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Father's Day At St. Alban's
Shane Laurizen with Twins, Roux & Remi
"Children are a Gift from Heaven"

Holy Baptism on Father's Day – Tilman Fore Price



Carey & Amanda Rose with Tilman Fore Price



Rev. B. Ponder, Celebrant & Rev. Billie Abraham, Rector



Christopher Price, Allison Nieto, Ben Ardoin, Amanda & Carey



Larry & Alicia Ardoin, Grandparents



Richard and Susan Price, Grandparents



Rev. Brian Ponder and Baby





Christi & Ben Ardoin



Judah Nieto



Dave & Olivia Mathews



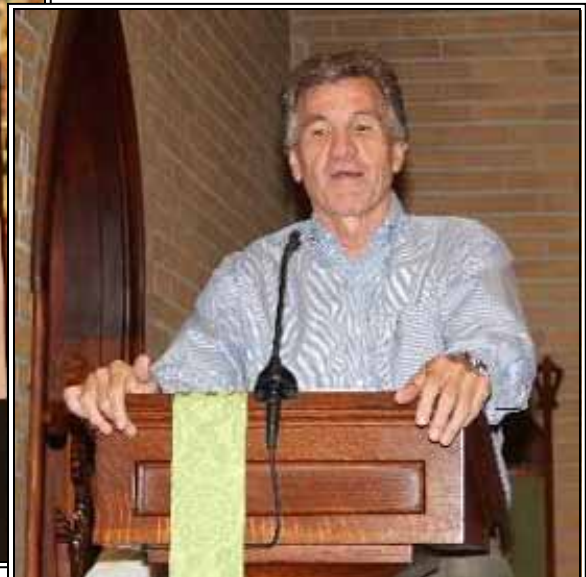
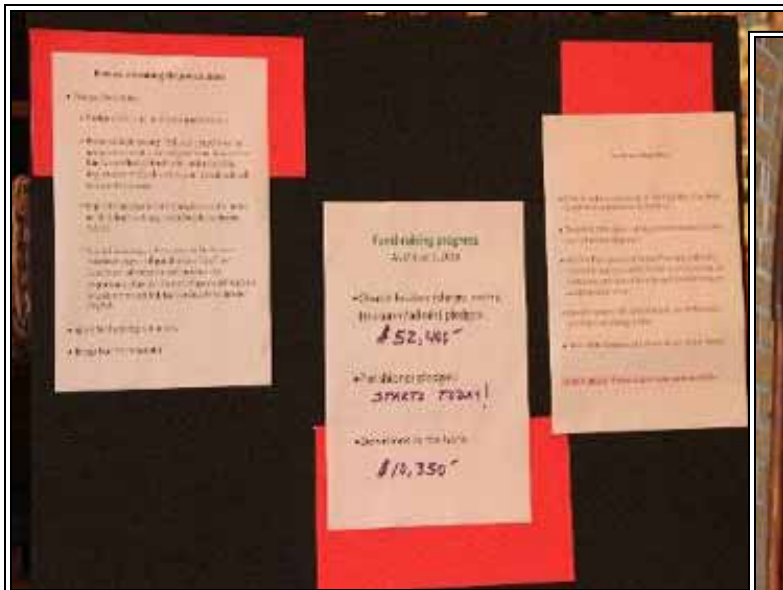
Whitney Nieto, Grant & James Toups, Judah Nieto, Annadale Toups



Rev. Billie blesses expectant parents—Zane (not pictured) & Callie Russell and Shane & Reagan Lauritzen. *“The blessing of the God of Sarah and Abraham, the blessing of the Son, born of Mary, the blessing of the Spirit, who broods over us as a mother broods over her children, be with you now and forever.”*

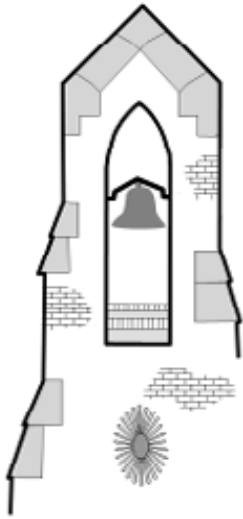
Capital Campaign Kickoff Sunday

June 3rd



Easy Biedenham, Chairman Finance Committee





St. Alban's Capital Campaign Building A Place to Gather & Grow

St. Alban's Church needs your help. We must make extensive repairs and improvements to our Sunday School building and church. Our buildings are used throughout each week for worship, study, fellowship, and outreach of our St. Alban's community. Recently discovered termite and water damage force us to address these issues quickly. Your generous donation towards our capital building fund will allow us to make our church home welcoming to all who come here seeking God and

seeking to make a positive impact on those in need.

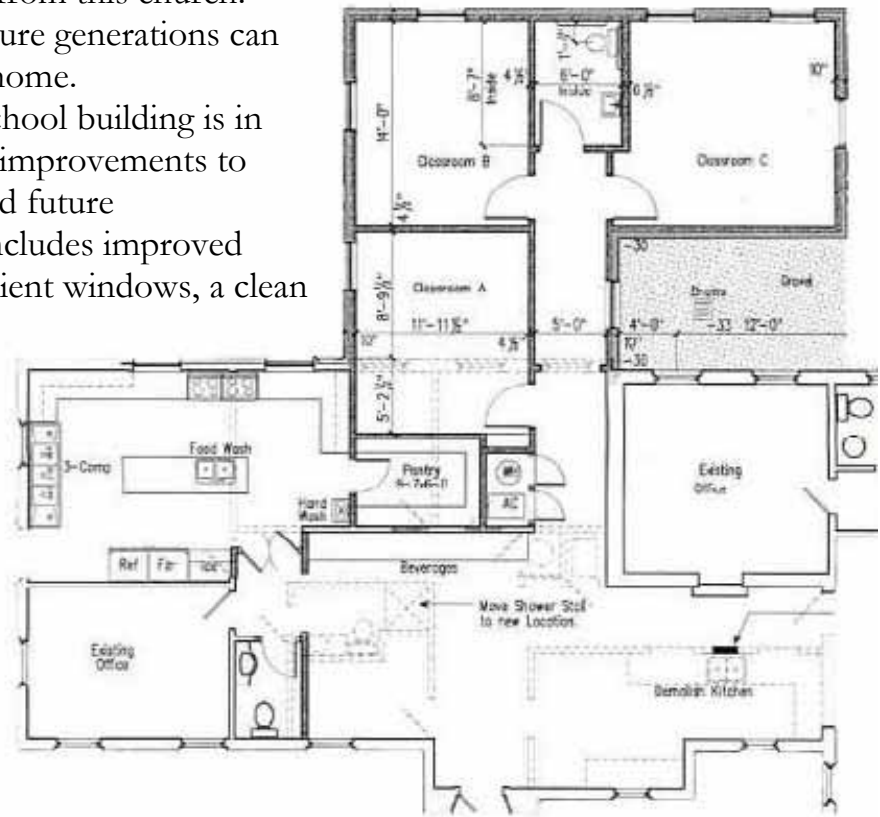
St. Alban's Church is a welcoming community of Christians, known as a place to gather, to receive Holy Hospitality, and to experience the healing and saving power of God's Grace. Generations of families have worshipped here, raised their children here, and spread the Gospel from this church.

Our goal is to ensure that future generations can call St. Alban's their church home.

Our 1960s-era Sunday School building is in desperate need of repair and improvements to accommodate our current and future congregations. The project includes improved classroom space, energy efficient windows, a clean and modern kitchen, a new bathroom and a multitude of structural repairs.

Waterproofing the brick exterior of our 1928 sanctuary and 1870 parish hall is also required. Your tax-deductible donation can help us reach our goal of \$300,000 to complete this extensive work. Please donate by check, 3-year pledge or

through PayPal link on our webpage, <http://stalbanbovina.org/campaign.htm>. Also, please **Like** our Facebook page to help us spread the word.



Vacation Bible School

A Week of Christian Fellowship



Peter Williams



Mason Shelby



Gloria Hall



Briggs May



Navy Hales



Julian Tolliver



Sam Hall

† Billie's Corner



“Be still and know that I am God.” Eight words that say so much about doing so little. God is not asking us to do anything, God is inviting us to simply be—be quiet, be still, listen, encounter God.

We live in a world of speed. Need to contact someone? All we have to do is push a few buttons on our phone and the means to communicate with anyone, anywhere, are immediate. We stay plugged into news reports 24/7. Google instantly gives us answers all our questions. Our minds never stop racing from one thought to the next.

Everyone needs quiet time, but when quiet happens, we frequently fill it up with plans for the future or we ruminate on the past. The act of stopping and living in the present moment is lost in the busyness of the fast pace life we live. We must be intentional to “be still and know God.” Stillness requires practice.

Where is a place that you can enter stillness each day? Are you an early morning person or a late night person? Could it be morning coffee on the front porch or stargazing into the darkness of the night? Could it be a corner in your home that is designated as your quiet place? Can you close the door to your office for a few minutes each day and simply pay attention to your breath going in and out until you find your body and mind have become quiet?

Stillness is a form of prayer. It requires letting go of thoughts. But how? Begin by determining the number of minutes that you will be still—even a few minutes of intentional stillness will get you started. Don’t be surprised if a few minutes seem like an eternity. Start with three, four or five minutes.

Select a word to recall when a thought distracts from your stillness. My word is “spirit.” All it takes to get started is to sit comfortably, close your eyes and take a

few deep breaths. Let go of thoughts by surrendering each thought that passes through your mind. Simply recall your word and let go. Don't follow the thought through to completion. Thoughts are stubborn and relentless. Another thought will replace the one you let go. Keep letting go again and again and again. Each time you surrender your thought, you are surrendering yourself to God. Your silence is your response to God's beckoning for a more intimate relationship with you.

The practice of stillness is known as contemplative prayer. The strange thing about a consistent practice of contemplative prayer—even for a brief time each day—is that it begins to have an effect on your daily life. The pattern of surrendering to God begins to shape the words that you say and the actions that you do. Stillness infiltrates your life until it is incorporated into your being and doing. The daily practice of contemplative prayer can transform you from knee-jerk reactor to discerning responder.

You will begin to notice that stillness manifests itself throughout your day—when you let go of your need to be right in order to reconcile differences of opinions with others, or when you offer a listening ear to someone who needs to be heard, or when you recognize the oneness you share with those who appear to be “other.” Stillness infuses the awareness of God's presence in your daily relationships with others.

Stillness also infuses the awareness of God's presence in your relationship with yourself. The routine practice of stillness quiets the constant internal chatter that goes on in your head. You will gradually let go of habitual, self-abasing thoughts—they will lose their power to distract you from God's constant love and mercy for you.

Stillness is God's dwelling place within you. Stillness begins to influence your hectic pace of life when you spend intentional time with God in silence each day. Can you accept God's invitation?

“Be still and know that I am God.”

In Peace,
Billie+

† Josie's Journal



The card ministry at St. Alban's is alive and well. Last week we mailed fifty-five cards for birthdays, anniversaries, encouragement and sympathy. If you know someone who is not on our prayer list and you would like them to receive a card, drop me an email with their name and address and we will gladly send one out. I like to send cards because it keeps me in touch with parishioners who are ill, shut-in or unable to make it to church. I try to convey in the card how much we love them because we are all members of the body of Christ. We are to lift each other up when one of us is down and to cheer each other on when we are up.

God loves all of us and our children are watching to see how we show that love. I try to genuinely show love to everyone because if I talk-the-talk and don't walk-the-walk, I have become a clanging cymbal. In our current climate with its lack of civility and manners, I am trying to model what I believe Jesus would have me do. I believe He loved his enemies and I must love mine because I am one of His daughters. Notice I didn't say right or wrong because that opens up a whole new universe of picking sides and choosing allies. I don't need to pick sides or choose allies because Jesus paid the ultimate price—death—even death on the cross for me and everyone else included; therefore I must learn to love and learn I will.

Let the world know that we are Christians by our love.

Peace,
Josie

July Birthdays

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

July Anniversaries

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 5 James & Rebecca Drake | 10 Richard & Margo Massey | 26 John & Ann Tompkins |
| 9 Theo & Josie Williams | 13 Jeff & Suzanne Artman | |

Prayers for the People

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

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

Christian Education, 10:00 AM

Nursery, 10:00 AM

No Children’s Chapel, June, July & August

Game Day at *Lifting Lives Family Shelter* is cancelled until September

Tuesday

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

Walking the Mourner’s Path, Rectory, 6:00-7:30 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

Sunday, July 1—*Independents Day Celebration*, Morning Prayer, Penny Freund, officiant. Jenny Newman will deliver the sermon

Wednesday, July 4—No Healing Service

Sunday, July 8—Morning Prayer, Herb Jones, officiant. Lance Stewart will deliver the sermon

Sunday, July 8—*Second Sundays at St. Mary’s*. Evening Prayer and “A Summertime Potpourri” featuring Lee Farrar Bailey, tenor & Bruce Lesley, accompanist

Sunday, June 24-Tuesday July 10—Rev. Billie at SSJE Monastery retreat

Sunday, July 22—Baptism of Riley Grace Hankins

Tuesday, July 24–Sunday, July 29—*Music Conference*, Gray Center. Deacon Josie will attend

Saturday, July 28–Friday, August 3—Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi Mission, *Port Aransas*, trip to aid recovery efforts in response to Hurricane Harvey. Adult chaperones Rev. Billie, Betsy Selby & Stacy Weaver; children: Macy & Gray Weaver & Lawson Selby. If interested contact Rev. Billie

Sunday, July 29—Eucharist, The Rev. Canon Paul Stephen, celebrant

Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in July 2018

	July 1 Pentecost 6	July 8 Pentecost 7	July 15 Pentecost 8	July 22 Pentecost 9	July 29 Pentecost 10
First Reading	Deuteronomy 10:17-21	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm	Psalm 145:1-9	Psalm 48	Psalm 24	Psalm 89:20-37	Psalm 14
Second Reading	Hebrews 11:8-16	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Ephesians 1:3-14	Ephesians 2:11-22	Ephesians 3:14-21
Gospel Reading	Matthew 5:43-48	Mark 6:1-13	Mark 6:14-29	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	John 6:1-21
LWL					
8:30 a.m.	Penny Freund	Herb Jones	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner
11:00 a.m.	Penny Freund	Herb Jones	David Pruett	Theo Williams	Richard Price
MC			Beth Guynes	Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes
OT Lector			Bitsy Sloan	Bitsy Sloan	Bitsy Sloan
8:30 a.m.			Canada Stewart	Dawn Rickard	Mary Ruth Jones
11:00 a.m.			Peter Williams		
Psalm Leader			Beth Guynes	Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes
Crucifer & Acolyte			Peter Williams		
Crucifer (Wooden)			Gabby Rushing	Deacon Josie	Ann Tompkins
Gospel Bearer			Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Sharon Hanks
Prayers of the People			Harris Southall	Betty Rushing	Dalton Thames
Oblation Bearers			Mary Michael Southall	Stacy Weaver	Sara Margaret Porter
Ushers & Greeters	Lance Stewart Dale Gibson	Allan Leese Dale Gibson	Josh & Jonah Artman	Lance Stewart Dawn Rickard	Allan Leese Dale Gibson
Note: Standing Communion Station			Deacon Josie Harvey Smith	Deacon Josie David Pruett	Herb Jones Susan Price
Altar Guild	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Cassandra Price Dawn Rickard	Beth Guynes Liz Gent	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing
Coffee Host	Potluck Red, White & Blue Goodies	Beth Sojourner Laura Cook	Tommy Skinner Margaret Stewart	Jennifer Normand Ann Tompkins	Wanda Warren Betty Rushing
Nursery Assistant	April/ Ashley	April/Ashley	April/Ashley	April/Ashley	April/Ashley
Children's Chapel			No Children's Chapel		
Offertory Counters	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Mike Southall	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Herb Jones	Sharon Hanks Beth Guynes Lance Stewart	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Jennifer Normand	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks John Bonar
	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25	
Healing Service	No Healing Service	Tommy Skinner	Theo Williams	David Pruett	



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