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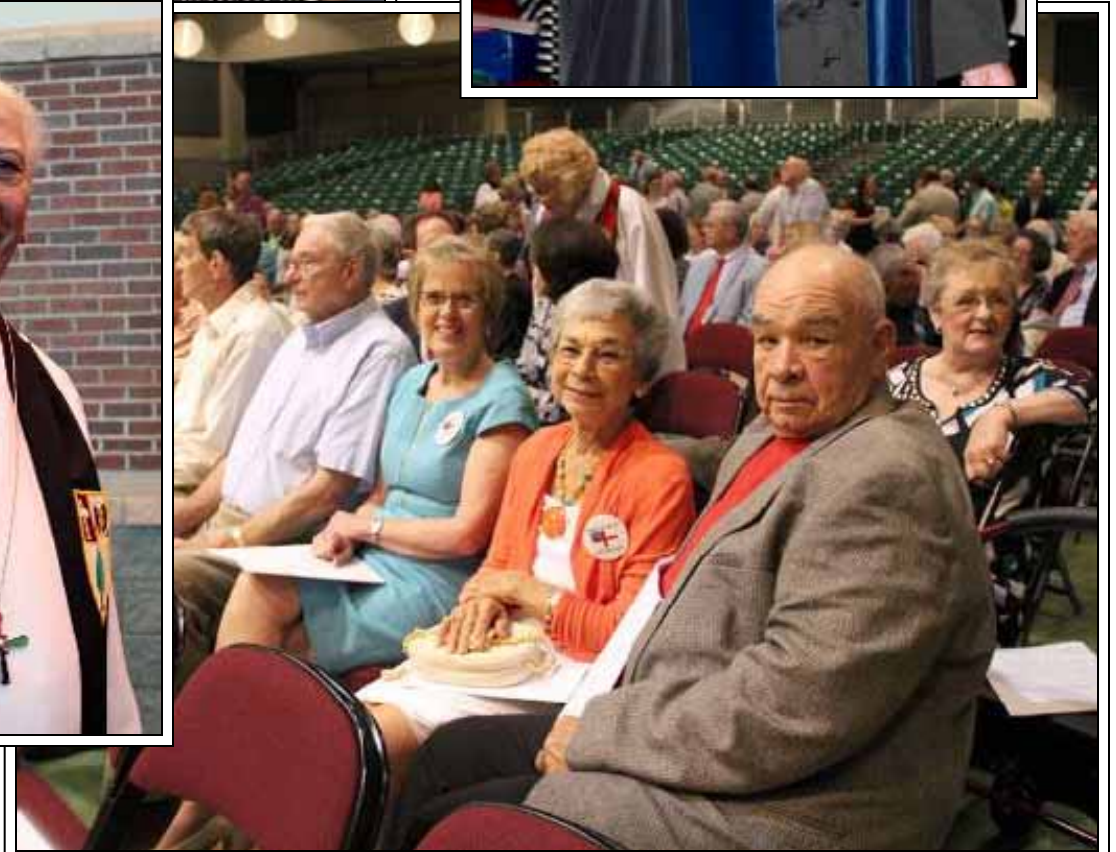
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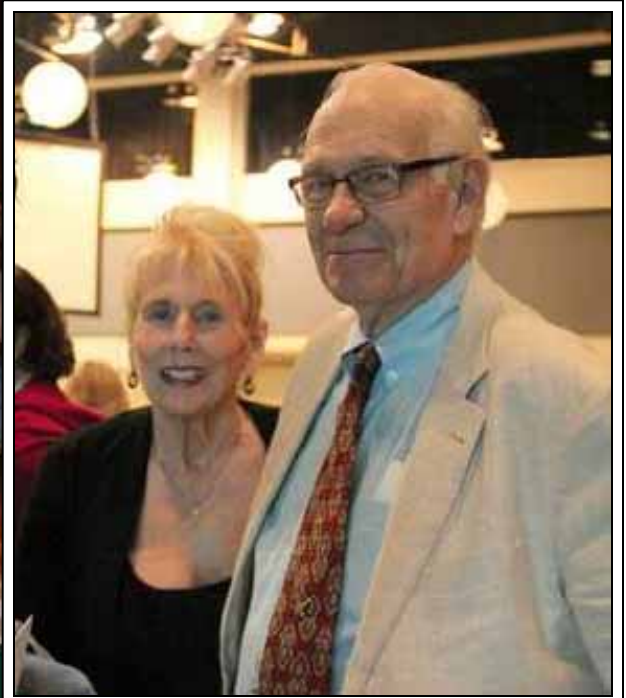
Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael Bruce Curry
People of God, Gather Together, Sing to the Lord a New Song

Eucharist Commemorating the Lives of James Earl Chaney,
Andrew Goodman and Michael Scherner
Vicksburg Convention Center, June 12









“Children are a Gift from Heaven”

St. Alban’s was blessed to have Rev. Hugh Jones as supply priest during Rev. Billie’s long-awaited sabbatical. For ten weeks, he enlightened the congregation with thought provoking sermons—entertained us with quick wit—continually expressed appreciation to the organist, soloist, choir, and readers for their talents—and captivated the children by showing love and kindness. Simply said, he won everyone’s hearts.

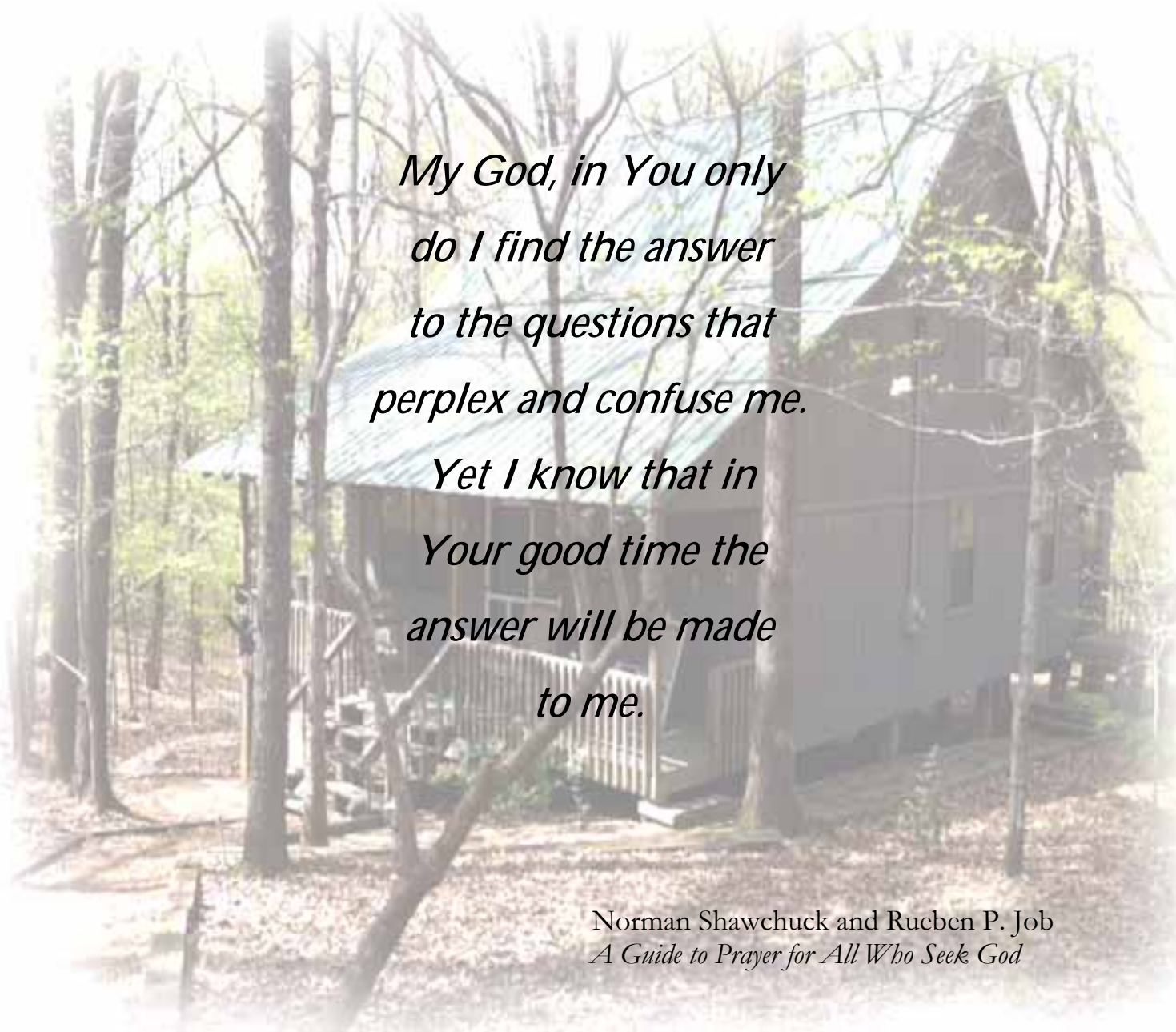
For his final sermon, Rev. Jones gave a heartfelt message on *Children* and the important of their presence to the growth of the church. He spoke lovingly of the *joy and energy* children bring to a worship service—and most importantly, he reminded everyone that *children are the future of the church*. At the close of his homily, the congregation responded with a spontaneous applause—a gesture that moved Rev. Jones to tears. We are grateful for the time that he spent ministering to us—and now—our prayers go with him as he continues his ministry to other churches in the diocese.



“Children are a gift from heaven, each soul trusting and unique; God’s example of faith’s journey for all people who will seek. Children are a priceless treasure, sent from heaven like a dove; poetry yet to be written; they bring laughter, joy and love.” (From *Lift High the Cross*)

John E. Simons, lyrics

† Billie's Corner



*My God, in You only
do I find the answer
to the questions that
perplex and confuse me.*

*Yet I know that in
Your good time the
answer will be made
to me.*

Norman Shawchuck and Rueben P. Job
A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God

In Peace

Billie†

† Josie's Journal

Remember the Golden Rule

Over the past few months, with the presidential campaign in full swing, Peter remarked that he had heard bad things—mainly name calling—on TV regarding some of the politicians running for the presidency. Theo and I asked where he had heard the comments and he answered, *All Things Remembered*, a TV program where guests give their opinion on a variety of subjects including politics.

I explained to Peter that I didn't watch those kinds of shows. "Why not?" Peter asked. I told him that I didn't like the mean and ugly things the candidates and their supporters were saying and how they were acting. I also explained that finger pointing and name-calling are a sure turn off to most people. Actually, Theo and I thought that we had blocked all the shows we deemed unfit for children.

Peter continued to listen as I spoke: "we are all created by God and no one is inferior to another—we are to treat others as we want to be treated—we do not treat others differently because of the color of their skin or hair—nor do we treat others differently if they are short or tall—skinny or plump! We are all God's children and we are to respect the dignity of every human being according to our Baptismal Covenant. The more we are like Jesus the less the devil likes it. We want to keep the devil disliking us."

I then asked Peter, "how would you feel if someone treated you differently because of your curly brown hair or because you are a boy?" He replied, "Nana that is not fair." I smiled realizing that my grandson had gotten the point! I then encouraged him to always remember the Golden Rule—*Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.*

I am sure this issue will come up again and I hope and pray that Peter understands that, *as for me and my house we will serve the LORD.*

Christ Peace,

Josie+



July Birthdays

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| 1 William Aspinall III | 10 Bobby Barlow | 23 Tripp Curtis |
| 2 Judah Nieto | Joel Langford | 24 Allen Kitchens |
| 3 Rudy Nieto | 12 Harrison Savant | Richard Massey |
| John Segrest | 13 Lauren Guynes | 25 Kelsey Artman |
| Beau Ramsay | Andy Hall | Rebecca Drake |
| Charles Selby | 14 Betty Biedenharn | Sunny Faith Duett |
| 4 Bill Hubbard | Gene Warren | 28 Ross Lunz |
| Kristi Hall | 16 Roy Bailey | Lynn Gerhardt |
| 5 Harris Southall | Jill Upchurch | 29 F. M. "Easy" Biedenharn |
| 6 Allen Kitchens, Jr. | 17 Jack Savant | Jackson Monti |
| 7 Delores (Dodi) Pritchard | 20 Alicia Arseneau | 30 Carroll Sojourner |
| 9 Suzanne Artman | Bryan Brabston, Jr. | |
| Kaylan Marie Sumrall | 22 Dalton Thames | |

July Anniversaries

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| 5 Jim & Rebecca Drake | 10 Richard & Margo Massey | 22 Michael & Judy Morrissey |
| 9 Theo & Josie Williams | 13 Jeff & Suzanne Artman | 26 John & Ann Tompkins |

Prayers for the People

For those Sick or in Need:

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| Ann Hanks | Glenda Ferguson | Millie Gassaway |
| Aryana T. Strawn (infant) | Hallie Jo Ragsdale | Norma Jones |
| Barbara Ramsay | Jackson Monti | Parker Ramsay |
| Bertha Kolb | Jean Walker | Rachelle Ferris |
| Betty Biedenharn | Jim & Sherry Horan | Randy Wright |
| Bill & Liz Curtis | Jim Dantin | Rebecca Clark |
| Brenda Winters | Jimmy O'Neal | Rose Akers Kellum |
| Charlie Brantley & Family | Jimmy & Mamie | Rt. Rev A.C. "Chip" Marble |
| Christine Frisbee | John Williams | Ruth Green |
| Dale Gibson | Larry Lambiotte | Sara Margaret Porter & Family |
| Dalton Glatt | Gene & Libby Malloy | Sarah Champion Puckett |
| Damion Hansford | Linda & Jim Dooley | The Allen Family |
| Dan & Mary Carleton | Lucas Guynes | The Selby Family |
| Dorothy Grady | Margie Scott | Walker Biedenharn |
| Eleanor Price | Mary Ruth Jones | |

Schedule of Events

Weekly Activities & Services

Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 & 10:00 AM

Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:00 AM

Centering Prayer Support Group, 8:30 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, Noon

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

Sunday, July 3—Billie returns from sabbatical

Monday, July 4—Independence Day

Wednesday, July 6— First Wednesday Quiet Day, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

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

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, Parish House, 7:00 AM

Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM—Centering Prayer, 9:30 AM—*Silence*—Noonday

Prayer—*Silence*—Evening Prayer, 4:00 PM—Centering Prayer, 4:30 PM—*Silence*

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Tuesday, July 19—Vestry Meeting, Rectory, 6:00 PM

Tuesday, July 19–Sunday, July 24—Mississippi Conference of Church Music & Liturgy, Gray Center

Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in July

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading	Deuteronomy 10:17-21	Amos 7:7-17	Amos 8:1-12	Hosea 1:2-10	Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm	Psalm 145:1-9	Psalm 82	Psalm 52	Psalm 85	Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Second Reading	Hebrews 11:8-16	Colossians 1:1-14	Colossians 1:15-28	Colossians 2:6-19	Colossians 3:1-11
Gospel	Matthew 5:43-48	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-13	Luke 12:13-21
Lay Worship Leader					
8:30 a.m.	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins	Theo Williams	David Pruett
11:00 a.m.	David Pruett	Herb Jones	Betsy Selby	Ann Tompkins	Herb Jones
Master of Ceremonies	Ann Tompkins	Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes	Jennifer Normand	Ann Tompkins
Eucharistic Minister	Harvey Smith	Theo Williams	Herb Jones	Ed Shelnut	Harvey Smith
OT Lector					
8:30 a.m.	Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Penny Freund
11:00 a.m.	Mary Ruth Jones	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Janice Herrington	Peter Williams	Ed Shelnut	Mary Carleton
Epistle Lector			Heaven Leigh Merritt		
Crucifer & Acolyte	Ann Tompkins	Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes Canada Stewart Mary Ellen Dunaway	Koury Collins	Ann Tompkins
Crucifer (Wooden)					
Gospel Bearer	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie
Torch Bearers			Sam Hall Gloria Hall		
Prayers of the People	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Bruce Carleton	Deacon Josie	Sharon Hanks
Oblation Bearers	Herb Jones Mary Ruth Jones	Janice Herrington Chatty Dunaway	Lawson Selby Sunny Faith Duett	Rymn Parsons Joan Parsons	Anita Collins Betty Rushing
Ushers & Greeters	Lance Stewart Leigh Divine	Allan Leese Charlie Brantley	Josh Artman Jonah Artman	Allan Leese Charlie Brantley	Lance Stewart Leigh Divine
Altar Guild	Cassandra Price Beth Guynes	Mary Ann Wright Margo Massey	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing
Coffee Host	Bring your favorite Red, White & Blue Refreshments	Betty Rushing Bonnie Pruett	Tommy Skinner Ann Tompkins	Jennifer Normand Beth Sojourner	Herb & Mary Rev. Billie
Children's Chapel	No Children's Chapel during the summer months				
Offertory Counters	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Herb Jones	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Janice Herrington	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Jennifer Normand	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Theo Williams	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks
	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27	August 3
Healing Service	Ann Tompkins	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Theo Williams