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Dinner on the Grounds — 1940s

Fall Festival and Dinner on the Grounds

Saturday, October 25th – Book Dedication
Sunday, October 26th – Dinner on the Grounds & Country Market



Once again, St. Alban's is preparing to celebrate the annual *Fall Festival* that will take place the weekend of October 25-26. For decades, church members have enjoyed welcoming friends and guests to share in the long-time tradition of *Dinner on the Grounds* after Sunday services. The tradition began as early as Thursday, May 5, 1859, when Bishop William Mercer Green, assisted by Rev. James Fox, Rev. Henry Sansom and Rev. William Crane, consecrated St. Alban's Church. It was a lengthy service – one that included the confirmation of twenty individuals. Afterwards, the congregation enjoyed *Dinner on the Grounds*. Bishop Green wrote of that special day in his journal: *At the close of the protracted services, a plentiful collation was enjoyed under the beautiful and wide-spreading beech trees adjoining the Church.*

This year's *Fall Festival* will begin on Saturday morning, 10:30 AM with the dedication of *Owl Roost Plantation: The Civil War Letters of Samuel and Caroline Townsend*,

edited by Rebecca Drake. Mary Ruth Jones, Edward Shelnut and James Anderson will read the newly discovered letters written by Samuel and Caroline Townsend, charter members of St. Alban's Church in 1857. Also performing for the dedication will be the *Lewis Family Singers* from Bolton who will sing *Amazing Grace* and *I'll Fly Away*. Following the dedication, a reception and book signing will be held in the Parish House.

On Sunday following the 11:00 Holy Eucharist, everyone will gather in the *grove* for *Dinner on the Grounds*. Also taking place will be the traditional *Country Market*. Plan to purchase a meal ticket and invite friends to join us for the annual fundraising event.



Dinner on the Grounds—1950s

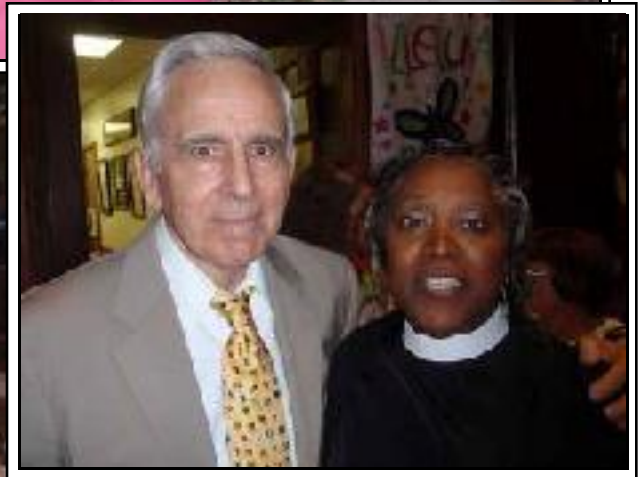
The large ceramic pot in the foreground contained Sarah Scott's baked beans, a favorite dish of Bishop Duncan M. Gray, Sr. Pictured around the table are (left) Natalie Brabston, Margie Scott, Gladys Mackey, John Scott and Jack Price. Chip Marble and Newell Brabston are on the right.

Time & Talent Fair

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others,
faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

1 Peter 4:10





Billie's Corner

There is energy in the air—something is approaching. It is the *Fall Festival!* This year we are going to have a special Saturday event that is layered with talent and history. On the morning of Saturday, September 25, at 10:30, Becky Drake's latest book, *Owl Roost Plantation, Bovina, Mississippi: The Civil War Letters of Samuel & Caroline Townsend*, will be dedicated. The dedication will include readings from *Owl Roost* presented by thespians Mary Ruth Jones, Edward Shelnut and James Anderson. Music will fill the nave with the voices of the *Lewis Family Singers*, a Gospel group associated with the Champion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Bolton.

Following the dedication, a book signing and reception will take place in the Parish House. Becky will be available to personally inscribe books. The reception table will be overflowing with delectables.

During the weekend of activities, there will be an Art and Family Bible Exhibit in the Parish House. St. Alban's visual artists—Wanda Warren, Ann Jones, Del Price, Butch Mitchell, Jim Drake and Jerry McWilliams—will have their art on display. Also featured in the Parish House Exhibit will be the Family Bibles of church members.

Sunday will begin with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist followed by *Dinner on the Grounds* and *The Country Market*. Music provided by the *Angel Band's*, a Bluegrass string group, will be the backdrop as people enjoy their lunch under the shade of the live Oak Trees. The menu will be fried catfish and hushpuppies, our famous slaw, homemade tartar sauce, green beans and brownies. **SELL TICKETS!!!** Tickets are \$10.00.

The ECW *Country Market* is a marketplace for stocking up on delicious dishes to serve at home. With the help of Tommy Skinner, the ECW prepares baked goods, frozen casseroles and soups, as well as pickles and jelly to sell.

The entire *Fall Festival* weekend is a grace filled source of community formation and evangelization. Working together to make it all happen knits us together. Holy hospitality evangelizes the Good News of Jesus Christ as offered at St. Alban's Church.

In Peace

Billie+

Art Exhibit at Fall Festival



Fall Festival Family Bible Display



Bibles contain the sacred word of God. Holy Scripture is the centerpiece of our faith. The stories of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, tell the history of our ancestors in faith. They are a common link we share in our faith journey. Bibles play another important role in our lives—they record our biblical ancestors as well as our personal family lineage.

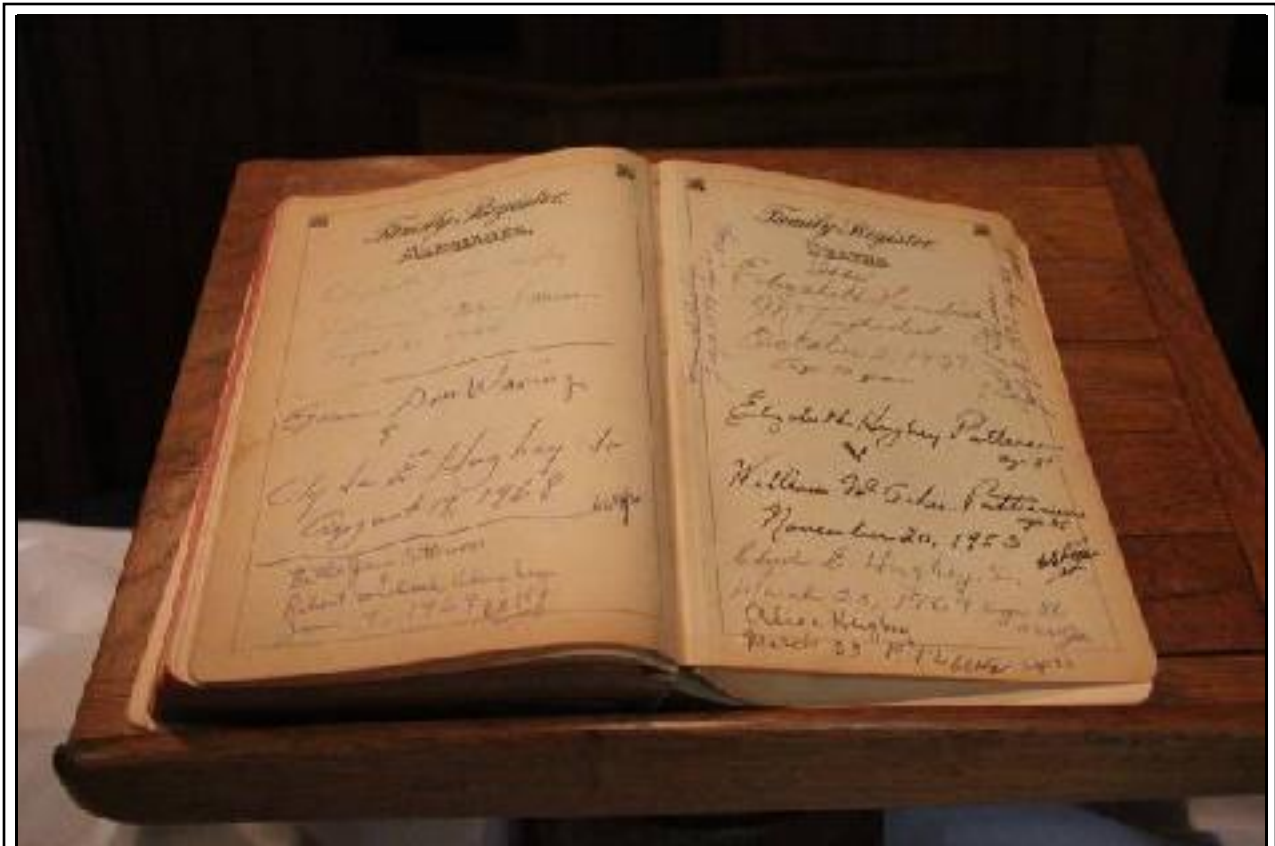
Most of us have at least one Family Bible that has been handed down from one generation to the next. Frequently, Bibles act as a family tree with recorded names, dates and events that are significant to the history of the family. One reason we can share our genealogy with others is because the names and dates of our ancestors have been preserved in the Family Bibles. The Bibles are treasures that evoke memories and maintain history. Viewing a collection of Family Bibles creates a sense of appreciation and respect for the family members who took the time to record history that might otherwise have been lost.

As part of our *Fall Festival Weekend*, Family Bibles will be displayed in the Parish House. You are invited to bring your Family Bible to be part of the exhibition. Signs will give whatever information you wish to be included. For example, the earliest date I found in one of my Family Bibles was 1930. The Bible was given to my father as a gift for the work that he did for a revival at his home church, the First Christian Church of Paris, Tennessee. The latest date I found in one of the Bibles was 1963—it was a gift to my sister on her tenth birthday.

Your Bible may have handwritten notes in the margins of the pages or underlined favorite verses. Or it may be the repository for prized photographs, dried

flowers, church certificates or greeting cards. Signs will indicate whether or not the Bibles may be touched. If you are concerned about the fragile condition of your Bible, a sign can be made that states—*Please Not Do Touch*. Be assured that your Bibles will be treated with the respect they deserve.

Share your family treasure with others. Invite others into your sacred history. Your Family Bible is a window into the common life we share in our family sized church.



Billie Abraham's Family Bible with Inscriptions

Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 28:4

V Josie's Journal

In 2011, during the Service for The Ordination of a Deacon, Bishop Gray addressed the ordinands saying: *As a deacon in the Church, you are to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them.*

I have attempted to do this through my work at the Warren County Youth Court as a court appointed guardian ad litem (GAL). Currently, I am working with fifteen children and their parents. Some families have multiple children. My goal is to determine what is best for the child and present my findings to the court.

I conduct home and school visits, talking with parents and teachers and looking for ways to help parents and children communicate. This way issues can be dealt with before happening again. I review medical records, mental health evaluations and school records. The length of time a case is open depends on the severity of the allegation. Every opportunity is given so the parent and child can be reunited. Sadly this does not always occur. In extreme cases, a parent's rights are terminated and the child is placed for adoption.

Counseling is a major component of the reunification process. Some parents refuse or do not complete counseling sessions. Drug testing for parents with addictions is required and some refuse testing. This makes it impossible to negotiate on behalf of the child.

My happiest moments are when children return to their parents. My saddest moments are when the rights of the parents are terminated. I have experienced both this year. One of my "children" who was returned to his father enrolled in first grade. When I saw the father and his family with the child, they thanked me for my efforts.

Parents whose rights have been terminated are unhappy and I understand that, but the safety of the child must come before the parent's right to use drugs. I ask your continued prayers as my ministry to helpless children continues in the Youth Court.



Schedule

Weekly Activities & Services

Sunday

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM
 Choir Practice, 10:00 AM
 Adult Sunday School, Parish House, 10:00 AM
 Children's Chapel during the 11:00 AM Eucharist

Tuesday, Crafter's Night at St. Alban's Church, Parish House, 6:00 PM

Wednesday,

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness, Parish House 7:00 AM
 Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM
 Choir Practice following the Healing & Eucharist

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, Noon
 Bible & More Discussion, Parish House, 6:00 PM

October

Wednesday, October 1: St. Alban's Quiet Day, *Come In, Be Still, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Leave in Peace*, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 4: Quiet Day, Gray Conference Center, *Creating Mandalas*, Time to be announced

Sunday, October 5: Eucharist & Animal Blessing, Outside Chapel, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Saturday, October 11: Centering Prayer Day Retreat, St. Alban's Church, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sunday, October 12: Treasure Ingathering & Luncheon, following the 11:00 Eucharist
 Second Sunday at St. Mary's, Bolton, Eucharist & *Old Fashion Hymn Sing*, 4:00 PM

Saturday, October 18: Retirement Party for Kathy and Bishop Duncan Gray III, Gray Conference Center, time to be announced

Tuesday, October 14: Vestry Meeting

Monday, October 20 – Thursday, October 23: Clergy Conference, Gray Conference Center, Deacon Josie & Rev. Billie will be attending

Saturday, October 25 & Sunday,**October 26:** Fall Festival Weekend**Saturday:** *Owl Roost Plantation* Book Dedication & Reception, 10:30 AM Family Bible Display, Art Exhibit**Sunday:** Holy Eucharists, 8:30 and 11:00. *Dinner on the Grounds, Country Market* & entertainment by *Angel Bandits*— Bluegrass music at its best

Angel Bandits

Friday, October 31—Saturday,**November 1:** Lecture Series: Mark's Gospel, Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Katherine Grieb, Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Virginia Theological Seminary, Gray Conference Center, more details forthcoming**November****Wednesday, November 5:** St. Alban's Quiet Day, *Come In, Be Still, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Leave in Peace*, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM**Sunday, November 9:** Bishop Coadjutor Brian Seage's First Annual Visitation, *Meet and Greet*, 9:00 AM, ONE Eucharist, 10:00 AM. Potluck Luncheon following the Eucharist. Vestry will meet with Bishop Seage following the luncheon**Sunday, November 9:** Bishop Coadjutor Brian Seage's First Annual Visitation to St. Mary's Bolton, *Meet and Greet*, 3:00 PM, Eucharist 4:00 PM, *Mississippi Girl Choir*, Reception**Friday, November 15 – Saturday, November 16:** Diocesan ECW Retreat, Bishop Michael Curry, keynote speaker, Gray Conference Center, more details forthcoming**Monday, November 17 – Friday, November 28:** Rev. Billie will be making retreat at The Monastery of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge, Massachusetts. She will spend Thanksgiving with Amy, Scott and Ernie in New York City**Sunday, November 23:** Supply Priest for St. Alban's Church, The Rev. Charlie Deaton**Thursday, November 27:** Thanksgiving Day Morning Prayer and Potluck Luncheon, more details forthcoming

October Birthdays


3 Rachel Sullivan	23 Mary Ann Wright
4 Key Davis	24 Ann Tompkins
8 Allan Leese	25 Jack Abraham
Michael Morrissey	Marci Turner
9 Wanda Warren	Peter Williams
13 Jana Guynes	28 James Drake
15 Mickey Barlow	30 Bill Davis
16 Anita Bonar	30 Alice Pronger
19 Annadele Toups	31 Wilma Mitchell
22 Stanley Lee	

October Anniversaries

6 David & Jennifer Normand	18 Bill & Lynda Hubbard
14 John B. & Margie Scott	21 Scott & Amy Burr

Prayers for the People

For those Sick or in Need:



Petesy Smith	Sherry Barton	Eleanor Price
Alice Pronger	Richard Massey	Lucas Guynes
Jackson Monti	Laura	Kristin
Barbara Ramsay	Parker Ramsay	Jim & Sherry Horan
Linda & Jim Dooley	Mikelle Young	Sid & Janet Champion
David Pruett	Kimberly Artman Lang	Mike Nieto
Larry Smith	Pam Warnock	

Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in October

	Oct 5 <i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Oct 12 <i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Oct 19 <i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Oct 26 <i>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
First Reading	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Exodus 32:1-14	Exodus 33:12-23	Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm	Psalm 19	Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Psalm 99	Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
Second Reading	Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 4:1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Gospel	Matthew 21:33-46 Animal Blessing, Outside Chapel	Matthew 22:1-14 Treasure In gathering	Matthew 22:15-22	Matthew 22:34-46 Fall Festival Dinner on the Grounds
Lay Worship Leader				
8:30 a.m.	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner	Theo Williams	Harvey Smith
11:00 a.m.	Theo Williams	Ann Tompkins	Harvey Smith	Betsy Selby
Master of Ceremonies	Deacon Josie	Jennifer Normand	Beth Guy nes	Betsy Selby
Crucifer	Theo Williams	Jennifer Normand	Beth Guy nes	Koury Collins
Gospel Bearer	Deacon Josie & Children	Herb Jones	Marci Turner & Children	Betty Rushing & Gabby
Lector	Penny Freund	Mary Ruth Jones	Bertha Kolb	Ed Shelnut
Prayers of the People	Deacon Josie	Sharon Hanks	Deacon Josie	Beth Guy nes
Oblation Bearers	Kristi, Andy, Sam, Gloria Hall & pets	Linda Gerache Jenni Sciro	Becky & Jim Drake	Herb & Mary Ruth Jones
Ushers & Greeters	Herb Jones Allan Leese	Jay Sciro Joey Gerache	Jeff Artman Peter Mey ers	Jim Drake Richard Massey
Altar Guild	Cassandra Price	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing	Mary Ann Wright Margo Mass ey	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner
Eucharistic Minister		Herb Jones		Ed Shelnut
Coffee Host/ Hospitality	Betty Rushing Cynthia Strawn	Potluck Luncheon	Sara Margaret Porter Dalton Thames	Dinner on the Grounds
Wednesday Healing	Oct. 1 Ann Tompkins	Oct. 8 Tommy Skinner	Oct. 15 Theo Williams	Oct. 22 Harvey Smith