

The Mustard Seed

Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church, Clarkesville, Georgia
March 2010

Greetings from the Rector

Beloved of Grace-Calvary,

Have you ever wondered where the word Lent comes from? It is not from a Greek word in the bible like 'episcopal.' It comes from a Saxon word 'lenc't' which means Spring – or lengthening of daylight.

Why does Lent last for forty days? Moses and the people of Israel journeyed forty years in the wilderness in preparation to be a people of God. Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness after his baptism in preparation for his public ministry. The Church has long called its members into forty days of preparation.

Preparation for what? Easter morning used to be the only time in the year that baptisms took place. It makes perfect sense that entering into a life in Christ would take place on the Sunday of our Lord's Resurrection. Lent continues to be a time for Christians to prepare for baptism and the renewal of baptismal vows.



How does one prepare? Giving up something you like, such as chocolate, can serve as a tickler to remind you of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and a way to practice the discipline of self-denial for his sake.

I still like to create some space in my crowded life to give God some room by giving something up. But, here's another way to look at it. Take an inventory and ask yourself what your life would be like if you were:

- † spiritually filled
- † reconciled with all people and God
- † living and speaking in ways that proclaim Christ's love
- † giving generously of yourself in ways that others feel loved by God
- † involved in making this world a better place for all people

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Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church is open to all people for communion with God and each other in Christ. Within and beyond this historic Church, we strive to do God's work: nurturing our spirits, reaching out to those in need, and valuing and caring for the diversity of God's creation.

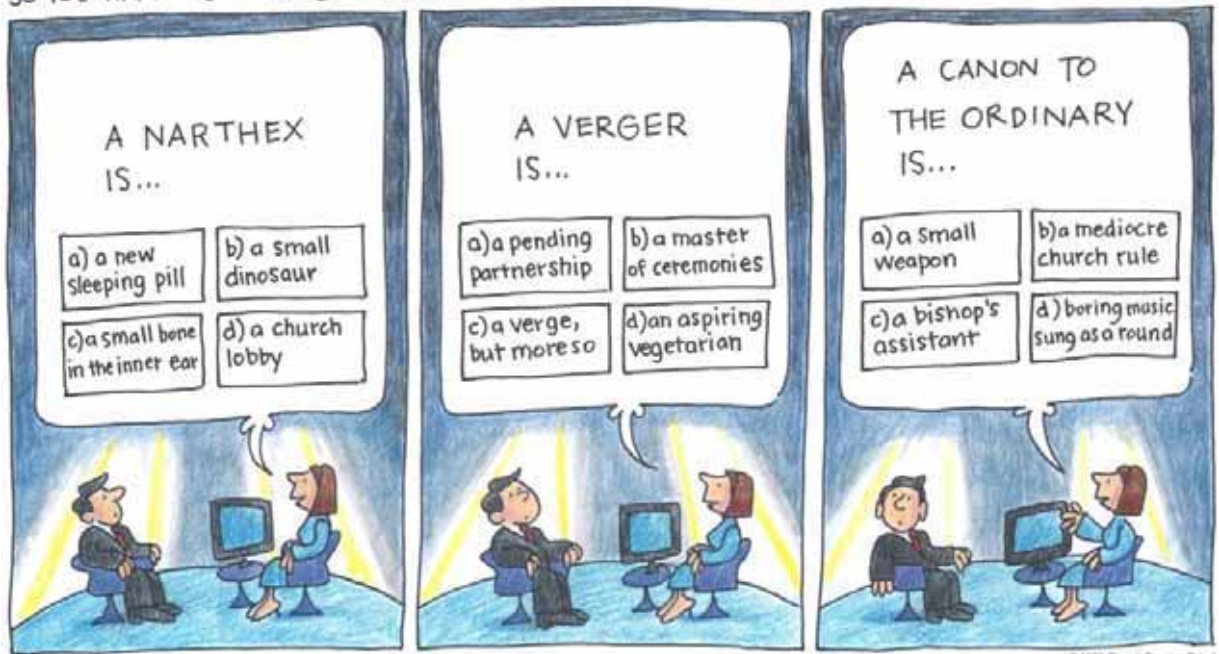
These qualities of life are the content of your baptismal vows. So, what might you do in these forty days to prepare for the renewal of your life in Christ? You might want to spend some time on a relationship that you want to strengthen or repair...with God or another person. How about giving some time and care to yourself so you will be spiritually and physically able to give of yourself? Your preparation may not look like a Lenten discipline on the outside, but God will get it.

Then, when we offer our lives anew to God on Easter morning bringing what we have prepared, God's grace will meet us where we are.

In Christ's love,

Dena +

SO YOU WANT TO BE AN EPISCOPALIAN



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Prayers of the People

Please keep these people in your prayers.

They are prayed for by name at each Wednesday morning Healing Service. If you wish to add someone to this prayer list, please call the church office at 706-754-2451. Most people are kept on this list for four weeks. If after four weeks the person is still in need of prayer, please call the office and give us an up- date.

Nancy Adams	Rosemary Hamburger, friend of Michelle Wetherbee	Adam Norman, husband of Heather Murray
Bob Aldis, friend of Graham Dellinger	Derrick House, son of Betty House	Sam Oliver, friend of Becky Jackson
Ann Alexander, friend of Korky Rice	Grace Hodgens and Family	Sharon Smessaert
Charles Anderson, friend of Sandy Bunce	Barbara Johnston Linda Hill Jordan	Mark Smith, friend of John Cantwell
Elnora Bono, mother of Joann McCann	Hank Kachinsky, son-in-law of Dorothy Perry	Leah Thomas, friend of Mary Clarke
Henry Bourne	Kerry Maughn, friend of Becky Jackson	Sara Treat, friend of Flynn Gentry-Taylor
Katherine Brookshire, friend of Louise Anderson		Mike Baysinger, friend of Mary Clarke

Vestry Meeting Highlights

The first regular Vestry meeting of the new year was held on Feb. 15. Highlights from the meeting included:

* *Report on two meetings Les Parsons led with church volunteers that will be stepping in to help tend the buildings and grounds following Les' retirement as chair of the Buildings and Grounds committee.*

* *Sr. Warden John Cantwell has agreed to serve as B&G chair for 2010.*

* *A policy for communicating when services/events are delayed or canceled due to weather or other circumstances has been developed and will be communicated in an upcoming Mustard Seed.*

* *Several church committees and subcommittees are currently without a chair including: Christian Formation, Children's Formation, Evangelism/Communication, and Annual Giving.*

* *A majority of the information on our website has been removed, because it was out of date. Vestry Liaisons will be talking with their respective committees about contributing generic program descriptions and current event information for the website. Barrie Aycock, Jim Loring, and Jon Mehlferber will be leading the update of the website throughout the year.*

* *Parish members will be encouraged to share copies of the photos they take at church events with the church office for use on the website, in the Mustard Seed, etc.*

The next meeting of the Vestry will be Wednesday, March 17. The major topic of discussion will be the finance committee's recommendation of a final budget for 2010 based on income and expense indicators from January and February.

March 2010

Weekly Events

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
9:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry (SJH) - 2nd & 4th
Sundays
10:00 a.m. Christian Ed
11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II w/ choir
1:30 p.m. EfM (POFR)
8:00 p.m. AA (SJH)

Mondays

10 a.m. 1st & 3rd Mondays-Joyful Hands
5 p.m. B-Fit Fitness Class (SJH)
7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (SJH)

Tuesdays

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (SJH)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (SJHC)

Wednesdays

8:00 a.m. Kindermusik (SJH)
10:30 a.m. Healing Service
11:30 a.m. Daughters of the King (SJH)
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (POCR)
7:30 p.m. AA (SJH)

Thursdays

5 p.m. B-Fit Fitness Class (SJH)

Fridays

8:00 p.m. AA (SJH)

Saturdays

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon (POFR)
7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (SJH)

Other Events

Mar. 1	6:00 p.m.	Outreach (POFR)
Mar. 5-7		ECW Retreat
Mar. 7	9:00 a.m.	1st Sunday Breakfast
Mar. 8	5:00 p.m.	Foothills Board Meeting (POFR)
Mar. 10	6:00 p.m.	2nd Wednesday Program (SJH)
Mar. 12	11:00 a.m.	Foyers Lunch Group (SJH)
Mar. 17	6:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting (Aycock's)
Mar. 18	6:00 p.m.	Mythological Roundtable (POFR)
Mar. 26	6:00 p.m.	Breast Cancer Support Group (POCR)
Mar. 27	10:00 a.m.	Making Palm Crosses (SJH)
Mar. 29 – Apr. 4		Holy Week
Apr. 2		Office Closed
Apr. 3		Quiet Day (SJH)
Apr. 5		Office Closed

Legend

POCR – Parish Office Choir Room
POFR – Parish Office Family Room
SJH – Saint Julian Hall
SJHC – Saint Julian Hall Classroom
SJHU – Saint Julian Hall Undercroft



\$1,300 has been sent through Grace-Calvary to Episcopal Relief and Development for Haiti.
Way to go!

Let Us Celebrate

March Birthdays

- 1 Jon-Hurt Smith
- 2 Lisa Guzzetta, Bess Hodkinson,
Valerie Fenlon
- 4 Louise Anderson, James Sumner
- 6 Cathy Morgan, Stephen Whited
- 7 Pat Molnar, Andrea Price
- 10 Candy Davis
- 11 Dylan Walker
- 12 Robert "Skipper" Fuller
- 14 Hannah Jones, Martha Hunter
- 16 Michael McDuffie
- 17 Eddy Ariail, Megan Mikeal
- 18 Chris Guzzetta, Hugh Fenlon
- 19 Peter Moncure
- 20 Dorothy Perry, Katy McCann
Nancy Kollock, Jim Owens
- 22 Davis Hurt Smith (1992)
- 31 Robert Elliott, Frank McCann,
Cynthia Vance

March Anniversaries

- 21 Jim & Diane Owens
- 27 John & Eleanor Navolis



Outreach Corner

The Outreach Committee would like to invite you to help us in a powerful service opportunity. Habersham Families Helping Families is "a community-based organization striving to show God's love and change the lives of those in need with a respectful, non-judgmental environment." This group assists children and families who are economically disadvantaged, people with disabilities, and the elderly in many ways. We are asking for your help in collecting donations that will be given to those in need free of charge. Each month has been assigned a theme but donations are accepted at any time. Please join in this valuable service project.

January: Bikes and tricycles, helmets and pads

February: Teddy Bears for police to give to children when law enforcement is involved

March: Paper goods, toiletries, diapers

April: Project Prom (used prom dresses, shoes and suits)

May: Luggage for children in foster care

June: Fans for the elderly

July: Back to school supplies

August: Raise money to pre-order hams and turkeys for the holidays

September: Coats, hats, gloves and blankets (all sizes)

October: Wigs, headscarves and hats

November: Canned food drive for Thanksgiving

December: Canned food drive for Christmas





Camp Mikell Summer Camps

Mini Camp

A chance for younger kids to sample summer camp. They live and play and worship like the big kids, but for a shorter time and with Mom or Dad (or any other responsible adult).

Traditional Camps

These camps, one for each individual age group, are where fun, friendship, and God combine to create a one-of-a kind experience. Mornings are dedicated to Christian education and reflection; afternoons are spent swimming, hiking, crafting or playing. Older campers get a chance to sign up for the ropes course, climbing tower, creek hike, and other adventures.

Performing Arts

Campers bring their talents and interests to create a performance and learn about themselves all at once. Afternoons and evenings are spent enjoying regular Mikell activities. Family and friends are invited to the show, and a picnic lunch at the end of the week. (Note: no bus going back to Atlanta at this camp.)

Work Camp

You can give back to a place that has given so much to so many. Work alongside your friends for a week of sweat, fun, and ministry. Mornings are spent on work projects with afternoons and evenings filled with regular Mikell favorites. Session ends after lunch. The bus back to Atlanta will arrive at about 3:00pm.

Outdoor Camps

Campers live in tents on both Mikell property and nearby trails. They get a chance to try adventure activities and hike to beautiful places. A chaplain accompanies groups for a more meaningful experience.

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE 2010

Mini Camp: May 21st-23rd, Rising 1st and 2nd Graders; \$325.00
(Includes cost for camper and parent/guardian)

Kid Camp 1: May 26th-June 1st, Rising 3rd-5th Graders; \$395.00

Youth Camp: June 4th-June 10th, Rising 10th-12th Graders; \$395.00

Performing Arts Camp: June 13th-June 19th, Rising 4th-9th Graders; \$420.00

Intermediate Camp: June 22nd -June 28th, Rising 8th and 9th Graders; \$395.00

Junior Camp: July 2nd-July 8th, Rising 6th and 7th Graders; \$395.00

Kid Camp 2: July 11th-July 17th, Rising 3rd-5th Graders; \$395.00

Work Camp: July 24th-July 29th, Rising 10th Graders-Just Graduated; \$285.00

Emmaus House: August 1st-August 5th, Emmaus House Summer Program

Guest Camp: September 3th-September 6th, Children, Adults, and Families of all Ages

OUTDOOR CAMPS

Outdoor Intermediate: May 26th-June 1st, Rising 8th and 9th Graders; \$395.00

Outdoor Youth: June 13th-June 19th, Rising 10th Graders-Just Graduated; \$395.00

Outdoor Junior: July 11th-July 17th, Rising 6th and 7th Graders; \$395.00

Mikell Camp and Conference Center

237 Camp Mikell Court, Toccoa GA 30577 * 706 886 7515 * Fax: 706 886 7580

Who is in Charge?

Think of the last time you really liked something at the church. Or how about the time something really didn't sit well. And of course, there are all those times you had some time and wanted to lend a hand.

Who did you tell? Was he/she the right person?

Now you can know you're going to the right person. Here are our committee and subcommittee chairs along with their Vestry Liaison:

<i>Committee/Sub</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>Vestry Liaison</i>
Buildings & Grounds	John Cantwell	Russell Johnson
Holy Cross Cemetery	John Kollock	
Kitchen Guild	Bob Parker	
Christian Formation	Vacant	Anne Short
Adults	Mike Short	
Children	Vacant	
Nursery	Annie Jenkins	
Spiritual Growth	Heather Murray	
Vacation Bible School	Lisa Guzzetta	
Youth	David Todd	
Evangelism/Communication	Vacant	Jim Loring
Mustard Seed	Jami Pederson	
Newcomers	Anne Short	
Website	Jon Mehlferber	
Welcomers	Anne Short	
Executive	Sr. Warden	Sr. Warden
Heritage	David Greene	Walton Smith
Horizon	Vestry (all)	
Lay Pastoral Care	Kathy Lovell, Billye Runion	Matt McClurg
Outreach	Ray & Sue Rowell	Cynthia Johnston
Parish Life	Barrie Aycock	Barrie Aycock
Cookbook	Barrie Aycock	
First Sunday Breakfast	Michael McDuffie	
Foyers	Barrie Aycock	
Heritage Festival	Russ McCann	
Personnel	Sr. Warden	Senior Warden
Stewardship	Walton Smith	Matt McClurg
Annual Giving	Vacant	
Endowment Board	John Davis	
Environment	Bill Gresham	
Finance	Eddy Ariail	
Worship	Sandy Robson	Becky Jackson
Altar Guild	JoAnn McCann	
Bread Guild	Sandy Bunce	
Flower Guild	Kathy Shields	
Funeral Guild	Nancy Kollock	
Music	Sandy Calloway/Tony Woronowski	
Servers	Pat Molnar	
Wedding Guild	Sandy Robson/Pat Molnar	
Related Organizations		
Daughters of the King	Judy Waske	
Episcopal Church Women	Jennifer Tench	
Men of Grace	Ray Rowell/Frank McCann	

Grace-Calvary Encourages Recycling



By: Bill Gresham

As part of our diocesan commitment to Environmental Stewardship, we encourage parishioners to explore the various options for recycling in and around Habersham County. There are several private companies offering curbside pick-up in addition to the three drop-off locations offered by Habersham County. In addition, specialty recycling containers are being made available at the Historic Mauldin House and Sam Pitts Park.

Private companies include:

R3 Curbside Recycling – 706-499-4284 or visit www.r3recycling.com.

Chase Sanitation – 706-968-1370 or visit www.chasesanitation.com.

Recycle North Georgia – 706-968-8310 or e-mail recyclenorthgeorgia@gmail.com

Habersham County accepts the following items at three locations:

Glass: Clear, Green, Brown

Aluminum cans

Metal (only at the Landfill)

No. 1 or No. 2 plastic bottles/jugs

(look on the bottle or jug for the number inside the recycling triangle)

Paper products, such as: newspapers, some types of computer paper, magazines, books, shredded paper and cardboard

For information on locations and hours of operation, visit www.habershamcounty.com.

Clarkesville trial recycling program:

The City of Clarkesville, in partnership with the Clarkesville Better Hometown Board of Directors and Clarkesville-based Cedar Heights Center, is launching a trial recycling program. The program will start in March in two locations, Sam Pitts Park and the Historic Mauldin House.

Specialty containers have been purchased by Cedar Heights and the city will pay for the collection cost for the remainder of 2010. Initially, only plastic bottles and aluminum cans will be collected. For more information, call 706-754-2220.

Can I Use St. Julian Hall?

The Vestry approved a new policy on the use of our buildings and grounds last year. This new policy was based on a close look at a number of factors including:

- * *who uses our facilities now*
- * *the different understandings of clean and everything returned to the place you found it we've encountered*
- * *how the facility is bearing up to use*
- * *how our facilities can support our mission.*

Decisions on who can use the church and how much they may be charged are driven by their relationship to the mission of the church. We classify all requests into one of three categories. The category determines both the fee structure and the precedence of the space reservation.

The categories are:

1. Worship and ministries (e.g., Foothills Counseling) to which we are committed = No fee
 - a. Donations are gladly accepted
2. Support of groups or individuals involved in promoting and providing spiritual, mental and physical health and well being (e.g., AA meetings) = Donations strongly encouraged
 - a. Ten percent of any meeting fees collected is offered as a giving guide, though any portion that may be available to help with costs for provision of supplies and maintenance of the facility is appreciated.
3. Community and social activities (e.g., beauty consultants meeting) unrelated to our mission = see chart below

Room	Non-member	Member
Church	To be determined ¹	\$0 ²
Saint Julian Hall – Assembly Hall	\$ 250.00	\$65.00
Saint Julian Hall Assembly Hall & Kitchen ³	\$ 350.00	\$85.00
Classroom in Saint Julian Hall (per room per day)	\$ 50.00	\$15.00
Family Room or Choir Room in Parish Office Building	\$ 50.00	\$15.00
Custodial Fee ⁴	\$ 100.00	\$30.00
Recurring Meetings	To be determined ⁵	To be determined ⁵

- 1 – The church is only available to non-members for a limited range of functions, such as music recitals. Fees are determined on a case-by-case basis.
- 2 – The church is only available to members for a limited range of functions including weddings, funerals, etc.
- 3 – The Kitchen is not available as a stand alone rental
- 4 – Required for rentals of the Church, Assembly Hall, Assembly Hall & Kitchen, or multiple classroom rentals.
- 5 – Discounts may be available for multiple meetings and are determined on a case-by-case basis

Members will be charged only the custodial fee if warranted, as determined by the rector.

News and Events

Clarkesville Now Collecting Historical Photographs

To commemorate National Preservation Month, the Clarkesville Better Hometown Board of Directors is inviting the community to share photographic images of Clarkesville's past. An exhibit will be on display at the Historic Mauldin House during May. Images can be submitted via e-mail, scanned in print format up to 11x17 or in slide format. CDs are also welcome. Details: 706-754-2220 or e-mail lgresham@clarkesvillega.com.



Thank You

Many thanks to Jim Shields for sweeping snow and ice off of the steps, walkways, and sidewalks while Kathy was doing Flower Guild. Jim and Kathy were faithful in their service on some of the iciest days we had.

Are We Having Church?

It's a question that ran through people's minds several times in January and February as the snow fell, the winds blew, and the rain poured down. Some people asked the Vestry. Others called the Rector. Most of the rest of you just showed up on faith and hoped there were services, which there were.

Wonder no more.

In the event church services/events are delayed or cancelled, you will have several sources to find out about it moving forward.

1. Call the church office. The parish administrator or a warden will change the message if there is a cancellation or delay.

2. Visit the church's Facebook page for the latest update.
3. Watch WSB-TV Channel 2 out of Atlanta or check their website for an update.
4. Tune in to WCON 99.3, WNGA 105.1, or WPPA 88.3 and listen for the latest on services in their weather closure announcements.
5. Read the note on the door, which our Rector will lovingly post at the church, St. Julian Hall, and the office as a last resort.

Now, let's all hope for good weather, because it will be mid-March before the radio and TV stations have finished processing the paperwork for us to be included in their weather related closures and delays.

Fall Festival

Anyone having any historical pictures of the community or our church from the 1920's, that might be willing to allow us to put them on our website...please get to Russ McCann or Jon Mehlferber. Our new Fall Festival Website is coming in April. Info to follow.

Items for the auction are needed. Please get to Russ McCann or Valerie Fenlon to coordinate getting them to us.

Next meeting of the Fall Festival Committee is March 21st at 10 a.m. in St Julian's Hall.

Mark your calendars now, the Fall Festival is Oct. 15 & 16.



Bishop
The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander
Rector
The Rev. Dena S. Bearl
Parish Administrator
Todd Blandin
Organist
Mr. Anthony Woronowski
Choir Director
Dr. Edwin Calloway



Vestry

Sr. Warden - Mr. John
Cantwell '11
Jr. Warden Mr. Walton Smith '12
Mrs. Barrie Aycock '11
Ms. Becky Jackson '13
Mr. Russell Johnson '11
Mrs. Cynthia Johnston '13
Mr. Jim Loring '12
Mr. Matt McClurg '13
Mrs. Anne Short '12

Sunday Lectons

March 7: Psalm 63:1-8; Exodus 3:1-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

March 14: Psalm 32; Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 21: Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

March 28: Psalm 31: 9-16; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:1-23:56

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

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