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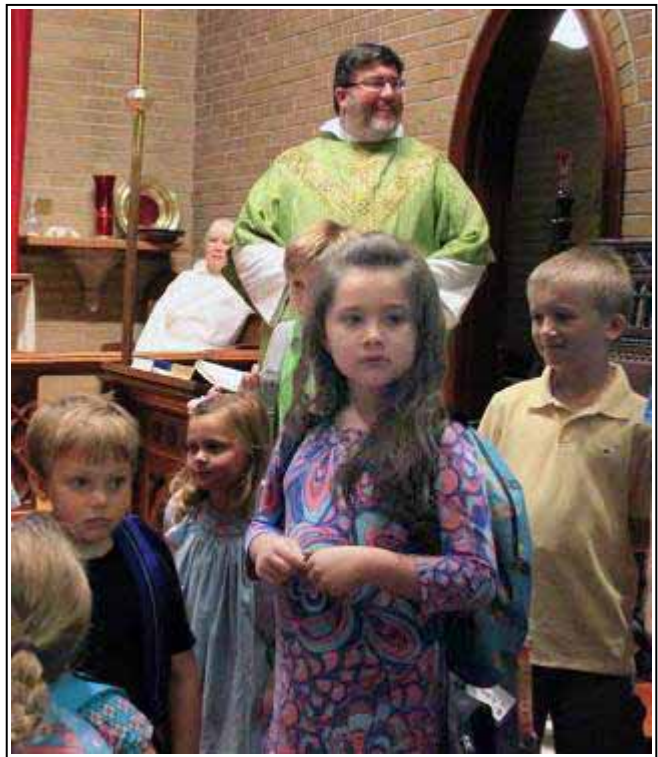
Back to School—Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessed to be a Blessing

On August 4th, the children and schoolteachers of St. Alban's gathered during the Eucharist to have their backpacks blessed as they begin the new school year. Rev. Elisabeth passed out *Blessed to be a Blessing* backpack tags to all who participated. During the Eucharist, the focus was on the meaning of the Blessing of the Backpacks and how the values instilled within the children will be carried out into the world to guide their lives.

So, what are the values? The answer is found in the Letter to the Colossians: "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body... And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Rev. Elisabeth passed out the gift tags while Rev. Brian Ponder blessed the backpacks. The presentation reminded everyone that we are all *Blessed to be a Blessing*.





*Children are a gift from Heaven, each soul trusting and unique;
God's example of faith's journey for all people who will seek.
Children are a priceless treasure, sent from heaven like a dove;
poetry yet to be written, they bring laughter, joy and love.
John E Simons*

Youth Formation Discussions & Plans



Peter Williams, Gloria Hall, Ashley Patterson & Sam Hall

On Sunday, August 18, the Chapel Children, their parents and grandparents, and other interested adults met with the Reverend Elisabeth Malphurs and Betsy Selby to enjoy pizza and discuss Youth Formation ideas and plans for the coming months. Suggestions included meeting after church on third Sundays for lunch and various activities, such as filling goody bags for our elderly and shut-ins, working on crafts for Dinner on the Grounds, playing board games, and helping St. Alexis in Jackson with its sandwich ministry for the homeless. This enthusiastic group looks forward to working and playing together.



Gabby Rushing, Peter Williams, Julian Tolliver, Alison Rushing & Mason Selby



Josh & Jonah Artman & Blair Harris

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We make a promise to each child baptized in the church that we will support them in their life in Christ, helping them by our prayers and witness to grow into the full stature of Christ. St. Alban's takes this commitment seriously. Within the next month, we should have new classroom space for our youngest members. We have also started talking about the goals of children's formation at the church. Among the goals we talked about at a recent meeting about children's and youth ministry included:

- Our children will know they are loved by God and by this church
- Our children will know the foundational stories of the Bible
- Our children will have a safe place to ask questions about faith
- Our children will be able to articulate their faith
- Our children will have opportunities to serve others

The work of children's formation is sacred work that involves all of us at St. Alban's. While in the long term, we want to explore children's Sunday school before the 11:00 a.m. service, for the present, our primary formational opportunities for children happen in the context of worship and fellowship. And what this means is that *every single member* of St. Alban's has the opportunity *every single Sunday* to be part of the faith formation of our young people. When one of our young people reads or acolytes during worship, take a moment to thank them for their contribution. If you see one of our younger children drawing a picture, ask them to tell you about what they're drawing. One of the biggest benefits of being in a church the size of St. Alban's is the opportunity our children have to interact with people of all ages. This is a gift.

As we discern how we can best nurture the youngest members of our church, you'll notice that we're going to be experimenting. For example, for the next few months, instead of having children's chapel, you'll notice that we're going to encourage all but our very youngest kids to be in worship. For children ages 6 and up, we'd like to provide more ways for them to experience the transformative power of our liturgy. We'll be providing books in the narthex and worship bags for kids to use in the pews to help them stay in church throughout the service. For our older youth, we're planning an acolyte training on September 29 to help them participate more fully in leading worship. We'll also have more opportunities for intergenerational fellowship. Every third Sunday, plan to stay after the 11:00 a.m. service for lunch and an intergenerational activity, where we'll work together across age groups on a craft, games, or service project. Praying and playing together will be the themes that carry us through the fall.

Our very youngest members of the body of Christ have much to learn, but also much to teach the rest of us. Let us pray for the wisdom to nurture their gifts for ministry that they may lead us closer to the kingdom of God.

Children & Youth Events

Fall 2019

- SEP. 8, 3-7 PM** Youth (6th-12th grades) gather at church to drive to Youth Convocation in Port Gibson for dinner and "Quiz the Bishop"
- SEP. 15, 12-1 PM** All families invited to stay after church for lunch & intergenerational crafts
- SEP. 29, 11-12:30 PM** Calling all kids & youth for a special acolyte & worship leader training after our 10:00 am combined service
- OCT. 6, 5-7 PM** Youth (6th-12th grades) gather at the church for St. Francis Day activities
- OCT. 20, 12-1PM** All families invited to stay after church for lunch & board games.
- NOV. 3, 12-UNTIL** Kids & youth assist with Dinner on the Grounds
- NOV. 17, 12-1 PM** All families invited to stay after church for lunch & Advent activity
- DEC. 1, TIME TBD** Youth (6th-12th grades) gather for service project TBD
- DEC. 15, 11-1** Christmas pageant at the 11:00 service; All families invited to stay after church for lunch and service project

Questions?

Contact Rev. Elisabeth at 601-291-0354 or stalbansclergy@bellsouth.net
or Betsy Selby at 601-218-4916 or bselby5@yahoo.com

Celebrating August Birthdays & Anniversaries



Josh Artman celebrating his 14th birthday



Allan & Joan Leese on their 23rd anniversary



Carolyn Sullins w/Mason Selby, Ed Shelnut & Mary Michael Southall celebrate birthdays

September Birthdays

2 Dale Gibson	16 Judy Morrissey
Richard Stone	19 Del Price
4 Thomas Skinner	21 Lance Stewart
5 Riley Kitchens	24 Jerry McWilliams
7 Josie Williams	Peter Meyers
8 Richard Price	27 Mads Lauritzen
14 Linda K. Walker	28 Genevieve Rushing

September Anniversaries

4 Bobby & Mickey Barlow	24 Andy & Kristi Hall
16 Jim & Jennifer Harper	25 John & Amanda Monti
18 Payton & Lanore Fulgham	

Prayers for the People



Andy Katzenmeyer	Cynthia Strawn	Linda & Jim Dooley
Ann & Jimmy Jones	Dalton Glatt	Natalie McMillian
Barbara Ramsay	Dan & Mary Carleton	Newell Graham
Bertha Kolb	Diane Bailey	Nita Tassin
Betty Biedenharn	Dianne Carlton	Norma Jones
Blair Harris	Eugene Quarles	Paul Quarles
Bill Longfellow	Glenda Ferguson	Rachelle Ferris
Bobbie Carlisle	Herb Jones	Rebecca Drake
Brabston Cook	Irv Jones	Sarah Rickard
Brandi Tony	Jackson Monti	Scott
Bryan Brabston	Jim Farrell	Sharon Cummins
Charlie Brantley & Family	Joan Leese	Steve Webster
Charlie Lutz	John Kabbes	Selby Family
	Laurie Reece	

Victims of Violence & Natural Disasters

Schedule of Events for September

Weekly Activities & Services

Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM. Phone: (601) 636-6687

Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Christian Education, 10:00 AM

Nursery, 10:00 AM

Children's Chapel, 11:00 AM

Tuesday

Bible & More Discussion Group, Parish House, 6:00–8:00 PM

Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:30 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, 12:30 PM

Sunday, September 1—*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*. Morning Prayer, Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs; Penny Freund, organist

Sunday, September 8—*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*. Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM. Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs. Holy Eucharist, 11:00 AM, Rev. Beth Palmer, Celebrant, Patsy Simpson, organist

Sunday, September 8—*Diocese of Mississippi Convocation Youth Event*, St. James' Episcopal, Port Gibson. Youth (6th–12th grades) gather at church to drive to Port Gibson for dinner and "Quiz the Bishop," 3:00–7:00 PM. Please RSVP by September 5.

Sunday, September 8—*Second Sundays at St. Mary's*, Bolton, 4:00 PM. Holy Eucharist Homecoming Service, The Rev. Hailey Allin, Celebrant. Program, *County & Folk Favorites* featuring *The Fehrenbackers Quartet*

Sunday, September 15—*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*. Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM. Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs, Lance Stewart, guitarist. Lunch & Intergenerational crafts, 12:00–1:00 PM

Friday, September 20–Sunday–September 22—Jr. High DOY at Camp Bratton-Green. Grades 6-8, register on Diocesan website

Sunday, September 22—*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost.* Morning Prayer, Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs 8:30 AM; Holy Eucharist, 11:00 AM, Rev. Jane Alexander, Celebrant; Patsy Simpson, organist

Saturday, September 28—ECW Field Trip to the Indian Bayou Arts and Eats Festival in Indianola. Tour the BB King Museum. We will meet at St. Alban's at 8:00 AM and carpool from there. As always, men are welcome

Sunday, September 29—*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost.*

PLEASE NOTE: ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 AM. Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament, Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Malphurs, Shirleen Gill, organist. Acolyte and worship leader training, 11:00 AM–12:30 PM



Looking Ahead



Sunday, October 6—*Blessing of the Animals,* Outdoor chapel, 11:00 AM. Rev. Canon Paul Stephens celebrating the Eucharist and blessing the pets. You are invited to bring donations for *Paws Rescue of Vicksburg.* Paws Rescue particularly needs good quality dry dog food, clumping only Tidy Cat litter, and dog and cat treats.

Sunday, November 3—New Classroom Building Dedication

Sunday, November 3—Dinner on the Grounds & Country Market



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Liturgical Schedule

	September 1 <i>Pentecost 12</i>	September 8 <i>Pentecost 13</i>	September 15 <i>Pentecost 14</i>	September 22 <i>Pentecost 15</i>	September 29 <i>Pentecost 16</i>
First Reading	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm	Psalm 81:1, 10-16	Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17	Psalm 14	Psalm 79:1-9	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Second Reading	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Philemon 1-21	1 Timothy 1:12-17	1 Timothy 2:1-7	1 Timothy 6:6-19
Gospel	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-13	Luke 16:19-31
LWL	8:30 am David Pruett 11:00 am Richard Price	Tommy Skinner Ann Tompkins	Harvey Smith Betsy Selby	Tommy Skinner Theo Williams	Theo Williams Harvey Smith
MC	Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes
OT Lector	8:30 am Bitsy Sloan 11:00 am John Gibson	Bitsy Sloan Liz Gent	Bitsy Sloan Peter Williams	Bitsy Sloan Ed Shelnut	Bitsy Sloan Dawn Rickard
Psalm			Sam Hall		
Epistle			Henry Cooper		
Crucifer & Acolyte		Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes Gloria Hall	Koury Collins	Susan Price
Wooden Cross			Harris Southall		
Gospel Bearer		Ann Tompkins	Gabby Rushing	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie
Prayers of the People		Liz Gent	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie
Oblation Bearers	N/A	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	N/A	Kerri Williams Peter Williams	N/A
Ushers & Greeters	Ron White Allan Leese	Lance Stewart David Normand	Josh & Jonah Artman	Dale Gibson Dawn Rickard	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter
Standing Communion Station	N/A	Deacon Elisabeth Harvey Smith	Deacon Josie Theo Williams	Deacon Elisabeth Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie Ann Tompkins
Altar Guild	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Cassandra Price Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes Liz Gent	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing	Mary Ann Wright Susan Price
Coffee Host	Sharon Cummins Ann Tompkins	Cassandra Price Jennifer Normand	Kristi Hall Betsy Selby	Theo & Kerri Williams	Potluck Refreshments
Nursery	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley
Offertory Counters	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Janice Herrington	Ann Tompkins Beth Guynes Lance Stewart	Ann Tompkins Theo Williams Michael Southall	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Stacy Weaver	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks John Bonar
Healing Service	September 4 David Pruett	September 11 Tommy Skinner	September 18 David Pruett	September 25 Theo Williams	