



The Albanac

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"Let Freedom Ring"

Celebrating Mother's Day



Jeff Flathau Mary Ruth Jones Hannah Flathau Tyler Flathau



Mary Carleton



Ann Jones & Betty Biedenbarn



Sarah Porter, Harvey Smith & Wanda Warren



Stan Collins & Anita Collins



Penny Freund, Ann Jones, Cynthia Strawn & Betty Biedenbarn

Parish Day at St. Alban's Church



Gabby Rushing



Allison Rushing



Dalton Thames & Sarah Margaret Porter



Mason Selby with Shane & Regan Lauritzen
and their twins, Remy & Roux



Ralph Miller Entertains Dinner Crowd



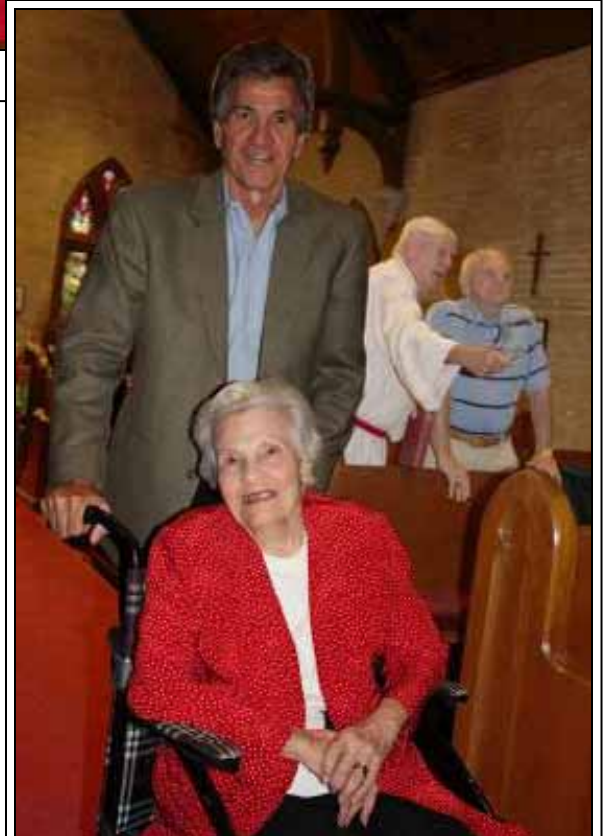
Pentecost Sunday – Wear Red



Hallie Jo Ragsdale & Bertha Kolb



Rev. Billie



Easy & Betty Biedenbarn

St. Alban's Honors Graduates



Genevieve Walker
BA in English Education, Ole Miss



Clarissa Walker
MM in Music Education Ole Miss



David Pruett
Education for Ministry



Olivia Curtis
St. Aloysius High School



Marci Turner
Education for Ministry

Storybook Project

I suspect everyone who attends St. Alban's Church grew up with books—books in your home and books from the library. Most likely, we all grew up seeing the grown-ups in our households reading and having books read to us. That is not the case for all children. For a variety of reasons, some children are not exposed to reading in the home. *The Storybook Project* fills in two gaps in terms of ownership of a book and hearing the voice of a parent read a book.

The Storybook Project is a ministry that provides prison inmates with the opportunity to select a book for their child and to make a recording of their voice while reading the book. The book and the recording are sent to the child so that the child can listen to their parent or grandparent read them the story. Can you imagine how much it means to a child who can listen to the story over and over and hear the parent say, “I miss you and I love you?”

Under the direction of The Rev. Beth Foose, rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Canton, our community has joined their community with a commitment to support *The Storybook Project*. We began by soliciting donations for the purchase of children's books. With the funds that were donated, Rev. Billie and Betsy Selby took Sam and Gloria Hall on a road trip to Barnes & Noble where they carefully made selections of books that will be transported to Central Mississippi Correctional Facility. The dates for the upcoming book transports are Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 29. More details forthcoming.

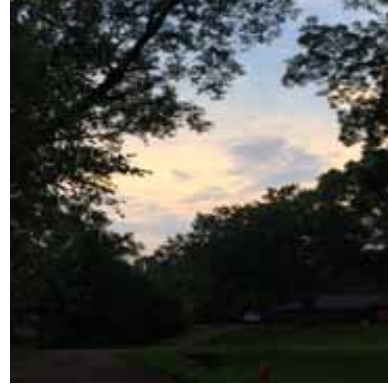


Rev. Billie with Gloria & Sam Hall

A house without books is like a room without windows.

Horace Mann

✠ Billie's Corner



*“In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice;
early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.”*
Psalm 5:3

Early morning is my favorite time of day. Every day God gives me a fresh start—a new beginning. One morning this week, I stepped outside of my front door, coffee cup in hand, and looked up at the sky. It was dawn, but it wasn't the sun that was peering down at me—it was a crescent moon positioned in the dawn blue sky.

The sight was worth sitting on my stoop and watching. The moon lingered for just a bit and then began to fade from sight, replaced by the pinkish glow of the rising sun. God-the-Artist painted an early morning scene that was stunning and inspiring.

But the wonder didn't stop there. I opened my latest favorite prayer book, *Celtic Benediction, Morning and Night Prayer*, by J. Philip Newell, and began to read the prayers assigned for that day. The Prayer of Thanksgiving opened with this thought:

*“For your Spirit woven into the fabric of creation
for the eternal overlapping with time
and the life of the earth interlaced with heaven's vitality
I give you thanks, O God.”*

No doubt—this was a “God-incidence.” And to think it happened in Bovina, Mississippi, on a Monday morning of an ordinary week. Perhaps the moral of this story is that there is no such thing as ordinary—creation is infused with the divine extraordinary—if we only have eyes to see God.

In Peace

Billie+

Josie's Journal

“There's No Place Like Home”

These are the words of Dorothy in the movie, “The Wizard of Oz” after she returned home from a magical trip. So it is with me! During my sabbatical, I visited other churches—caught up with my reading—and downsized things in our home. But, I was ready to return to St. Alban's, my church home. I missed my community and the small group meetings.



Worship is very special to me—it gives me a chance to connect with God and family while sharing the Eucharist. As I visited other churches, I discovered that some did not serve communion every Sunday. Therefore, before visiting, I would call to inquire if communion would take place. I am spoiled by the weekly Eucharist in the Episcopal Church and I love the significance of it.

While absent from St. Alban's, I reflected as to whether or not I had told the community how much I loved them. Intentions are sometimes assumed but often not spoken. The greeting during the *Peace* is an opportunity to share love and genuine concern with the community. Sometimes, at church and at home, there are times that call for a “time out”—time to take a gentle step back—time to rest and a time to ponder what God has planned for my life as I continue to serve as deacon at St. Alban's Church.

St. Alban's is very special—not only do we feel God's loving presence but also the loving presence of church members. This means so much to me.

Last Sunday, I returned *Home* to St. Alban's, and was so glad to see everyone. I hope the same was true for them. Many were not present; some were ill and others were visiting or traveling—but before the summer is over I plan to touch base with everyone.

Love,
Josie

St. Alban's Welcomes Jenny Newman



As a new component of the discernment process, Bishop Seage established a Ministry Study Year in which aspirants are paired with veteran priests in a parish other than their own. Jenny Newman comes to us from St. Andrew's Cathedral where she began formally discerning a call to the priesthood in late 2015. Jenny is originally from Liberty, MS where her religious roots were grounded firmly in the Baptist church and where she made a public commitment to vocational ministry at the tender age of sixteen.

She went on to earn a Bachelor of Biblical Studies from William Carey University in 2000 and a Master of Counseling Psychology from Mississippi College in 2008. Since that time she has worked as a researcher with UMMC's MIND Center and taught classes at both Mississippi College and Belhaven University. Jenny began visiting St. Andrew's in 2011 and was confirmed in May 2014. Although she has long sensed a call to ministry, she expresses both genuine surprise and delight at where she finds herself on this journey—as an aspirant in the Episcopal Church and as an apprentice at St. Alban's.

July Birthdays

9 Suzanne Artman Harris Southall Kaylan Marie Sumrall	14 Betty Biedenharn Gene Warren	25 Kelsey Artman Rebecca Drake Sunny Faith Duett
10 Bobby Barlow Joel Langford	16 Jill Upchurch	28 Ross Lunz Lynn Gerhardt Amelia McGowan
12 Harrison Savant Andrew Ulmer Harrison Kitchens, Jr.	17 Jack Savant	29 Easy Biedenharn Jackson Monti
13 Lauren Guynes Andy Hall	20 Alicia Arseneau Bryan Brabston, Jr.	30 Carroll Sojourner
	22 Dalton Thames	
	23 Tripp Curtis	
	24 Allen Kitchens Richard Massey	

July Anniversaries

5 James & Rebecca Drake	10 Richard & Margo Massey	25 Clark & Clare Huntley
9 Theo & Josie Williams	13 Jeff & Suzanne Artman	26 John & Ann Tompkins
	22 Michael & Judy Morrissey	

Prayers for the People

For those Sick or in Need:

AmeriCorps Youth	Drew Kitchens	Mary Ann Seage
Analiase Wasson	Glenda Ferguson	Martha Benson
Ann Hanks	Hallie Jo Ragsdale	Norma Jones
Ann Jones & Family	Jackson Monti	Parker Ramsay
Barbara Ramsay	Jean Hall	Rachelle Ferris
Bertha Kolb	Jean Inman	Richard & Margo Massey
Betty Biedenharn	Jerry Normand	Family of Rt. Rev. Marble
Bryan Brabston	Jim & Sherry Horan	Rev. Manney Murphy
Carol Simmons Family	Jim Dantin	Shirley Lowery Powers
Charlie Brantley & Family	Kristi Biedenharn	Christine Nelson & Family
Clayton Kabbes	Linda & Jim Dooley	The Lambiotte Family
Dalton Glatt	Liz Curtis & Family	The Selby Family
Damion Hansford	Lucas Guynes	
Dan & Mary Carleton	Margarette Swett	

Schedule of Events

Weekly Activities & Services

Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

*No Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM

*No Choir Practice, Nave, 10:00 AM

*No Children's Chapel during 11:00 AM Eucharist

Inquirers/Refresher Class, 10:00 AM

Nursery, 10:00 AM

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:00 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, 12:30 PM, Parish House

Sunday, July 2—Independence Day Celebration

Wednesday, July 5—Quiet Day, *Come In, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Be Still, Leave in Peace*, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Sunday, July 9—*Second Sundays at St. Mary's*, Bolton, 4:00 PM. Evening Prayer followed by concert— Patriotic Songs featuring Paul Brown, baritone, and David Williams, accompanist. Reception in Terry Brantley Parish Hall following service.

Tuesday, July 18—Vestry Meeting, Parish House, 6:00 PM

Sunday, June 9–August 13—Inquirer's Class/Refresher Class, 10:00–10:45 AM

Wednesday, August 23—Bishop's visitation [tentative], 6:00 PM



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Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in July

	July 2 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	July 9 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	July 16 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	July 23 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	July 30 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading	Deuteronomy 10:17-21	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Genesis 25:19-34	Genesis 28:10-19	Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm	Psalm 145:1-9	Psalm 45:11-18	Psalm 119:105-112	Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23	Psalm 105:1-11, 45
Second Reading	Hebrews 11:8-16	Romans 7:15-25	Romans 8:1-11	Romans 8:12-25	Romans 8:26-39
Gospel	Matthew 5:43-48	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
LWL 8:30 a.m.	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner	Richard Price
11:00 a.m.	Harvey Smith	Richard Price	Betsy Selby	David Pruett	Herb Jones
MC	Ann Tompkins	Susan Price	Beth Guynes	Jennifer Normand	Ann Tompkins
Lector 8:30 a.m.	Jenny Newman	Jenny Newman	Jenny Newman	Jenny Newman	Jenny Newman
11:00 a.m.	Ed Shelnut	Mary Ruth Jones	Peter Williams	Dawn Rickard	Lance Stewart
Crucifer & Acolyte	Koury Collins	Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes Lawson Selby	Ann Tompkins	Kerri Williams Peter Williams
Gospel Bearer	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	David Pruett	Deacon Josie
Prayers of People	Deacon Josie	Harvey Smith	Deacon Josie	Bruce Carleton	Deacon Josie
Oblation Bearers	Canada Stewart Margaret Stewart	Laura Cook Anita Collins	Gloria Hall Sam Hall	Michelle Wardlaw Bruce Carleton	Lynn Gerhardt Betty Rushing
Ushers & Greeters	Lance Stewart Leigh Devine	David Normand Allan Leese	Josh Artman Jonah Artman Jeff Artman	David Normand Peter Meyers	Jordan Rushing Genevieve Walker
Note: Standing Communion Station	Deacon Josie David Pruett	Deacon Josie Susan Price	Deacon Josie Theo Williams	Herb Jones Ann Tompkins	Deacon Josie Theo Williams
Altar Guild	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Cassandra Price Beth Guynes	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing	Mary Ann Wright Susan Price
Coffee Host	Summer Break	Summer Break	Summer Break	Summer Break	Summer Break
Nursery Assistant	Betsy Selby	Jada Sanders	Sally Southall Michael Southall	Betsy Selby	Courtney Taylor
Children's Chapel	No Children's Chapel	No Children's Chapel	No Children's Chapel	No Children's Chapel	No Children's Chapel
Offertory Counters	Sharon Hanks Ann Tompkins Janice Herrington	Sharon Hanks Ann Tompkins Herb Jones	Sharon Hanks Ann Tompkins Michael Southall	Sharon Hanks Ann Tompkins Betsy Selby	Sharon Hanks Ann Tompkins Jennifer Normand
Healing Service	July 5 Ann Tompkins	July 12 Tommy Skinner	July 19 David Pruett	July 26 Tommy Skinner	