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Father's Day at St. Alban's

On Father's Day, June 16, excitement was in the air as Jacob Kittilstad, anchor for WJTV News Channel 12, arrived at St. Alban's to film a Father's Day baptismal service. Kittilstad captured Dominic McCarthy and Matthew Guynes in the arms of their parents as they received the Holy Sacrament of Baptism. The Very Reverend Billie Abraham, rector, officiated. The segment aired one week later during Kittilstad's television series, *Faith in Focus*. Kittilstad's photography and interviews now comprise another precious chapter in the colorful history of St. Alban's Church.

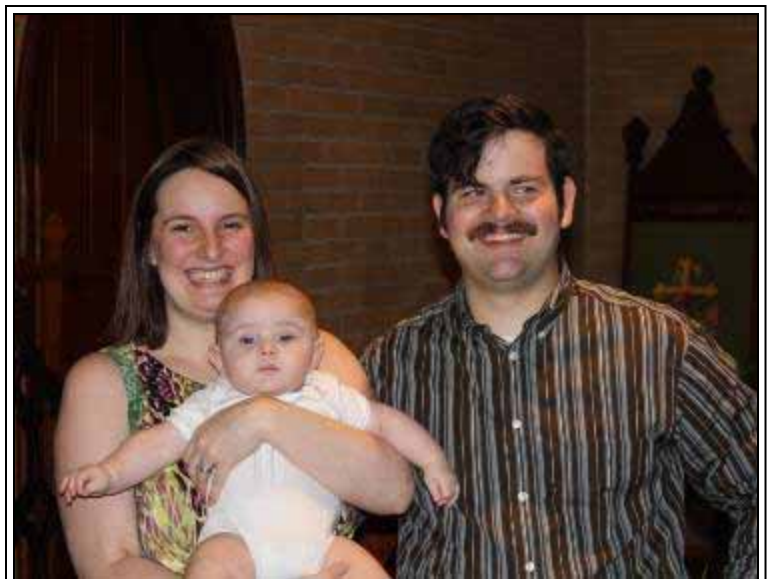
Double Christening at Tiny St. Alban's in Bovina

By Jacob Kittilstad, *Faith in Focus* feature, WJTV News Channel 12, June 23, 2013

Father's Day is not on the liturgical calendar but many churches do see a boost in attendance simply because of the holiday's message: family is important. And this year at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Bovina the family is growing.

"I have a crazy quilt that my great grandmother made—just a little sampler," the Very Rev. Billie Abraham said. "The church is like this crazy quilt. It's just rags and scraps and random shapes and colors and textures that are stitched together, and at our little church there's always room for more."

Two fathers—one new and one with his third child—stand before the larger than normal group



Josh and Maggie McCarty with baby Dominick Jax McCarty

at St. Alban's with their sons. Baby Dominick McCarthy is not normally this fussy, his dad Joshua says, but it is a long day for the little guy whose parents were recently married and confirmed in Bovina. "His eyebrows when he raises them, he just kind of has that deep stare, like 'what are you doing?' " Joshua McCarthy said, explaining his son's characteristics.

On the other side of the church the Guynes family with baby Lucas has about a century of family history at the church. "So we've got both," Rev. Abraham said. "We've got the people who have come in and been welcomed and then we've got the people who have formed the roots and made it possible for them to come into this church. Today these babies are beginning their life in Christ. And they're beginning it with the support of the entire community."

Rev. Abraham goes on to say that it's the people (yes, even the little people) that make up the heart of the church.

Matthew Guynes looks to the future with his son Lucas. The infant has Down's syndrome—but also a loving dad. "It is going to be a challenge but we have the family background and support from the family, not only with the friends and neighbors we have in Hernando, but definitely here in my hometown with my church family as well," Guynes said.

The Rev. Abraham said, "Looking for the Christ in others and serving Christ in other... we are looking into what this baptism's all about. Because it's about living a gospel way of life. And that's not necessarily the way of the world but it is the way to peace."



The Very Rev. Billie Abraham, Matt and Lauren Guynes
with baby Lucas Scott Guynes

Link to the feature video:

<http://www.wjtv.com/story/22663766/faith-in-focus-double-christening-at-tiny-st-albans-in-bovina>

Dinner at Gibbs Grocery



Vacation Bible School

Approximately forty-five adults and youth participated in the 2013 Vacation Bible School hosted by Saint Paul's Church, Bovina. The participating churches were St. Paul, Bovina Methodist and St. Alban's. The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School was *Rock it Out*—based on Psalm 18:14.

*I will love You, O LORD, my strength.
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised;
So shall I be saved from my enemies.*

The lessons all focused on praising God without limits---turning everything over to God! On the last night, Pastor Dixon prayed a beautiful prayer thanking God for the blessing of working together—three denominations and diverse races—coming together to work for the honor and glory of God.



✝ Billie's Corner

Stewards of Faith

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present for Holy Baptism is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

I will, with God's help.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children and their parents in their life in Christ?

We will.

A few Sundays ago, our community gathered together to witness the baptisms of two precious babies, Dominic Jax McCarthy and Lucas Scott Guynes. The parents and godparents stood in front of our community as they pledged to bring their sons up in the Christian way of life. The pledge they made was a commitment to raise their children in the Christian faith and life by way of their word and example.

That is no small pledge. It is a lifetime undertaking—one that necessitates the need for assistance. And that is where our entire community steps into the pledge to raise the children as Christians. We make the commitment to support the parents and the godparents as they rear their child as a Christian. We also pledge to nurture the children as they grow into Christian maturity.

The day of the Baptisms was just the beginning. The parents and the godparents are lifetime stewards for the child. They have been entrusted with the responsibility to care their child's life in Christ. We too are lifetime stewards of the Christian well-being of the babies and their families. We have promised to be invested in their continuing growth and maturation as followers of Jesus Christ.

As stewards of faith, we are supporting each other in our lifelong Christian journey. We are stewards of more than just facts regarding Jesus of Nazareth. We are stewards of knowing him as a reality in our lives.

In peace

Billie+



July Schedule

Friday, July 5—Sunday, July 7

Camp Bratton Green, First Session

Sunday, July 7

The Rev. Deacon Josie

Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Thursday, July 11 —Sunday, July 14

Cursillo, Gray Center

Sunday, July 14

Second Sunday at St. Mary's, 4:00 PM

The Eucharist & *Brick Street Barbershop Quartet*

Sunday, July 21

Inquirer's Class, Parish Hall, 10:00 AM

Thursday, July 25

Listening Session, Holy Trinity Church, 6:30 PM

Opportunity to voice opinions to the Nominating Committee for selection of a new Bishop

Sunday, July 28

Inquirer's Class, Parish Hall, 10:00 AM

United Thank Offering

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. The UTO is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world.

Envelopes will be placed in the pews and traditional blue boxes will be placed July 2—16 for our summer Ingathering. Please give generously.

Ann Tompkins
UTO Chairperson



July Birthdays

1	William Aspinall III	14	Gene Warren
2	Joshua Sullivan	16	Roy Bailey
3	Rudy Nieto		Jill Upchurch
	Beau Ramsay	20	Alicia Arseneau
	Charles Selby		Bryan Brabston, Jr.
4	Bill Hubbard	23	Tripp Curtis
6	Allen Kitchens	24	Allen Kitchens
7	Dodi Pritchard	25	Kelsey Artman
9	Suzanne Artman		Rebecca Drake
	Kaylan Marie Sumrall		Sunny Faith Duett
10	Bobby Barlow	28	Don Biedenharn
	Joel Langford		Ross Lunz
12	Andrew Ulmer	29	Easy Biedenharn
13	Jane Batchelor		Jackson Monti
	Lauren Guynes	30	Carroll Sojourner
14	Betty Biedenharn		

July Anniversaries

5	James & Rebecca Drake	22	Michael & Judy Morrissey
9	Theo & Josie Williams	25	Clark & Clare Huntley
13	Jeff & Suzanne Artman	26	John & Ann Tompkins
14	Les & Becki Ferguson		

Prayers

For those Sick or in Need:

Kim Stribling	Stephanie Lloyd	Norma & Denny Allman
Laura	Jay	Johnny B.
Joe Johnston	Jessie Ross	Celeste
Kylie	Paul	Allen
Pat Brooks	Don & Kristie Kitchens	Samuel O'Neal
Jackson Monti	The Ivory family	Mary Inez Lee
Lucas Guynes	Louise Rosser	Joan Marshall
Linda Washington	Alice Pronger	Kristi, Keith, Elliott & David
Kristin & Jeff	Katie Seage	Leigh Ann Nosser
Becky Drake	Dania Hood	Frankie Herrod

Men and women of the Armed Forces:

Christoph Martin	Billie Hubbard
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Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in July

	July 7, 2013 <i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>	July 14, 2013 <i>Eight Sunday after Pentecost</i>	July 21, 2013 <i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	July 28, 2013 <i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
First Reading	2 Kings 5:1-14	Amos 7:7-17	Amos 8:1-12	Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm	Psalm 30	Psalm 82	Psalm 52	Psalm 85
Second Reading	Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16	Colossians 1:1-14	Colossians 1:15-28	Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)
Gospel	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-13
	Morning Prayer			
	Deacon Josie			
Lay Worship Leader				
8:30 a.m.	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner	Richard Price
11:00 a.m.	Ann Tompkins	Richard Price	Betsy Selby	Ann Tompkins
Master of Ceremonies		Susan Price	Beth Guynes	Jennifer Normand
Acolytes				
Crucifer		Koury Collins	Beth Guynes	Jennifer Normand
Gospel Bearer		Penny Freund	Deacon Josie	Jeff , Josh & Jonah
Lector		Ed Shelnut	Mary Carleton	Kelsey Artman
Prayers of the People		Deacon Josie	Linda Walker	Deacon Josie
Oblation Bearers		Kerri & Peter Williams	Clarissa Walker Genevieve Walker	Linda Gerache Jenni & Caroline Sciro
Ushers & Greeters	Theo Williams Allan Leese	Jeff, Josh and Jonah	Dan Carleton Jim Drake\	Jay Sciro Joey Gerache
Altar Guild	Susan Price Kerri Williams	Cassandra Price Margie Scott	Sherry Horan Sharon Hanks	Judy Morrissey Ann Tompkins
Eucharistic Minister		Ed Shelnut		
Coffee Host	Margie Scott Beth Guynes	Susan Price Penny Freund	Betsy Selby Ann Jones	Charlie Brantley Terry Brantley
Wednesday Healing	July 10, 2013 Ann Tompkins	July 17, 2013 Harvey Smith	July 24, 2013 Tommy Skinner	July 31, 2013 Harvey Smith