



Bishop Duncan M. Gray Jr. Dies After Brief Illness

by Scott Lenoir

"Mississippi has lost one of its great leaders with the death of Duncan M. Gray Jr.," said the Rt. Rev. Brian R. Seage, Bishop of Mississippi.

The Rt. Rev. Duncan Montgomery Gray Jr. was the VII Bishop of Mississippi and died at his home in Jackson on Friday, July 15. Bishop Gray served as bishop from 1974 through 1993.

"He was a breath of fresh air at all times, especially during the turbulent moments in the civil rights era. The Episcopal Church is indebted to him for his courage, his leadership and vision," said Seage.

Bishop Gray was ordained by his father, Bishop Duncan Montgomery Gray Sr., V Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, in 1953. During Bishop Gray's years of parish ministry, 1953-1974, he served the following parishes: Calvary/Cleveland

and Grace Church/Rosedale; St. Peter's/Oxford; and St. Paul's/Meridian.

It was while serving St. Paul's that Gray was elected bishop coadjutor when a special council was reconvened at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Jackson on March 9, 1974. Gray was elected on the fifth ballot and his consecration took place on May 1, of that same year, at St. Andrew's Cathedral with Presiding Bishop John Hines as the chief consecrator. Presiding Bishop-elect, John Maury Allin, still bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, was a co-consecrator.

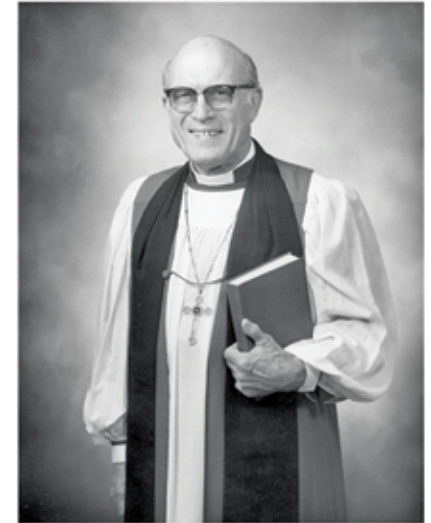
Bishop Gray Jr. believed a bishop's role "is to be a pastor to the people within his diocese, both clerical and lay . . . all duties, from ordination to the most mundane of administrative details, need to be carried out in a pastoral manner; in a manner reflecting a creative concern for

all persons affected or involved," wrote Gray in a research and recommendation committee questionnaire in 1974.

"His life and ministry have been concurrent with Mississippi's struggles to bring about reconciliation, equality and justice for all races. He was on the front line of many of those struggles accompanied by his wife, Ruthie," said Bishop Seage. Bishop Gray Jr. was also a strong supporter of women in the ordained ministry as well as making sure that laywomen were allowed to serve on vestries and diocesan committees.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Ruthie. Sons, Duncan and Lloyd, and daughters, Anne and Catherine, as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive them.

The Rev. Scott Lenoir is the editor of The Mississippi Episcopalian



Bishop Duncan M. Gray Jr.

Holy Trinity Plans for 150-Year Celebration with Book Publication

by Beth Palmer

As Church of the Holy Trinity/Vicksburg looks forward to celebrating its sesquicentennial anniversary in 2019, the parish plans to publish the story of feeding body, mind, and spirit over the last 150 years. This high-quality book will include favorite tried and true recipes as well as stories and pictures of the church, its history, architecture, and beautiful stained glass windows. It will also showcase the vibrant parish that Holy Trinity is today and the dreams we have for the next 150 years.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the first printing will support local charitable organizations through the United Way of West Central Mississippi. The United Way of West Mississippi is headquartered in an adjacent building owned by the parish and we are excited about supporting the important work United Way does. We value our partnership and see the book project as a means to support their mission and ministry in our community.

The remainder of the proceeds from book sales will help establish a restoration fund so that Holy Trinity remains strong



Many cooks rise to the festive occasions at Holy Trinity/Vicksburg and some of these are (left to right): Toni Ferguson, Julia Ehrhardt, Carol George, Hilda Hands, Ed Hands, all members of Church of the Holy Trinity. Photo by David Rorick.

for the next 150 years. As a fixture in downtown Vicksburg, a tourist destination, and a landmark on the National Register of Historic Places, we take seriously our stewardship responsibilities for this local architectural treasure.

The project team, under the leadership of lifetime church member Bobbie

Peterson Marascalco, is currently gathering recipes, photographs, and stories as well as financial sponsors. Ms. Marascalco can be reached for more information at 601-415-1421.

The Rev. Beth Palmer is the rector of Holy Trinity/Vicksburg.



Notes & "Quotes"

by Suzanne Cox

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Notes

From Around the Diocese

St. Mark's/Gulfport is preparing to mark 170 years of service on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. As part of a special Holy Eucharist service at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 14, The Rt. Rev. Brian Seage will confirm several new Episcopalians and install the Rev. Clelie McCandless as St. Mark's new associate priest. Dinner and festivities in the parish hall will follow the service.

The Little Dresses cutting and sewing group at **St. John's/Ocean Springs** will meet sometime in August.

Creator/Clinton has plans to implement a new trial plan in scouting called Lions this fall for kindergarten boys who are 4 to 5 years old. The scouts will meet twice a month in parents' homes, once a month as a pack, and occasionally to go on Pack outings. There is no camping and it is less expensive to get started.

Mississippi Blood Services will be at **St. Columb's/Ridgeland** to conduct a blood drive on Wednesday, August 24, from 3:30-7:30 p.m. On Saturday, August 17, St. Columb's has scheduled their second Annual Plant-Based Immersion Day for those interested in learning how to eat healthy and fight disease through nutrition. Registration for the event includes speakers, breakfast/lunch/snacks, a cooking demo, yoga, giveaways, and door prizes.

St. Stephen's/Columbia is collecting donations of food to benefit cats and dogs at the Marion County Animal Shelter.

Beginning Sunday, August 14, **All Saints'/Tupelo** will offer a multi-week class titled Episcopal-Lutheran 101. This inquirer's class will provide basic information about the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, their respective liturgies, histories, politics and theology. Most importantly, this class will be a place where stories can be shared and friendships launched. Then on Friday and Saturday, August 19 and 20, All Saints' is offering a presentation, Money Management Pathway to Financial Peace. The cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per family.

St. Paul's/Meridian and **Mediator/Meridian** joined together to support a golf tournament at Briarwood Country Club hosted by the EYC Taizé pilgrims. Funds were raised for their pilgrimage in the summer of 2017. The golf tournament was a successful fundraiser. It helped draw in the local community, and the pilgrims earned around \$4,000 for travel expenses. Plans are already under way for another tournament next spring.

The Ultreya group at **Redeemer/Biloxi** raised money to be used to offer financial assistance to individuals to attend Cursillo. They sold Boston butts for \$35 each.

St. Paul's/Corinth is seeking donations to fund the purchase of comfortable seating and other improvement to the décor of the Gathering Room. It is intended to become a place for members

to get together to enjoy fellowship and lively Bible discussions.

The Connections group at **St. Peter's/Oxford** is a loving group of moms who believe they belong to each other and are there to encourage each other. After a brief greeting period, an opening prayer, and a short devotion shared by a layperson, they engage in discussion to support and uplift each other. Beginning Wednesday, August 24, they will meet weekly from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

St. James'/Greenville has their annual Lobsterfest on the calendar for Saturday, September 10, in the parish hall. Hors

d'oeuvres and beverages will be served beginning at 5:00 p.m. with the main course of lobster with sides beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00, and hotdogs and chips are provided for the kids at no charge.

The Ladies of Links at **St. John's/Pascagoula** are sponsoring a Christmas in August gathering to make ornaments for the church's Christmas tree. Materials to make the traditional gold and white ornaments will be provided, and participants will be asked to make one ornament for the church and one for their home.

“Quotes this Month”

The Rev. Carol Mead, **St. Peter's by-the-Lake/Brandon**: "We don't come to church to earn points, but to be reminded—gently and continually—that the universe centers on God, and not on us, but that we are the beloved of God."

The Very Rev. Robert Wetherington, **Redeemer/Biloxi**: "Those who follow

Jesus are challenged to rise above basic responses to fear and anger. We are called to live by peace, love, and trust. We are called to rise above those things which we share with other creatures of this blessed creation and bear witness to the power of Jesus who stands in our midst demanding "Peace! Be Still!"



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Speaking in Faith

by Carol Mead

I've always been one of those persons who finds it funny that doctors and lawyers, no matter how experienced, always speak of themselves as "practicing." I find it interesting that two of the most highly paid, status-laden professions think of themselves as always "practicing."

But on further reflection perhaps "practicing" is a good word for all of us to use with regard to our jobs, and even our relationships and our spirituality. Especially our spirituality.

After all, while we have substantial revelation of God—through Jesus, Scripture, reason, and tradition—many of our statements and assumptions about God are guesses. Limited human minds and fearful human souls haven't the capacity to understand or explain God, so we cannot prove that any one way of being a Christian is the way. Given the "unknowability" of God, shouldn't we resist claiming that we know what God wants?

I honestly believe that many people today are put off from the Christian tradition because they don't see spiritual humility: an admission that we cannot explain God and God's will. People who may have otherwise been drawn to Christianity can be offended—and rightly so—when we claim to know exactly what God thinks and wants. If Christians are perceived as overly confident that we—and only we—have it all figured out, we limit our chances of getting seekers interested in our tradition. As author J.B. Phillips might have said, speaking with too much certainty about God means that "your God is too small."

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We would interest more people in the Christian way if we openly expressed our doubts and our lack of precise knowledge about God. We could help open the church's doors by cultivating such expressions as, "In my Christian spirituality, I try to..." We could show people that perfection is neither required nor even possible by admitting, "Sometimes I fail, but I'm trying to understand and do what God wants."

Our culture, which glorifies self-reliance, prefers people who make clear statements, who claim their territory and who speak with authority and certainty. But when it comes to God, we don't really know very much, do we? So wouldn't we do well, for our own honest spirituality and for the attraction of others to the faith, to admit we don't really know much for certain?

Wouldn't we draw many more people toward God if we admitted that as Christians, we are only "practicing"?

Please let me know if you have ideas you'd like for me to explore in future columns. You can contact me as follows: The Rev. Carol Mead, St. Peter's by-the-Lake, 1954 Spillway Road, Brandon, MS 39047.

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At the funeral of Bishop Gray Jr., the Rev. David Elliott, interim rector at St. Andrew's Cathedral, met up with 2 of his 3 curates he supervised while rector at St. James'/Greenville: The Rev. Scott Lenoir (left) and the Rev. Randall Sartin. The Rev. Chip Davis, who was vesting for the funeral, also served at St. James'/Greenville with Elliott.

A Few Memories Shared From Clergy

By Scott Lenoir

Bishop Duncan Gray Jr. helped shape the lives and ministries of so many clergy in the Diocese of Mississippi and beyond over his years in the priesthood and during his episcopacy.

I am forever grateful that he gave me a chance to follow a call he wasn't too sure about, though he never said that out loud (at least to me!). Maybe it was because I was not too sure about it either. I remember that he asked me to meet him after services one Sunday at All Saints/Grenada in 1983. After we visited, he said, "Well, Scott, maybe God is in this after all." That was surely what this aspirant was hoping for, and while it took a couple of years to get to seminary from that point, things went well in large part due to the bishop's guidance and example.

Below are some more thoughts from a few priests who remember Duncan Gray Jr.—our beloved bishop, an influential mentor, a humble prophet, and a comforting pastoral presence to individuals and communities of faith.

From the Rev. Ann McLemore, St. James'/Jackson: Last Sunday our Gospel was about Mary and Martha. How Mary sat at the feet of the master realizing that this was precious time and to use it to the fullest. The dishes and other tasks that Martha was concerned about could wait.

I felt that way about Bishop Gray Jr. He would come by St. James' almost every day while on his neighborhood walks. No matter what I was doing, I figured it could wait; time spent visiting with Bishop Gray was limited. I particularly learned from his stories about the night of September 30, 1962; and summer of 1952 and the months he spent in Santiago, Cuba. He taught me so much about the people of Cuba. In June, I had the opportunity to go to Havana, Cuba; so we enjoyed exchanging tales.

When he first told me about his summer of 1952; I told him about my half of the summer of '52, the summer I was born! He would get that grin and drop his head down, a trait we came to know and love!

Bishop Gray, your presence was so missed last night at Wednesday dinner. I had your piece of pecan pie for you! Keep smiling! Keep dancing! Keep loving! Thanks for all your teachings, thanks for your time!

From the Rev. Bo Roberts, retired: Quite a few years ago, just before clergy conference, I was looking at the diocesan seal. I thought, "There's something out of place here". You see, the seal has, as a part of it, a mitre—a symbol of the office of bishop. Well, my dear friend, "His Shining Grace" as he was lovingly called,

was a cleric who did not take the wearing of that particular vestment. Me, being the tender hearted, kind person that I am, thought to myself, "It's not right to have a mitre as a part of the seal if the bishop is opposed to it." I carefully took a copy of the seal, removed the mitre and replaced it with my own suggestions of a more Gray Jr. appropriate symbol.

When I announced the proposal to those gathered for clergy conference, Bishop Gray Jr. began to scurry around the room trying to get a look at copies of my proposal being passed out. He must have been thinking, "My goodness what's Bo up to this time?" My proposal showed the head of Bishop Gray from his nose to the top of his shining grace, glasses and all. Quite appropriate, I thought. But as anyone can see by looking at the seal, the idea didn't go very far.

From the Rev. David Johnson: Bishop Marble asked Bishop Gray how long he expected Chip to be bishop coadjutor (in other words, how long after Chip's consecration would Chip be the coadjutor). Bishop Gray's response was, "All I can tell you is that it will be between one month and 19 years." Bishop Gray was referring to the fact that Mississippi bishops have the distinction of having the shortest and longest coadjutorships. Bishop Gray, Jr., was coadjutor for only one month, and William Mercer Green II was coadjutor for 19 years (1919-1938), and Bishop Gray was true to his word.

From Bishop Duncan Gray III: Very frustrated by my father's refusal to respond to taunts (and worse) directed toward him after a baseball game in which I played and he coached, I lost my cool at home that night and asked him in a very disrespectful way why he didn't fight back against such actions. He responded to me in as calm and as gentle a way as he had to his critics that afternoon, "Duncan, if you hate those who hate you, they've won."

Those words were foundational to his life, and his actions that were so consistent with those words, shaped the way I understand life.

There are several stories of Bishop Gray Jr. that can be shared—in fact, many are in print in two books: *And Also With You: Duncan Gray and the American Dilemma* by Will Campbell (Providence House Publishers, 1997); also, *And One Was a Priest: The Life and Times of Duncan Gray Jr.* by Araminta Stone Johnston (University Press of Mississippi, 2010).

Bishop Gray's influence in the Episcopal Church is difficult to overestimate. We give thanks to God for "giving him to



Bishops attending Duncan Gray Jr.'s funeral were (left to right) Shannon Johnston, Virginia; Joe Burnett, retired, Nebraska; Jake Owensby, Western Louisiana; Kee Sloan, Alabama; Bishop Seage; and Santosh Marray, Assisting Bishop, Alabama, and Bishop-elect, Easton. Not pictured, but also in attendance, were James Brown retired, Louisiana, and Scott Benhase, Georgia. Photo by Jeanie Munn.



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Above: A young Duncan Gray Jr. and his sister, Mary Ormand, are pictured in this photo of the St. Paul's/Columbus church choir in 1937. Submitted by Rufus Ward.



Above: Bishop Gray Jr. signs consent for the election of Bishop Brian R. Seage in 2014. Photo by Ann McLemore.



After skipping an afternoon of clergy conference in 1986 to go fishing in a secret place near Camp Bratton-Green—a place forbidden to all but the most holy—the Rev. Henry Hudson (then rector of St. Paul's/Meridian, now retired) and the Rev. David Elliott (then rector of St. James'/Greenville, now interim at St. Andrew's Cathedral) received absolution and a blessing from Bishop Gray Jr. Exactly what the penance was remains a mystery. Clergy in attendance only hoped it was a long-suffering act of contrition. Photo by Tom Guest.

us, his family, and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our early pilgrimage." — *The Book of Common Prayer*.

The Rev. Scott Lenoir is the editor of *The Mississippi Episcopalian*.

In tribute to the life and ministry of Bishop Duncan M. Gray, Jr.

By Araminta Stone Johnston

A church friend was recently encountering the short stories of 20th century southern writer Flannery O'Connor for the first time. Like many before her, she was confused and frustrated. The story she had just read was "A Good Man Is Hard to Find."

"There's not a single good man in the whole story!" she protested to me. And of course she was right. Because a good man – a truly good man – is, as O'Connor pointed out, very hard to find. My experience, however, is that the Rt. Rev. Duncan M. Gray Jr. was just such a man – a truly good one.

In the mid-1990s I began conversations with him that eventually developed into a biography. The conversations began with a personal interest: Bishop Gray had been rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Oxford, Mississippi in the late 1950s and early 1960s as I was growing up there. During that time, when I was in my early teens, a man by the name of James Meredith Jr. enrolled as a student at the University of Mississippi in the fall of 1962. What was unusual about Meredith is that he was the first African-American to enroll at the university, which was just west of town and of where my family lived. His eventual enrollment was a protracted process as the government of Mississippi did all it could to prevent it. Finally the state ran out of options to prevent his enrollment, and Meredith, with the help of the federal government, registered for classes. But that did not occur until after a riot broke out on the campus; three people were killed, federal marshals were called in, as well as more than 20,000 federal troops to quell the violence and ensure Meredith's registration.

In the months preceding, Oxford and the university, with a total population of about 10,000 at the time, had been in turmoil over Meredith's possible enrollment. Duncan Gray was one of the few public Christian voices there urging Meredith's acceptance and counseling against violence. On the night of the riot, he traveled the short distance from the church to the campus and waded into the midst of riot, urging students and those from elsewhere to put down their rocks and bottles and other weapons. He was collared by some of the rioters who seemed prepared to beat him up until he was rescued by a sheriff's deputy and some students. It was not the first time he had risked his life to speak out for peace and justice in Mississippi, nor would it be the last. I heard about some of this in Oxford as a teenaged member of

St. Peter's, but I also heard many verbal attacks on our rector, including some from members of our congregation. Many years had passed though, and my memories were vague. In 1995, here was a chance to hear the story again from Gray himself.

As I listened, I learned that the Oxford story was just a piece of that longer story of Gray's actions on behalf of justice for African-Americans. The first had come when he was a senior in seminary at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. The university and the divinity school administration and boards were debating in 1953 whether to admit African-Americans to the seminary. Gray led a student movement designed to convince those in power to do so. His uncle, the vice chancellor of the university, was opposed to the move as were many members of the board. Warned by lawyers of the upcoming decision on *Brown v. Board of Education*, the board reluctantly voted "to consider" all applications submitted to it. In the summer of 1953 the first African-American student was admitted.

By then, Gray had graduated and been assigned to a parish in the Mississippi Delta. Soon it was 1954, the year the *Brown* decision was handed down and the year that the White Citizens' Council began to form in the next county over. Turmoil over school desegregation grew throughout the south, yet once again Gray took the lead in creating a document titled "The Church Considers the Supreme Court Decision," a document that strongly supported public schools as central to democracy and declared forthrightly that "segregation is incompatible with the Christian gospel." The pamphlet attracted national attention, but earned Gray enmity among many Mississippians, including members of his own parish. Eventually one local threat-

ened his life on the main street of town. These actions and others like them were emblematic of his priesthood. After he left Oxford, motivated in part by parishioners' opposition to his views and their consequent drop in giving, he moved to Meridian, Mississippi, where he became rector at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in 1965, shortly after the murder of three civil rights workers in nearby Philadelphia. Meridian was in the grip of an F.B.I. investigation of the murders and also the rise of a reign of terror by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Once again, Gray took a lead in speaking out against racism and violence.

So when in 1974, Episcopalians in Mississippi elected Gray as their bishop it seemed astounding. Yes, passions had cooled somewhat from their height in the fifties and sixties, but I am convinced that his election said more than that. It spoke of the kind of man he was: not only faithful and brave in speaking out for justice and nonviolence, but also a man who both publicly and private was gentle and humble and simply good in a way that few of us are. As one of his opponents who refused to listen to Gray's sermons but perused the hymnal instead told me, "He was a real Christian." When I was working on my biography of Gray, I had occasion to remark to his wife on what I had observed about his goodness. She responded, "Yes. And you know what's so wonderful is that he doesn't even know it."

Let us thank God for his life and his witness.

Dr. Araminta Stone Johnston is a retired professor of religion at Queens University of Charlotte, NC, and author of "One Was a Priest: The Life and Times of Duncan M. Gray Jr." [University Press of Mississippi, 2011]. Visit www.andone-wasapriest.com for more information on Duncan Gray Jr.'s biography.



Bishop Gray Jr. goes over notes prior to a presentation he participated in on the fiftieth anniversary of James Meredith's admission to the University of Mississippi. The gathering was held on the Ole Miss campus in 2012. Photo by Mike Stanton.



Above: Grays II and III celebrate Mardi Gras at St. James' / Jackson. Photo by Ann McLemore.



Above: The Rev. Brian Seage is shown behind the altar at St. Andrew's Cathedral prior to the commendation at the end of the burial service of Bishop Gray Jr. Photo by Jeanie Munn.



Left: Bishop Seage leads pall bearers in procession into St. Andrew's Cathedral for the reception of the body of Bishop Duncan Gray Jr. Photo by Jim Carrington.

Diocese is the Heart of our Summer Camping Program

by Grae Dickson

As the last campers head home from another wonderful summer at Camp Bratton-Green, we at Gray Center are reminded about how many lives we help change each year. Whether it is through strong Christian community, positive messages, a loving environment or just a break from the sometimes scary world we live in, camp offers a chance to be ourselves and to be loved. The gift of unconditional love is transformative and we are blessed to share those experiences with all of our campers.

One of the greatest blessings we can offer our campers is that we do not turn anyone away. If families are in financial hardship, we allow them to receive scholarships in order for their loved ones to experience the joy of camp. Numerous churches and individuals sponsored campers this summer and helped us continue to make the dream of camp a reality.

On July 31st, I was able to visit with the congregation of St. John's in Leland. Over the last few years, this small Delta church has made incredibly generous contributions to special sessions at Bratton-Green and has also made contributions to the Damascus Endowment in order to help us make camp available to special needs campers forever. Through money raised from The Hotter Than Hades Half Marathon, St. John's was able to make

a gift of \$3,000 for current special was able to make a gift of \$3,000 for current special scholarships and \$7,000 towards future scholarships. I am humbled by their generosity.

This is one example of how our diocese can create opportunities for our campers and there are currently many other churches that assist us with scholarships. Even with this support, we could still use your assistance for this summer. In 2016, we had scholarship requests of almost \$70,000. If you would like to help us with a contribution to the Camp Bratton-Green Scholarship Fund, please contact me at grae@graycenter.org or send any contributions to the Gray Center office, designated as scholarship fund. We need your help and your gifts help us make camp possible for everyone.

We would like to extend an enormous thank you to all of the campers, volunteers, permanent staff and our supporters for helping us create a summer camping environment to be proud of. Bratton-Green is a program that helps our youth and special needs participants walk in the Kingdom of God. Camp is for everyone and we will continue to spread our love with all God's children.

Grae Dickson is the executive director of the Gray Center.



Jason Ezell and Grae Dickson receive checks for CBG special sessions from St. John's/ Leland on July 31st. Photo by Roy Meeks.

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- 14 Bishop Seage visits St. Thomas’, Diamondhead - 10:00 a.m.
Bishop Seage visits St. Mark’s, Gulfport - Time TBA
- 17 Diocesan Examining Chaplains Meeting – Gray Center – 8:30 a.m.
- 17-19 Commission on Ministry Meeting - Gray Center
- 19 Standing Committee Meeting - Gray Center - 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- 19-20 Gray Center Board of Managers – Gray Center
- 20 Adults Working with Youth (AWWY) – Gray Center
- 21 Bishop Seage visits Church of the Epiphany, Tunica - 11:00 a.m.
Bishop Seage visits Church of the Advent, Sumner - 5:00 p.m.
- 26-28 Spiritual Renewal Retreat - Gray Center
- 27 Cursillo #131 Training
- 28 Bishop Seage visits St. Matthew’s, Kosciusko - 10:30 a.m.
Bishop Seage visits St. Thomas’, Belzoni - 4:00 p.m.

September, 2016

- 5 Allin House closed for Labor Day holiday
- 6 Deadline for *The Mississippi Episcopalian*, 12:00 p.m
- 10 Cursillo #131 Staff Training
- 11 Bishop Seage visits Chapel of the Cross, Madison – 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.
- 13 Executive Committee Meeting – St. Andrew’s Cathedral
11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- 14-20 House of Bishops
- 16-18 A.C. Marble School – Gray Center
- 22-25 Cursillo #131 – Gray Center
- 23-25 Sr. High DOY – Camp Bratton-Green
- 25 Bishop Seage visits St. Elizabeth’s, Collins – Time TBA
Bishop Seage attends Clausura (Closing) of Cursillo #131 – Gray Center

October, 2016

- 2 Bishop Seage visits St. James’, Port Gibson – 9:00 a.m.
Bishop Seage visits St. Paul’s, Woodville – 4:00 p.m.
- 4 Deadline for *The Mississippi Episcopalian*, 12:00 p.m
- 9 Bishop Seage visits Resurrection, Starkville and Canterbury Episcopal Fellowship at Mississippi State University – 10:30 a.m.
- 10-13 Annual Clergy Conference – Gray Center
- 15 Commission on Ministry
1% Seminary Support Giving Deadline
- 16 Bishop Seage visits St. Paul’s, Meridian – 10:30 a.m.
Bishop Seage visits St. Mary’s, Enterprise – 4:00 p.m.
- 20 Standing Committee Meeting – Allin House – 11:30 a.m.
- 21-23 A.C. Marble School – Gray Center
Happening #84 Staff Training – All Saints’, Tupelo
- 23 Bishop Seage visits Grace, Rosedale – 9:00 a.m.
Bishop Seage visits Calvary, Cleveland – 10:30 a.m.
- 26 Bishop Seage visits Mediator, Meridian – 6:00 p.m.
- 27 Trustees of the Diocese – Allin House – 1:00 p.m.
- 28-30 Jr. High DOY – Camp Bratton-Green
- 30 Bishop Seage visits Nativity, Greenwood – 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Bishop Seage visits Grace, Carrollton – 4:00 p.m.
- 31 Voluntary Proportionate Giving Percentage Pledges Due.



An "adult coloring club" begins at St. Alexis Episcopal Church on Saturday, September 10, from 2-4pm. (future meetings TBA.) You see the wildly popular coloring books on sale everywhere from Beemon Drugs to Kroger. Several St. Alexis members enjoy coloring for fun and relaxation and have found that people sitting around a table coloring have great conversations. All are welcome and invited. Bring your own coloring books and markers. Extras will be available for beginners. For information, contact Judy Barnes at 601.668.9319.

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Deployment Report for August, 2016

NEW CALLS

The Reverend David A. Elliott, III, to be Interim Dean, St. Andrew’s Cathedral, Jackson
The Reverend Walton Jones, to be Priest-in-Charge, Resurrection, Starkville
The Reverend Edward O’Connor, to be Priest-in-Charge, St. Paul’s, Meridian
The Reverend Elizabeth Wheatley-Jones, to be Priest-in-Charge, St. Timothy’s, Southaven, and Holy Cross, Olive Branch

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

The Reverend Canon David H. Johnson, announced retirement as Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Mississippi

IN TRANSITION

Christ Church, Bay St. Louis; All Saints’, Grenada; St. Andrew’s Cathedral, Jackson; St. Matthew’s, Kosciusko; Mediator, Meridian; Trinity, Natchez; St. Paul’s, Picayune; St. James’, Port Gibson

Faithful Departed August, 2016

Please submit Faithful Departed notices to your church for submission

- Clintoria Inge Jones, 73**, communicant of St. Mark’s, Jackson, died April 22, 2016.
- James McClure, Jr., 91**, communicant of Holy Innocents’, Como, died July 8, 2016.
- The Rt. Rev. Duncan M. Gray, Jr., 89**, VII Bishop of Mississippi (1974-1993), died July 15, 2016.
- Barbra Harris Campbell, 70**, communicant of All Saints’, Tupelo, died July 29, 2016.



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Jackson Parishes Host Habitat Spooktacular Event

By Laura Elizabeth Tate

Saturday, October 15, 2016, St. James', St. Andrew's, St. Philip's and St. Columb's Episcopal Churches in Jackson will host the 17th Annual Sun King Spooktacular 5K Run & Walk and 1 Mile Boo! Run. The event will be held at St. James'/Jackson, which is located at 3921 Oak Ridge Dr., Jackson, MS 39216.

The race begins at 8:00 a.m. and is a mostly flat course that runs through the Fondren neighborhood. The finish line is in front of St. James' Church. Participants of all ages, abilities, and strollers are welcome! Halloween costumes are encouraged! Course marshals and police escorts will be stationed at turns and at major intersections to conduct traffic. The children's 1 Mile Fun Run will begin at 8:50AM.

Great awards will be given out for both male and female for Overall, Masters and Grand Masters divisions in both the run and walk. First, second and third place

age group awards will also be given out for both male and female in the run and walk. Race day timing will be provided by the MS Track Club.

Those who register in advance will receive a free pair of Swiftwick running socks in their race packet, as well other cool offers and swag! Children who register in advance will receive a youth t-shirt.

To register online log on to <https://racesonline.com/events/sun-king-5k-run-and-walk> or register through the MS Track Club website.

A healthy Boo! Breakfast will be served on the church grounds after the race. Learn about healthy breakfast options and great ideas for children to get involved in the kitchen! Chris Truckner of Challenge Entertainment will emcee and announce our fantastic door prizes and race awards during the Boo! Breakfast. You won't want to miss it!

Our sponsors include Tire Engineers, East Group Properties, Two Rivers Realty, Fleet Feet, Aladdin Mediterranean Grill, Pop Culture Pops, Fondren Fro-Yo, Mangia Bene, McDades, Whole Foods, FindItInFondren, Babalu, The Rug Place, NixTann, Wise Carter, RW Aiken Insurance Agency, Gil Ford Photography, Challenge Entertainment, Executive Planning Group, and Carol Mann.

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A new Habitat for Humanity home was recently blessed in West Point. The Men of Incarnation raised \$25,000 to complete the building. Pictured from the left are: Joe Trulove; Mike Goree; the homeowner's aunt, Karen Mooney; Keith Mooney, Bill Sugg; the Rev. Lynn Ronaldi; homeowner, Victoria Walker; her relatives; and Clay County Habitat Director Dawn Wilbourne. Photo by Thomas Easterling.

36. For the Oppressed

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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