



THE GREEN SHEET

Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

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VOLUNTEER NEWS - Congratulations to **Salem Saloom**, a long time volunteer worker in the Diocese, Commission on Ministry and coordinator of Fresh Start, and his family, on being selected 2010 National Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year. This annual award recognizes sustainable forest management on family-owned woodlands. The Saloom Properties, LLC, is a family owned Tree Farm near Brewton, Alabama. The honor was announced at the 17th Annual National Tree Farmer Convention in Burlington, Vermont on July 18, 2010. Congratulations to **Salem, Dianne, and Patrick!**

2010 CLERGY CONFERENCE - Clergy should be receiving information and registration forms for the 2010 Clergy Conference scheduled for **September 12th - 14th** at Beckwith. Clergy should respond as promptly as possible so that whatever arrangements are necessary can be made with an accurate count.

JONATHAN MYRICK DANIELS PILGRIMAGE - The annual Jonathan Myrick Daniels Pilgrimage and Procession will be **Saturday, August 14th** beginning at 11:00 a.m. in Hayneville, AL, near Montgomery. Daniels was an Episcopal seminarian when he was killed in 1965 while working in the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama. He has been placed on the Episcopal Church's Calendar of Saints and Martyrs. This event has become increasingly popular and attracts pilgrims nationally and internationally. It is hoped there will be good representation from the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. This event is jointly sponsored by the Diocese of Alabama and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. See you in the town square!

FRESH START - The next Fresh Start meeting is **August 19th** followed by the following dates: **September 16th, October 21st, and November 18th**. If you have any questions about this program, please call Salem Saloom, (251) 867-6464, or e-mail him at sawbonz@saloom.net.

CHURCH AUDITS - All congregations are required by Canon to file a financial audit with the Bishop's office by September 1st of the following year. **Church audits for the year ending December 31, 2009 are due in the Bishop's office on or before September 1, 2010.** If you have any questions about audit requirements, or need an audit form approved by the Commission on Finance, please contact Vince Currie or Jennifer Barnard at the Diocesan office.

PLANNED GIVING WEBINAR - The Episcopal Church Foundation is continuing its service to the Diocese and the wider church with a free webinar offered for planned giving leaders. Learn the basics of planned giving, how it differs from annual stewardship and capital campaigns, how parishes can build endowments from life income gifts, and a plan of action. All lay and clergy leadership are welcome to participate. The webinar will be held on **September 8th** and **October 6th** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Eastern Time (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Central Daytime Time). To participate you need a computer (PC or Mac) with an internet connection and a phone or a headset. Call Jim Murphy at the Episcopal Church Foundation, (800) 697-2858 for materials and instructions.

ECW FALL CONFERENCE - Women are reminded to hold the dates **October 8th - 10th** for the annual ECW Fall Conference. This year the conference will be at our own Beckwith Camp and Conference Center! The Rt. Rev. Charles F. Duvall, second bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast will be the guest speaker. More information will be coming to all congregations.

ART OF CONTEMPLATIVE PARENTING - a retreat that offers encouragement, guidance, insight and practical wisdom to all parents and grandparents who desire to become more aware of and responsive to their children's spiritual needs and gifts, is scheduled for Beckwith Camp and Conference Center **October 22 - 24**. Sessions include: Sharing Prayer Space with Children, Help for Bringing Children Up in the Faith, Experiencing God through the Eyes of Children, and When our Children Depart from our Vision. Facilitators for this retreat are Dawn Peck, MD and The Rev. Marshall Craver. Dr. Peck is a Developmental Pediatrician and mother of four. Mr. Craver is the Associate Rector of St. Paul's, Mobile. There are both graduates of the Shalem Institute for Leading Contemplative Retreats and have been facilitating retreats for the past ten years. Brochures with registration forms are available upon request through St. Paul's, Mobile (251) 342-8521, the Diocesan office (850) 434-7337, and Beckwith Camp and Conference Center (251) 928-7844. Sign up early. Space is limited.

CURSILLO 2010 - The next Cursillo is #143 - **November 4th - 7th**.

SMALL CHURCH CONFERENCE - The Commission on Diocesan Missions is planning the annual Small Church Conference for **Saturday, November 13th** at St. Patrick's, Panama City, Florida. The main topic for the conference will be "The Small Church and the Diocesan Five Year Plan". Melinda Henderson, who is the Plan Facilitator will be one of the presenters. Dr. Henderson will present information on the Five Year Plan and how the small congregations in the Diocese can work with the Plan. Small church members are especially encouraged to attend and enjoy the fellowship of others from small congregations to gather information, share your celebrations and concerns. More information and registration forms will be available soon.

PLANNED GIVING QUOTE - "Through a charitable gift annuity you can make a gift to the church and guarantee yourself and a beneficiary an income for life."

HEALTH TIP - "Emotional health: Take time each day to absent yourself from technology!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE PUBLICIZED IN THE GREEN SHEET SHOULD BE SENT TO CARMEN KIMMONS BY THE FIRST OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO THE GREEN SHEET PUBLICATION!

DIOCESAN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED - Monday, September 6th in recognition of Labor Day. Everyone please have a happy and safe holiday weekend.

COMING EVENTS

Jonathan Myrick Daniels Pilgrimage	Aug 14	Hayneville, AL
Fresh Start	Aug 19	Diocesan office
Planned Giving Webinar	Sept 8	online
Clergy Conference	Sept 12 - 14	Beckwith
Fresh Start	Sept 16	Diocesan office
Planned Giving Webinar	Oct 6	online
ECW Fall Conference	Oct 8 - 10	Beckwith
Fresh Start	Oct 21	Diocesan office
Art of Contemplative Parenting retreat	Oct 22 - 24	Beckwith

BISHOP DUNCAN'S CALENDAR

Vacation	Aug 2 - 31	Vacation - traveling & Austin, TX
Visitation	Sept 5	Trinity, Atmore
Order of St. John of Jerusalem meeting	Sept 9	Baldwin County, AL
The Episcopal Community - Leadership	Sept 10 - 11	Indianapolis, IN
Visitation	Sept 12	Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores
Fall Clergy Conference w/Phyllis Tickle	Sept 12 - 14	Beckwith
House of Bishops	Sept 15 - 22	Phoenix, AZ
Dedication of St. Michael's Campus (EDS)	Sept 28	EDS (St. Michael's Campus), Pensacola
Celebration of New Ministry - Olsen	Sept 29	St. Francis, Gulf Breeze
St. Dismas Community visitation/confirmation	Sept 30	Fountain Prison, Atmore

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH: "You know you've reached middle age when you realize that the time from the "student discount" and "senior discount" has passed in the blink of an eye!"