



# The Albanac

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May 2013

## Parish Weekend at Camp Bratton-Green





## ECW Travel to Natchez

On Saturday, April 6, several members of the ECW, along with a couple of brave men, embarked on a fantastic adventure to Natchez, Mississippi. The first stop was St. Mary's Chapel on Laurel Hill Plantation, a 1,500 acre timber plantation established in 1774. Thank goodness for GPS and Harvey Smith, who had actually been there, to guide us, as we may not have found this treasure. We thank Ms. Kathy Moody, resident, caretaker/manager, family descendant, and personal friend of Terry Brantley, who graciously took us on a grand tour of the chapel and plantation.



The church was organized in 1839 and has only been used occasionally since 1850. Its original marble statues, font, and memorials, and lovely stained glass window are still there, and family members are buried beneath the chancel. The main plantation home burned in 1967, but outbuildings (kitchen, wash and billiard houses, which have been remodeled inside) remain. The grounds, houses, and chapel are all lovingly cared for by Ms. Moody.

Our next stop was a delicious lunch at the Carriage House in Natchez. To walk off our lunch, we walked several blocks to the beautiful St. Mary's Basilica. The basilica was established in 1842 as the Cathedral of the Diocese of Natchez. In 1977, the Diocese moved to Jackson, and St. Mary's Cathedral was renamed St. Mary's Church. In 1999, it was designated a minor basilica by Pope Paul II. The exterior and interior of the basilica have been renovated, and it is absolutely gorgeous.

On our way home, some stopped off at Christ Church, Episcopal, in Church Hill. The first church was built in 1820, and the third and current brick and stuccoed Gothic Revival building was built in 1858. We were disappointed, but understand, that the church

was locked, as we would have loved to have seen the original pipe organ, pews, chairs, and marble font which remain in the church. We did walk through the cemetery, which reminded us of St. Alban's, with its very old headstones, as well as recent burials.

The weather was stupendous, the fellowship was wonderful, and we had a great time. We were all tired from our grand adventure, but we would do it again. If anyone wants to get a group together, we can contact Kathy Moody, who loves company and loves to take folks back in time with a tour.

We hope to have future road trips and welcome the men to join us.

Sharon Hanks  
ECW President



## ✠ Billie's Corner

*Lagniappe: a Louisiana French word, meaning “an unexpected little extra.”*

Last weekend, I attended a retreat at Gray Conference Center---A *Contemplative Retreat, Saint Teresa's of Avila's Interior Castle*. Saint Teresa was a 14th century mystic who visualized a spiritual castle with seven rooms in the shape of concentric circles. According to Saint Teresa, our journey to an evermore intimate relationship with God consisted of moving deeper into the rooms of the castle. The innermost room was the place where one experiences total union with God.

I arrived at Gray Center prepared to listen to the wisdom of the retreat leaders. They had spent years studying Saint Teresa's writings. I was primed to hear whatever the presenters had to offer. They lived up to my expectations by leading an inspiring retreat.

Their presentations guided me to a deeper experience of the Divine Indwelling, our God who dwells within each one of us.

The time during the weekend retreat was a combination of shared *silence* and *conversation*. The gift of silence did not come as a surprise since I had looked forward to sharing *Quite Day* with a group of people. The *lagniappe* —an unexpected little extra—came during mealtime as I visited with a lady from Jackson.



During our conversation, she mentioned several ministries in which she was involved, from church ministries to civic ministries. She told me about her active family life and described herself as “joyously busy.” JOYOUSLY BUSY! What a difference that word *joyous* makes!

I don’t know about all of you, but I frequently associate busy with too much to do and too little time! How different would it be if I approached busy with a joyous perspective?! After listening to the lady elaborate about being joyously busy, I am considering changing my approach to the daily responsibilities of my life. It is certainly worth a try!

I expected to be immersed in the teachings of Saint Teresa of Àvila, I didn’t anticipate being introduced to a fresh perspective of *busy*. *Joyously Busy*---the unexpected little extra I received at the retreat.



Saint Teresa of Àvila by Peter Paul Rubens

In peace

Billie+

## Bishop's Annual Stewardship Summit (BASS)

*"Living into Our Abundance: Stewards of the Gifts of God"*

5:00 p.m., Friday, June 21 to  
1:00 p.m., Saturday, June 22

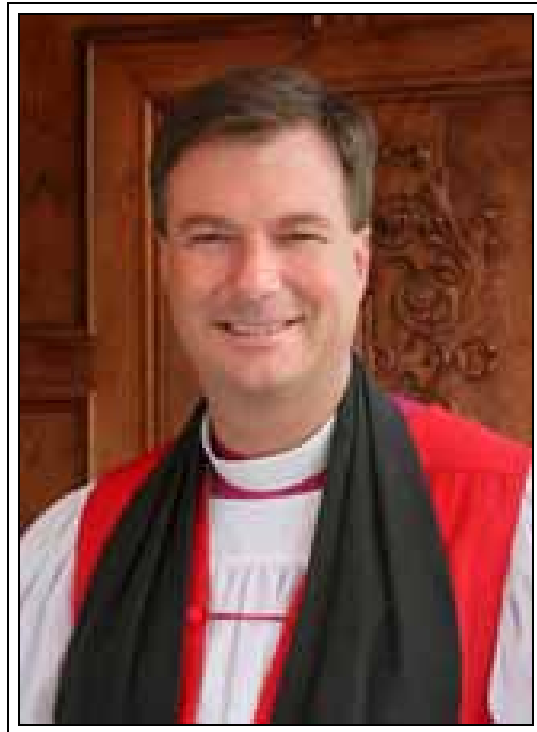
Gray Center  
1530 Way Road, Canton

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**There are two options for attendance - overnight and commuter**

Commuter: \$50 per person (meals, program)

Overnight: \$100 per person (meals, program and lodging)

(\$15 additional if private room is preferred, first come – first served)

Register online at [http://www.dioms.org/digital\\_faith/events/3156360](http://www.dioms.org/digital_faith/events/3156360)

## ✝ Josie's Journal

### *\$1.17 A Day*

What can you do with \$1.17 a day? I use it to sponsor a little girl in Tanzania, located in East Africa and officially known as the United Republic of Tanzania. Her name is Nodia Moshia and she is eight years old. She was born March 25, 2005 and lives with her parents, five brothers and two sisters.

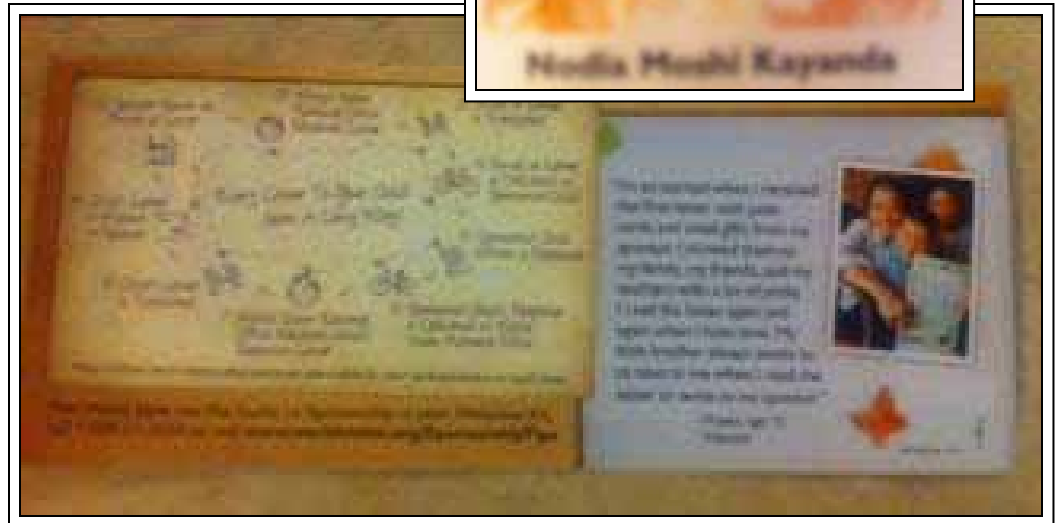
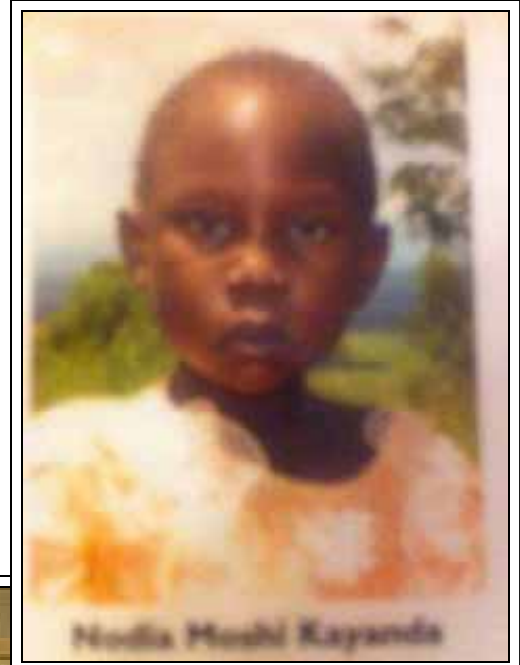
Nodia and I exchange letters, cards and e-mails. Also on the list of approved items to send Nodia are: photos, pens, pencils, bookmarks, hair ribbons, paper airplanes, stickers and pictures colored by children in Sunday school.

It is a joy and a blessing to be able to communicate with this young child from a world so different and so far away.

I remember Nodia with gifts on special occasions such as her birthday, Easter,

Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our worlds are connected by loving, caring and sharing.

There is a time delay in receiving letters as you can see from the insert.



Peace  
Josie✝



## May Schedule

### Wednesdays

12 Steps to Wholeness, 7:00 AM, Rectory  
Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

### Thursdays

Cursillo Group, Noon, Parish Hall

### Sunday

Adult & Children Sunday School, 10:00 AM

### Thursday, May 2

DOCC, All Saints' School Chapel, 6:00–8:00 PM

### Thursday, May 9

DOCC, All Saints' School Chapel, 6:00–8:00 PM

### Sunday, May 12

#### Mother's Day Luncheon

Following 11:00 AM Eucharist

### Monday, May 13

Vestry Meeting, Parish Hall, 6:00 PM

### Saturday, May 18

Battle of Champion Hill

Sesquicentennial Event, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Champion Hill M.B. Church grounds

### Saturday, May 18

Amanda Rose Ardoin & Carey Price Wedding

### Sunday, May 19

Feast of Pentecost Eucharistic Celebration, [wear red]

8:30 PM and 11:00 PM Eucharist

### Sunday, May 19

“Second Sundays at St. Mary’s,” Jazz Eucharist, 4:00 PM

### Tuesday, May 21—Saturday, June 1

Family vacation

### Sunday, May 26

Trinity Sunday, The Rev. Jane Alexander, supply priest

### Monday, May 27

Memorial Day

### Thursday, May 30

DOCC, All Saints' School Chapel, 6:00–8:00 PM

### May Birthdays

2	Scott Burr	17	Carey D. Price
	Robin Toups	18	Lillie Lovette
4	Christopher Price		John Tompkins
5	Les Ferguson	19	Amanda Rose Ardoin
	Tanner Kitchens		Dan Carleton
8	Conner Ferguson	22	Billie Abraham
9	Lindsay Bailey	24	Dalton Glatt
10	Grant Toups	27	Ben Porter
16	Matthew Guynes		

### May Anniversaries

22	Buddy & Jane Hanks	29	Richard E. & Susan Price
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### Prayers

For those Sick or in Need:

Scott Mellon	Kim Stribling	Norma & Denny Allman
Laura	Jay	Johnny B.
Joe Johnston	Jessie Ross	Stacy Douglass
Celeste	Kylie	Paul
Allen	Pat Brooks	Sue Mast
Samuel O'Neal	Jackson Monti	The Ivory family
Mary Inez Lee	Lucas Guynes	Louise Rosser
Joan Marshall	Charlie & Terry Brantley	Don & Kristi Kitchens
Dr. Briggs Hopson	Stephanie Lloyd	

Men and women of the Armed Forces:

Christoph Martin	Billie Hubbard
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## Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in May

	<b>May 5, 2013</b> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>May 12, 2013</b> <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>May 19, 2013</b> <i>Day of Pentecost Whitsunday</i>	<b>May 26, 2013</b> <i>First Sunday after Pentecost</i>
<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 16:9-15	Acts 16:16-34	Acts 2:1-21	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 67	Psalm 97	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	Psalm 8
<b>Second Reading</b>	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	Romans 8:14-17	Romans 5:1-5
<b>Gospel</b>	John 14:23-29	John 17:20-26	John 14:8-17, (25-27)	John 16:12-15
		<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	<b>Holy Spirit Kite, Lawson Selby</b>	<b>The Rev. Jane Alexander</b>
<b>Lay Worship Leader</b>				
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Harvey Smith	Betsy Selby	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Richard Price	Ann Tompkins	Betsy Selby	Richard Price
<b>Master of Ceremonies</b>	Susan Price	Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes	Susan Price
<b>Acolytes</b>				
<b>Crucifer</b>	Susan Price	Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes	Susan Price
<b>Gospel Bearer</b>	Penny Freund	Jeff, Josh, Jonah	Deacon Josie	Penny Freund
<b>Lector</b>	Bertha Kolb	Kelsey Artman	Theo Williams	Mary Carleton
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Deacon Josie	Linda Walker	Sharon Hanks	Beth Guynes
<b>Oblation Bearers</b>	Dalton Thames & Sara Margaret Porter	Linda Gerache, Jeni & Caroline Sciro	Richard & Margo Massey	Jim & Becky Drake
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Theo Williams & Allan Leese	Joey Gerache & Jay Sciro	Jim Drake & Allan Leese	Allan Leese & Dan Carleton
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sherry Horan Sharon Hanks	Marry Ann Wright	Judy Morrissey Ann Tompkins	Susan Price Kerri Williams
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Susan Price			
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Sherry Horan & Margie Scott	<b>LUNCHEON</b>	Betsy Selby & Ann Jones	Beth Guynes & Susan Price
<b>Wednesday Healing</b>	<b>May 8, 2013</b> Tommy Skinner	<b>May 15, 2013</b> Harvey Smith	<b>May 22, 2013</b> Ann Tompkins	<b>May 29, 2013</b> Tommy Skinner