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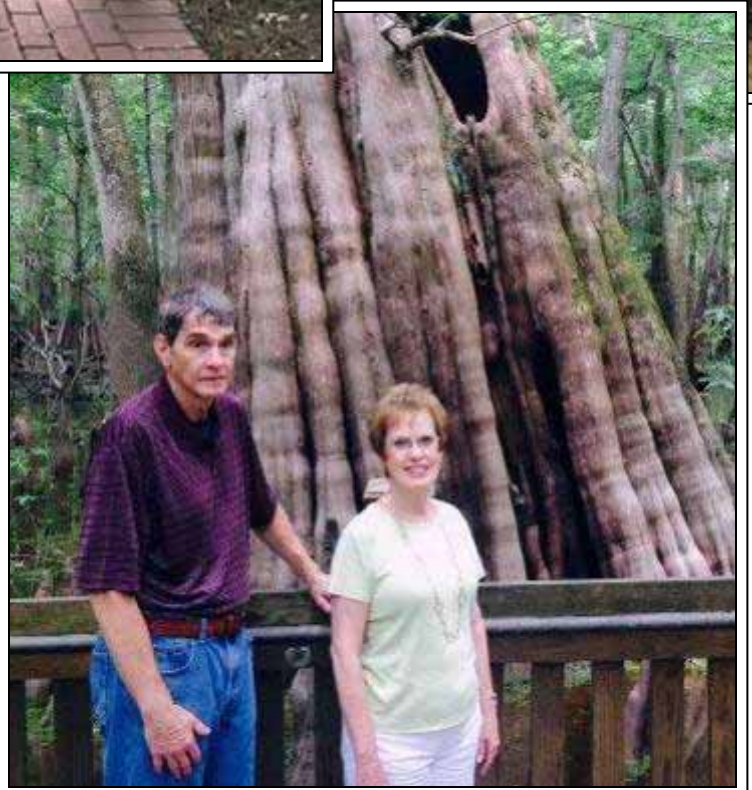
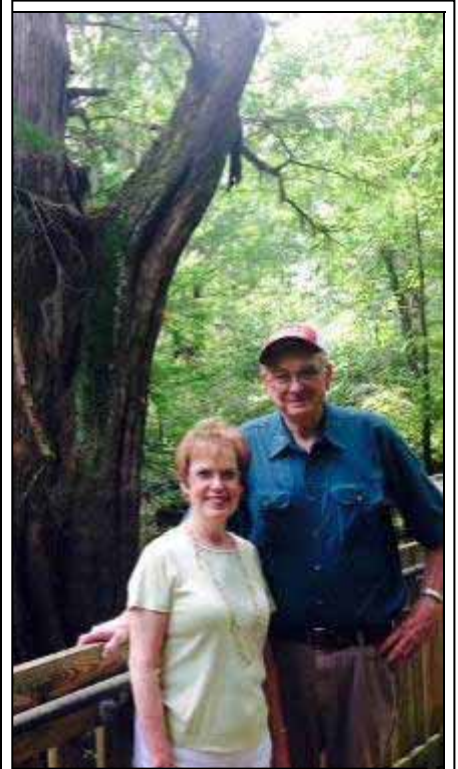
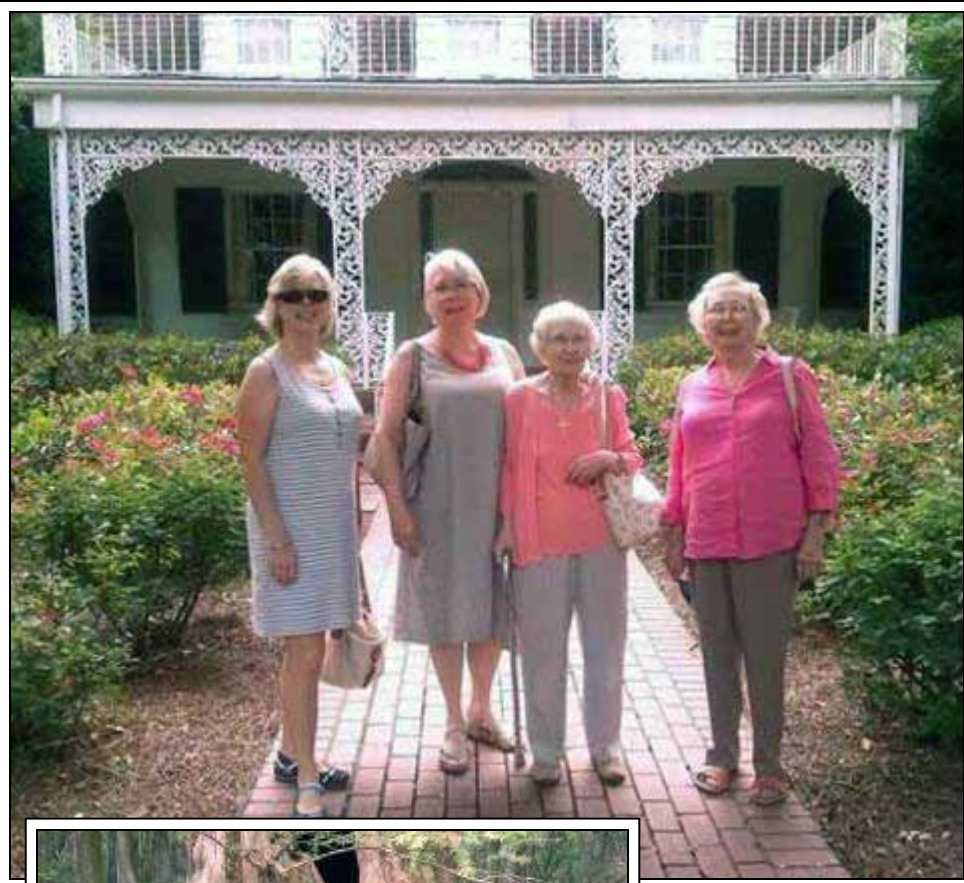
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In Memory
Alice Scott Pronger
October 30, 1918 — June 30, 2015

ECW Trip to Wister Gardens & Sky Lake Wildlife Area





Saying Farewell

Five members of St. Alban's Church are embarking on a new career journey—one that will distance them from the community of St. Alban's. For some, St. Alban's has been their *church home* for recent months or years. For others St. Alban's has been their *church home* since childhood. Several will be moving to far away places while others will remain within driving distance to Vicksburg. Those saying *farewell* were: Kelsey Artman, Jennifer Gates, Clarissa Walker, Joey Gerache and Natalie Siedhof. Reverend Billie Abraham congratulated each and every one and wished them well as they continue on life's journey. She also presented them with an inspirational book as a gift from the St. Alban's Community. To those who are leaving, we say *farewell* but never *goodbye*.



*Finally, brethren, farewell.
Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace;
and the God of love and peace shall be with you.
Greet one another with a holy kiss.
All the Saints salute you.*

II Corinthians 13:11-14



Jessica Gates



Kelsey Artman



Clarissa Walker



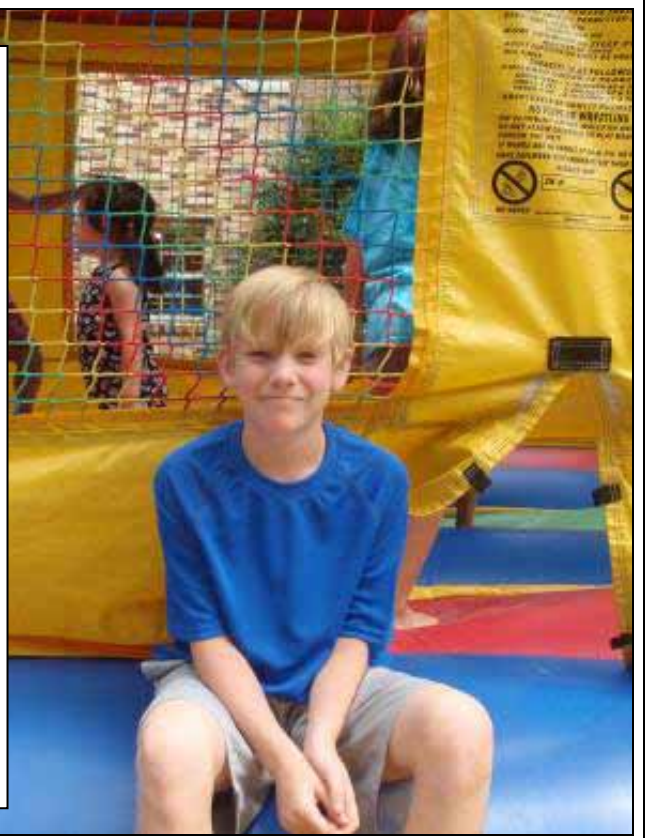
Joey Gerache



Natalie Siedhof

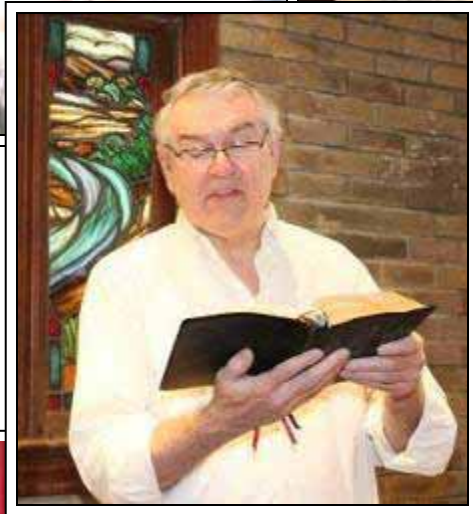
Sunday School Celebration





St. Alban's Choir





† Billie's Corner

In the quiet of the guesthouse library at the Monastery of St. John the Evangelist, I picked up a copy of one of Mary Oliver's books of poetry. The first poem I read was entitled, *The Place I Want to Get Back To*. In the narrative, she vividly describes a woodland scene where, in the darkness before the first light, she sat still enough for deer to wander nearby. The end of the poem recalls her memory and longing for it to happen again:



*Such sweet gifts, bestowed, can't be repeated.
If you want to talk about this come to visit.
I live in the house near the corner, which I have named "Gratitude."*

The poetic picture of the woods, the deer and a home named *Gratitude* spoke to me because I had just purchased a home in the woods that is crowded with deer. After reading the poem I knew what I would name my home—*Gratitude*.

My little home in the woods has already brought me the pleasure of anticipation—anticipating the remodeling projects that will make it my home, anticipating living less than a mile from the shoreline of Lake Enid, anticipating the sight of living with a forest as my backyard and anticipating the sounds of insects and critters that live in the woods.

I purchased this house as my retirement home since I will retire in four years when I reach the age of 72. Until that time, I plan to continue to live into all the ministries that St. Alban's Church has to offer. We have much more ahead of us here in Bovina and beyond. But the purchase of this house is bringing *retirement* into focus. So, now I am pondering just what it will mean to *retire*.

I don't have any deep insights or words of wisdom to pass along. All I am doing is just wondering. Perhaps an insight is to honor the mystery of it all. I know I do not want to rush the process—I've spent far too much time rushing all my life. I am going to slow down and enjoy the holiness of each present moment that will take me into the future.

This I will do **with God's help!**

In Peace

Billie+

† Josie's Journal

“Nana You Need To Be Patient”

These words were uttered to me by my precious seven-year-old grandson, Peter, after giving him directions to put on his belt, put his dirty clothes in the hamper and come to me. He responded, “I can only do one thing at a time.” How refreshing to know that Peter has been listening to me.

Listening is part of what I do as a deacon. For example, I received an application from a lady who needed assistance with her Entergy bill. I went to G&F Financial Services to pay the overdue bill but was denied *payment by check* (any check) due to her past history. Cash only accepted. I then mailed the payment to the Baton Rouge office but that didn't solve the problem. The lady in need called on June 9 to tell me her lights had been cut off. This began a series of 1-800 calls to talk to representatives who only referred me to their supervisors!

At one point, I was on hold for 39 minutes and finally the supervisor came on line and informed me that my check had not been received. He then repeated the “no check —cash only” policy. I persevered and did not hang up or use inappropriate language because I represented Jesus and St. Alban's Church. I explained that cash payment was not an option because church issued checks are needed for audit. After he reiterated the *check policy*, I asked for a call back from his supervisor. The “call back” came two weeks later, and this time I was placed on hold for 84 minutes with no resolution to the problem!

Finally I decided to dial 1-800 again. Yet another supervisor explained Entergy's position on the matter. My response was to explain the position of the Episcopal Church's Baptismal Covenant: “*to respect the dignity of all persons and our charge as Christians to not let the hope of the needy go unheard and unmet.*” I emphasized that I could not embrace a policy that would leave a handicapped 58-year-old lady caring for her 90-year-old mother without electricity in the heat of summer. Still no response!

I then called the office of the *Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office*. They referred me to *The Public Service Commission*. **Thanks be to God for allowing me to keep my patience and for reminding me that I am charged to *comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable!*** Entergy finally listened but only because I was remembering Peter's words, “*Nana, you need to be patient.*” A dose of persistence also helped. There is work to be done and believe me, I have only just begun.

Christ's Peace+

Josie

Schedule of Events

Weekly Activities & Services

Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM

Choir Practice, Nave, 10:00 AM

Tuesday

Create & Carry, 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

Choir Practice following the Healing Service

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Noon

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

Please note:

- No Children’s Chapel in June, July and August
- No Thursday Centering Prayer Support Group

Events in July

Wednesday, July 1—Quiet Day, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

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

Wednesday, July 1–Saturday, July 11—Family Vacation, Rev. Billie

Sunday, July 5—The Rev. Charlie Deaton, supply priest, 8:30 & 11:00 AM Eucharist

Sunday, July 12—*Second Sundays at St. Mary’s*, Lester Senter Wilson & Colman Pearce, “Four Hands Piano,” 4:00 PM

Tuesday, July 21—Vestry Meeting, Rectory, 5:15 PM

Sunday, July 21–Sunday, July 26—*Mississippi Conference on Music & Liturgy*, Gray Conference Center

Thursday, July 23—Music Conference Evensong, St. Philip’s Jackson.
(time to be announced, followed by dinner at Bravo!)

July Birthdays

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| 1 William Aspinall III | 16 Roy Bailey |
| 2 Joshua Sullivan | Jill Upchurch |
| 3 Rudy Nieto | 20 Alicia Arseneau |
| Beau Ramsay | Bryan Brabston, Jr. |
| Charles Selby | 22 Dalton Thames |
| 4 Bill Hubbard | 23 Tripp Curtis |
| 6 Allen Kitchens | 24 Allen Kitchens |
| 7 Delores (Dodi) Pritchard | Richard Massey |
| 9 Suzanne Artman | 25 Kelsey Artman |
| Kaylan Marie Sumrall | Rebecca Drake |
| 10 Bobby Barlow | Sunny Faith Duett |
| Joel Langford | 28 Don Biedenharn |
| 12 Andrew Ulmer | Ross Lunz |
| 13 Jane Batchelor | 29 F. M. "Easy" Biedenharn |
| Lauren Guynes | Jackson Monti |
| 14 Betty Biedenharn | 30 Carroll Sojourner |
| Gene Warren | |

July Anniversaries

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| 5 Jims & Becky Drake | 14 Les & Becki Ferguson |
| 9 Theo & Josie Williams | 22 Michael & Judy Morrissey |
| 10 Richard & Margo Massey | 25 Clark & Clare Huntley |
| 13 Jeff & Suzanne Artman | 26 John & Ann Tompkins |

Prayers for the People

For those Sick or in Need:

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| Betty Biedenharn | Dalton Glatt | Rachelle Ferris |
| Alice Pronger | Lawrence Fields | Oscar Jones |
| Bertha Kolb | Lucas Guynes | Jim & Sherry Horan |
| Bill Curtis | Parker Ramsay | Jimmy Bright |
| Linda & Jim Dooley | Barbara Ramsay | Jackson Monti |
| Glenda Ferguson | Mary Ruth Jones | Jim Dantin |
| Terry & Charlie Brantley | Helen Emrick | Ann Hanks |
| Joel and Colby | Tori | Millie Gassaway |
| Walker Biedenharn | Richard & Margo Massey | Howard Benson |
| Angelo | Joan Leese | Damion Hansford |
| Don Whittenburg | AnaLei Caron Graves | |

Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in July

	July 5 <i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	July 12 <i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>	July 19 <i>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	July 26 <i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
First Reading	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm	Psalm 48	Psalm 24	Psalm 89:20-37	Psalm 14
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Ephesians 1:3-14	Ephesians 2:11-22	Ephesians 3:14-21
Gospel	Mark 6:1-13	Mark 6:14-29	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	John 6:1-21
	Charlie Deaton Supply Priest		Children's Sunday	
Eucharistic Minister		Ed Shelnut		Herb Jones
Lay Worship Leader				
8:30 a.m.	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner
11:00 a.m.	Betsy Selby	David Pruett	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins
Master of Ceremonies	Betsy Selby	Rev. Billie	Beth Guynes	Jennifer Normand
Crucifer & Acolyte	Canada Stewart Ann Tompkins	Koury Collins	Gloria Hall Heaven Leigh Beth Guynes	Jennifer Normand
Gospel Bearer	Ann Tompkins	Ed Shelnut	Gabby Rushing	Herb Jones
Lector	Mary Carleton	Ed Shelnut	Sunny Faith	Herb Jones
Torch Bearers			Canada Stewart Sam Hall Lawson Selby	
Prayers of the People	Sharon Hanks	Harvey Smith	Deacon Josie	Linda Walker
Banner Bearer			Peter Williams	
Lord's Prayer	Canada Stewart		Peter Williams	
Oblation Bearers	Lance Stewart Margaret Stewart	Sara Margaret Porter Dalton Thames	Sam Hall Lawson Selby	Janice Herrington Becky Drake
Ushers & Greeters	Dan Carleton Richard Massey	Allen Leese Richard Massey	Josh Artman Jonah Artman	Sara Margaret Porter Dalton Thames
Altar Guild	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Cassandra Price Beth Guynes	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing	Mary Ann Wright Margo Massey
Coffee Host	Janice Herrington Betty Rushing	Betsy Selby Ann Jones	Rymn & Joan Herb & Mary Ruth	Bonnie Pruett Butch Mitchell Rev. Billie
Children's Chapel	Summer Break	Summer Break	Summer Break	Summer Break
Offertory Counters	Ann Tompkins Rymn Parson Lance Stewart	Ann Tompkins Janice Herrington Sharon Hanks	Ann Tompkins Rymn Parson Theo Williams	Ann Tompkins Herb Jones Kristi Hall
	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22
Healing Service	David Pruett	Ann Tompkins	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner