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On Sunday October 1st, St. Alban's commemorated the annual *Blessing of the Animals*, a special day in the liturgical year. During the service held at the outdoor chapel, the church affirmed the richness of our connection with animals, large and small, and reminded us of the responsibilities we have in caring for all of God's creatures. *"You, O God have made us and all living things. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy."*





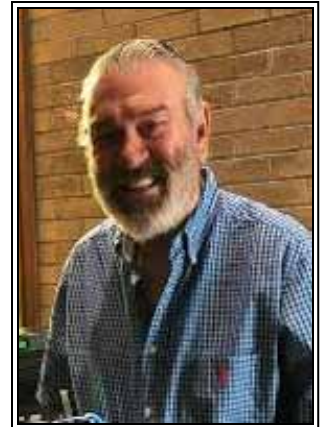


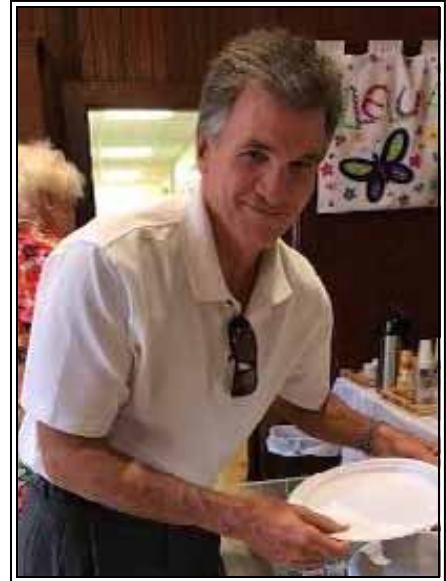
Ingathering Sunday
Giving to God Our Tithes and Offerings



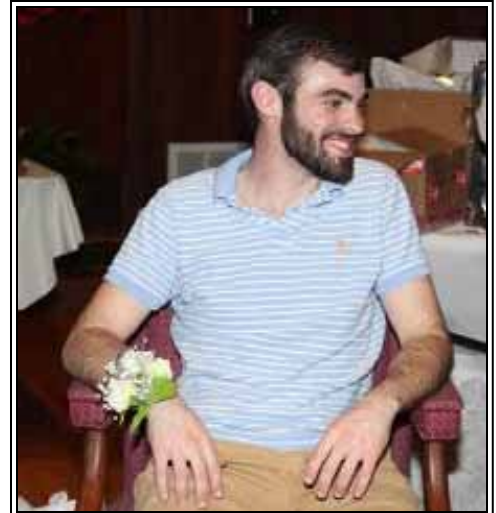
*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace... 1 Peter 4:10*







Wedding Shower Honoring Genevieve Walker & Jordan Rushing



ECW Field Trip to Fall Garden & Flower Festival



Enjoying the October 14 field trip to Crystal Springs were Frank Skinner, Sharon Hanks, Cassandra Price, Margie Scott, Tommy Skinner, Beth & Terry Guynes and Cynthia Strawn. Pictured below are Betty & Allison Rushing with Margie Scott



† Billie's Corner



All the Company of Heaven

We are approaching All Saint's Day, one of my most cherished feastdays. We are all familiar with the saints who have been memorialized—who have been canonized and are honored on the church calendar. The lives of well know saints such as Saint Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Augustine, Saint Teresa of Avila and Saint Julian of Norwich, are celebrated throughout the year.

What is special about All Saints' Day? This is the day when we honor all the saints in heaven. This is the day that the saints who have lived among us are honored—the people who have influenced our lives and shaped who we are. All Saints' Day is the feast day honoring our family members and our dear friends who have died, but who continue to live within our hearts as a part of our lives.

We are in communion with all the company of heaven. Our relationships don't die with those who are deceased. Rocky relationships can be reconciled and loving relationships can be enhanced.

As a child, I visualized heaven as a family reunion where I would run into the loving arms of my deceased family members and we would live happily ever after—never to be separated again. How can I know what I have imagined will happen? As an adult, what I am absolutely sure of is that my longing to be with my loved ones will be satisfied. We will be reunited in a heavenly way that is beyond my imagination. God has prepared our reunion.

The Collect for All Saints' Day refers to being “knit together... in communion... in fellowship” with all the saints. That means your saints—the saints that are personally invested in you and you in them—will be with you forever and ever.

In Peace,
Billie

† Josie's Journal



GRATITUDE & GENEROSITY

Gratitude and *Generosity* are two words that best describe the community of St. Alban's. We are a family-sized congregation who love, support, and pray for each other. What a wonderful place to be! In keeping with stewardship, our community is contributing large amounts of food to the Food Backpack Ministry designed to help *children in need*. The food is distributed at Dana Road Elementary and Vicksburg Intermediate Schools to help prevent child hunger during weekends and holidays.

In addition to the Backpack Ministry, St. Alban's community donates t-shirts, underwear, socks, gloves, razors and razor blades to the men at the River City Rescue Mission. As we love and care for others we are challenged to think "outside the box" and try new ideas. This message is expressed in Romans 12:1-2: *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

On Thanksgiving Day, we will gather together for the 11:00 Thanksgiving service followed by dinner in the Parish House. The church will provide the meat and dressing while parishioners contribute side dishes and desserts. Each year our numbers increase as we dine together. Thanksgiving at St. Alban's is an event that I look forward to yearly!

I am grateful that my St. Alban's family keeps me grounded as well as mindful of the things that are important—things that add to my continued growth as *your deacon*.

In Gratitude,

Josie

November Birthdays

3 Bertha Kolb	19 Margaret Massey
8 Whitney Nieto	20 Kristin Selby
9 Margie Scott	22 Betty Rushing
10 Koury Collins	23 Charles Barton
12 Jonah Artman	24 Barbara Ramsay
12 David Pruett	26 Sherry Barton
17 Letty Biedenbarn	27 Margharita Davis
Josie Huntley	Sam Hall
Kay McWilliams	29 Eva Panelo

November Anniversaries

7 John Segrest & Bitsy Sloan	12 David & Bonnie Pruett
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Prayers for the People

For those Sick or in Need:

Allen & Nancy Teeter	Hallie Jo Ragsdale	Martha Benson
AmeriCorps Youth	Helen "Briggie" Emerick	Mary Ann Seage
Analiene Wasson	Hollis Newman	Mary Jo Wright
Ann Hanks	Jackson Monti	Michael Morrissey
Ann & Jimmy Jones	Jim & Sherry Horan	Mike Bieser
Barbara Ramsay	Jim Dantin	Milli Gasaway
Bertha Kolb	Jimmy & Mamie Bright	Norma Jones
Betty Biedenbarn	John Hardy	Parker Ramsay
Bryan Brabston	Kristi Biedenbarn	Paula Bandy
Carol Green	Larry Sanders	Peggy Lynn
Christine Nelson Family	Linda & Jim Dooley	Philip Summerlin
Dalton Glatt	Liz Curtis & Family	Rachelle Ferris
Damion Hansford	Lucas Guynes	Selby Parker Family
Dan & Mary Carleton	Margarette Swett	Lance Tompkins Family
Glenda Ferguson	Marlene McLaurin Family	The Selby Family

Victims of Hurrricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose and Maria

Victims of Las Vegas Shootings

Victims of the Earthquake in Mexico & California Wildfire

Schedule of Events

Weekly Activities & Services

Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Choir Practice, 10:00 AM

Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM

Nursery, 10:00 AM

Children's Chapel, 11:00 AM

The Ways of the Episcopal Church Inquirers/Refresher Class (Nov. 5, 12, 19)
after 11:00 AM Eucharist at Rectory. Soup Lunch Provided

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:30 AM

Centering Prayer Support Group, 8:30 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, 12:30 PM

Wednesday, November 1—Quiet Day, *Come In, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Be Still, Leave in Peace*, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

All Saint's Day Memorial Services, Luminaries and Evening Prayer, 6:00 PM

Sunday, November 12—Second Sundays at St. Mary's, Bolton, 4:00 PM. Holy Eucharist featuring the *Mississippi Boychoir*

Sunday, November 19—All Ages Game Day following 11:00 AM Eucharist

Thursday, November 23—**Thanksgiving**. Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament, 11:00 AM followed by a Potluck Feast. Deacon Josie, chairperson

Sunday, November 26—**No Inquirers/Refreshers Class**

Tuesday, November 28—Vestry Meeting, Parish House, 6:00 PM

Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in November

	November 5 22 Pentecost (Proper 26)	November 12 23 Pentecost (Proper 27)	November 19 24 Pentecost (Proper 28)	November 26 Last Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 29)
First Reading	Revelation 7:9-17	Joshua 24:1-3, 14-15	Judges 4:1-7	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	Psalm 78:1-7	Psalm 123	Psalm 100
Second Reading	1 John 3:1-3	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12	Matthew 25:1-13	Matthew 25:14-30	Matthew 25:31-46
LWL 8:30am	Theo Williams	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner	Theo Williams
11:00am	Harvey Smith	Herb Jones	Betsy Selby	Richard Price
MC		Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes	Susan Price
OT Lector 8:30am	Bitsy Sloan	Bitsy Sloan	Bitsy Sloan	Bitsy Sloan
11:00am	Ed Shelnut	Elisabeth Gent	Betsy Selby	Jordan Rushing
Psalm			Canada Stewart	
Epistle			Macy Weaver	
Crucifer & Acolyte	Koury Collins	Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes Gray Weaver	Susan Price
Wooden Cross			Peter Williams	
Torch Bearers & Choir			Gloria Hall Sam Hall	
Gospel Bearer	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Deacon Josie
Prayers of the People	Deacon Josie	Jenny Newman	Kerri Williams Peter Williams	Mary Ruth Jones
Oblation Bearers	Sara Margaret Porter Dalton Thames	Betty Rushing Cynthia Strawn	Gloria Hall Sam Hall	Jordan Rushing Genevieve Walker
Ushers & Greeters	Lance Stewart Canada Stewart	Allan Leese Dale Gibson	Jonah Artman Josh Artman	Dale Gibson Dawn Rickard
Standing Communion Station	Deacon Josie David Pruett	Deacon Josie Jenny Newman	Deacon Josie Jenny Newman	Deacon Josie Susan Price
Altar Guild	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing	Mary Ann Wright Susan Price	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey
Coffee Host	Beth Sojourner Bitsy Sloan	Jennifer Normand Ann Tompkins	Wilma Mitchell Stacy Weaver	Dawn Rickard Susan Price
Children's Chapel	Betsy Selby	Betsy Selby	Children Serve at 11:00 Eucharist	Betsy Selby
Offertory Counters	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Jennifer Normand	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Theo Williams	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Betsy Selby	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Herb Jones
Healing Service	November 1 Theo Williams	November 8 Tommy Skinner	November 15 David Pruett	November 22 Theo Williams