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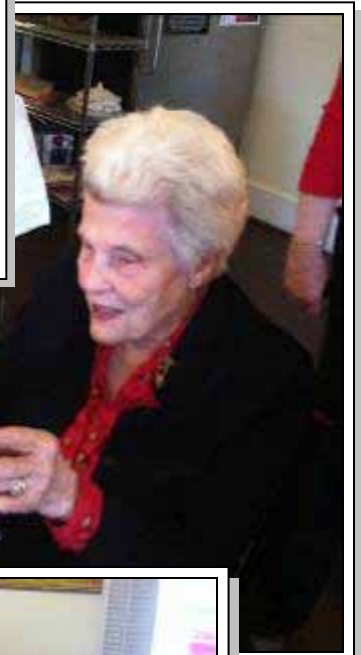
January 2014

Children's Christmas T ableau





E C W Christmas Luncheon & Ornament Exchange



Christmas at St. Alban's

Betty Biedenham & Twin Sister, Letty Fry, Celebrate Christmas



✠ Billie's Corner

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

Another calendar year has ended. A fresh year lies ahead—a new beginning. I hesitate to make New Year's Resolutions. My past experience has taught me that I enthusiastically make all kinds of promises to myself and quickly find reasons not to keep them. So what I am proposing is not a New Year's Resolution because it doesn't begin with me. It begins with God's invitation to all of us to give ourselves time to "be still and know that I am God."



While I was at *The Monastery of Saint John the Evangelist*, I noticed a sign that was placed on the sidewalk outside the main entrance of the church. The sign was an invitation to *Come In, Be Still, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Go in Peace*. I noticed people coming into the church for a brief pause in their day—a quick break from the demands of their lives.

Something about the simplicity of the Brothers' invitation has stayed with me. How could Saint Alban's Church offer such an invitation? We are not located on a busy urban thoroughfare—we are in the country. Warrior's Trail does not have a sidewalk. If we had such a sign would anyone stop? How could we adapt a city oriented ministry to our country setting?

One way would be to rely on the practice of "praying alone, together." We as a community could simply pause at some point in our day and **figuratively** enter Saint Alban's sanctuary—*Come In, Be Still, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Go in Peace*. What would such a simple prayer practice do for us and to us?

"Praying alone, together" is another way of communal prayer—another way to join together as the Body of Christ in an act of worship. Our prayers are always a response to God—we are always answering God's invitation to a more intimate relationship.

What if everyone doesn't participate in this prayer practice? The amazing thing about God's grace is that it doesn't have particular stipulations. It is free to all. Prayer has a trickle down quality. The prayers of a few can influence many.

During the year 2014, I am establishing a *First Wednesday Quiet Day* at Saint Alban's. A *Quiet Day* once a month is another way to incorporate this prayer practice into our community and to invite others to "*Come to the Country—Come to Saint Alban's Church.*"

On the first Wednesday of each month, the church will be open from 7:00 AM — 7:00 PM. Morning Prayer, Noon Prayer, Evening Prayer, the Healing Service and Eucharist will be the formal times of prayer throughout the day. The remaining time will offer the invitation to *Come In, Be Still, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Go in Peace.*

Let us continue to expand our horizons in 2014. Let us continue to say "Yes" to God's invitation to love us.

In peace

Billie+

Looking A head

2014 Lenten Arts Series Program

Wednesday, March 12

Sandra Melsheimer & *The Dirty Rice Burners*, French Cajun Music

Wednesday, March 19

Sam Puckett and *The HIM Singers*

Wednesday, March 26

Amanda Morato & Marcelo Vieira, *Celloscapes*

(The musical group that played at Dinner on the Grounds)

Wednesday, April 2

The Lewis Family and *The Champion Hill Missionary Baptist Church Gospel Choir*

Wednesday, April 9

John Maxwell, *Judas* monologue

Josie's Journal

The Village of Saint Alban

The village of St. Alban's is located throughout Warren and Hinds counties and the *spirit* of the village resonates in the hearts of those who worship in the parish of St. Alban's Church.

St. Alban's parishioners continually meet the needs of those who request help with utility bills, school lunches, school uniforms, rent, and cap and gown fees. During 2013, these fantastic parishioners provided assistance on numerous occasions: utility bills 33 times; rent assistance 6 times; gift cards 18 times; cap & gown fees 4 times; and school lunches for 8 children. In addition, they donated \$1,400 to *Haven House Battered Women's Shelter* to help after some of their funding was cut off.

The ECW provided gifts for a mother with three children. They bought pants, shirts, underwear, shoes and a toy for each child. There were over 30 packages on Sunday morning in the Parish House. It was enough to make Saint Nicholas blush! After church, Theo and I went to Kroger's and bought groceries for this family and delivered the gifts. The mother was speechless and her sister and brother wanted to know the source of the gifts. We told them St. Alban's Episcopal Church and that the ECW was the source of the barrage of Christmas presents. The mother was so elated she decided to put up her Christmas tree because she was going to "have Christmas" after all.

The *Lasagna Garden* at the Warren County Juvenile Detention Center provided students with the opportunity to plant, water, nourish and pick cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli. The jail cook then prepared a meal for them. I cannot thank you enough for donating the materials so that this learning experience could be given to students who had never gardened before.

St. Alban's is a participant in the Charity Tracker System. Persons needing assistance are asked to fill out a form with name, address, social security number and type of assistance needed. Photo identification must be attached to the bill. The name and address with the last four of the social security number are entered into the Warren County Charity Tracker database. This allows a reduction in duplication of services with payment being made by different agencies or churches.

I ask for your continued support and prayers in 2014. Wishing all of you a happy and most blessed New Year!!!!

In peace

Josie+

January Schedule

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:30 AM

Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM

Children's Chapel, 11:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 11:00 AM

Wednesday

Twelve Steps to Spiritual Wholeness, 7:00 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Noon

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day Quiet Day, 7:00 AM—7:00 PM

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness, 7:00 AM

Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM

Noon Prayer, 12 Noon

Evening Prayer, 5:00 PM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Sunday, January 5

The Celebration of the Feast of Epiphany, Children Pageant, 11:00 Eucharist

Sunday, January 12

Annual Parish Meeting

One Eucharist, 10:00 AM

Potluck Luncheon & Meeting

Sunday, January 12

Second Sunday at Saint Mary's *Evensong*, 4:00 PM

Saint Philip's Episcopal Church Choir

Reception to follow in the Parish House

Friday, January 31 - Sunday, February 2

Annual Council, Natchez

January Birthdays

3 Lynda Hubbard	20 Austin Sumrall
4 Richard Selby	26 Karen A. McCraw
8 Mary Carleton	Anna Selby
12 Hannah Huntley	27 Betsy Selby
16 Joy Brabston	29 Heaven Leigh Merritt
Sadie Williamson	Susan Price
17 Sergio Panelo	30 David McLaughlin
19 Kenon Ruska	31 Robert Ulmer

January Anniversaries

27 Bo & Kristen Gayle	27 Stanley & Deborah Lee
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Prayers for the People

For those Sick or in Need:

Anna	Carol Ann Greer	Richard Massey
Sherry Barton	Jay	Becky Drake
Jackson Monti	Lucas Guynes	David Pruett
Sherry Horan	Edel Mangum	Carol Langford
Terry & Charlie Brantley	Denise Gellespie	Joshua Hampton
Damien Hansford	Amanda Warren	Junette Tomlin
Margaret Lowry	Scott Phipps	Warren Doiron
Kevin Hicks	Kim Stribling	Ethan Claburn
Alicia Sharp	Alice Pronger	Joyce Atkins
Larry Lambioette	Jeannie McVoy	Sandra Price
Bob & Janis LaGrone	Lance Tompkins	

Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in January

	January 5, 2013	January 12, 2013	January 19, 2013	January 26, 2013
	<i>Celebration of the Feast of Epiphany</i>	<i>First Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<i>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<i>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
First Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6	Isaiah 42:1-9	Isaiah 49:1-7	Isaiah 9:1-4
Second Reading	Ephesians 3:1-12	Acts 10:34-43	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Gospel	Matthew 1:1-12	Matthew 3:13-17	John 1:29-42	Matthew 4:12-23
Psalm	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Psalm 29	Psalm 40:1-12	Psalm 27:1, 5-13
	Children's Pageant	Annual Parish Meeting 10:00 AM Eucharist		
Lay Worship Leader				
8:30 a.m.	Tommy Skinner		Ann Tompkins	Theo Williams
11:00 a.m.	Ann Tompkins	Richard Price	Betsy Selby	Harvey Smith
Master of Ceremonies	Jennifer Normand	Susan Price	Betsy Selby	Deacon Josie
Acolytes				
Crucifer	Jennifer Normand	Jennifer Normand	Koury Collins	Penny Freund
Gospel Bearer	Genevieve & Children	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie
Lector	Bertha Kolb	Kelsey Artman	Ed Shelnut	Mary Carleton
Prayers of the People	David Pruett	Betsy Selby	Deacon Josie	Sharon Hanks
Oblation Bearers	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Theo Williams David Pruett	Richard Massey Margo Massey	Karen McCraw Rodney Ham
Ushers & Greeters	Allan Leese Dan Carleton	Charlie Brantley Terry Brantley	Ann Jones Allan Leese	Dan Carleton Charlie Brantley
Children's Chapel	Pageant	Linda Walker	to be announced	Marci Turner
Altar Guild	Sharon Hanks Terri Brantley	Mary Ann Wright Margo Massey	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Betty Rushing Judy Morrissey
Eucharistic Minister		Susan Price	Ed Shelnut	
Coffee Host	Margie Scott Beth Guynes	Potluck Dinner	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Terry Brantley Charlie Brantley
Wednesday Healing	January 1, 2013 Theo Williams	January 8, 2013 Tommy Skinner	January 15, 2013 Ann Tompkins	January 22, 2013 Harvey Smith