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***Bishop Brian Seage Visits St. Alban's
Delights Congregation by Taking a "Selfie"***

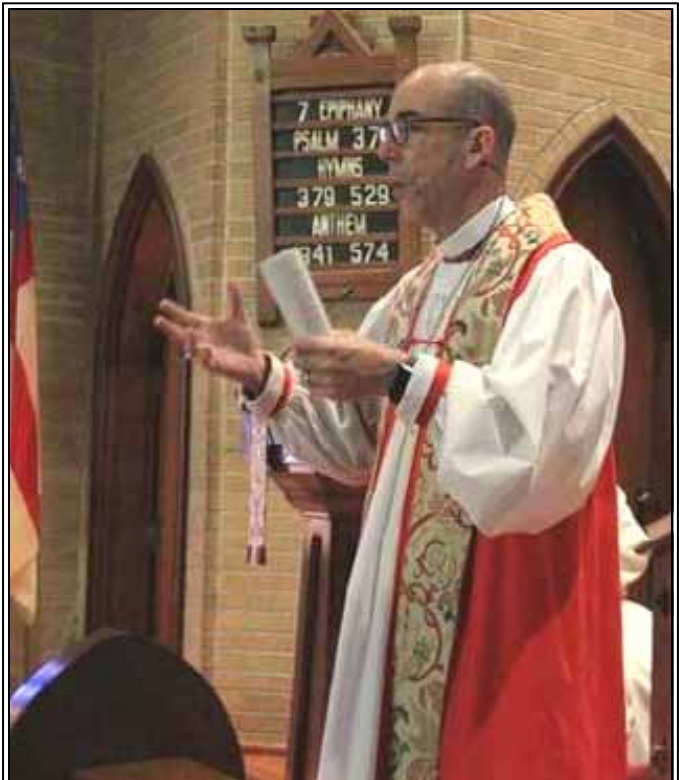
Bishop Seage Confirms Seven New Members



Confirmed on Feb. 24—(L-R) Sharon Cummins, Amanda Harris, Ron White, Laurie Reece & Blair Harris



Zane & Callie Russell with sponsor, Kristi Hall



Bishop Seage delivers sermon



Ron White with sponsors— Jim Drake, Wanda Warren, Harvey Smith & Deena Harris



Blair Harris with sponsors, Betsy Biedenbarn & Dale Gibson



Amanda Harris with sponsor, Betty Biedenbarn



Laurie Reece with sponsor, Theo Williams



Sharon Cummins with sponsor, **Beth Sojourner**



Bishop Seage's "Selfie" with new members



Bishop Seage, Rev. Billie Abraham and Deacon Josie Williams with **Zane & Callie Russell**

Sending Hearts of Love for Valentine's Day

On Sunday, February 10, children as well as adults gathered in the Parish House to make Valentines for church members who are no longer able to attend services. The children enjoyed the morning of fellowship and fun. Certainly, it was a heartwarming moment for those who received the Valentines—knowing they were loved and not forgotten.



Ashley Patterson



April Kelly and Laura Cook creating Valentines



Amanda Harris



Blair Harris



Roux Lauritzen



Remi Lauritzen



Gabby & Alison Rushing



Navy Hale



Julian Toliver



Mason Selby



Mads Lauritzen



Dexter Russell

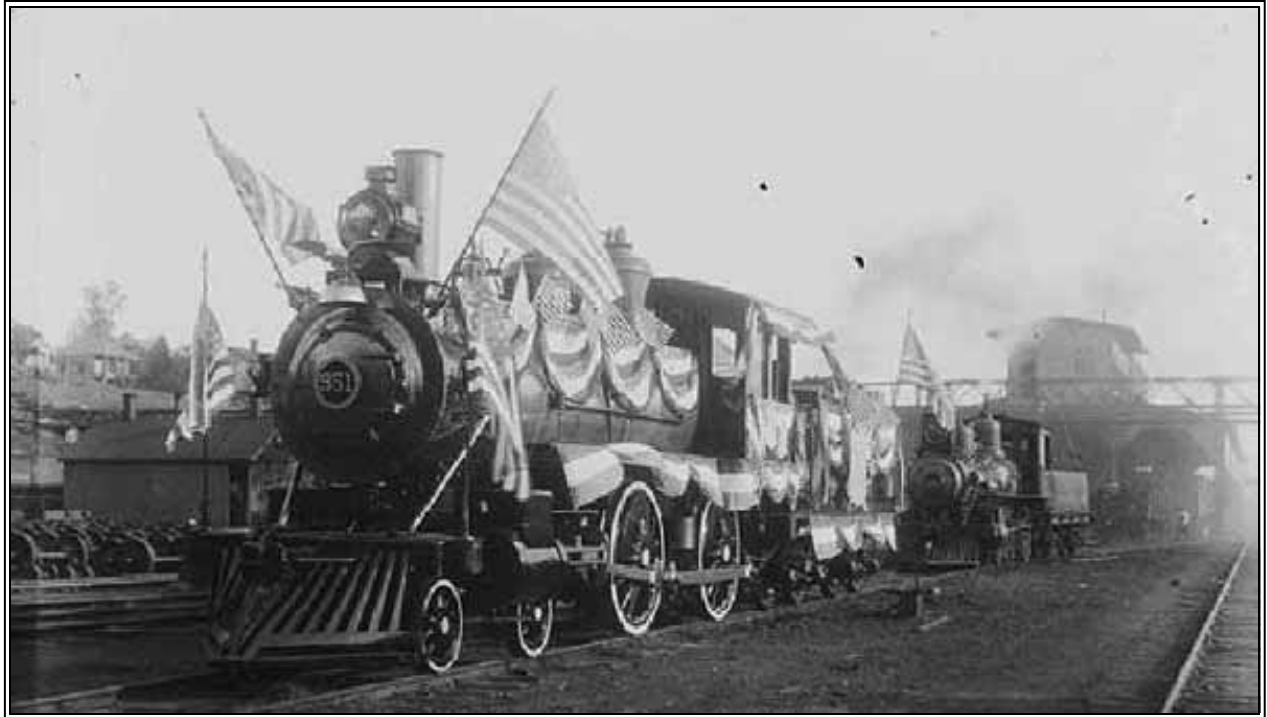


Navy Hale

St. Alban's – A Place in Time

The Consecration of St. Alban's Second Church, Feb. 27, 1880 Now our Beloved Parish House

By Rebecca B. Drake



On Thursday, February 26, 1880, the *Vicksburg Daily Commercial* publicized an event scheduled to take place in Bovina the following morning—the consecration of St. Alban's second church, erected between 1870 and 1880. The newspaper notice read: "*St. Alban's church at Bovina will be consecrated to the worship of God tomorrow morning [Friday] by the Right Rev. Bishop Green. Persons desirous of attending this can go out on the seven-thirty a.m. train and return on the five p.m. train. Captain Lawrence has kindly consented to put on a passenger coach for their accommodation. Round trip tickets seventy-five cents.*"

The consecration service was indeed a grand day for St. Alban's Church. James A. Fox, rector, had worked tirelessly for ten years to help the congregation rebuild all that was lost when the Union army occupied Bovina and turned the church into a field hospital. Bishop William Mercer Green, 1st bishop of Mississippi, officiated, assisted by Reverend James A. Fox and Reverend Henry Sansom, two of the earliest priests in Mississippi.

Although the new white-framed gothic church paled in comparison to the first church, it was still a welcoming structure to behold. A rose window, made by using shards of colored glass collected from the smoldering ruins of the first church, was installed over the entrance as a reminder of God's grace. *"Isaiah 61:3— To those who mourn in Zion, to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified."* St. Alban's had risen from the ashes of war to once again become a place of beauty and worship.

Many of Reverend Fox's family were present for the consecration, including his daughter, Emily Fox Howard, who later wrote her reflections of the historic event: *"It was a proud day to the rector [James A. Fox] when he notified the bishop that the church was ready for consecration. He assured the bishop that it would be a pleasure for Dr. Sansom to preach the consecration sermon, as the doctor had first been in that field [full-time rector from 1858-1859]."*



Emily also recalled, *"The little organ was played on the occasion by Miss Fanny Sansom [daughter of Rev. Sansom]. When the services were over the congregation met under the trees in the church yard and together rejoiced over the happy completion of their work while they enjoyed a bountiful basket dinner which that had jointly divided."* After an afternoon of fellowship, the guests from Vicksburg took the five o'clock train home.

Today, as we cross the railroad tracks to the *Church in the Country* we are reminded of the olden days when the Southern Railroad Company served the community of Bovina—a time when carriages were parked at the station as drivers waited for the train to arrive. Just one of many lovely memories we have of St. Alban's during the early years.

Thanks to Sue B. Moore, researcher, for the Vicksburg Daily Commercial Newspaper clipping dated 1880

† Billie's Corner



There should be at least a room, or some corner where no one will find you and disturb you or notice you. You should be able to untether yourself from the world and set yourself free, loosening all the fine strings and strands of tension that bind you, by sight, by sound, by thought, to the presence of other people...once you have found such a place, be content with it, and do not be disturbed if good reason takes you out of it. Love it, and return to it as soon as you can, and do not be too quick to change it for another.

Thomas Merton

The season of Lent is upon us once more and most of us have been influenced to automatically think about what we plan to *give up* for Lent. We associate Lent with fasting from a favorite food. In my youth, I gave up candy and sodas. Every Lenten season began with a fervent commitment to abstain from these treats, but it didn't take long for me to make exceptions!

I am no longer a child, but even now, I am no better at fasting from sweets than I was during my youth. What I have gradually discovered is that Lent is not a forty day period of time intended to be a measure of my sacrifice for God—but a forty day period of time designated to spend intentional time with God.

Every relationship we have is enhanced by quality time spent with another person—times of conversation and of silence—times of activity and of stillness. If that is true of our relationship with other people, is it not true for our relationship with God?

Sometimes we can get so focused on ourselves and our sacrifices that we miss the point of Lent. We are following Jesus as he makes his way into Jerusalem. We are listening to Jesus' final teachings before he is tried and convicted to die on the cross. We are going to stand at the foot of his cross and weep. We are going to seal his dead body in the tomb.

The good thing is that Jesus' story didn't end there. We know at the beginning of Lent what awaits us on that glorious Easter morning. Lent is about taking the time to dwell into our salvation story—to untether ourselves from our to-do lists and to make time for down time—still time—rest time—and discover that our salvation doesn't depend upon our sacrifices for God. Our salvation is a gift. Our salvation is God's sacrificing love for us.

This Lent find your *exterior* quiet place so that you can go into your *interior* quiet space where you can be at one with God. This Lent focus on God's love for you. Get out of the way. Let God's love have its way with you. Let God's love be your Lenten practice.

In Peace,
Billie+



March Birthdays

1 Michael Guynes Lisa Langford	11 Sherry Horan
7 Anita Collins Herb Jones	12 Jeanne Lunz
8 Eleanor Chaire Monti Harlie Reece	15 Lanore Fulgham
10 Chasity Dunaway Mary Ellen Dunaway	18 Burke Torrey
	21 James William Toups
	24 Jeff Artman Olivia Curtis
	25 Penny Freund

March Anniversaries

11 Michael & Ashley Abraham

Prayers for the People

Analiese Wasson Bryan	Ed Cooper	Lucas Guynes
Ann Hanks	Eugene Quarles	Marci Turner
Ann & Jimmy Jones	Fetty Judge	Marty Garton, Sr.
Barbara Ramsay	Frank Niolet	Martha Benson
Bertha Kolb	Glenda Ferguson	Megan Cook Vincent
Betty Biedenharn	Hollis Newman	Millie Gasaway
Brandi Tony	Honduras Medical Misson	Natalie McMillian
Brady Morgan	Irv Jones	Norma Jones
Bryan Brabston	Jackson Monti	Parker Ramsay
Carol Green	Jim Dantin	Paula Lentz
Cathy Nestler	Joan Leese	Peggy Lynn
Charlie Brantley & Family	John Tompkins	Peter Meyers
Cynthia Strawn & Family	Kristi Biedenharn	Rachelle Ferris
Dalton Glatt	Laurie Concannon	Robert Quinn
Damion Hansford	Laurie Reece	Sherry Horan
Dan & Mary Carleton	Linda & Jim Dooley	Steve Webster
Dianne Carlton	Linda Washington	The Selby Family
Donny Sanders	Liz Curtis & Family	

Victims of Violence & Natural Disasters

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

Lifting Lives Family Shelter Outreach Ministry

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

Quiet Day, First Wednesday of Each Month, 7 AM—7 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, 12:30 PM

Schedule of Events for March

Wednesday, March 6—*Ash Wednesday*, Distribution of Ashes & Eucharist, noon & 6:00 PM

Friday, March 8—*Stations of the Cross*, 6:00 PM

Sunday, March 10—*Second Sundays at St. Mary's*, Bolton, 4:00 PM. *Stations of the Cross*, presented by Mary Ruth Jones & Charlie Carlisle, readers, with St. Andrew's Cathedral Singers—Sybil Child, Denise Kimble, Alex Sullivan & James Anderson, accompanied by Jessica Nelson, organist & choirmaster

Wednesday, March 13—5:30 PM Healing Service & Eucharist. 6:00 PM Fiddle Fest, *Full Circle- Nicholas & Julia Blake, Joanne Ryan*

Friday, March 15—*Stations of the Cross*, 6:00 PM

Sunday, March 17—Multiple Workshops following the 11:00 AM Eucharist. Lay Worship Leader, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Home Communion Minister & Acolyte

Wednesday, March 20—5:30 PM Healing Service & Eucharist. 6:00 PM Arts Program, *Patrick Smith & Band*

Thursday, March 21—Vestry Meeting, 6:00 PM

Friday, March 22—*Stations of the Cross*, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 27—5:30 PM Healing Service & Eucharist. 6:00 PM Arts Program, *Clarissa Davis, Vocalist & Mike Davis, Accompanist*

Friday, March 29—*Stations of the Cross*, 6:00 PM

Lenten Arts Series

Healing Service & Eucharist, 5:30 PM
Program, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 13— Fiddle Fest, *Full Circle- Nicholas & Julia Blake, Joanne Ryan*

Wednesday, March 20—*Patrick Smith Band*

Wednesday, March 27—*Clarissa Davis, Vocalist, Mike Davis, Accompanist*

Wednesday, April 3—*Mississippi Boychoir*

Wednesday, April 10—John Maxwell Monologue, *Judas Iscariot*

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 14—*Palm Sunday Procession & Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM*

Wednesday, April 17 *Healing Service & Eucharist 6:00 PM*

Maundy Thursday, April 18—*Liturgy of the Washing of the Feet & the Institution of the Holy Eucharist, 6:00 PM*

Good Friday, April 19—*Liturgy of the Crucifixion, 6:00 PM*

Holy Saturday, April 20—*Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM, the Great Easter Vigil, 6:00 PM*

Easter Sunday, April 21—*Feast of the Resurrection, Eucharist 8:30 & 11:00 AM*

Easter Reception following 8:30 & 11:00 AM Eucharist, Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 AM



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Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in March 2019

	March 3 <i>Last Sunday After the Epiphany</i>	March 10 <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	March 17 <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	March 24 <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	March 31 <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	
First Reading	Exodus 34:29-35	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Exodus 3:1-15	Joshua 5:9-12	
Psalm	Psalm 99	Psalm 91:1-2,9-16	Psalm 27	Psalm 63:1-8	Psalm 32	
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Romans 10:8b-13	Philippians 3:17- 4:1	1 Corinthians 10:1- 13	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	
Gospel	Luke 9:28-36, 37- 43a	Luke 4:1-13	Luke 13:13-35	Luke 13:1-9	Luke 15:1-3, 11b- 32	
LWL	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Tommy Skinner Ann Tompkins	Theo Williams David Pruett	Harvey Smith Betsy Selby	Tommy Skinner Herb Jones	Theo Williams Richard Price
MC		Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins
OT Lector	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Bitsy Sloan Ed Shelnut	Bitsy Sloan Jennifer Normand	Bitsy Sloan Blair Harris	Bitsy Sloan Wilma Mitchell	Bitsy Sloan Laurie Reece
Crucifer & Acolyte		Koury Collins	Kerri Williams	Beth Guynes Peter Williams Harris Southall	Jennifer Normand	Susan Price
Wooden Cross						
Gospel Bearer		Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie
Prayers of the People		Deacon Josie	Harvey Smith	Deacon Josie	Sharon Hanks	Richard Price
Oblation Bearers		Dalton Thames Sara Porter	Wilma Mitchell Ann Tompkins	Hall Family	Kerri Williams Peter Williams	Harvey Smith Sharon Hanks
Ushers & Greeters		Allan Leese Dale Gibson	David Normand Ron White	Josh Artman Jonah Artman	Lance Stewart Dawn Rickard	Dalton Thames Sara Porter
Standing		Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie
Communion Station		Ann Tompkins	Herb Jones	Theo Williams	Harvey Smith	Susan Price
Altar Guild		Mary Ann Wright Susan Price	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Cassandra Price Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes Liz Gent
Nursery		April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley
Children's Chapel		Betsy Selby	Betsy Selby	Children serve 11:00 am Eucharist	Betsy Selby	Betsy Selby
Offertory Counters		Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Theo Williams	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Janice Herrington	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Michael Southall	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Lance Stewart	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Beth Guynes
Healing Service		March 6 Theo Williams	March 13 Tommy Skinner	March 20 David Pruett	March 27 Theo Williams	