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## St. Alban's 2014 Graduates Honored

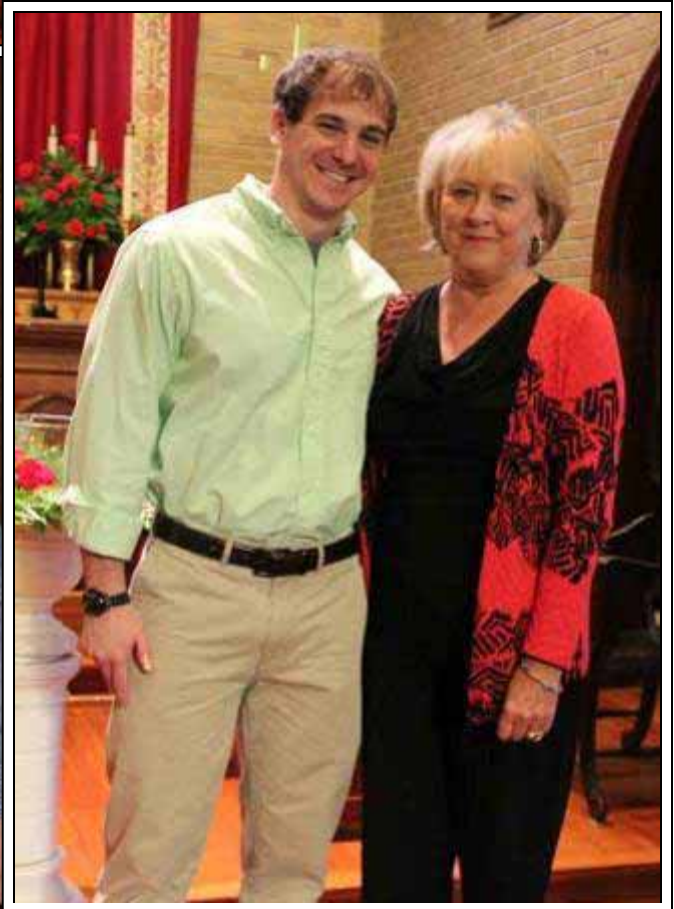
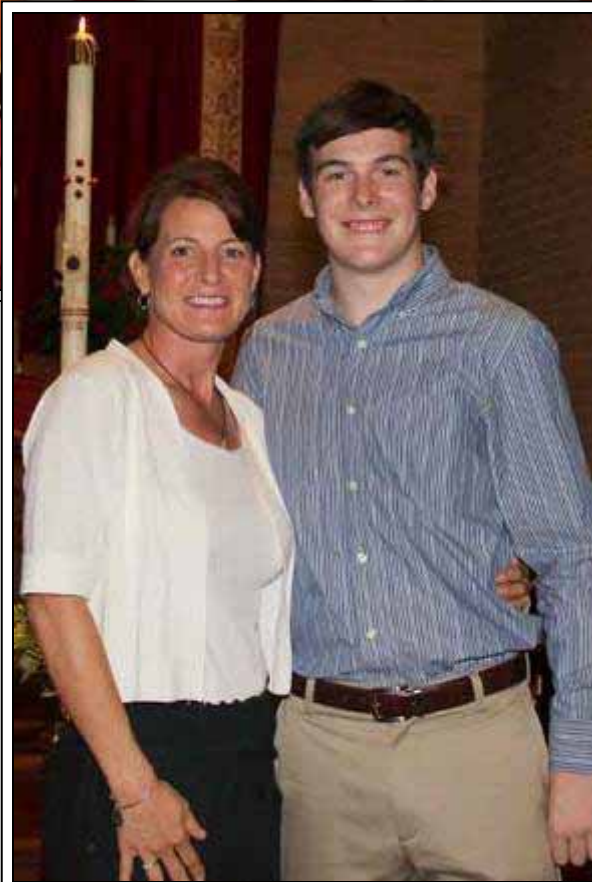


Genevieve Walker, Kerri Williams, Rev. Billie Abraham, Joey Gerache and Ben Porter

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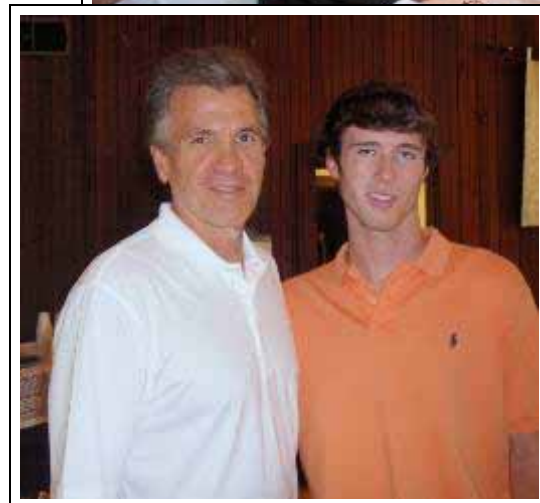
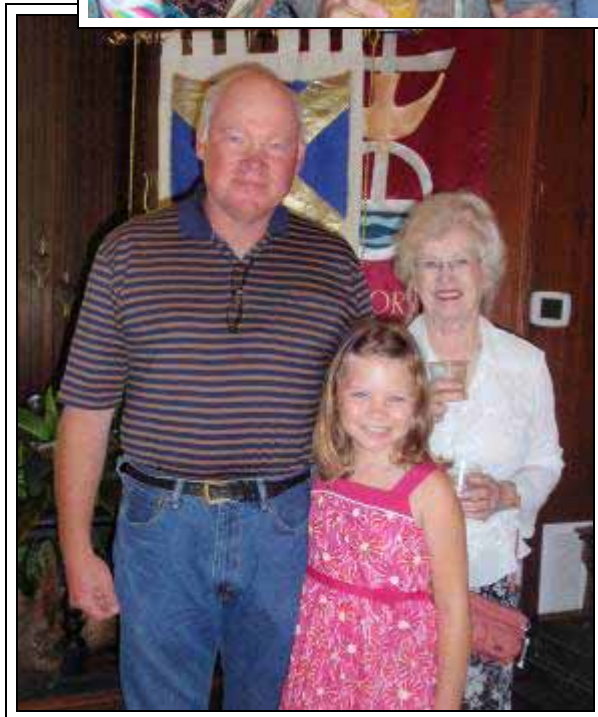
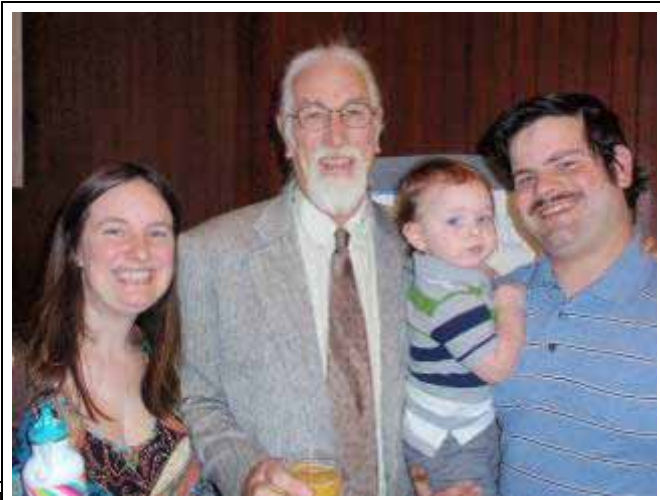
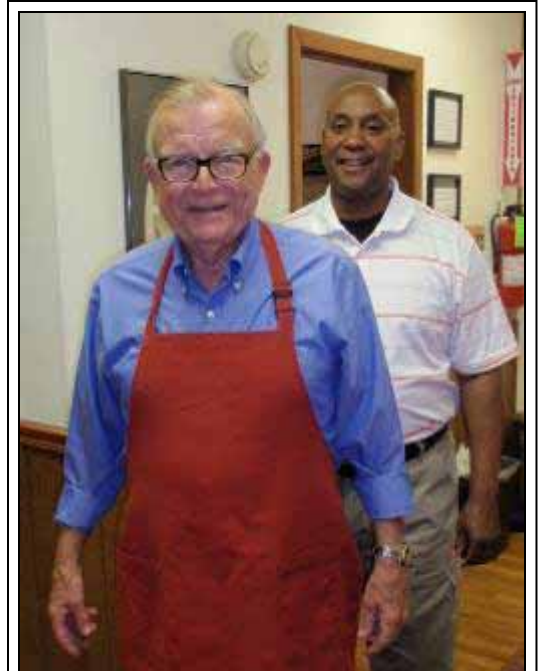
Genevieve graduated from Hinds Community College and will attend the University of Mississippi. Kerri graduated from Antonelli College with an Associate Degree in Applied Business in Paralegal Studies. Joey graduated from the Mississippi College School of Law and will soon take the bar exam. Ben graduated from Warren Central High School and will attend the University of Southern Mississippi.

*Parents Share the Joy of the Day*



## Father's Day

The ECW made sure that the fathers in our community received recognition on their special day. The parish house was the setting for a Father's Day Brunch. A smorgasbord of breakfast dishes covered our dining room table as people feasted on delectables prepared by the ECW and Herb Jones, honorary ECW member, who scrambled eggs to add to the menu.



## Summertime Hospitality

*“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me ...”*



The welcome mat was out and hospitality was overflowing at the *Summertime Potluck Luncheon* hosted by Ed Shelnut and Koury Collins in their home on Saturday, June 14. Not only were there folks from St. Alban's Church in attendance, but also members of Holy Trinity and Christ Church who joined the party.

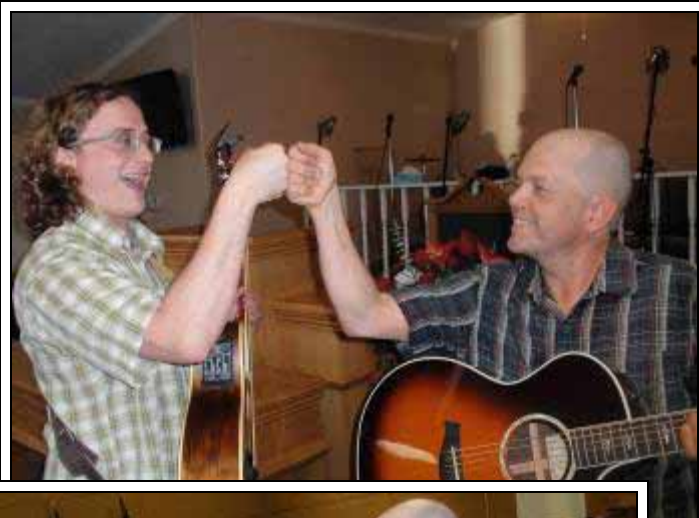
There was an abundance of delicious food and conversation. People filled the house and spilled out onto the veranda where a comfortable cool breeze made outside eating and visiting a pleasure. Our gratitude to Ed and Koury for their gracious hospitality.



## Vacation Bible School

### *“Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord”*

During the three nights of Vacation Bible School a crowd of children and adults from Bovina United Methodist Church, Saint Paul’s Church and Saint Alban’s Church made *“a joyful noise unto the Lord.”* The evenings began with an enthusiastic rendition of the *Johnny Appleseed Blessing* led by guitarists Andrew McLarty from St. Andrew’s Cathedral and St. Alban’s own David McLaughlin. In addition to lots of singing, the children made musical instruments from shoe boxes, toilet paper and paper towel rolls and paper plates. We prayed, shared meals, sang songs, crafted musical instruments and made plenty of noise unto the Lord!



# VBS Helpers



## ✠ Billie's Corner



*And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place,  
and let the dry land appear" . . .  
God called the dry land Earth and the waters gathered together God called Seas.  
And God saw that it was good.*

Genesis 9—10

Each summer my family and I gather at the beach for a vacation. I arrive a couple of days early to have some time to simply sit still under the shade of an umbrella and rest. I always marvel at the wideness of the horizon and the vastness of the sky and water—and I always realize how I have allowed my perspective of daily life to narrow down on a particular issue until I am entirely focused on an isolated incident.

So what to do about such a dilemma?!! I think the answer is to take time to remember the experience of looking out at the turquoise water and the blue sky and the vast horizon—to recall the sound of the waves lapping the shoreline and to feel the warmth of the sun—and to recall that God took chaos and created order. Within the chaos of my endless to-do lists, God's vastness exists. The memory of the beach has the power to put the chores of daily life into proper perspective. I can return to the beach by visualizing the expanse of the water and sky—I can depart from a narrow perspective by returning to the awareness of the grand scale of God's creation.

This year I did not leave the beach in Florida—I brought it back with me. When I recognize that I am getting mired in daily predicaments, I return to the sweeping horizon of water and sky to get a broader view. It is always accessible. All I have to do is pause and recall— *And God saw that it was good.*

In peace

Billie+

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**✝ Josie's Journal****The Road to Ordination**

The final year of Deacon School started on September 10, 2010. Over the four year course, I was required to write an Ember letter four times a year to Bishop Gray. In ancient times, Ember days occurred four times a year: between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Advent, between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays in Lent, between Pentecost and Trinity Sunday and the week beginning on the Sunday after Holy Cross Day. Ember days were designated for special prayers and fasting and were considered especially suitable for the ordination of clergy. My Ember letters to Bishop Gray included a progress report, my reactions to deacon school, the books I read and an update on my family.

**Formation** was taught by Gay Yerger. The focus was on the Baptismal Covenant and the Ordination of the Deacon. We reviewed and read these services in the *Book of Common Prayer* in preparation for ordination.

**Homiletics** was taught by Rev. Jennifer Deaton. Required texts were *The Preaching Life* and *Preaching*. During this course, I learned the history and theology as well as history and place of preaching in the liturgy. I studied sermon elements, writing techniques and resources used in preparing sermons.



My preaching assignment was Proper 24 Year C and included answers to the following questions:

- What is preaching and how is it related to the larger purposes of God?
- How is preaching related to Scripture? Liturgy? Community of faith? Pastoral work? Service?
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit in preaching?
- How does the unique calling and ministry of the diaconate shape the purpose and content of preaching?

My classmates and I were presented reflection questions to answer on each other's sermon. The questions included:

- What was the focus of the sermon?
- What helped you to hear the preacher's message?
- What would have helped you hear the message better?
- How will this sermon make a difference to you?

**Liturgics** was taught by Rev. Greg Proctor. Required texts were *Deacons in the Liturgy* and *Many Servants*. I was assigned to write a set of *Prayers of the People* and a customary for my intern church, Church of the Creator, and my home church, St. Alban's. A customary is an order of service written down with instructions for priest, and congregation starting with the procession and the Crucifer and ending with the procession and dismissal by the deacon.

My classmates and I designed our ordination service under Rev. Proctor's direction. We selected the litanist, the readers, hymns and preachers for the service. All four of us had to agree on each selection. Once the service was complete it was sent to the Bishop Gray for final approval. After approval from the bishop it was sent to the printers and we were given the okay to mail invitations to our ordination. I received instructions on how to prepare a letter of agreement to be submitted to the vestry for approval and then to the bishop for final approval. Ordination was January 15, 2011, at St. Andrew's Cathedral. This was the moment I had been anticipating for three years. It was the culmination of a lot of hard work, prayer, and perseverance.

Thanks Be To God.

## Peace, Josie

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This is the fifth in a series of articles to explain the role of the deacon. I appreciate the feedback I received from the first article. I look forward to your feedback and questions. Call me at 601-994-4370 or email me at [josiew48@gmail.com](mailto:josiew48@gmail.com) with questions.

## July Schedule

### Weekly Activities & Services

**Sunday**, *Want to Learn More About the Episcopal Church?* Summer Adult Sunday School, Beginning on Sunday, June 8, Parish House, 10:00 AM

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

**Wednesday**, 12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, Parish House 7:00 AM  
Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

**Thursday**, Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, Noon

### July Activities

**Wednesday, July 2:** Quiet Day—*Come In, Be Still, Say a Prayer, Light a Candle, Leave in Peace.* Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM—Noon Prayer—Evening Prayer, 5:00 PM—Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

**Sunday, July 13: Second Sundays at St. Mary's**, Bluegrass & Patriotic Favorites with Bill Ellison, Temperance Babcock and Jeff Perkins

**Thursday, July 24: Music Conference Evensong**, St. Philip's Church, Jackson, 5:00 PM—Dinner following at a restaurant TBD

### Beyond July Events

**August 8–10 and 15–17**, Vicksburg Little Theater, *Les Miserables*. Clarissa Walker and Kerri Williams are performers

**Saturday, September 25:** Consecration of Bishop-Elect Brian Sage, Thalia Mara Hal, Jackson, 10:00 AM

## July Birthdays

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

5	Jim & Rebecca 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:**

Brian Robinson	Richard Massey	Alice Pronger
Jan Robinson	Lucas Guynes	Parker Ramsay
Petesy Smith	Jackson Monti	Sherry Horan
Sherry Barton	Richard Gates	Anna
Ken Alexander	Afton Wallace	Toni Ferguson
Patti Duncan	Mikelle Young	Eleanor Price
David Pruett	Ronnie & Joyce	Beth Butler
	Rudy, Allison & Whitney Nieto	

### **Departed:** George Tzotzolas

## Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in July

	<b>July 6</b> <i>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<b>July 13</b> <i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<b>July 20</b> <i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<b>July 27</b> <i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>
<b>First Reading</b>	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Genesis 25:19-34	Genesis 28:10-19a	Genesis 29:15-28
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 45: 11-18	Psalm 119:105-112	Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
<b>Second Reading</b>	Romans 7:15-25a	Romans 8:1-11	Romans 8:12-25	Romans 8:26-39
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Matthew 13:1-9, 18- 23	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
<b>Lay Worship Leader</b>				
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Theo Williams	Ann Tompkins
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Deacon Josie	Ann Tompkins	Betsy Selby	Harvey Smith
<b>Master of Ceremonies</b>		Jennifer Normand	Betsy Selby	Deacon Josie
<b>Crucifer</b>		Jennifer Normand	Koury Collins	Penny Freund
<b>Gospel Bearer</b>		Deacon Josie	Marci Turner	Deacon Josie
<b>Lector</b>		Bertha Kolb	Ed Shelnut	Penny Freund
<b>Prayers of the People</b>		Mary Carleton	Deacon Josie	Sharon Hanks
<b>Oblation Bearers</b>		Richard & Margo Massey	Kelsey Artman Jessica Gates	Linda Gerache Jenni & Caroline Sciro
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Allen Leese Theo Williams	David Normand Dan Carleton	Allen Leese Charlie Brantley	Joey Gerache Jay Sciro
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Ann Wright Margo Massey	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Cassandra Price
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>			Ed Shelnut	Penny Freund
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Margie Scott Butch Mitchell	Lela Flowers Betty Rushing	Betsy Selby Ann Jones	Sara Margaret Porter Dalton Thames
<b>Wednesday Healing</b>	<b>July 2</b> Tommy Skinner	<b>July 9</b> Harvey Smith	<b>July 16</b> Theo Williams	<b>July 23</b> Ann Tompkins