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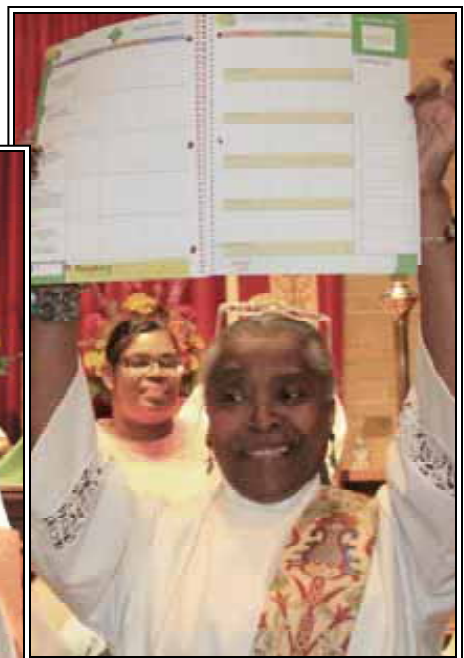
Suffer the Little Children to Come unto Me

✝ Josie's Journal

Back to School

St. Alban's participated in the *Back to School* program by purchasing book bags and school supplies for some 50 plus students. The items were purchased from Office Max, Walmart, Kroger and Dollar General—the goal being to get the most for the dollars donated for this purpose. The students from St. Alban's range in age from preschool to junior high.

Once the supplies were purchased, they were arranged by grade on tables in the parish house. It was awesome to see the table loaded





with supplies that the children would need for school! The items were placed in individual paper sacks marked with each child's name. On Sunday, August 6, a processional of parents and children came down the aisle displaying their gift bags.

St. Alban's *Outreach*



Funds also made it possible to bless a family that had been evicted from their apartment. The family of four met Kerri and me at Walmart where we purchased uniforms, socks, shoes, shirts and blouses for three boys and one girl. The youngest was pre-school while the others were in the 3rd, 4th and 6th grades. It warmed our hearts to hear the four-year-old boy, say, "thank you for my chooze (shoes)." I will be bringing his thanks—and those of his mother and siblings—for everyone to see.

This was truly a gratifying experience for me—an experience made possible by the generous hearts of the people of St. Alban's. I am truly blessed to serve as deacon in a community that has a heart for others and expresses their love.

In gratitude,

Jose+

Mississippi Conference on Church Music & Liturgy

Moments & Days: Awake to God's Call



Clarissa Walker, Kerri Williams and Rev. Josie Williams attended the 42nd annual *Mississippi Conference on Church Music & Liturgy* held at Gray Center this past July.

Rev. Josie shared her experience with St. Alban's Community: "For me, the annual conference is a time of renewal. We sing morning prayer to start

the day, noon prayer at midday and compline before retiring. I loved having the opportunity to learn new settings to our service music—the *Gloria*, *Agnus Dei* and *Sanctus*. We also learned to sing the *Apostles' Creed* and the *Lord's Prayer*. There is always a new piece of music in a foreign language—this year it was Russian. I look forward to next year's conference and pray that you might consider attending. The only thing needed is a desire to make a joyful noise until the Lord. I am grateful that St. Alban's community allows me to participate."

Clarissa Walker, music major, also commented on the impact of the conference as it relates to her life: "The conference is always an enjoyable experience. It allows us a chance to perform with talented church musicians from all over the country. Church music has always been my favorite part of the worship service because it helps add some variety to our routine. It also helps to separate certain important church dates in the calendar from the everyday. It is said that those who sing pray twice and I feel like I have not prayed sufficiently on days when there is no music."

Faculty members for the *Church Music and Liturgy Conference* were: The Rev. Charlie Dupree, Trinity Episcopal Church, Bloomington, Indiana; Brad Hughley, Organist & Director of Music, Indianapolis, Indiana and David Sinden, Organist & Director of Music, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

Bishop Seage's Annual Visitation Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Reaffirmation and Reception



Holy Baptism and Confirmation —Jordan Rushing; Sponsor, Genevieve Walker
"You are sealed by the spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever"



Confirmed— Jane Hanks; Sponsor, Buddy Hanks
*"Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Jane with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service;
and sustain her all the days of her life."*



Received—Dawn Rickard; Sponsors, Dale Gibson & Peter Meyers
“We recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this communion...”



Received—Mark & Macy Weaver. Reaffirmed—Stacy Weaver; Sponsor, Dale Gibson
“...May the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.”

“Go Forth for God, Go to the World in Peace”



The Reception



† Billie's Corner



*“I have tasted the fruit of the earth, O God,
I have known people pregnant with your spirit of generosity.
May I know that greater than any barrenness in the world
is the harvest to be justly shared.*

*Celtic Benediction, Morning and Night Prayers
J. Philip Newell*

Celtic Benediction, Morning and Night Prayers is a prayer book that provides a source of daily reflection for me. Celtic spirituality is marked by the belief that what is deepest in us is the image of God. The phrase that grabbed my attention in the above prayer is; *“I have known people pregnant with your spirit of generosity.”*

What is it to be *“pregnant with God’s spirit of generosity?”* I think it is to be **teeming** with a sense of thankfulness---to carry within us an ever present awareness of God’s unconditional love and to give birth to an ongoing life of gratitude.

Being pregnant with God’s spirit of generosity is the way we *“pray without ceasing”* because we give thanks without ceasing. Gratitude spontaneously erupts and it gives meaning to our own lives and those around us. Gratitude comes to life when our words and actions are a reflection of God’s love for us.

God’s unconditional love for us impregnates with gratitude. Gratitude is something we do— not just something we feel. I suspect we have all *“known people pregnant with God’s spirit of generosity.”* They are recognizable because they give as God loves—with no strings attached. They give with no fanfare. They simply share.

In Peace,

Billie+

**Sunday, September 10, is designated Gratitude Sunday. Together we will gather at the Eucharist, we will pause and give thought to the seed of God’s spirit of generosity that gestates within us. We will give thanks for the continuous birthing of God’s generosity within our community. We will say thank you to God.*

September Birthdays

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|------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Dale Gibson | 14 Linda Walker |
| Richard Stone | 19 A. W. (Del) Price |
| 4 Thomas Skinner | 23 Clark Huntley |
| 5 Riley Kitchens | Rymn Parsons |
| 7 Josie Williams | 24 Jerry McWilliams |
| 8 Richard Price | 28 Genevieve Walker |
| 12 Jim Horan | 29 Keith Upchurch |

September Anniversaries

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

Prayers for the People

For those Sick or in Need:

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|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Allen & Nancy Tetter | Ed Oliver | Mary Jo Wright |
| AmeriCorps Youth | Glenda Ferguson | Mary Ann Seage |
| Analiese Wasson | Hallie Jo Ragsdale | Michael Morrissey |
| Ann Hanks | Helen "Briggie" | Norma Jones |
| Ann & Jimmy Jones Family | Emerick | Pam Cure |
| Barbara Ramsay | Hollis Newman | Parker Ramsay |
| Bertha Kolb | Hunter Newman | Paula Bandy |
| Beth Guynes | Jackson Monti | Peggy Lynn |
| Betty Biedenharn | Jim & Sherry Horan | Philip Summerlin |
| Bryan Brabston | Jim Dantin | Rachelle Ferris |
| Carol Simmons' Family | John Hardy | Ray & Marlene McLaurin |
| Charlie Brantley Family | Kristi Biedenharn | Rev. Manney Murphy |
| Clayton Kabbes | Larry Sanders | Rowdy Nossner |
| Dalton Glatt | Linda & Jim Dooley | Christine Nelson Family |
| Damion Hansford | Linda Kitchens | The Lambiotte Family |
| Dan & Mary Carleton | Liz Curtis Family | The Selby Family |
| Dee Ross-Negrete | Lucas Guynes | Timothy Wright |
| Drew Kitchens | Margarette Swett | Vicki Massey |
| | Martha Benson | |

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:00 AM
 Centering Prayer Support Group, 8:30 AM
 Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, Noon

Wednesday, September 6—First Wednesday Quiet Day, 7 AM–7 PM

Come in, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Be Still, Leave in Peace.

Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM—*Silence*—Noonday Prayer—*Silence*—Evening Prayer, 4:00 PM

Sunday, September 10—**Gratitude Sunday**

Adult & Children Sunday School Kick-off.
 Children's Waterslide Party, 11:00 AM

Sunday, September 10—**Second Sundays at St. Mary's, Bolton**, 4:00 PM

Eight Anniversary Homecoming Celebration

Holy Eucharist, The Very Rev. Billie Abraham, Officiating
 Sermon to Feature *The Jubilee Singers and Daughters of Bobby Cooper*, Dr. Bobby Cooper, Conductor

Sunday, September 17—**Treasure Sunday**

Sunday, September 24—**Time & Talent Sunday**

Tuesday, September 26—Vestry meeting, Parish House, 6 PM

Sunday, October 1—Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 8—Ingathering & Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, October 29—Dinner on the Grounds

Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in September

| | September 3 13 Pentecost (Proper 17) | September 10 14 Pentecost (Proper 18) | September 17 15 Pentecost (Proper 19) | September 24 16 Pentecost (Proper 20) |
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| First Reading | Exodus 3:1-15 | Exodus 12:1-14 | Exodus 14:19-31 | Exodus 16:2-15 |
| Psalm | Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45 | Psalm 149 | Psalm 114 | Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 |
| Second Reading | Romans 12:9-21 | Romans 13:8-14 | Romans 14:1-12 | Philippians 1:21-30 |
| Gospel | Matthew 16:21-28 | Matthew 18:15-20 | Matthew 18:21-35 | Matthew 20:1-16 |
| LWL | | | | |
| 8:30 AM | Theo Williams | Tommy Skinner | Harvey Smith | Tommy Skinner |
| 11:00 AM | David Pruett | Harvey Smith | Betsy Selby | Richard Price |
| MC | Deacon Josie | Ann Tompkins | Jennifer Normand | Susan Price |
| OT Lector | | | | |
| 8:30 AM | Bitsy Sloan | Bitsy Sloan | Bitsy Sloan | Bitsy Sloan |
| 11:00 AM | Ed Shelnut | Jenny Newman | Macy Weaver | Dawn Rickard |
| Epistle Reader | | | Lawson Selby | |
| Crucifer & Acolyte | Koury Collins Peter Meyers | Peter Meyers | Jennifer Normand Gray Weaver Peter Williams | Ann Tompkins |
| Wooden Cross | | | Heaven Leigh Sunny Faith | |
| Torch Bearers | | | | |
| Gospel Bearer | Deacon Josie | Deacon Josie | Gabby Rushing | Deacon Josie |
| Prayers of the People | Deacon Josie | Deacon Josie | Deacon Josie | Deacon Josie |
| Oblation Bearers | Sharon Hanks Harvey Smith | Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter | Sam Hall Gloria Hall | Jordan Rushing Genevieve Walker |
| Ushers & Greeters | Allan Leese David Normand | Lance Stewart Leigh Devine | Jonah Artman Josh Artman | Bruce Carleton Michelle Wadlaw |
| Standing | Deacon Josie | Deacon Josie | Deacon Josie | Deacon Josie |
| Communion Station | Harvey Smith | Ann Tompkins | Theo Williams | David Pruett |
| Altar Guild | Mary Ann Wright Susan Price | Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner | Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey | Cassandra Price Beth Guynes |
| Coffee Host | Rev. Billie | Bitsy Sloan Tommy Skinner | Jennifer Normand Ann Tompkins | Herb & Mary Ruth Laura Cook |
| Nursery Assistant | Betsy Selby | Betsy Selby | Betsy Selby | Betsy Selby |
| Children's Chapel | No Children's Chapel | Children's Waterslide Party | Children Serve at 11:00 AM Eucharist | Betsy Selby |
| Offertory Counters | Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Janice Herrington | Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Betsy Selby | Ann Tompkins Betsy Selby Jennifer Normand | Ann Tompkins Herb Jones Janice Herrington |
| Healing Service | September 6 Ann Tompkins | September 13 Tommy Skinner | September 20 David Pruett | September 27 Tommy Skinner |