



The Albanac

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Parish Weekend at Camp Bratton—Green

Worship & Fellowship



Michael Southall, Laura Cook, Betsy Selby,
Herb & Mary Ruth Jones, Richard & Susan Price



Richard Price, Beth & Terry Guynes



Laura Cook, Stacy & Macy Weaver



Margie & Beth Guynes, Richard & Susan Price, Carroll & Beth Sojourner



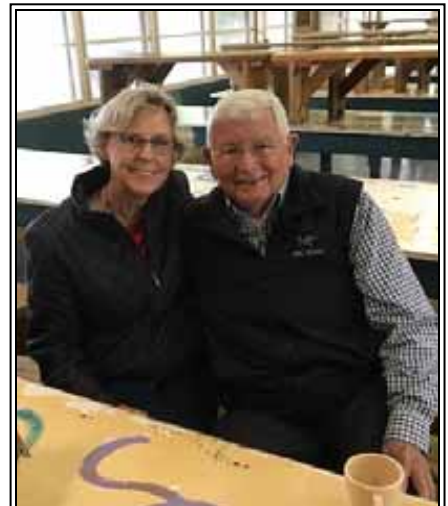
Beth Sojourner and Mary Ruth Jones prepare picnic



Herb Jones with Harry



Betsy, Lawson & David Selby



Beth & Carroll Sojourner



Michael, Sally and Mary Michael Southall

Children & Young Adults Enjoy Activities



Mason Selby & Sarah Jane Selby



Macy Weaver



Mason Selby



Lawson Selby



Mason Selby



Harris Southall



Sarah Jane Selby



Mary Michael Southall & Sarah Jane Selby



Mary Michael & Harris Southall

†Billie's Corner



The Lawn Labyrinth Saint Mary's Abbey, West Malling, England

A labyrinth is a spiritual journey – a pilgrimage to a sacred site. The sacred site is the center of the labyrinth where pilgrims can encounter the holy within themselves. A labyrinth provides a path for walking in prayer – with words or in the silence of our hearts. Our whole bodies pray as we slowly move in and around the circuitous route.

For centuries, pilgrims have been traveling to sacred destinations seeking healing or self-knowledge or answers to questions. In the end, all pilgrims are seeking to satisfy a longing for God.

The summer after I graduated from seminary, I made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land by way of stops in England, France and Italy. While in England I made a retreat with the Order of Anglican Benedictine Nuns at the St. Mary's Abbey in West Malling. One evening after Compline, when the sisters and the guests had settled into their cells, I decided to take a stroll around the grounds. I noticed a labyrinth that was cut into the deep grass that covered the lawn. I took off my shoes before I entered the labyrinth so that I could feel the earth beneath my feet as I walked.

I don't recall what I was thinking as I slowly entered the labyrinth – what I clearly remember was the awareness of being connected to the earth as stepped on the cool grass pathway. A sudden sensation came over me – it was a chill that went through my body that had something to do with forgiveness. I was conscious of being forgiven and forgiving. I was stunned. I sensed a freedom erupting from the depths of my being. It was physical. It was spiritual. I had walked, barefooted, into God's grace.

I've walked the labyrinth many times since, but nothing like such a sensation of forgiveness has ever occurred again. It was most likely a once in a lifetime treasure.

Gray Conference Center has recently installed a labyrinth that is located outside of the chapel. Take the opportunity to walk this labyrinth the next time you are at Gray Center. Simply enter the path with a curious heart – follow the pathway as it meanders around to the center and back out. Make a pilgrimage – let your body pray the journey into the sacred. Expect the unexpected.



In Peace,
Billie

✝ Josie's Journal

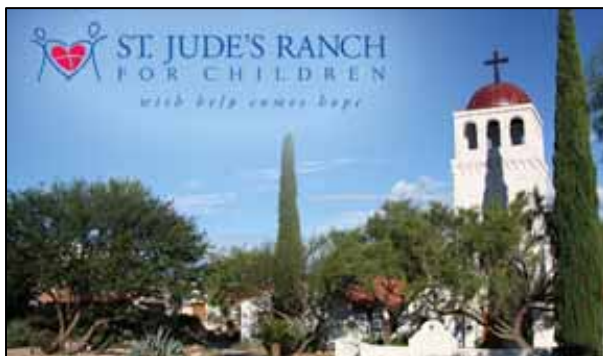
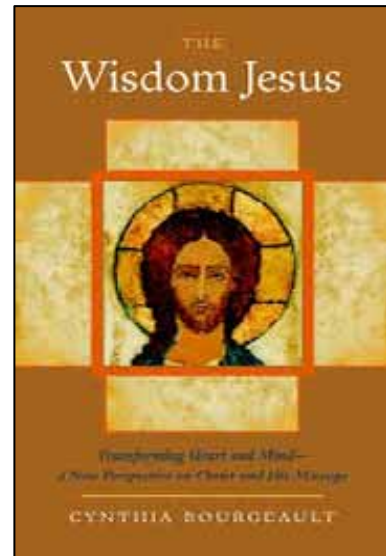
THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER

My Lenten discipline this year has included reading *Forward Day by Day, 2018*, the *Good Book Club* selection for Lent and Easter. *Forward Day by Day* is a booklet of daily meditations that reflect on specific Bible passages. A different author writes each month's meditation. The meditations are rich in substance and offer a wide range of witness and experience.

Another book of interest, *The Wisdom of Jesus: Transforming Heart and Mind—A New Perspective on Christ and His Message* by Cynthia Bourgeault, is one that the *Bible and More* study group are reading.

During the weekend of April 20 – 22, Theo and I attended the Speaker Series at the Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Greenwood. Dr. Bonnie Thurston, speaker, gave an enlightening presentation entitled, *Blind, But Now I See: Discipleship in Mark's Gospel*.

One of the last studies for the Easter/Lent season will take place in the Parish House on May 4, 11, and 18 at 6:00 PM when *Stations of the Resurrection with Images* will be presented. Plan to attend.



I solicit your help as St. Alban's participates in an outreach mission to benefit *St. Jude's Ranch for Children*. They have begun a recycling program to benefit disadvantaged children. The greeting card project accepts old and new cards for the children to repurpose for sale. **Hallmark and American Greeting Cards are not accepted!** In addition, they have an aluminum tab and plastic cap recycle program. I will sort and mail the donated materials. Call me at 601-994-4370 or email josiew48@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Christ's Peace,

Josie

ECW Road Trip

Poverty Point Reservoir State Park, Louisiana



Margie Scott, Beth Guynes, Cassandra Price, Susan Price, Laura Cook, Sharon Hanks



Frank Skinner, Cassandra Price, Laura Cook, Margie Scott, Beth Guynes,
Tommy Skinner, Sharon Hanks, Susan & Richard Price

Eagle Scout Project

By Gray Weaver

Beyond Walls Homeless Shelter

On April 22nd, I completed my Eagle Scout project. If you are not familiar with Boy Scouts, Eagle Scout is the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn. One of the requirements to obtain the Eagle Scout rank is to complete a community service project that the Scout plans, obtains funding, and recruits and supervises volunteers.

For my project, I renovated the interiors of the kitchen areas at the *Beyond Walls* homeless shelter in Vicksburg. Approximately 15 men prepared food in kitchens with rotted and moldy walls and ceilings, as shown in the accompanying photographs. While I couldn't help these homeless people find new jobs or homes of their own, I thought it was important that they at least have a decent place to use for meals.



Before I could begin working in the house with other Scouts and volunteers, the moldy drywall was removed by AmeriCorps NCCC volunteers who were trained in removing water damaged interiors and mold remediation during projects in Florida following Hurricane Irma.

After the damaged walls and ceilings were removed, it was discovered that the wiring for the lighting was not safe and was a fire hazard. The shelter is a house that is over 100 years-old and one of the volunteers who is licensed for



electrical work said that the wiring was well over 50 years-old. While the wiring was not part of the original plan, it was necessary to make the house safe, so the work was done.

Another surprise behind the old drywall and plaster was that some walls were concrete underneath, not wood-framed. This required a different technique to install the new drywall. Also, where there were wood frames in the walls and ceilings, more of the supports were rotted and needed to be replaced than expected. Fortunately, because of the support of St. Alban's and other donors, all of the bad boards were replaced and the new walls, ceilings and lights and new door should provide the shelter residents with a safe and decent place to prepare their meals. These additional

photographs show the condition of the kitchens after the project was completed.

The residents at the shelter are going to complete the sanding and will paint the new walls and interiors. The residents were very grateful for the work that made the shelter more livable as they work to rebuild their lives.

I really appreciate the support of St. Alban's *Outreach Missions* donation in allowing me to make their lives a little better and to show them that there were people who cared about them when they are usually ignored.

Gray Weaver, Troop 638

May Birthdays

2	Scott Burr Robin Toups	17	Carey Price
4	Christopher Price Bitsy Sloan	18	Lillie Lovette John Tompkins
5	Tanner Kitchens	19	Dan Carleton Jessica Gates
9	Lindsay Bailey		Amanda Rose Price
10	Colby Langford Grant Toups	22	Billie Abraham
11	Dwayne Dunaway	24	Dalton Glatt Gloria Hall
16	Gabby Rushing Matthew Guynes	27	Ben Porter Jim Dooley

May Anniversaries

18	Carey & Amanda Price	29	Richard. & Susan Price
22	Buddy & Jane Hanks	30	Michael & Sally Southall

Prayers for the People

Allen & Nancy Teeter	Evelyn Hunt	Linda Washington
AmeriCorps Youth	Glenda Ervin	Liz Curtis & Family
Analiese Wasson Bryan	Glenda & Lee Ferguson	Lucas Guynes
Ann Hanks	Hallie Jo Ragsdale	Margarette Swett
Ann & Jimmy Jones	Hollis Newman	Marsha Henley
Barbara Ramsay	Jackson Monti	Martha Benson
Bertha Kolb	Janice Herrington	Mary Ann Seage
Betty Biedenbarn	Jean Inman	Millie Gasaway
Bradley Freeman	Sherry Horan	Milton Richardson
Bryan Brabston	Jim Dantin	Norma Jones
Carol Green	Jim Jones	Parker Ramsay
Charlie Brantley Family	Jimmy & Mamie Bright	Peggy Lynn
Christine Nelson Family	Joan Leese	Phillip Summerlin
Cynthia Strawn Family	Kathy Anne Harrison	Rachelle Ferris
Dalton Glatt	Larry Sanders	Selby Parker & Family
Damion Hansford	Landrieu Townsend	Lance Tompkins Family
Dan & Mary Carleton	Laurie Concannon	The Selby Family
Eugene Wall	Linda & Jim Dooley	

Victims of Violence & Natural Disasters

Weekly Activities & Services

Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Phone: (601) 636-6687

Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Choir Practice, 10:00 AM

Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM

Children's Chapel, 11:00 AM

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:30 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Quiet Day, First Wednesday of Each Month, 7 AM—7 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, 12:30 PM

Friday, May 4, 11 & 18—*Stations of the Resurrection*, Parish House, 6:00 PM

Sunday, May 6—Kid's Ministry *Lifting Lives Family Shelter*, following the 11:00 AM Eucharist

Sunday, May 13—**Mother's Day Celebration**. Children will lead the 11:00 AM Eucharist. Reception hosted by Vestry Members

Thursday, May 17—Vestry Meeting, Parish House, 6:00 PM

Sunday, May 20—Pentecost Sunday. **WEAR RED**. Jenny Newman will preach at the 8:30 & 11:00 AM Eucharists. The End-of-Year Water Slide Celebration for Children will be from 10:30 AM until after the 11:00 AM Eucharist

Wednesday, May 23—Rev. Billie leaves for vacation with her family in Florida and will return Saturday, June 2

Sunday, May 27—Trinity Sunday – Morning Prayer at 8:30. The Rev. Jane Alexander will supply as Celebrant at the 11:00 Eucharist

Tuesday, May 29—**Wednesday, May 30**—Racial Reconciliation Workshop and Training at Gray Center, Details forthcoming

Sunday, June 3—Capital Campaign Kickoff, *Building a Place to Gather and Grow*.



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Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in May 2018

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Day of Pentecost	Trinity Sunday
First Reading	Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:1-11	Acts 2:1-21	Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm	Psalm 98	Psalm 47	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	Psalm 29
Second Reading	1 John 5:1-6	Ephesians 1:15-23	Romans 8:22-27	Romans 8:12-17
Gospel	John 15:9-17	Luke 24:44-53	John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15	John 3:1-17
LWL				
8:30 am	Theo Williams	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner	Theo Williams
11:00 am	Herb Jones	Betsy Selby	Richard Price	Ann Tompkins
MC	Elisabeth Gent Kerri Williams	Beth Guynes	Susan Price	Ann Tompkins
OT Lector				
8:30 am	Penny Freund	Bitsy Sloan	Bitsy Sloan	Bitsy Sloan
11:00 am	Wilma Mitchell	Gloria Hall Sam Hall Macy Weaver	Jordan Rushing	Mary Ruth Jones
Psalm				
Epistle				
Crucifer & Acolyte	Dawn Rickard Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes Gray Weaver Lawson Selby Harris Southall	Susan Price	Jennifer Normand
Wooden Cross				
Holy Spirit Kite				
Gospel Bearer	Deacon Josie	Kerri & Peter Williams Gabby Rushing	Will Horner Jenny Newman	
Prayers of the People	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Jenny Newman	Deacon Josie
The Lord's Prayer		Peter Williams		
Oblation Bearers	Lance Stewart Canada Stewart	Kerri Williams Peter Williams	Will Horner Clarissa Walker	David Pruett Bonnie Pruett
Ushers & Greeters	Dale Gibson Allan Leese	Josh & Jonah Artman	Dale Gibson Allan Leese	Dale Gibson David Normand
Standing	Herb Jones	Deacon Josie	Richard Price	Deacon Josie
Communion Station	Dawn Rickard	David Pruett	Susan Price	David Pruett
Altar Guild	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing	Mary Ann Wright Susan Price	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey
Coffee Host	Wilma Mitchell Dawn Rickard	Mother's Day Reception by Vestry Members	Potluck Reception Bring Red Refreshments	Jennifer Normand Theo Williams
Nursery	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley
Children's Chapel	Betsy Selby	Children Serve at 11:00 am Eucharist	Betsy Selby	Betsy Selby
Offertory Counters	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Jennifer Normand	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Betsy Selby	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Michael Southall
	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23
Healing Service	Tommy Skinner	David Pruett	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner