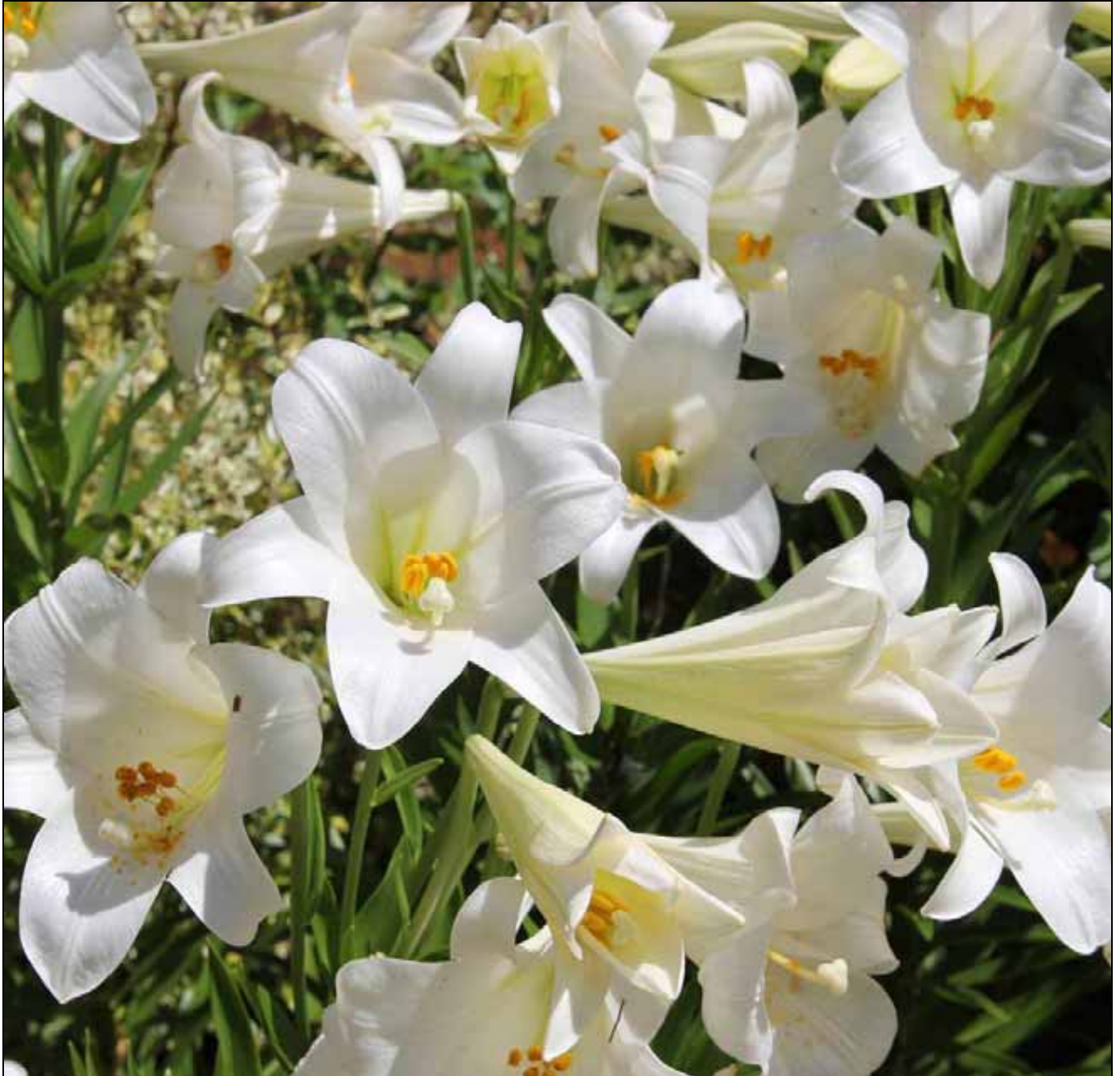




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Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!

Palm Sunday

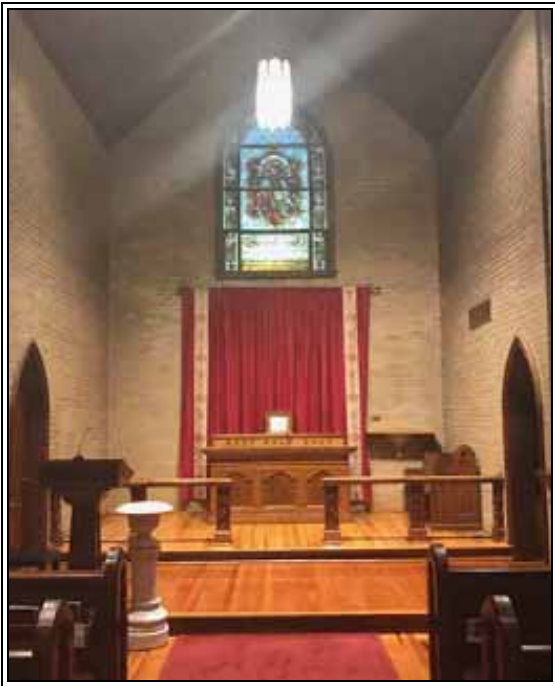
*They took palm branches and went out to meet him shouting, "Hosanna,"
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (John 12:13)*





Maundy Thursday

If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you too ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example you should do just as I have done for you. I tell you the solemn truth, the slave is not greater than his master, nor is the one who is sent as a messenger greater than the one who sent him. (John 13:14-16)



Altar stripped in the Nave



Passover Moon



Outdoor Chapel Cross



Altar of Repose— Parish House

Easter Sunday—Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Children are a gift from Heaven—they bring laughter, joy and love





Baby Shower Honoring Amanda Price





Lenten Arts Series



Vicksburg High School *Madrigal Singers* under the direction of Angela Chaplin



Full Circle, Fiddle & More— Nicholas & Julia Blake, Joanne Ryan, Christie Beasley



Mississippi Boychoir, Nancy Robertson, Conductor

† Billie's Corner



Christ is risen! And his resurrection is not a one-day event. How could we possibly contain the celebration of the *Feast of the Resurrection* in a twenty-four hour period? No—the church gives us fifty days to celebrate, from *Easter Sunday* to *Pentecost Sunday*. Essential to remember is that Christ gives us our earthly lives and all eternity to celebrate resurrection—to experience resurrection—to be resurrected from the dead—again and again.

Can I offer you a logical explanation for the resurrection? I can't. But I can say that I know what it is to have my world fall apart, to sink into *the shadow of death* and to lose sight of hope. And, I am certain everyone reading this has experienced such grief or will at some point in their life.

Resurrection transforms death into life. Resurrection can happen slowly. It creeps into our shattered lives when we fall in the loving arms of God who knows what it is to suffer loss. The pinhole light of the resurrection begins to shine when we realize that we are not alone. God is made manifest in simple acts of kindness—a friend that listens, a prayer that lingers and comforts, a moment of joy that startles us. Jesus died and returned to life so that when we die, we may also experience resurrection.

We can feel lifeless when grieving the loss of a loved one—the end of a relationship—or the pain of betrayal. We can feel as though we have been sealed in a tomb just like Jesus. However, Jesus' resurrection is our resurrection, and his resurrection is not limited to an end of time event. Resurrections are ours throughout our lifetime. The gospel stories of Jesus' resurrection are lifelines to be savored. When all seemed dead for the apostles, Jesus entered their fears and pain. They failed to recognize him at first. He had to call out their names and let them put their hands on his wounds. Then, he blessed the bread and wine, offered them peace and admonished them not to be afraid.

Jesus is calling our names, feeding us bread and wine, showering us with peace and comforting our fears. He is as persistent with us as he was with the apostles. He wants nothing more than to give us resurrected life. Resurrection is not a *head thing* to be rationalized. Resurrection is a *heart thing* to be lived.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Billie

† Josie's Journal

Bibles Donated to River City Rescue Mission

Robert Sanders, VP of *River City Rescue Mission*, accepts donation of Bibles made possible through the Outreach Missions of St. Alban's Church.

I recently saw an advertisement from *River City Rescue Mission* requesting a donation of Bibles. *River City Rescue* is a Christian based ministry dedicated to helping the homeless and those who are lost to find their way.

I called Rev. Ernie and he informed me that he had one-hundred and twenty-five inmates at the mission seeking help. I ordered sixty Bibles from Amazon and placed the St. Alban's label on the inside of every front cover. Theo helped! On Tuesday, March 20, Theo and I delivered the Bibles to the mission. Rev. Robert Sanders was glad to receive the donation and asked that I thank St. Alban's for him.

In the spirit of giving, I also want to thank St. Alban's for making it possible for me to fulfill one of my diaconal vow—to serve the poor, weak, sick, and lonely. As I was leaving the mission, a man asked, "May I have one of those Bibles?" The request was the nourishment that my soul needed for the day. *Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.* (Matthew 25:40)

Christ's Peace,

Josie

In Memory

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants

Psalms 116:13



James Robert Horan Jr.

September 12, 1935—March 21, 2018

Married to Sherry Biedenharn Horan on June 4, 1961

For 57 years, James and Sherry lived into their marriage vows: “To have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and health, until death do us part.”

Children's Outreach Mission

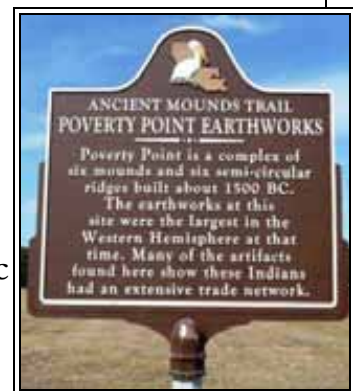


Children pack and deliver bags of food and treats to the *Lifting Lives Family Shelter*, one of the church's many Outreach Missions. Pictured L/R: Sam Hall, Gray Weaver, Stacy Weaver, Gloria Hall, Peter Williams and Macy Weaver.

ECW Elect Officers & Plan Road Trip

The Episcopal Church Women met on Saturday, March 17 and elected new officers: Sharon Hanks, President; Betty Rushing, Vice-President and Secretary; and Cassandra Price, Treasurer. A decision was made to meet quarterly, so the next meeting will be in June. All women of the church are members of the ECW and are encouraged to attend meetings.

A fun trip is planned to Poverty Point Reservoir State Park, Louisiana, on Saturday, April 28—the site of a prehistoric Native American city designated a national historic landmark in 1962. We plan to tour the grounds and museum and have a picnic lunch. Departure time and meeting location will be forthcoming. Families are invited. There will be a signup sheet in the Parish House.



April Birthdays

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| 1 Charlotte Biedenharn
Jay Harper | 12 Payton Fulgham |
| 2 Tammy Kitchens | 18 Jennifer Harper |
| 7 Ruth Green | 23 Jack Monti |
| 8 Dawn Rickard | 27 Ford Biedenharn
Sarah Jane Selby |
| 10 Amy Burr
Hayden Guynes
Chad Toups | 29 Liz Curtis
Frank W. Skinner, Jr. |
| | 30 Allison Nieto |

April Anniversaries

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| 16 Jim & Linda Dooley
Charles & Lisa Langford | 17 Jim & Joyce Butler |
| | 18 Gene & Wanda Warren |

Prayers for the People

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| Allen & Nancy Teeter | Glenda & Lee Ferguson | Linda Washington |
| AmeriCorps Youth | Hallie Jo Ragsdale | Liz Curtis Family |
| Analiese Wasson Bryan | Hollis Newman | Lucas Guynes |
| Ann Hanks | Jackson Monti | Margarette Swett |
| Ann & Jimmy Jones | Janice Herrington | Martha Benson |
| Barbara Ramsay | Jean Inman | Mary Ann Seage |
| Bertha Kolb | Sherry Horan | Millie Gasaway |
| Betty Biedenharn | Jim Dantin | Milton Richardson |
| Bryan Brabston | Jim Jones | Norma Jones |
| Carol Green | Jimmy & Mamie Bright | Parker Ramsay |
| Charlie Brantley Family | Joan Leese | Peggy Lynn |
| Christine Nelson Family | Kathy Carroll | Rachelle Ferris |
| Dalton Glatt | Kathy Anne Harrison | Randy Wright, Sr. |
| Damion Hansford | Larry Sanders | Selby Parker & Family |
| Dan & Mary Carleton | Landrieu Townsend | Lance Tompkins Family |
| Evelyn Hunt | Linda & Jim Dooley | 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, 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

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, April 15—Parish Day at Camp Bratton Green, from dawn to dusk
Holy Eucharist, 11:00 AM, Potluck Lunch, noon

Sunday, April 15—Morning Prayer at St. Alban’s, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Friday-Sunday, April 20-23—Theological Lecture Series,
Church of the Nativity Greenwood

Saturday, April 28—ECW Road Trip to Poverty Point Reservoir State Park,
Louisiana, time to be determined



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Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in April 2018

	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
	Easter Sunday	Second Sunday of Easter	Third Sunday of Easter Parish Day CBG Morning Prayer	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Fifth Sunday of Easter
First Reading	Isaiah 25:6-9	Acts 4:32-35	Acts 3:12-19	Acts 4:5-12	Acts 8:26-40
Psalm	Psalm 118:1-2,14-24	Psalm 133	Psalm 4	Psalm 23	Psalm 22:24-30
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	1 John 1:1-2:2	1 John 3:1-7	1 John 3:16-24	1 John 4:7-21
Gospel	Luke 24:1-12	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:36b-48	John 10:11-18	John 15:1-8
LWL 8:30 AM	Richard Price	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner
11:00 AM	Betsy Selby	Ann Tompkins	Harvey Smith	Herb Jones	David Pruett
MC	Jennifer Normand	Liz Gent Kerri Williams		Ann Tompkins Dawn Rickard	Jennifer Normand
OT Lector 8:30 AM	Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Tommy Skinner	Penny Freund	Penny Freund
11:00 AM	Gloria Hall	Liz Gent	Ed Shelnut	Mary Ruth Jones	Beth Guynes
Psalm	Sam Hall				
Epistle	Macy Weaver				
Crucifer & Acolyte	Jennifer Normand Gray Weaver	Kerri Williams	Koury Collins	Ann Tompkins Dawn Rickard	Jennifer Normand
Wooden Cross	Harris Southall				
Torch Bearers	Lawson Selby Sam Hall				
Holy Spirit Kite	Kerri Williams Peter Williams				
Gospel Bearer	Gabby Rushing	Ann Tompkins		Dawn Rickard	Deacon Josie
Prayers of the People	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie		Liz Gent	Deacon Josie
The Lord's Prayer	Peter Williams				
Oblation Bearers	Lawson Selby Sam Hall	Lance Stewart Canada Stewart		Sara Margaret Dalton Thames	Richard Price Susan Price
Ushers & Greeters	Josh Artman Jonah Artman	Dale Gibson Allan Leese		Dale Gibson Jeff Artman	Dale Gibson David Normand
Standing Communion Station	Deacon Josie Theo Williams	Harvey Smith David Pruett		Herb Jones Dawn Rickard	Deacon Josie Richard Price
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Wright Susan Price	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Cassandra Price Dawn Rickard	Ann Tompkins Jennifer Normand
Coffee Host	Potluck Easter Goodies	Beth Sojourner Stacy Weaver		Sara Margaret Dalton Thames	Ann Tompkins Jennifer Normand
Nursery	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley
Children's Chapel	Children Participate 11:00 AM Eucharist	Betsy Selby		Betsy Selby	Betsy Selby
Offertory Counters	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Lance Stewart	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Betsy Selby	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Michael Southall	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Herb Jones
Healing Service	April 4 Theo Williams	April 11 Tommy Skinner	April 18 David Pruett	April 25 Theo Williams	