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*The Beginning of a New School Year
—A New Chapter in Life—*

Deacon Josie Spearheads Backpack Ministry

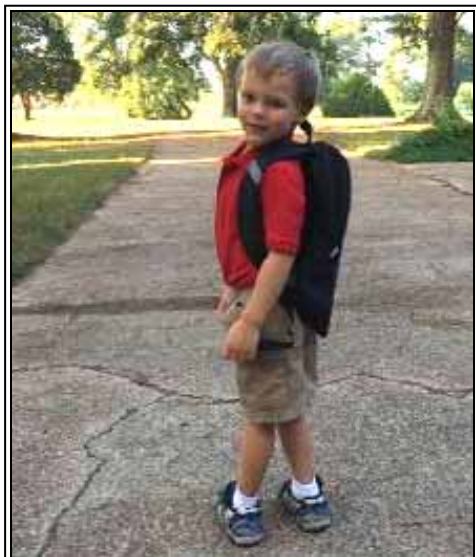
Bless each student, O Lord. Open their eyes to the wonder of each day—their minds to the joy of learning—and their hearts with the spirit of your love.



Parents help distribute gift bags of school supplies to students

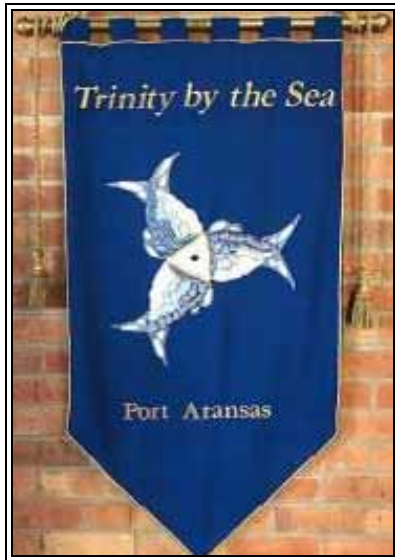


Deacon Josie blesses students and school supplies



Mason Selby off to School

St. Alban's Mission Trip to Port Aransas, Texas



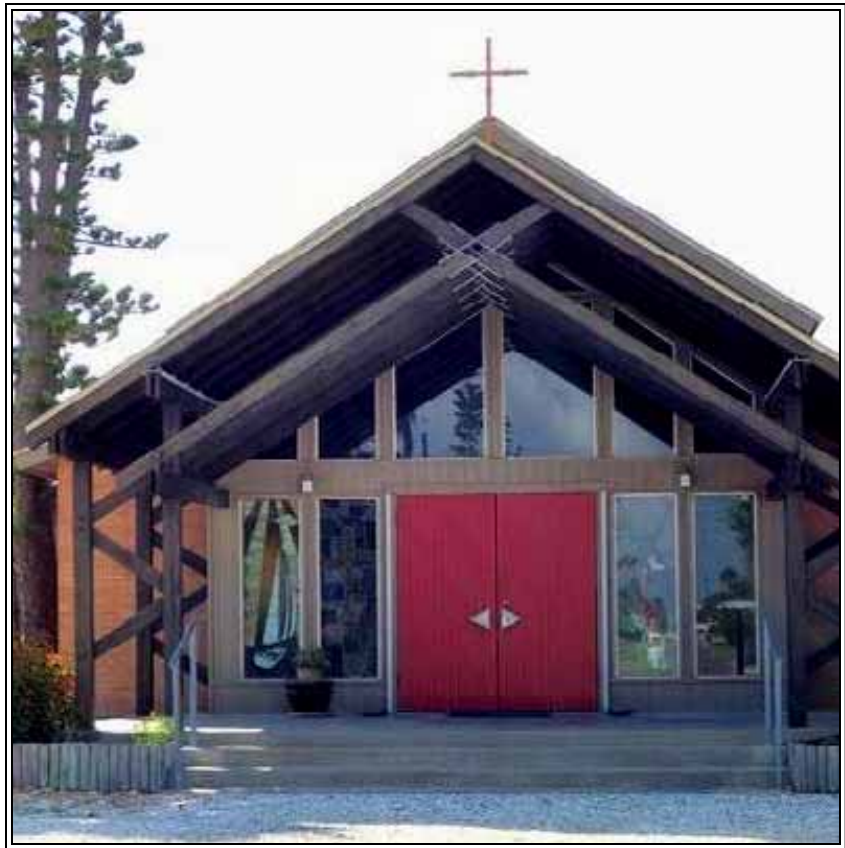
On July 28–August 3, Billie Abraham, Betsy Selby and Stacy & Macy Weaver joined with the *Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi* to aid in the recovery efforts resulting from *Hurricane*

Harvey. On August 25, 2017, *Hurricane Harvey*, a Category 4 storm with winds of 130 mph, made landfall between Port Aransas and Port O'Connor. *Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church* was in the path of the storm. Miraculously, the church was spared, but



work was needed to restore portions of the church rectory, including fencing and decking.

The *Port Aransas Mission* was a reminder of a verse from the book of Isaiah—I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: 'Whom do I send? and who doth go for Us?' And I say, 'Here am I, send me.' Rev. Billie, Betsy, Stacy and Macy joined with other parishes—giving not only of their time and energy but also sharing their love as living members of the Body of Christ.





"Home away from home"
in Corpus Christi



Macy Weaver



Macy & Stacy Weaver hard at work



Beginning stages of building the rectory deck





Betsy Selby



Stacy Weaver



Before and after— the building of the rectory deck and surrounding fence

ECW News



The ECW will hold a yard sale at St. Alban's on Saturday, September 8th, from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM. to benefit the Capital Campaign. Please bring donated items to the Parish House between August 25th and September 2nd, so they can be priced and organized prior to the sale. Call the church to make sure someone is there to receive them. Ask your friends and family to donate items as well. No clothes, shoes, purses, and no broken items. Items not sold will be picked up by the River City Rescue Mission. Spread the word.

Annual Dinner on the Grounds Cancelled



This year, due to construction, St. Alban's long-time October tradition of Dinner on the Grounds has been cancelled. Hopefully the popular event will resume in October of 2019.

† Billie's Corner



Presence, Listening and Prayer are the three essential components of pastoral care. The Study of Pastoral Care is frequently associated with training for hospital chaplaincy, but pastoral care is by no means limited to a hospital setting. The ministry of presence, listening and prayer is universal when people are in need of a relationship with other people. Life is challenging—there is no convenient time for a crisis—there is no such thing as a disaster monitor that limits one crisis at a time. When life overwhelms us, either by way of major emergencies or the buildup of ordinary frustrations, we need someone to be present, to listen, and to pray with us and for us.

About a month ago, pastoral care took on a deeply meaningful dimension for the members of the Diocesan Mission Team that traveled to Port Aransas, Texas. Twenty-one Mississippi youth and adults made the journey to Texas to help with the ongoing recovery process due to Hurricane Harvey. We arrived prepared to build a fence and a deck for the rectory of *Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church*.

Trinity by the Sea is located on Padre Island that was hit hard by the force of Hurricane Harvey—the residents of the little island were still piecing their lives back together. Our mission began with the Sunday Eucharist where Rev. Stephen Kidd, rector of *St. Mark's Episcopal Church* in Gulfport, was the celebrant. The people of *Trinity by the Sea* and members of our Mission Team came together to pray, to sing, to listen to the Word of God, to offer each other the sign of peace and to feast on the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. At the beginning of the Eucharist, we were strangers, by the end we were family.

The rector of *Trinity by the Sea*, who was on a well-needed sabbatical, was a longtime friend of Stephen Kidd. He specifically asked Stephen to let his people know that there was hope for their recovery by sharing with them the recovery story of the Mississippi Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina. In his sermon, Stephen told the story of Rev. Bo Roberts' sermon on the Sunday after Hurricane Katrina washed away *St. Mark's* in Gulfport. In the aftermath of the storm, about fifty people gathered for the Eucharist on the concrete slab that had been their church the week before. Bo

asked the people to close their eyes and visualize the white wooden church, the red doors, the nave full of pews and the altar dressed for the Eucharist. Bo went on to say, *That is all gone. Now open your eyes and look around—look at each other. You are looking at ‘the church.’ You are the church.*

Stephen told the community of *Trinity by the Sea* that it had been twelve years since Hurricane Katrina hit the Mississippi Coast. During those years, with the help of so many people from all over the United States, we not only rebuilt homes and schools and churches and businesses, but also our lives. We had experienced resurrection—we lived through death into new life.

Why did twenty-one people from Mississippi travel over ten hours to get to Texas and work on a building project? Because we are the One Body of Christ—because our presence was more significant than any building project. In the end, what we offered and what we received was pastoral care—presence, listening and prayer.

What we did was SHOW UP!

In Peace,
Billie+



“You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them...”

Psalm 89:9

† Josie's Journal

St. Alban's Missions

- Back to school blessings were bountiful as supplies were processed into the church by children and parents. We pray for a harvest of learning to be reaped by our children.
- St. Alban's provided uniforms for fourteen children in need so their school year could start with positive self-esteem and an attitude of gratitude.
- The planners for this year have a color photo on the front cover. Our order was lost and the company replaced it so we have extras available if you would like one.
- The Backpack Food Ministry is up and running. The first batch of weekend snacks was delivered last week. We are truly living into becoming the bread that Jesus is for the world.



Peace,
Josie

Homecoming Service at St. Mary's, Bolton

September 9, 2018, 4:00 PM

The Annual Homecoming, one of the favorite Second Sundays at St. Mary's Bolton, will once again feature the musical joy and brilliance of *The Jubilee Singers* and *The Daughters of Bobby Cooper*. The tradition of the original *Jubilee Singers* was re-established in 1982 by Bolton's very own Dr. Bobby Cooper. The group is now directed by Cedric Smith, a former *Jubilee Singer*. Dr. Cooper will accompany the hymns for the service and will offer poignant remarks and reflections on his 36-year ministry at the college. Save the date and join us for what promises to be a blessing in every regard.



September Birthdays

2 Dale Gibson	16 Judy Morrissey
Richard Stone	19 A. W. (Del) Price
4 Thomas L. Skinner	21 Lance Stewart
5 Riley Kitchens	23 Clark Huntley
7 Josie Williams	24 Jerry McWilliams
8 Richard Price	28 Genevieve Rushing
14 Linda K. Walker	

September Anniversaries

4 Bobby & Mickey Barlow	24 Andy & Kristi Hall
18 Payton & Lanore Fulgham	25 John Thomas & Amanda Monti

Prayers for the People



Allen & Nancy Teeter	David Hinston	Martha Benson
Analiese Wasson Bryan	Dianne Carlton	Mary Ann Seage
Ann Hanks	Hollis Newman	Megan Cook Vincent
Ann & Jimmy Jones	Jackson Monti	Millie Gasaway
Barbara Ramsay	Jim Dantin	Milton Richardson
Bertha Kolb	Jimmy & Mamie Bright	Nancy Stewart
Betty Biedenharn	Joan Leese	Norma Jones
Bradley Freeman	Kelley Massey	Parker Ramsay
Brian Smith	Larry Sanders	Pat Geary
Bryan Brabston	Laurie Concannon	Peggy Lynn
Carol Green	Linda & Jim Dooley	Peter Meyers
Charlie Brantley Family	Linda Washington	Phillip Summerlin
Christine Nelson Family	Liz Curtis Family	Rachelle Ferris
Cynthia Strawn Family	Lucas Guynes	Richard Massey
Dalton Glatt	Margarette Swett	Shan Hudlow
Damion Hansford	Mark Herrington	Sherry Horan
Dan & Mary Carleton	Rt. Rev. Michael Curry	The Selby 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

Choir Practice, 9:45 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

Walking the Mourner’s Path, Rectory, 6:00-7:30 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

Sunday, September 2—The Rev. Cannon Brian Ponder, supply priest

Saturday, September 8—ECW Yard Sale, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM, Fundraiser for the Capital Campaign

Sunday, September 9—Children’s Waterslide Party & Picnic

Sunday, September 9—*Second Sundays at St. Mary’s*, 4:00 PM. The Annual Homecoming featuring the musical joy and brilliance of *The Jubilee Singers* and *The Daughters of Bobby Cooper*.



Friday, September 14–Sunday, September 16—Jr. High DOY weekend at Camp Bratton Green

Sunday, September 16—Children’s Chapel begins

Sunday, October 7—*Blessing of the Animals*. Eucharist, Outside Chapel



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Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in September 2018

	September 2 Pentecost 15	September 9 Pentecost 16	September 16 Pentecost 17	September 23 Pentecost 18	September 30 Pentecost 19
First Reading	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9,22-23	Proverbs 1:20-33	Proverbs 31:10-31	Esther 7:1-6,9-10,9:20-22
Psalm	Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10	Psalm 125	Psalm 19	Psalm 1	Psalm 124
Second Reading	James 1:17-27	James 2:1-17	James 3:1-12	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	James 5:13-20
Gospel Reading	Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23	Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:27-38	Mark 9:30-37	Mark 9:38-50
LWL					
8:30 am	Tommy Skinner	Theo Williams	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins
11:00 am	Richard Price	Harvey Smith	Betsy Selby	David Pruett	Herb Jones
MC	Susan Price	Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes	Jennifer Normand	Deacon Josie
OT Lector					
8:30 am	Bitsy Sloan	Bitsy Sloan	Bitsy Sloan	Bitsy Sloan	Bitsy Sloan
11:00 am	Theo Williams	Ed Shelnut	Gloria Hall	Sharon Hanks	Mary Ruth Jones
Epistle Lector			Macy Weaver		
Psalm Leader			Sam Hall		
Crucifer & Acolyte	Susan Price	Koury Collins	Beth Guynes Gray Weaver Peter Williams	Jennifer Normand	Kerri Williams
Crucifer (Wooden)					
Gospel Bearer	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie
Prayers of the People	Deacon Josie	Sharon Hanks	Deacon Josie	Liz Gent	Deacon Josie
Oblation Bearers	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Margaret Stewart Canada Stewart	Harris Southall Mary Michael Southall	Betty Rushing Stacy Weaver	Anita Collins Dawn Rickard
Ushers & Greeters	Dale Gibson Allan Leese	Dale Gibson Lance Stewart	Josh Artman Jonah Artman	Dale Gibson Dawn Rickard	Dale Gibson Allan Leese
Note: Standing Communion Station	Deacon Josie Susan Price	Deacon Josie Ed Shelnut	Deacon Josie Herb Jones	Deacon Josie Ann Tompkins	Deacon Josie David Pruett
Altar Guild	Beth Guynes Liz Gent	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing	Mary Ann Wright Susan Price	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey
Coffee Host	Mary Ann Wright Theo Williams	Wanda Warren Tommy Skinner	Betty Rushing Wilma Mitchell	Betsy Selby Stacy Weaver	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter
Nursery Assistant	April/ Ashley	April/Ashley	April/Ashley	April/Ashley	April/Ashley
Children's Chapel	No Children's Chapel	Children's Water Slide Party & Picnic	Children Participate at 11 AM Eucharist	Betsy Selby	Betsy Selby
Offertory Counters	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Lance Stewart	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Theo Williams	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Janice Herrington	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Herb Jones	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Beth Guynes
	September 5	September 12	September 19	September 26	
Healing Service	Tommy Skinner	David Pruett	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner	