



The Sentinel

All Saints' Episcopal Church of Russellville

September 2010

Greatness of Purpose

A few weeks ago Mary Hollified, a software trainer for the financial software program we use, came here to train five of us how to put our PowerChurch software to the best use. In one of those sessions she said how we need to be fully aware of why we are tax exempt. All of what we do around our church is defined by how we see ourselves and why are we tax exempt.

That made me think. Why are we tax exempt? Because we are committed to providing a place for all people to congregate for one purpose namely to worship and love God and love one another as we say every Sunday at the beginning of our Holy Eucharist. Anything we do needs to support this tax exempt definition we have come under for ourselves. Anything or anyone that cannot serve this defined purpose of our existence will not be truly attached to this community, but to the institutionalized church, which you know as well I, not too many people love to be part of.

I must say whether we knew this IRS tax rationale for our existence, I am pretty impressed by the incredible spiritual understanding of this law among our people. We have done some pretty amazing things around our church considering that we are a small church with limited resources. If not for the generosity, kindness and rising to the occasion of what needs to be done for us to con-

tinue to live out our purpose in this community, we will not be in a place of true stewardship. I am most grateful and appreciate from the bottom of my heart to each and every one of you for helping our church community to live our purpose.

In the last few months we have completed a lot of work that needed our attention so that we can truly focus on our mission. With a new roof, new air conditioners, and lot more to claim, our small church with limited resources has walked a long few miles in a short while. I couldn't be more proud of All Saint's. This did not happen because one fine morning we woke up with a realization that this is our church and we need to support it. This has been the story of All Saint's for a long time. Now I must say it out louder than before that together with our old and new blood in the group we have proved that we are lead by something bigger and better than the world we live in and the ideology that we are use to.

There is a lot of reason for celebration. There are lots of people to be thanked for this. None of this would be possible without generous hearts, hands and lots of heartache. To all of you I want to say, I am grateful. Most grateful. You have done it again and that too for me in a blessed short while.

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Food For The Poor

Dear Parishioners,

Please join us September 26 to hear The Very Rev. Thomas C. Chesterman speak at both services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Father Chesterman will share what he has witnessed about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Chesterman was ordained for the Diocese of California in 1957. Before preaching on behalf of Food For The Poor, Fr. Tom served as pastor in parishes in California and as Dean of the Cathedral of St. Michael in Mexico.

Please join me in welcoming Father Chesterman.

Fr. Jos

First Wednesday New Horizons

A Tibetan Buddhist presentation on October 6 at 6:00 PM will follow an optional potluck dinner at 5:30 PM.

The Tibetan Cultural Institute of Arkansas was founded by Sidney Burris, Professor of English and Director of the Fulbright College Honors Program and the Religious Studies Program at the University of Arkansas, and Ven. Geshe Thupten Dorjee, an ordained Tibetan Buddhist monk and instructor at the University of Arkansas.

Both of them plan to be here. For more information go to: Website: <http://www.airtibet.com>

Do You Know Any Children Who Have Not Tasted A Fresh Arkansas Peach?

One was rubbing a peach along his face, and I said, "It's supposed to feel like that." Another was biting into the peach, and the juice was running down his face and arms, and I said, "It's supposed to taste like that." In a country of plenty, everybody should have the experience of tasting the bounty.

Chef Tony Geraci, director of food and nutrition for Baltimore City Schools, on the reaction of second-graders eating fresh peaches for the first time in their lives after he brought in 4,000 pounds of tree-ripened, Maryland -grown peaches for school lunches. (USA Today)

Come to the Fair: Mark your calendars for All Saints Faith and Food Fair beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday September 25.

Episcopal Youth News and 2010-2011 Diocesan Youth Dates

Here are some upcoming dates for Youth events through our diocese.

Sep 24-26	AYE
Nov 19-21	Happening #24 (location TBD)
Jan 22	Overnight Mtg. for DYC members
Feb 26-27	Sr. High Winterstar
Mar 4-6	Jr. High Winterstar
Mar 11-12	Convention in Little Rock
April 8-11	(tentative date Happening #25)
June 22-26	EYE (National Episcopal Youth Event) in Minnesota

Special Dates

- First Wednesday New Horizons, September 1, Don Rose, Crow Mountain Baptist Church
- Rally Day, September 12 with Potluck Breakfast
- Dr. Jay McDaniel, September 13
- Fr. Jos Citizenship on September 17 at 8:00 AM at the Clinton Library
- All Saints' Faith and Food Fair September 25
- Food For The Poor, The Very Rev. Thomas C. Chesterman, September 26, 2010
- Rummage Sale on October 2
- Blessing of Pets on October 3 at 5:00 PM
- First Wednesday New Horizons, October 6, Tibetan Cultural Institute of Arkansas
- Youth Pilgrimage on October 9
- Angi Tharakan, Ordination on October 16
- Stewardship Sunday on October 24
- Halloween Party on October 29
- First Wednesday New Horizons, November 3, Fr. Jos Tharakan

Adult Sunday School

The Faith and Reason class will continue in the Conference Room. Class members will lead discussions based on the "NOOMA" video series during the fall semester through January, 2011.

Bill Parton and the adult Sunday School Committee will coordinate this class.

In addition, there will be another offering for adults. Louis Welcher, will teach a Faith and Scripture Class on the Psalms.

Both classes will meet each Sunday starting on September 19 from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM.

On September 12, during the Sunday School hour, we'll celebrate Rally Day with a potluck breakfast for the whole congregation, young and old.

All Saints' Food and Faith Fair

All Saints' Food and Faith Fair set for Saturday and Sunday, September 25 and 26, can be one expression of Jesus' words about the abundant life: **"I come that you might have life and have it more abundantly"**. John 10:10

Obviously this scripture speaks to our spiritual lives to "feeling" rich no matter what our circumstances. Yet, this very Jesus, who desires for all of us to "feel" spiritually rich, while on earth did not neglect the physical well-being of those whose lives he touched. He did the feeding or shared food prepared by others over and over. Jesus might agree with the words of famous food writer and chef, James Beard. "Food is our common ground, a universal experience". The many biblical references to food and eating affirm this common ground.

Our Food and Faith Fair will offer a "cornucopia" of ideas for enhancing our health and the health of our neighbors and of our environment. SO, is there something in YOUR abundant life that you'd like to share during our Food and Faith Fair? Are you a seasoned gardener who'd like to demonstrate successful home composting or donate garden foods for our meals during our Fair? Would you like to help prepare the Edible Churchyard for fall gardening? Does your profession give you insights or information about food and nutrition that you could share? Have you discovered ways to set aside time during meals to connect with family and friends? Do you have new ideas about how to best serve the hungry in our community? Would you just like to be a part of the day as a volunteer greeter or server?

We welcome your ideas and offerings. Please contact Carolyn McLellan at 968-6286 or carolynmclellan@suddenlink.net. You may also contact Suzanne Hodges at theframshop@centurytel.net or 970-8028.

“No Peace in the World Without Peace Among Religions

All Saints' Episcopal Church presents Dr. Jay McDaniel in Sutherland Hall on Monday, September 13, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Dr. Jay McDaniel is professor of religion and director of the Steel Center for the Study of Religion and Philosophy at Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas.

He is the author of numerous books on religion, ecology, and inter-religious dialogue which include *Living from the Center*; *Spirituality in an Age of Consumerism*; *Of God and Pelicans: A Theology for Reverence of Life*; and *Gandhi's Hope: Learning from Other Religions as a Path to Peace*.

There will be refreshments at 6:00 PM and Dr. McDaniel will begin at 6:30 PM.

All are welcome and there is no admission charge.

WELCOME BACK TO YOGA!

Yoga Sessions will resume September 14, 2010 Tuesdays 5:30 PM - 6:30PM – Sutherland Hall

This class is designed for those who have never taken an exercise class or yoga. It is a low impact program focusing on breathing, basic stretching, balance and stress relief. All you need is a yoga mat; I recommend a sticky flat mat that you can purchase from Wal-Mart for a reasonable price and a bottle of water plus a desire to do a favor for your body and spirit.

For more information please contact: Kaye Staggs 479-970-9316 or kstaggs724@yahoo.com

I am certified in the Patanjali Yoga Sutras, been practicing since 1967 and am also a certified Transformation Meditation Instructor. This class is set up for people 13 years and older. Sorry I can't accept anyone younger. Yoga for children is done quite different. Hey, fellows, you are also quite welcome to join us.

Workshop Cancelled

The workshop on the quiet practice of prayer and meditation which was scheduled for October has been cancelled.

When it is rescheduled, notices will be published as soon as possible.

Changing the date of the workshop will allow parishioners to attend Angi Tharakan's Ordination.

Save the Date!!

Angi Tharakan Ordination to Deaconate on October 16th at 11:00 AM at Trinity Cathedral in Little Rock, AR.

New Adult Sunday School Class,

The new offering in our "Faith and Scripture" adult education series is "Experiencing the Psalms", to be taught by Louis Welcher.

The class will meet in one of the classrooms just off Sutherland Hall and will begin at the regular Sunday School hour on Sunday, September 19. This class will be more along the "academic" lines, rather than being a symposium or discussion class, although input and questions will always be welcome.

If you plan to join us, it would be helpful for you to send an email to Louis at profwelcher@hotmail.com, in order that sufficient materials can be prepared ahead of time. However, everyone is welcome at any time, whether you have signed up in advance or not. You may also feel free to use this same email address if you would like more information about the class.

September 5

September 12

September 19

September 26

Readings

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

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Yoshiko McComb

Second Sunday Lunch Group
Mark Hlass
Hugh Silkensen
Sandy Wright
James & Loretta Tyson
Bill Chevaillier

Milly Chevaillier

Vanya Colburn

September Cares and Concerns Ministry

Leaders are Joy Pohl and Kathy Westmoreland. Committee members are Louis and Candy Welcher, Sandy Wright and Paul Gray.

Birthdays

Matthew Franks	9/01
Lauren Kersh	9/02
Muriel Nickolich	9/02
Doyle Cobb	9/03
Rhonda Hlass	9/05
Helen Hampton	9/07
Donna Martin	9/07
Barbara Stoltz	9/10
Bill Chevaillier	9/11
Rebecca Franks	9/13
Amber Hodges	9/13
Frank Gwaltney	9/15
Laney Metz	9/15
Lacey Hlass	9/19
Laura Claunch	9/21
Ben Hodges	9/21
Robert Hlass	9/22
Don Adkison	9/23
Nicholas Colburn	9/23
Elizabeth Philpott	9/25
Johnnie Harvey	9/26
Jackie Baugh	9/27
Judy Baugh	9/27
Jennifer Gray	9/29

Anniversaries

Bill & Milly Chevaillier	9/03	Charlie & Helen Morris	9/17
Wetzel & Betty Lagrone	9/03	Scott & Jennifer Rose	9/18
Ken & Karen Futterer	9/15	Louis & Candy Welcher	9/19
		Rick & Helen Hargreaves	9/23

Episcopal Church Census in Arkansas

Dear Friends,

For the first time ever, the Episcopal Church in Arkansas is conducting a census. We are doing this to better connect with one another to share our news and our lives.

Please go to episcopalarkansas.org and update your contact information. We'd love to connect with you.

Hoping to hear from you,

Larry Benfield
Bishop of Arkansas

Epiphany, the Fire Sermon and the old Wooden Crosses in our Churchyard

The sermon we heard on August 15 reminded me of on-going concerns related to the care of our building and grounds.

Fr. Jos preached on the passage where Jesus says "I will bring fire"—now, my mind was not exactly wandering during that sermon (I really liked hearing Fr Jos tell us about four possible Biblical associations with fire—in fact I listened to that sermon a second time on the web).

But, I did think of fire in a more practical (but still sacramental) way. The wooden crosses that were erected soon after All Saints' Parish moved to our new home on Phoenix are in need of replacement. Some of these crosses are tilted crazily, and the wood has begun to rot; but, they are sacred, blessed objects and we are bound to treat them with proper respect.

That's where the fire comes in—let's plan to add them to the flames of a bonfire on the church grounds on January 5, 2011—on the Eve of Epiphany we can gather and burn the greens of the Christmas season, respectfully dispose of our broken crosses, and hope to show the world the light of Christ as our Tradition teaches.

I know it is pretty early to think about Epiphany in September, but in the midst of this searing heat it's fun to share thoughts about a cold January evening, when the warmth of a bonfire will feel just right. And, in the meantime, we can all be thinking about how we want to replace these important symbols of devotion and make a new "Way of the Cross" available in our beautiful churchyard.

Carolyn McLellan
Sr. Warden

Pastor Don Rose of Crow Mountain Baptist is September New Horizons Speaker

Our interfaith/ecumenical series continues on Wednesday, September 1 with a presentation at 6pm by Don Rose, a friend and colleague of Father Jos in the Russellville Ministerial Alliance.

Pastor Rose was born in Omaha, Arkansas in 1950 and has served in Arkansas Baptist churches for over 40 years.

Pastor Rose writes: "At the age of 16 I began to feel that the Lord was calling me to enter the ministry and I made this known to my pastor and my church. I soon received a few invitations to speak at churches in the area when a pastor was ill or away for a week of vacation. When I was 18 and had finished my freshman year at Arkansas Tech I was called to be the pastor of the Deer Baptist Church, a small congregation of about twenty people in the mountains of Newton county..."

Come and learn more about this pastor's journey of faith in the Arkansas Ozarks within the Southern Baptist tradition.

We'll enjoy a potluck supper at 5:30; the program will conclude by 7pm before the service of Holy Eucharist.

All Saint's Youth Events

All Saints' Youth Programs will start in full swing on September 16th. Our first session will be on September 16th at 5.30pm in the youth room. Please mark your calendars so that you don't miss them. Here are the details for the next few months.

Confirmation classes for the youth - September 16th through October 27th

Pilgrims Progress & Lock-in - October 9th - 10th

Pilgrimage will start at 9 am from All Saints. Youth from St. John's and St. Bartholomew, Fort Smith and Trinity, Van Buren will arrive here by 9 am and begin our prayer journey to Sacred Places. It is open to all youth from 6th grade through 12th grade. Please bring your friends along with you. Let us celebrate our faith with some fun.

Jos+

The Treasurer's Page

July 2010 Income and Expense Summary

	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Budget Difference
Income*	\$ 27,628.10	\$216,343.34	\$174,347.12	\$ 41,986.22
Operating Expense**	30,019.75	198,671.39	175,991.00	22,680.39
Excess Income/ Expense	-2,573.65	11,978.34	-1,633.88	13,612.22

- *Income includes Restricted Donations of \$9,182.00 for the Current Period
- **Excludes Liability (mortgage payment, line of credit, and Diocesan loan) payments of \$1,863.95 for the Current period

A Date to Remember

The date for the annual All Saint's Fall Rummage Sale has been set. The sale will be on October 2nd from 8:00 AM–12:00 PM in Sutherland Hall.

Thursday, September 30 and Friday, October 1 have been scheduled to prepare the items for the sale. Items needed are good fall clothing and household goods. Please bring your donations to Sutherland Hall on Wednesday, September 28.

Your help on any of these dates would be greatly appreciated. Please call Mary Silkensen at 968-2527 or Milly Chevaillier at 968-3799 for more information.

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We do fulfill our tax exempt requirement by living it rather than preaching about it. Now that we have lived it, may be we can courageously preach about it constantly reminding ourselves in our preaching that we believe in providence, generosity, kindness and our resilience of All Saint's. It is good to be at All Saint's.

Living in Fort Smith I came to enjoy Mayor Ray Baker who always said, "It is good to live in Fort Smith, AR". And then in his Irish style he will throw his hands up and give a broad smile that will capture the hearts of people. I am going to borrow his spirit and enthusiasm and say it loud, "It is good to be a member of All Saint's Episcopal Church, Russellville, AR". Yes, my former pastor recently told me that I am an Irish man in my heart when it is about the time I am becoming a US man.

So, thank you all for your kindness and love. I am blessed and my family too, to be among you for this great day which was miles and years away in 2007! We have made it. Again!

Jos+

Rally Day

Every year we celebrate Rally Day, the day we begin in full swing our Sunday school programs and other activities in our church. This is a tradition that we in the Episcopal Church have maintained for years. After a long summer, on Rally Day we celebrate the new beginnings fresh and excited.

What is it though after all? Rally Day is a day of commitment. It is day we celebrate reminding ourselves of our solemn duty to respond to the call for discipleship. This is not simply another Sunday of Celebration with a grand breakfast or lunch or music. It is much more and solemn. It is a reminder to us each other in a very particular way that we are all called to be Disciples of Christ and that happens through active participation and celebration with and of one another. No one is exempt from the call to Christian Discipleship. No one is exempt from being a laborer in the vineyard of the Lord. Each of us have different duties to perform. Only then we will have a great crop at the end of the season.

What is the season we are called to labor in? The season is the life of the other. The season we are called to work in is the lives of the children among us, the adults, the older and the retired are all in this season. These seasons are beyond the limitations of months or weeks. It is being fully involved in the Spiritual Formation, Transformation and Transfiguration of ourselves and one another. If you have missed a season in the life of someone, particularly of a child, it is gone for ever. There will be no more blooms and flowers if not well nourished. I want to you hear, there will be beautiful flowers in this world, if I care to tend and care for the new sprouts amongst us in every sense of the term.

On Rally Day we rally behind the Saints gone before us who have given us examples of how we can create our own manner of living our call. The response of one Saint was very unique from another. So shall we be in our response to God's call. But response is absolute necessity. Only then you will work in the vineyard like the rest of the Apostles and Martyrs.

So, what is Rally Day? It is a day of renewal of commitment. I want to invite you to please celebrate this day with a personal commitment to get involved somehow in the active life of our church. Attend a regular Sunday School as an adult, and encourage your children and grandchildren to attend during the year. There are several educational offerings this year for adults and children. Nothing is kept a secret.

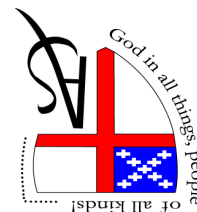
Lead a group, found one, participate in a study program, be a volunteer for something, make church alive because you are alive. What you give to your church is what others get from the church. True spirit of the Rally Day is the principle of the blood that goes in and out of a heart pumping in and out new life. It is a 'give and take principle' that makes life new and invigorated. I hope you will do that this year and I pray that is your commitment on this Rally Day, September 12th.

Rally Day is the day saints rally behind Saints to live tradition and create new ones.

Fr. Jos

Please see attachment for
All Saints' Faith and Food Fair
Schedule

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