared worship, learning, business and fun for all in attendance. It is a time to see old friends, to make new friends and to learn more about our Church.

Upcoming events and activities across the Diocese include Mardi Gras parties at **Redeemer, Brookhaven; St. Andrew's, Jackson; and St. Philip's, Jackson.** **Redeemer, Brookhaven** is also hosting a Life Line Screening event for Brookhaven residents where five safe, painless and non-invasive preventive health screenings are provided at a very affordable cost.

A special dance theater production will be presented February 17-20 at Fulton Chapel on the University of Mississippi campus by Jennifer Mizenko, a parishioner of **St. Peter's, Oxford.** It is a production based on a mission trip she took with six other parishioners to Uganda in the fall of 2009, representing the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi. This collaborative work between the Department of Theatre Arts and the

Department of Art will expose the audience to the heart and soul of Uganda; it's beauty, its complexity, it's people and especially it's children.

St. John's, Laurel will be conducting a Candlemas and Blessing of Throats on February 2. At this service they will celebrate the Feast of the Purification of the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary. All the candles to be used in the church for the coming year will be blessed in a beautiful service of light. During the service, following the ancient traditions of the Church, they will also offer the Blessing of the Throats in honor of Saint Blaise. This is a healing rite in which the priest offers prayers for health for individual persons.

Holy Trinity, Vicksburg has announced a book signing at Lorelei Books on May 13, where Araminta Stone Johnston will discuss and sign her recent book, *And One Was a Priest: The Life and Times of Duncan M. Gray, Jr.*

A Valentine's Day Party will be held at the State Hospital on February 12 by **St. Philip's, Jackson.** In addition to party foods, the patients involved will be given gifts and "happies" such as new socks, notepads, puzzle books, travel lotions and shampoos that are provided by parishioners.

As **Trinity, Natchez** welcomes a new rector, they are planning a "pounding" where they will collect pounds of food to stock the pantry of their new priest's family. What a great idea.

St. James', Greenville will be offering a 5-part video and discussion series with Marcus Borg entitled "Embracing an Adult Faith." This is a study of what it means to be a Christian.

Although we moved beyond Christmas and New Years, there were two quotes I found in newsletters that I felt were worthy of inclusion in this month's Notes and Quotes.

The Work of Christmas
By Howard Thurman
When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,

When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

St. Peter's, Oxford

From **Trinity, Yazoo City,**
A Brand New Year

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last 12 months. All you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it, but with more determination. All the good you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all you hoped but did not will, all the faith you claimed but did not have - these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am giving you opportunity to renew your allegiance to him who said, "See, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5, NRSV) -Author unknown

The Rev. Wilson Webb, **St. Stephen's, Indianola**, writes: "As the new Narthex doors were being installed, a visitor wandered by our entrance to look at the work. He said he was not a member of any particular denomination; that he just wanted to see the work in progress. He asked if he could see the inside of St. Stephen's and I was most happy to oblige. We stopped at the center of the church and he said, 'I never knew what kind of church this was, but when I saw that time, money and effort was being spent, I felt this must be an Anglican Church. Why do you Episcopalians still care about the beauty of the inside of the church?'"

I told him I believe we still care about this old church because we are not yet perfect and while we are still on this earthly pilgrimage, we need things and places which still inspire, that transform and sanctify those of us who need symbols. We need this place of beauty to give a foretaste of the Hope of Heaven. We need to see that in this life some things are permanent, like the love of God and the promise of Eternal Life."

The following comes from **Nativity, Greenwood.** Within this quote is included words from Nikosi Johnson, a South African boy who lived his entire 12 years with AIDS: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. As you follow Christ into the ordinary structures of your life, 'Do all you can with what you have in the time you have in the place you are. You are a gift from God to this troubled world.'" And in conclusion, two bits of humor to lighten your heart.

On Intelligent Creationism, from Grace, Canton

God is sitting in Heaven when a scientist says to Him, "Lord, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing. In other words, we can now do what You did in the 'beginning.'"

"Oh, is that so? Tell Me..." replies God.

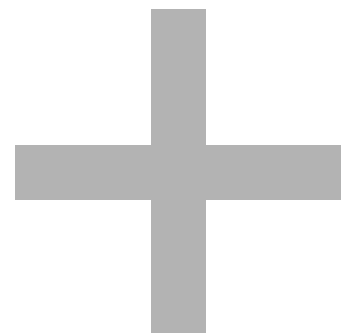
"Well," says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of You and breathe life into it, thus creating man."

"That's interesting. Show Me," says God.

So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil.

"Oh no, no, no...." interrupts God, "get your own dirt!"

From **Nativity, Greenwood** comes a story about the son of Dr. Mike and Mary Rose Carter. When the Carters moved back to Greenwood many years ago after Dr. Mike got out of the Air Force, a question of where the family would attend church was a community interest. All expectations were that once in Greenwood the Carters would rejoin the Presbyterian Church. To get the scoop, a member of First Presbyterian decided to quiz little Walter about where he went to church. Without missing a beat, Walter replied, "I go to Early Church." The Carters are long-time members of Nativity, Greenwood and one may find them at the principle service too. Their son Walter now lives in Washington, D.C.



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The Bishop's Journal

December 23 - Finish Christmas shopping, then go to hospital to stay the evening with my mother.

December 24 - Hospital in morning. Travel to Gray Center to help with a personal project. Finish sermon in afternoon. Hospital visit with mother in early evening, then preach and celebrate at "Midnight Mass" at St. Andrew's Cathedral which was particularly meaningful to me this year.

December 25 - Very relaxed and quiet Christmas morning. Kathy, Tabitha and I take Christmas dinner to my mother and father in the hospital. Very special time. I spend the night in the hospital.

December 26 - Hospital in the morning. Peter and Julianna arrive in the afternoon for an overnight visit. Wonderful to see them both.

Check in with my sister Anne and my brother Lloyd who have arrived for a few days to be with our mother.

December 27 - Up early to the hospital, then afternoon is free as we prepare for arrival of Duncan, IV, Amber and our granddaughters, Harper and Sadie, tomorrow.

December 28 - In the office in the morning. Meet with Mr. Ron Walsh. In the afternoon, I get my required foster parent training in CPR and first aid.

Grays, IV arrive in the evening.

December 29 - Travel to Yazoo City with Tabitha to participate in a prayer vigil at Trinity Church for the people of Southern Sudan as they prepare for their referendum on independence January 9, 2011. The struggles of these people and their faithfulness are an extraordinary witness.

Afternoon with family.

December 30 - Office is closed. Family time.

December 31 - New Year's Eve. Family time. Big Camp Bratton-Green Alumni Association party at Gray Center gives Kathy and me a great opportunity to have a "sleep over" with our granddaughters.

January 1 - New Year's Day celebrated with Duncan, Amber and the girls with football, hop-pin' john, cornbread and turnip greens. This must be what heaven will be like.

January 2 - Early morning eucharist in cognito, then morning with family. Learn of the death of the Rev. Mike Dobrosky, a faithful priest and friend. May he "go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service."

Drive to Clinton to spend some time with Barb Dobrosky at their home.

January 3 - Mostly free day. Spend some time beginning work on Diocesan Council.

January 4 - Receive call of distress from parents early in the morning and spend most of the day

with personal family matters relating to my mother's illness.

January 5 - Drive to Gray Center to spend the morning with the Discernment Committee of the Commission on Ministry. It is very helpful to listen to their prayerful discussions reflecting on their interviews with aspirants for holy orders. They will be making formal recommendations to me later, but listening to their discerning conversations is very important to this whole process.

Return to town to assist my parents in interviews with caregivers. Conference call during the afternoon regarding General Convention reform.

January 6 - Work on my address to Diocesan Council in the morning. Join with several Sudanese and other members of St. Andrew's Cathedral to celebrate the eucharist on the Feast of Epiphany and offer special intentions for the peaceful referendum in Sudan beginning this weekend. Very special worship in both Dinka and English languages.

Afternoon appointment with seminarian John Kellogg and his fiancée, Brittany. Afternoon conversation with George Penick re St. Andrew's School.

January 7 - Morning appointment with the Rev. Kathleen Potts. Later I visit with John Lever and the Rev. Janet Ott. Midday meeting with a group of clergy to evaluate our Annual Clergy Conference and to begin planning for next year.

Arrive at airport to pick up my daughter, Tabitha, returning from a post Christmas visit with her aunt and the Sudanese community in Dallas. Afternoon appointment with John Juarwel.

Peter and Julianna arrive to celebrate Kathy's 60th birthday tomorrow.

January 8 - Leave early to dodge Blues Marathon traffic and drive to Meridian for the funeral of the Rev. Michael Dobrosky at the Church of the Mediator. It is an occasion of deep gratitude for Mike's faithful witness concluding with his specially ordered "Fish Fry Celebration" following the service.

Return home to Jackson to visit with family celebrating Kathy's birthday. Duncan, Amber and the girls leave early for Oxford anticipating approaching winter storm.

January 9 - Forecasts of severe weather that had begun falling forces cancellation and postponement of my travel and visits to Indianola and Kosciusko. At home most of the day.

January 10 - In the morning assist my father in taking my mother back to the hospital. At hospital all day.

January 11 - Staff meetings in the morning.

Afternoon in the office until leaving for the hospital. I ask Canons Johnson and McCormick to lead the pre-Council gathering in Biloxi without me as I stay close by my parents.

January 12 - Morning session with diaconal postulant Josie Williams. Midday meeting with participants in our Fresh Start program. Again, ask to be excused from my pre-Council commitment in Indianola. Canon Johnson and McCormick carry on without me.

January 13 - Spend most of the day at home working on my address to Diocesan Council. Return to the office in the afternoon and ride with staff to Laurel for our pre-Council gathering at St. John's. Home to Jackson late.

January 14 - Worked on Diocesan Council address and sermon much of the day. Afternoon appointment with seminarian Van Bankston.

January 15 - Celebrated and officiated at the ordination of our new class of deacons - Josie Williams, Deborah Hanson, Patricia Cantrell and Lynn Phillips-Gaines. An overflow crowd at the Cathedral helped make this an extraordinary moment.

The Rev. David Knight who was scheduled to be the preacher for the service, but who could not be here as a result of recent surgery, sent me his sermon to preach. It was very special to me to be the instrument though which Father Knight spoke God's word to those gathered.

January 16 - Up very early to travel to Picayune for pre-worship meeting with the vestry of St. Paul's. We needed to gather to discuss the temporary medical leave of absence of their rector, the Rev. Kathleen Potts, recently ordered by her physician.

At the eucharist following, I preached and celebrated as the congregation renewed their baptismal vows. A great lunch followed the service. I visited briefly with the Rev. Jervis Burns who will be filling in during the rector's absence.

Head north to Kosciusko for a make-up visit from the ice-cancelling Sunday before. Arrive just in time for the service. I preach, baptize a little boy, celebrate and receive one into this church. Small churches on occasions like this provide an extraordinary intimacy for all concerned.

Dinner follows with good and faithful folk. Drive home late on the Natchez Trace in rain and fog is not one I care to repeat.

January 17 - Take the morning off, then return to work on Council address. In the evening, I join Canons Johnson and McCormick at the pre-Council gathering of the Central Convocation at St. Columb's, Ridgeland. Good turnout and great spirit.

January 18 - Staff meetings in the morning. Conversation with the Rev. Ann Whitaker and her husband, Jerry in the afternoon. Late afternoon appointment with Mr. Julian Rankin. Rushed to the hospital after hearing that a retired priest was being brought to Jackson from another town. Missed my scheduled pre-Council trip to the Old River Convocation gathering in Port Gibson.

January 19 - Annual consultations with the Rev. Canon Bryan Owen and the Rev. Deacon James Henry LeBatard. In the afternoon travel with Canons Johnson and McCormick to Aberdeen where we conduct the last of our pre-Council meetings with a nice crowd from the Tombigbee Convocation. Home to Jackson very late. Glad that Canon Johnson is a good chauffeur!

January 20 - Finish work on Council address in the morning. Afternoon appointment with members of the Racial Reconciliation Task Force. In the evening meet with the rector and the vestry of St. Columb's, Ridgeland.

January 21 - Spend most of the day with aspirants for holy orders who have recently interviewed with the Discernment Committee of the Commission on Ministry. Late afternoon session with Canons Johnson and McCormick and Chancellor Granville Tate to think through the agenda for the next weekend's Diocesan Council at this point all looks in good shape.

January 22 - Drive to McComb to ordain to the priesthood the Rev. Chris Robinson. The congregation of Mediator-Redeemer has been an excellent position in recent years for new young clergy to begin their ordained ministries. A very large congregation heard a sermon by the Rev. Joe Robinson, former dean of St. Andrew's Cathedral and father of the ordained. A very happy celebration.

Returned to Jackson in the late afternoon.

January 23 - Up very early to drive to Aberdeen for my annual visitation to St. John's where I preach, celebrate and lead the congregation in a renewal of baptismal vows. Abundant lunch is part of a good time of visiting afterwards.

I manage to watch the first half of a football game at the home of a friend before traveling to Columbus for a visitation to the Church of the Good Shepherd. I am delighted that the growth of this congregation has encouraged a partnership with our Executive Committee to increase funding that is a move toward a full time priest. I preach, celebrate and receive one. Very fine dinner afterwards - such are the challenges and rewards of this job!

Home to Jackson late.

January 24 - Day off.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

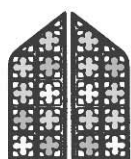
Donald Levester Crowe, 82, communicant of St. James, Greenville, died December 24, 2010.

Anne Ross Gee McGee, 75, communicant of St. James, Greenville, died December 27, 2010.

Earl William Fowler, 85, communicant of St. James', Jackson, died December 28, 2010.

Enid (Nan) Cain Roques, 89, communicant of Mediator-Redeemer, McComb, died January 2, 2011.

Dr. Zelma Turner Howard, 92, communicant of Redeemer, Greenville, died January 10, 2011



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Keep the Sabbath: your soul needs to catch up

By Janet C. Nail

I just got my new driver's license, and I would like to make a deal with the Department of Motor Vehicles: I will quit driving a car if they will quit taking my picture!

Not only did I look old-I can deal with that; I am old!-but I looked so tired and stressed that I wonder that they trusted me enough to give me a license to drive!

What happened?

I have a theory that I have been caught up in the curse of the twentieth century that has bled over into the twenty-first century: be productive 24/7, and don't slow down or you will get run over.

Look around you. Few smiles, tense faces, tired eyes.

Understandable. We get up at 5:00 in the morning to be at work early, we work through lunch, maybe grabbing a sandwich as we frown at the computer. We leave work late, taking a briefcase of work home with us. Maybe we watch a television show, maybe we don't have time (all that work we brought home, remember?). We go to bed at midnight, tossing and turning as we try to sleep a few hours before the clock alarms.

Stop! This is not the way it is supposed to be! Remember, after God worked six days to create the world, He then created a day of rest.

He gave us the Sabbath.

Of course, being human we began to make the Sabbath as rigid and strenuous as the rest of the week. (Watching people to be sure they weren't doing things that were fun on the Sabbath is wearing, you know!) But that is not what God intended!

The Sabbath is a time to stop, to rest and remember, to wait until your soul catches up with you. You must remember it in order to keep it holy.

Donna Schaper, in *Sabbath Keeping* (Cowley Publications, 1999) introduces the keeping of the Sabbath today. In this brief (94 pages) book she offers ways of keeping the Sabbath that are fresh, yet timeless; she reminds us that the Sabbath is a way of living, not a list to complete or a thing to do. Instead, Sabbath is setting aside time for God.

Since all time belongs to God, how can we say that we set aside a special day or time as the Sabbath? According to Schaper, we are called upon to pay attention, to step back from the frenetic pace of life and listen to God, to offer our time to Him.

The Sabbath in the wilderness of the Exodus was meant to identify the Jews as people set apart by God, a distinctive people. To maintain their identity, they felt that they had to be rigid in enforcing the Sabbath, to the point of stoning a man who picked up sticks on that day on which one could do no work (Numbers 15:32-36). They were instructed to follow strict rules about what to do, what to wear, what to say on the Sabbath.



What does this mean to us, to our culture of busy, busy, busy? Our children have soccer practice on Sundays, there is that Sunday football game, the mall is open and this is our only day to shop, we have to work. Are we truly a distinctive people, a people who are dedicated to God? We can keep the Sabbath only if we do so deliberately.

Schaper begins her approach to keeping the Sabbath with music. So many of us, even those who have drifted away from the church, remain attached to our faith through music. Even now I can sing most of the hymns in the Broadman Hymnal; not well, but I can sing them! I can feel myself relax when I put the CD of chant on player. And Handel's "Messiah" sweeps almost everyone away.

Schaper even says that she believes most people worship in church for the sake of the music. They will put up with liturgical innovation, even bad preaching, but they do not like their music changed unless they have a part in changing it. (How do you feel when a familiar hymn has a different tune?)

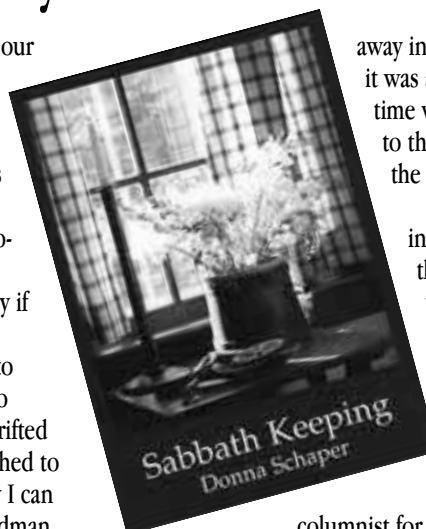
Her chapter "Decluttering as Sabbath" really spoke to me. She defines decluttering as clearing away the less important things to make way for the more important. Since the clutter that interferes with our time for God tends to be mental clutter, we need to look at our lives. Have we neglected to make decisions about what is important? This leads to physical clutter that burdens us, as well as the crowded calendar that keeps us from deciding what is really important. Sometimes we need to clear our calendars, clean our closets, sweep our floors to make room for God.

Why does Schaper not mention prayer until the middle of the book? Prayer is the most traditional way to keep the Sabbath. I believe music comes first in the book because music is the most visceral form of prayer; then we must clear our minds and our lives of those extraneous activities and barriers to prayer. Then we can pray.

Whether we pray a grace before meals, the Daily Office, the Rosary, the Labyrinth, prayer sets aside time for God. We pause in our hurry to speak to and to listen to God. Communal worship is our first thought when we mention prayer, but praying as a family is a vital part of Sabbath keeping. Allowing children to see that their lives are important to God and that He wants to hear them helps them to develop a Sabbath frame of mind.

Throughout the book Donna Schaper stresses that the Sabbath may not be Sunday. It may not be a full day. But we are called to remember the Sabbath. Only by remembering it can we keep it holy. Otherwise it becomes a day to sit at home and watch television!

Keeping is remembering. My grandmother used to keep the graves of her parents tidy, going to the cemetery with clippers, trowel, basket, and flowers. She pulled weeds, clipped the grass, planted bulbs, placed flowers on the graves, then carried all the weeds and clippings



away in her basket. I believe it was a Sabbath for her, a time when she connected to the holy. Remember the Sabbath, keep it alive.

If you are wondering how you can keep the Sabbath amid all that you have to do, I recommend another small book: *Slowing Down In A Speeded Up World* (Conari Press, 1994).

Adair Lara, a

columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle, asked her readers how they cope with

the frenetic pace of modern life, and compiled the answers in this book. And what they said is that they found a Sabbath. Whether weeding a garden, embroidering a cushion for a friend, waxing the floor, ironing, cooking, following a small child-they moved into a time of focus that brought them closer to the holy.

Combine these two books to find your own way of keeping the Sabbath. Slow down. Relax. Sing a little, pray a lot. Set aside a time to be with God.

Maybe I will look a little more serene when I next renew my driver's license. And maybe they will let me keep my glasses on.



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support which will be led by the Rev. Carol Spencer.

"I believe it is time for us to find better ways to resource local congregations. Thus, several of the ministries of LESM may be reincorporated into our diocesan ministries. The most visible of which will be our disaster preparedness coordination which will be headed by the Rev. Deacon Carol Spencer."

Evangelism

As reported in the January issue of The Mississippi Episcopalian, Bishop Gray is setting into motion a revival of the diocese's Latino/Hispanic ministry initiative.

Gray recalled that fifteen years ago, St. Peter's, Oxford began a Spanish-speaking ministry which still continues today. The Rev. Bruce McMillan, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Holly Springs, has served for almost nine years celebrating the Holy Eucharist every Sunday for the service. McMillan has taken several Spanish courses and has also taken courses focusing on Hispanic ministry.

The Rev. Deacon Penny Sisson, St. Peter's Oxford, has been with the Spanish-speaking congregation in Oxford since its inception.

Bishop Gray stated that 20 clergy in the diocese committed to learning Spanish at last year's annual clergy conference. All of this is in response to the reality that Bishop Gray pointed out clearly in his address:

"Now, regardless of your own thoughts on the ongoing immigration debate, the fact that by 2050, 30% of our nation will be Spanish-speaking requires that we ask what is God saying to our church in this moment of time."

Gray announced that in the coming year, he looks forward to calling a Latino/Hispanic missionary and to establish at least one Spanish-speaking congregation.

"Some preliminary conversations have been held with the vestry of St. Luke's, Brandon about hosting this initiative. I am deeply grateful for their willingness to entertain this possibility.

"My deepest hope is that this ministry not be set apart in one or two specific places within this diocese, but that all of us have eyes to see these extraordinary changes taking place in the makeup of our communities and [that] prayerful hearts [are] able to ask what that most foundational of all biblical values - hospitality for the stranger - means for our church today.

"It is my most fervent hope that what appears to be a fear-based, politically motivated approach to the challenges of immigration will have no place in our churches. That is not who we are. That is not who we are called to be. Our Lord's words - 'I was a stranger, and you welcomed me,' makes no reference to immigration papers."

To read the complete text of the Bishop's address, please log on the Diocese of Mississippi website, dioms.org.

Cursillo UPDATE!

A Cursillo Leadership Training will be held at St. Philip's on Old Canton Road in Jackson on Saturday, February 19th. Registration will begin at 8:30am and the meeting will conclude at 2:00pm. Anyone who is interested in being an Ultreya Rector, Weekend Rector, Head ChaCha or any other position in the Servant Community is encouraged to attend. Please contact Shaula Hailey at Shaula-Cursillo@comcast.net if you are interested or have any questions. We will need to get an approximate head count to make lunch plans.

Please prayerfully consider Sponsorship to the upcoming Cursillo #120 that will be held April 28-May 1 at Gray Center. Barbara McDonald will be the Weekend Lay Rector and Bishop Gray will be serving on Staff as one of the Spiritual Directors.

Send applications in as soon as possible. All forms can be found on the Cursillo Web Site: www.cursillo.dioms.org, and should be mailed to the P.O.Box. Also, if anyone is not receiving Cursillo e-mail updates and would like to, please add their contact information to the Cursillo Google Group by clicking on the envelope found on the homepage. All information comes from the Diocesan Office so is protected from spam.

A Date To Remember: Thursday, March 3, 2011

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Preparedness, relief and response goal of new outreach initiative

By Carol Borne Spencer

Having learned much from our relationship with Lutheran Episcopal Services in Mississippi following Katrina, Mississippi Episcopalians will be moving in a new direction by forming our own diocesan team for Disaster Preparedness, Relief and Response. We have individuals who are experienced and will be working through convocations and congregations to catalog and organize our wealth of assets and talents. We will be developing a diocesan plan that will have close ties with local congregation.

Individuals are now being tapped and we will be working in the near future with trainers from Episcopal Relief and Development. When called, please respond to requests for input and assistance. We pray that Mississippi will be spared future disasters, but in the event we are hit with a hurricane, oil spill, tornadoes, earth quakes or any form of bioterrorism, our leaders and congregations will have a plan, designated leaders and a direction to follow. Look for details in future issues of the Mississippi Episcopalian.

If you are interested in working in this most important ministry, please email The Rev. Carol Borne Spencer at cbstew@bellsouth.net or call 601-940-2372 (Ex. 132).

The Rev. Carol Borne Spencer is the Deacon for Outreach at St. Andrew's Cathedral.



Betsy Enochs Robichaux, Dr. Chip Legget and Jane Hayes are pictured with other members of the 2011 Honduras Medical Mission at a retreat at Gray Center in January. The team will spend Feb. 12th -19th in Honduras. This year's mission is sponsored by Chapel of the Cross, Madison. Please keep the team and all whom they serve in your prayers.

O GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy Catholic Church; that thou wouldest be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

Amen
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ANNUAL COUNCIL NEWS

184th Annual Council Election Results

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Mr. Ed Thurmond, St. Mary's, Lexington

Trustee of the Diocese
Mr. John Davis, St. Paul's, Columbus

Sewanee Trustee
The Rev. David Elliott, retired, Jackson

Executive Committee
The Rev. Luther Ott, St. Paul's, Meridian
The Rev. Matt Rowe, Nativity, Greenwood
Dr. Stephen Stray, St. Andrew's, Jackson
Mr. Jim Wheeler, Redeemer, Biloxi

Standing Committee
The Rev. Robert Wetherington, Delta Missioner
The Very Rev. Bruce McMillan, Christ, Holly Springs, one-year
Ms. Sheri Cox, St. James, Jackson

General Convention Deputies
The Rev. Canon David Johnson, Diocesan Office
The Rev. David Knight, St. Patrick's, Long Beach
The Very Rev. Edward O'Conner, St. Andrew's, Jackson
The Rev. Marian Fortner, Trinity, Hattiesburg
Canon Kathryn McCormick, St. Andrew's, Jackson; Diocesan Office
Dr. Ed Sisson; St. Peter's, Oxford
Dr. Anita George; Resurrection, Starkville
Mrs. Margaret McLarty, St. Andrew's, Jackson

General Convention Alternates
The Rev. Margaret Ayers, St. James, Port Gibson
The Rev. Elizabeth Wheatley-Jones, All Saints, Grenada
The Rev. Matt Rowe, Nativity, Greenwood
The Rev. Betsy Baumgarten, Delta Missioner; Leland, Hollandale
Mr. Danny Meadors, St. Patrick's, Long Beach
Mrs. Bobbie Marascalco, Holy Trinity, Vicksburg
Mrs. Hilda Povall, Calvary, Cleveland
Mr. Jack Conway, St. Philip's, Jackson

Credentials

Active Clergy 102
Non parochial Clergy 3
Retired Clergy 6

TOTAL CLERGY..... 111

52 parishes represented by	140	registered Delegates
and	97	registered Alternates
21 missions represented by	21	registered Delegates
and	16	registered Alternates
0 mission stations have	0	representatives

TOTAL LAY MEMBERS 274

7 convocations represented by	58	Young Churchmen
9 colleges and universities	14	special representatives
	221	visitors

0 Special guests

TOTAL NUMBER OF GUESTS 293

Host parish workers 350

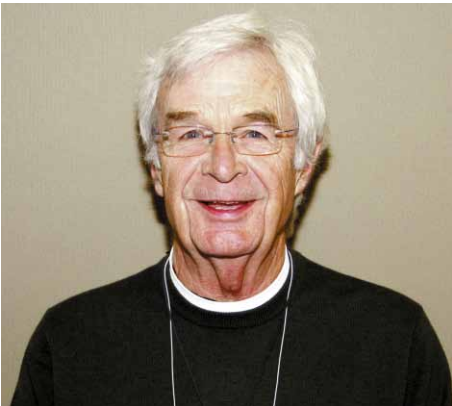
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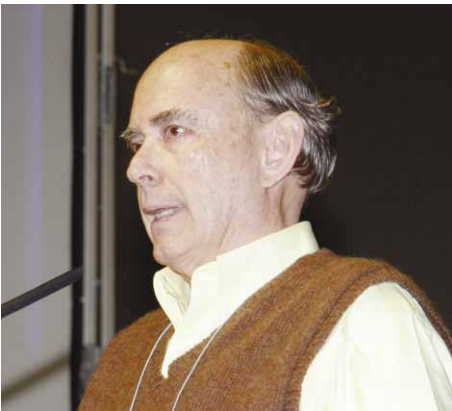
Pictured above is the newly elected General Convention deputation. Kathryn McCormick and David Johnson are not pictured. Please see the Final Election results for specifics.



New Diocesan Trustee: John Davis, St. Paul's, Columbus.



The Rev. David Elliott was elected Sewanee Trustee.



Ed Thurmond was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese.



Executive Committee members elected were Jim Wheeler, Redeemer, Biloxi; Dr. Stephen Stray, St. Andrew's, Cathedral, Jackson; the Rev. Luther Ott, St. Paul's, Meridian and the Rev. Matt Rowe, Nativity, Greenwood (not pictured.).



The Rev. Bruce McMillan, Christ Church, Holly Springs; Sheri Cox, St. James', Jackson; and The Rev. Robert Wetherington, Delta Missioner were elected to the Standing Committee.

2011 COUNCIL MEMORIES



Annual Council Clergy hosts: the Rev'ds Chuck Culpepper, St. Alexis, Jackson; Richard Middleton, St. Mark's, Jackson; Brian Seage, St. Columb's, Ridgeland; Christopher Powell, St. James', Jackson.



New Lay Worship Leaders were installed at Council.



Sheri Cox and Del Harrington, a.k.a. The Council Queens (co-chairs of the 184 Annual Council), take time to enjoy Saturday nights Bar-B-Que at St. James'.



The Rev. Sandra DePriest, Mike Crawford, Cindy Crawford and Jonnie Schoenrock of Good Shepherd, Columbus accept a Congregations for Children certificate from Bishop Gray at Annual. Good Shepherd is the latest parish to join this diocesan ministry focusing on the needs of children.



"It was the greatest thing I've ever seen, and the worst thing I've ever heard," lamented Edward O'Connor who managed to raise a \$1000.00 for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund from people who wanted to bear the Rev. Canon David Johnson sing the most abysmal rendition of Unchained Melody ever unleashed. Note the look of intense bewilderment on the face of band leader Hunter Gibson.



CANON FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TITLE IV

Title IV of the Canons for the Government of The Episcopal Church, entitled Ecclesiastical Discipline, prescribes standards and procedures for enforcing the ordination vows taken by members of the clergy by which they undertake special responsibilities and accountabilities for doctrine, discipline, worship and obedience. Title IV was comprehensively revised by the 76th General Convention in Resolution 2009-A185 to take effect on July 1, 2011. Revised Title IV may be found at pages 123-66 of the 2009 edition of the Constitution & Canons of the Episcopal Church, which may be accessed online at <http://extranet.generalconvention.org/staff/files/download/648>. The revision requires each Diocese to create an ecclesiastical court to be known as the Disciplinary Board and prescribes certain criteria as to its membership. These criteria and other matters treated by revised Title IV require a complete revision of Canon 40 of the Canons of the Diocese of Mississippi. This resolution is submitted to the 184th Annual Council in order to prepare for the transition to the new title and to provide for the interim appointment by the Bishop and ultimate election of the new Disciplinary Board by the 185th and subsequent Annual Councils.

WHEREAS, the General Convention has comprehensively revised Title IV effective July 1, 2011, it is therefore RESOLVED, that, effective July 1, 2011, Canon 40 of the Canons of the Diocese of Mississippi is hereby repealed in its entirety, and the following Canon 40 entitled “Ecclesiastical Discipline” is hereby approved and adopted effective July 1, 2011; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that, notwithstanding its repeal, current Canon 40 shall remain in effect after July 1, 2011, only to the extent necessary to comply with Canon 20 of Title IV.

CANON 40 ECCLESIASTICAL DISCIPLINE

Section 1. Adopted by reference to be the disciplinary Canons of this Diocese, and incorporated herein as if copied in full in words and figures, is Title IV of the Constitution and Canons for the Government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, otherwise known as The Episcopal Church, in its form effective on July 1, 2011, and as thereafter amended.

Section 2. The Disciplinary Board of the Diocese is hereby created and shall consist of seven persons, four of whom are members of the Clergy and three of whom are Lay Communicants. No member of the Standing Committee shall serve as a member of the Board.

(a) Those members of the Board who are members of the Clergy shall be canonically and geographically resident in the Diocese.

(b) Those members of the Board who are Lay Communicants shall be enrolled confirmed adults who are communicants in good standing and geographically resident in the Diocese.

Section 3.

(a) The members of the Board initially shall be appointed by the Bishop at the 184th Council, subsequent to the enactment of this Canon. The terms of office of the Board shall be staggered and arranged into classes. The Bishop shall appoint two members of the Clergy for three-year terms; one member of the Clergy for a two-year term; and one member of the Clergy for a one-year term. The Bishop shall also appoint one Lay Communicant for a three-year term; one Lay Communicant for a two-year term; and one Lay Communicant for a one-year term. The Bishop’s appointments are subject to the approval of Council.

(b) Beginning with the 185th Council, expiring terms on the Board shall be filled by election of Council. Each member shall be elected for a three-year term; except, if a member is elected by Council to fill a vacancy, the term of such member shall be the unexpired term of the member being replaced. The terms of the members shall commence at the adjournment of the electing Council, except the terms of the members appointed prior to July 1, 2011 shall commence on July 1, 2011, and shall end at the adjournment of Council at which a successor is elected.

(c) Election of members of the Board shall be according to the Rules of Order.

(d) All persons appointed or elected to the Board shall be eligible to be re-elected upon the expiration of their terms.

Section 4. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled as follows:

(a) Upon the determination that a vacancy exists, the President of the Board shall notify the Bishop of the vacancy and request appointment of a replacement member of the same order as the member to be replaced.

(b) The Bishop shall appoint a replacement Board member in consultation with the Executive Committee.

(c) Persons appointed to fill vacancies on the Board shall meet the same eligibility requirements as apply to elected Board members.

(d) With respect to a vacancy created for any reason other than pursuant to a challenge as provided in Section 5 of this Canon, the term of any person appointed as a replacement Board member shall be until the next annual Council. With respect to a vacancy resulting from a challenge, the replacement Board member shall serve only for the proceedings for which the challenged Board member is not serving as a result of the challenge.

Section 5. Any challenge as to the membership of any Panel of the Board appointed for a proceeding shall be determined as provided in Canon 19, section 15, of Title IV.

Section 6.

(a) Within 60 days following the annual Convention, the Board shall convene to elect a President to serve for the following year.

(b) The Intake Officer shall be appointed from time to time by the Bishop after consultation with the Board. The Bishop may appoint one or more Intake Officers according to the needs of the Diocese. The Bishop shall publish the name(s) and contact information of the Intake Officer(s) throughout the Diocese.

(c) The Bishop, in consultation with the President of the Board, shall from time to time appoint one or more Investigators according to the needs of the Diocese. The Investigator may but need not be a Member of the Church.

(d) The Bishop, in consultation with the President of the Board, shall from time to time appoint one or more attorneys to serve as Church Attorney. The person so selected shall be a duly licensed and practicing attorney, but need not reside within the Diocese. The Bishop, in consultation with the President of the Board, may remove the Church Attorney for cause.

(e) The Bishop may from time to time appoint a pastoral response coordinator, to serve at the will of the Bishop in coordinating the delivery of pastoral response as provided in Title IV. The pastoral response coordinator may be the Intake Officer, but shall not be a person who is serving in any other appointed or elected capacity under Title IV or who is prohibited by Title IV or by this Canon from serving in any appointed or elected capacity under Title IV.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Proposed Amendment to Diocesan Canon

CANON 7

Deputies to General Convention and to Provincial Synod

SECTION 1. (a) Deputies to the General Convention, consisting of four Clerics and four confirmed adult Lay Communicants, shall be elected by the Annual Council next preceding a General Convention of the Church, and shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected. The Council shall also elect four Alternate Deputies of each Order, to serve as Deputies contingently.

(b) If an elected Deputy or Alternate Deputy resigns or is deemed by the Bishop to be unable to serve prior to General Convention, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to select additional Deputies or Alternates as needed; provided, however, that Deputies and Alternate Deputies elected by Annual Council shall succeed to the vacant positions by order of election. The Deputies and Alternate Deputies elected under this section (b) shall succeed to vacant positions by order of election by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. At least sixty days preceding any regular meeting of the Synod of the Province of Sewanee, the Bishop shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, such Clerical and Lay Deputies as shall be deemed necessary to represent the Diocese fully at the Provincial Synod.

Resolution of Constitution and Canons Committee Inviting Submission of Comments to Bishop Gray Concerning New Title IV to the Canons of The Episcopal Church

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi recognizes that there are concerns to portions of Title IV of the Canons of the Episcopal Church, as amended (New Title IV); and

WHEREAS, The Right Reverend Duncan M. Gray, III, has been appointed to the Presiding Bishop’s Task Force (Task Force) to study New Title IV.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that any member of Council having concerns about New Title IV is invited to submit those concerns in writing to Bishop Gray on or before March 1, 2011 so that those concerns may be brought to the attention of the Task Force.

A Resolution Commending Host Parishes and Council Co-Chairs

Whereas the 184th Annual Council of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi gathered in the state capital of Jackson to be welcomed by the host congregations of St. Alexis, St. James, and St. Mark’s, Jackson, with help coming from Madison County and the good people of St. Columb’s, Ridgeland; and,

Whereas the four presbyters who exercise spiritual charge of these congregations, the Revs. Chuck Culpepper, Brian Seage, Dr. Richard Middleton, and Christopher Powell appeared at the podium to welcome us according to their diminishing hirsuteness, and,

Whereas the Council Planning Committee was presided over by Their Highnesses, the Council Queens, Sherri Cox and Dell Harrington, who arranged for us to meet in the stately surroundings of the Jackson Convention Complex, to lodge in royal splendor at the King Edward Hotel, to be transported in elegant Blue-Bird carriages, all the while arranging with the real King, blessed be He, for the sky to be dressed in royal blue hues, and,

Whereas, the Bishop’s official BBQers answered the call to prepare a royal banquet on the palatial grounds of St. James, and the monks of St. James concocted a frothy brew to slake the thirst of the crowd, and,

Whereas many in this realm are flocking to see The King’s Speech, we came to hear the Bishop’s Speech; Therefore be it resolved that this 184th Council of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi express its appreciation and crown with glory all of these servants of the Most High, and to the places where we convened, celebrated and rested during this majestic weekend.

A Courtesy Resolution for Ruthie Gray

Whereas, Ruth Spivey Gray is the wife of one bishop of this diocese and the mother of another, and,

Whereas, Ruthie’s faithful witness of Christ’s gracious love is an inspiration for carrying out that ministry in the life of this diocese; therefore be it

Resolved that we acknowledge her significant presence in our lives beyond her family foibles; and, be it further

Resolved that Ruthie Spivey Gray be held in the hearts and prayers of the people of this the 184th Annual Diocesan Council, this day and in the days to come.

A Resolution On Annual Council

Resolved, that we show appreciation of and support the new and renewed elements of the 184th Council which include the incorporation of children, the afternoon workshops on mission and ministry, the expansion of time frames in our schedule to facilitate a wider scope and deeper engagement and the formation of Mission marketplace; and be it further

Resolved, that we encourage continued conversation and constructive study of the form and content of Annual Council to support fully our living into the Spirit and Soul of Mission and Ministry of the Episcopal Church in Mississippi; and be it further

Resolved, that the Council Planning Task Force be empowered by the Office of the Bishop and the Executive Committee to do more in depth evaluation of the outcomes of Council and to formulate actions to optimize the same.

Purpose We commend the changes in the agenda and structure of the 184th Annual Council. We encourage continued conversation, constructive study and possible reorganization of the form and content of Council as a follow-up to the resolution supporting Bishop Gray in his efforts to reorganize General Convention.

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Be it further resolved that, Ruthie Spivey Gray be held in the hearts and prayers of the people of this
the 184th Annual Diocesan Council.

Deployment Report For *The Mississippi Episcopalian* January 31, 2011

New Calls/Appointments

The Reverend Marian Dulaney Fortner, to be Rector, Trinity, Hattiesburg
The Reverend Patricia Cantrell, to be Deacon, Incarnation, West Point
The Reverend Deborah Hanson, to be Deacon, St. Philip’s, Jackson
The Reverend Lynn Phillips-Gaines, to be Deacon, Resurrection, Starkville
The Reverend Josie Williams, to be Deacon, St. Alban’s, Bovina

Other Changes

The Reverend Jim Carlyle, *announced retirement*, as Rector, St. Paul’s, Columbus
The Reverend Michael Nation, *announced resignation*, as Rector, Holy Trinity, Vicksburg

In Transition

St. Elizabeth’s, Collins
St. Paul’s, Meridian
Christ Church, Vicksburg

Ring Around the Collar

By Denny Allman



This year, Easter is as late as it possible can be. Therefore, we have a very long Epiphany. This gives us an opportunity for us to do some defining of the Season. For many Episcopalians, Epiphany is the day the Wise Men finally get to where Jesus is. We get to sing “We Three Kings of Orient Are…” and put away the crèche for another 11 months. Epiphany is more than that, however. This essay by the Rev. Charlie Deaton, Rector of St. Peter’s by the Lake in Brandon speaks to that “more.” It was written a few years ago, but is still timeless.

EPIPHANY...WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

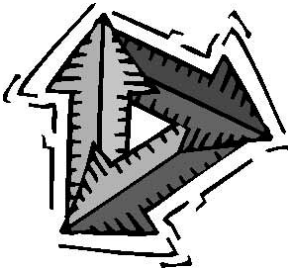
Epiphany has several definitions, apart from identifying the church season after Christmas and before Lent. Epiphany can be a revealing scene or moment, like when Jesus proclaims his mission to bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, restore sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free as the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy. It can be an intuitive grasp of reality through some simple and striking event, like when Simon Peter recognizes Jesus’ authority after Pete and the guys pull in a load of fish from what felt like an empty lake simply because Jesus told them what to do. It can be a sudden manifestation of the true nature of something, as in the Transfiguration scene with Moses and Elijah where a handful of the disciples encounter Jesus in a way they never thought possible.
In Epiphany we move from the incarnation to its manifestation – from the miracle of God coming to be with us as one of us to the knowledge of what having God with us might mean. In Epiphany we are shown many different aspects of Jesus – power, authority, humility and compassion just to name a few – so that some light might be shed on our understanding of who Jesus was and is. Epiphany helps us see why God would want to be with us as one of us at Christmas, and why God would continue to stay with us as one of us in the Lenten season to come.
May God enlighten our hearts and minds this Epiphany so that we might walk in the light of love and grow closer to Christ and to one another.

Fr. Charlie

Free-Cycle Jackson: a free downtown festival sharing resources & celebrating diversity

By Judy Barnes

St. Alexis Episcopal Church in Jackson is hoping to host a big, free downtown festival this spring for sharing resources and celebrating diversity. We are calling it FREE-CYCLE JACKSON.
We want to invite and partner with: downtown residents, busi-
nesses, churches, youth groups, social service organizations, non-profits,
green businesses, civic leaders, tree huggers, musicians, poets, artists,
restaurants—anyone who wants to help with a festival of sharing.



We want to celebrate the diversity of downtown Jackson and offer a venue to share talents, ideas and kindness! It’s a great opportunity to reach out and network! We also hope the day will feature plenty of free food and exposure to many community resources and a HUGE Circulation Day.

What is a CIRCULATION DAY? The idea is “If you haven’t worn it, used it, played with it in a year - why not put it back in circulation for someone else.” It looks like a regular old church rummage sale, but everything is FREE! It’s a blast to just give stuff away! St. Alexis has had 3 of these events and we want to share the fun with other churches and groups. It blesses the givers as much as or more than the receivers. When you don’t have to worry about pricing and selling, you can get to know people and hear their stories, make new friends.

Each group or organization will need to be responsible for their own set up, assisting ‘customers’ and clean up. Almost anything you can think of to give away, SOMEONE will want! You may find some-thing you want, too! Start collecting: clothes, baby gear, books, dvd/cd’s, dishes, linens, tools, small appliances, purses, shoes, toys, games, decorative items, etc. Please be sure your stuff is gently used, clean and in good condition.

We hope to announce the Free-Cycle Jackson downtown festival through multiple media. There are so many individuals and families in our community who can benefit from free things in Circulation Day and perhaps learn of community resources that can help them. If you can help with publicity, please let us know. Thank you!

How can your group help? How about food? We’d love to be able to offer free food to the people who come. Your ideas and resources can help feed the multitudes. Let’s put our heads together.

We need lots of stuff & help: pop up tents, folding tables, folding chairs, ice chests/ice,
bottled water/soft drinks, children’s fun stuff - games, What can you think of?

Can your organization set up an informational display about its work or services to help folks or just to get some exposure? Why not network and have fun at the same time. We’re in the early stages and really want this event to be big, inclusive, full of fun and fellowship. Please join us! Contact vicar Chuck Culpepper at 601.454.5716 if you want to help with planning and organization. Many willing hands are needed.

Judy Barnes is a communicant of St. Alexis’, Jackson.

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Diocese of Honduras Seeking English Speaking Teachers

By Andrea Baker

Honduras is the home of seven Episcopal bilingual schools and the Rev. Andrea Baker, Superintendent of the schools, is seeking English speaking teachers to serve for 1-2 years. The schools welcome applications from retired teachers, recent college graduates, and others interested in teaching abroad.

"This is unique and rewarding mission work," said Baker. "Spanish is helpful but not required. A sense of adventure and willingness to be flexible and learn about Honduran culture are essential."

Baker is working with Honduras Bishop Lloyd Allen to find candidates to fill openings at each of the schools. She is using Honduras's strong ties with the Diocese of Mississippi to begin her search. "Investing in the education of the students at our Episcopal bilingual schools is investing in the indigenous leadership of Honduras," Baker said. "This ministry supports Bishop Allen's vision to empower the people of Honduras to improve the infrastructure of their country and become less dependent on foreign aid. As companions in Christ, we are most effective when we work with our Honduran partners versus doing things for them."

The school year runs from mid-August to mid-June. Students in Honduras graduate after Grade 11 and several students each year apply to college in the U.S. Each school provides housing and a modest monthly stipend for North American teachers. The schools are:

El Buen Pastor in San Pedro Sula (Preschool-Grade 11)

St. John's in Puerto Cortes (Preschool-Grade 11)

Holy Spirit in Tela (Preschool-Grade 11)

Holy Trinity in La Ceiba (Preschool-Grade 11)

St. John's in Siguatepeque (Preschool-Grade 1, new school adding a grade each year)

St. Mary's in Tegucigalpa (Preschool-Grade 11)

Epifania in Villanueva (Kindergarten-Grade 6, school in transition to Aug-June calendar)

Information about the schools can be found under "Affiliations" at the Diocese of Honduras website (under construction) at www.hondurasepiscopal.org.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in exploring this ministry, please contact:

The Rev. Andrea Baker

Superintendent of Episcopal Bilingual Schools

Diocese of Honduras

San Pedro Sula, Honduras

episcopalschools.hn@gmail.com



The Rev. Deacon Dave Duggins, St. Mark's, Gulfport, buys a couple of paper bricks from St. Timothy's, South Haven EYCer Olivia Zeringue. Zeringue's paper bricks go to help build a new clinic for the Bishop Masereka Christian Foundation.

St. Timothy's EYC sells bricks at Annual Council

By Scott Lenoir

After hearing Bishop Zebedee Masereka speak of the need of a new medical clinic for the Bishop Masereka Christian Foundation (BMCF) in Uganda last year, St. Timothy's, South Haven EYCer Olivia Zeringue decided she wanted to help.

The day after Bishop Masereka spoke at St. Timothy's, Olivia visited with her rector, the Rev. Patrick Sanders.

"Olivia came into my office with an idea. She was inspired by what the bishop had to say and wanted to create paper bricks and sell them to members of our congregation and build a 'paper clinic' on the wall of our activities building," said Sanders.

Olivia's goal was to sell 500 bricks at \$2.00 a piece. She ended up selling over 600 bricks and then got another idea: set up a booth at the 184th Annual Council, sell more paper bricks and pass along materials to help other congregations join in the joy of her work with the Bishop Masereka Christian Foundation.

If you are interested in receiving a packet of materials to get your paper clinic built, send an email to St. Timothy's youth minister, Claire White at clair@sttimothys.net. Or call 662-393-3100.

"I can't say enough about how inspired I am by Olivia's devotion to this ministry. Our parish has rallied around Olivia in her efforts to change the world one brick at a time," Sanders said.

To learn more about the Bishop Masereka Christian Foundation, log on to www.bmcf.org



T-Shirt Design Contest

Summer 2011 Camp T-shirt To enter the contest:

Create a design to be used as the summer camp shirt. 1 entry per person.

The design theme is "What Camp Means to You."

The design must fit a 12"x12" imprint area.

Digital vector images are preferred but not required.

Provide an explanation of your design and how it relates to theme.

Use no more than 3 colors, which includes the color of the shirt.

Designs must be submitted by March 1, 2011.

Designs will be reviewed by our camp directors. The top 10 will be posted on our website for a public vote.

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DIOCESAN CALENDAR			
FEBRUARY	MARCH		APRIL
12 ● New Vestry Members' Conference - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., St. James', Jackson	2 ● Bishop Gray visits: St. Matthew's, Forest - 6:00 p.m.	13 ● Bishop Gray visits: St. James', Greenville - 10:30 a.m. ● Bishop Gray visits: St. Thomas', Belzoni - 5:00 p.m.	2 ● Wardens' & Treasurers' Conference - 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
12-19 ● Honduras Medical Mission, San Joaquin, Honduras	4-5 ● Commission on Ministry, Gray Center, Canton	17 ● Fresh Start - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., All Saints', Tupelo ● Diocesan Trustees - 2:00 p.m., Allin House, Jackson	3 ● Bishop Gray visits: St. George's, Clarksdale - 10:30 a.m. ● Bishop Gray visits: Trinity, Yazoo City - 6:00 p.m.
13 ● Bishop Gray visits: Redeemer, Greenville - 10:30 a.m. ● Bishop Gray visits: St. John's, Leland - 5:00 p.m.	4-6 ● Happening #73, Mediator, Meridian ● Happening Reunion, St. Paul's, Meridian	18-20 ● Center for Formation & Mission presents: Womens Retreat: Sanctuary, Gray Center, Canton	8-9 ● ECW Spring Conference, Gray Center, Canton
14-24 ● Center for Formation & Mission presents: A Pilgrimage to Israel & Jordan	5 ● Standing Committee - 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Gray Center, Canton	20 ● Bishop Gray visits: St. Columb's, Ridgeland - 10:30 a.m.	10 ● Bishop Gray visits: Holy Cross, Olive Branch
25-26 ● Gray Center Board, Gray Center, Canton	6 ● Bishop Gray visits: St. Mary's, Lexington - 10:00 a.m. ● Bishop Gray visits: Advent, Sumner - 5:00 p.m.	22 ● Fresh Start - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Trinity, Hattiesburg	16 ● Diocesan Altar Guild
25-27 ● Spring Jr. High DOY, Camp Bratton Green, Canton	9 ● Bishop Gray visits: St. Andrew's School, Lower Campus - 8:15 a.m. ● Bishop Gray visits: Trinity, Newton	24-26 ● Center for Formation & Mission presents: Silent Retreat, Gray Center, Canton	19 ● Gray Center Executive Committee - 5:00 p.m., Allin House
27 ● Bishop Gray visits: Resurrection, Starkville & MSU Canterbury - 10:30 a.m.	10 ● Diocesan Executive Committee - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson	25-27 ● Sr. High DOY, Camp Bratton Green, Canton	22-25 ● Allin House closed for Easter
27-March 1 ● Presbyter Post-Ordination Consultation, Gray Center, Canton	11-13 ● Big House Bethany II: Renewal and Refreshment for Young Adults, Gray Center, Canton	25-30 ● House of Bishops	28-May 1 ● Cursillo #120, Gray Center, Canton
			29-May 1 ● Camp Musicians Weekend, St. James', Jackson

The Center for Formation and Mission: Rooted in Prayer this Spring

March 18-20 Sanctuary: A Retreat for Women

How, as women of faith, do we seek, create, and provide sanctuary for ourselves and for others? How is sanctuary a place of healing, growth, and refuge? How do we envision and experience God as sanctuary in our lives and in the world?

We will gather at Gray Center in the Big House - itself a sanctuary in the lives of many! - to explore these questions and to spend a weekend in prayer, conversation, creativity, and reflection. The weekend will be lead by the Reverend Rwth Ashton, Chaplain at Millsaps College, and the Reverend Jennifer Deaton, Chaplain at St. Andrew's Episcopal School.

The cost is \$170 for double occupancy, and \$185 for single occupancy.

March 24-26 A Silent Retreat

Thomas Merton noted, "Our being is silent, but our existence is noisy." We are often invited to slow down, still our souls, and listen deeply in silence. Many of those times are missed, however, as the clamor of our noisy existence deafens us. If your desire is to enter a quiet place within for calm waiting, new direction, discernment, healing, or restoration, then come and join us for a retreat of silence.

Men and women, lay and ordained, will gather in community at Gray Center to experience silence for the first time or to be returning to silence as a familiar friend. We will share times in community and times in solitude throughout this guided retreat as we seek to be present within ourselves, with God, and with the world.

The cost is \$195 for single occupancy.

Some scholarship assistance is available. For more information about these opportunities for spiritual formation, or to register for these events, please visit <http://graycenter.dioms.org/formation/index.html> or email the Rev. Jennifer Deaton, Chair of the CfFM Program Committee, at deatonj@gosaints.org

St. James', Jackson hosts dream/spirituality workshop

By Karen Bonner

WisdomWork Educational Institute, the educational organization of the dream groups of St. James', Jackson are sponsoring a seminar at St. James' entitled Water of Life from the Well of Dream Work, Friday evening, February 25 and Saturday, February 26, featuring Jerry Wright, Jungian analyst.

Jerry is a retired Presbyterian minister; he now has a private analytical practice and leads workshops and seminars about dreams and spirituality throughout the South. He also leads tours of the holy places of the British Isles.

The Rt. Rev. Larry Maze retired bishop of Arkansas, says of Jerry: "I have never heard clearer teaching on Jungian concepts as they intersect with healthy spirituality than that which comes from Jerry Wright. I never listen to him without going away with deeper insights and new understandings. On top of it all, he is a very nice human being!"

Jerry's topics will include: The basics of dream work, cultivating a religious attitude, relating to our dream images, dreams: portals to the soul, and the six major questions of dream work.

"How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven," says Jacob in Genesis after awakening from a dream in which he experiences a direct experience of the Holy. There are four active dream groups at St. James' as well as one at St. Andrew's Cathedral and one at St. Philip's. The groups meet regularly to discuss dreams and to discern how dreams may contain such direct experiences as Jacob had.

WisdomWork is a non-profit organization; its mission is to provide educational opportunities and experiences to Episcopalians and to the community at large to learn more about how dream work and other forms of inner work such as deep prayer and meditation can enrich our spiritual lives.

The cost of the seminar is \$65.00 and pre-registration is required. The cost includes snacks Friday night and lunch on Saturday. Check-in is 6:00pm Friday and Jerry's presentation will begin at 7:00pm. The seminar concludes about 3:30pm Saturday. Please contact Barbara Dearman at brd1@bellsouth.net or 601-362-5515 or Karen Bonner at kmbonner2000@yahoo.com or 601-594-1961 for registration information.

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There was an overflow crowd at St. Andrew's Cathedral for the diaconal ordinations of Patricia Cantrell, Lynn Phillips-Gains, Josie Williams and Deborah Hanson on January 15th.



Grady Hornsby/Photo

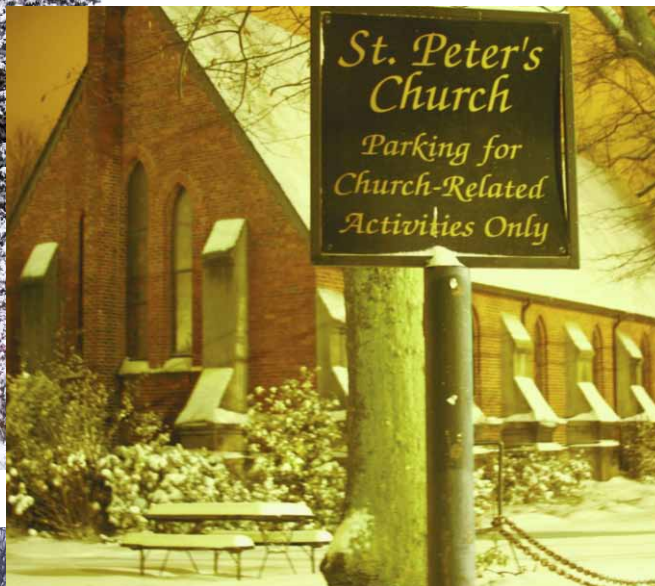


Trinity Parish meeting — The Rev. Marian Fortner and her husband Tom (left back) visit at Trinity, Hattiesburg's Annual Parish Meeting. At that meeting it was announced that Marian will become the Rector of the parish on a permanent basis. Fortner served as Priest-in-charge during an interim period.

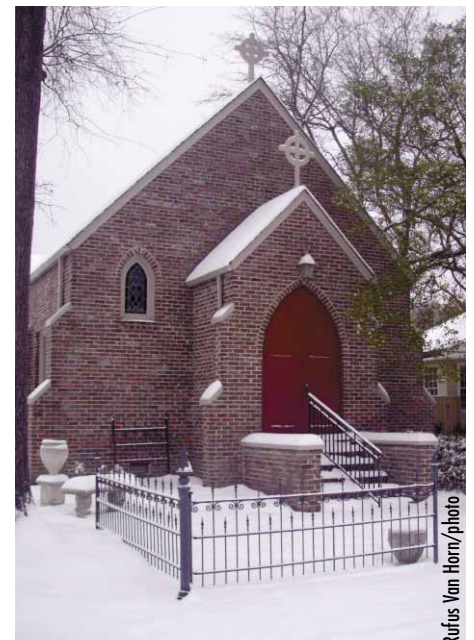


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Eight inches of Snow covered Holy Innocent's, Como.

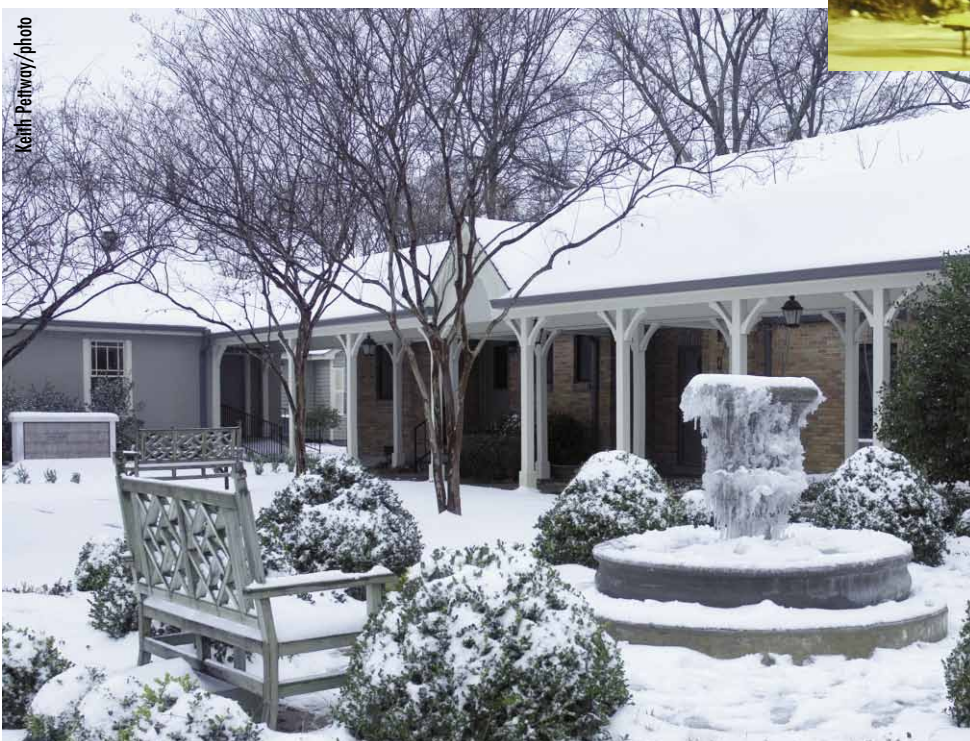


This snow scene was taken by Mike Stanton of St. Peter's, Oxford.



Rufus Van Horn/Photo

A view of the old All Saints' Chapel, Tupelo.



Keith Peirway/Photo

Calvary, Cleveland's fountain froze again this year during the mid-January snow and ice.



Bruce Choney/Photo

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross in Olive Branch had a little dusting of the white stuff in January.