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Happy 100th Birthday

Esther Bonar, John's mother, celebrated her 100th birthday on May 28th. It is never too late to send a birthday greeting, especially honoring such a grand occasion. Let us shower Esther with cards from the Saint Alban's community.

Esther Bonar
Heritage House Nursing Home
3103 Wisconsin Ave.
Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180

A New Home for Jean

Jean Ethridge has moved to Columbia, Tennessee, to be near siblings, nieces and nephews. Before she left she came by Saint Alban's for a final farewell. Jean showed me "her pew." We lingered at the stained glass window she gave in memory of her husband, Jim. She placed flowers on Jim's grave. Jean continues to be deeply rooted in the Saint Alban's community.

Jean Ethridge
c/o Ann Stanfall
1669 Bear Creek Pike
Columbia, Tennessee 38401
Landline Phone: 931.840.9912
Cellular Phone: 601.501.7235

May God bless Jean as she settles into her new home.

Kay in a Cast

Kay McWilliams broke her leg in three places that required surgery in mid-May. She has progressed to her second cast and cannot put any pressure on her leg. Her means of transportation is a wheelchair, and has developed acrobatic skills to get in and out of the wheelchair. She is facing a prolonged recuperation.

Kay and Jerry appreciated the food that was prepared by several of our members. Kay would love to hear from her church community:

Kay McWilliams
1357 Kimbrell Road
Terry, Mississippi 39170
Cellular phone: 601.832.0709
Email: jerrymcart@yahoo.com

May God bless Kay with healing and patience!

In Appreciation

Our community offered loving support to the Selby/Biedenharn families during the past week. Hospitality is in the DNA of our community. In your generosity, you extended condolences by way of food, visits, cards, text messages, phone calls, prayers, preparation and participation in the funeral service and the visitation receptions.

Saint Alban's community is the living reflection of Holy Scripture: "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ... If one member suffers, all suffer together with it... Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."

1 Corinthians 12: 12, 26a, 27

United Thank Offering Boxes

The United Thank Offering boxes will be taken up on Sunday, June 12, The Feast of Pentecost. Fill your UTO boxes with thanksgiving offerings! May our offertory plates be heavy with gratitude!

The United Thank Offering addresses compelling human need through grants to projects that alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally, within the Anglican provinces, dioceses, and companion dioceses. UTO combines these generous offerings to fund significant projects that make a real difference in the work of the Episcopal Church and a real difference in people's lives.

In everything give thanks for all things unto God the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians, 5: 18

† Billie's Corner

Summertime and the livin' is easy. I love the song from *Porgy and Bess*, but in reality summer time is as packed full as any other time of the year, it's just hotter than any other time of the year! While I was on vacation in Florida (where the living is easy), I reread a small book by Frederick Buechner entitled *The Alphabet of Grace*. Buechner refers to the humdrum events of our lives as an alphabet, the ABC's of our daily events. The ordinary becomes extraordinary when we pause to recognize God in our waking and when we rest in God in our sleeping. Incident follows incident and is trying to tell us something. I think the routines in our lives are trying to tell us to slow down and live in the sacrament of the present moment.

Father's Day is approaching and I am reminded of a humdrum incident that turned into a watershed moment in my ordinary life. Within my own alphabet of grace, occurs the chore of housecleaning. About ten years ago, I was busy dusting the items on my secretary desk when I picked up the Bible that had been sitting on the desktop for years. The Bible belonged to my father. It was fragile and the pages had a tendency to cling to each other. The cover dropped open to a page that I had never seen. It was a hand written inscription that said: *Presented to Bill Patterson for special work done in the Paris, Tennessee revival, November 1930. Dr. E. L. Thompson, Evangelist. Read John 14:1 and live by it.*

How had I missed this page? I turned to John 14:1 and read the red lettered verse that quoted Jesus saying, **“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God; believe also in me.”**

The sacred was suddenly manifested on the yellowed pages of my dad's Bible! My father was telling me to read this verse and live by it. My father, whose voice I had not heard since I was six years old, was speaking clearly and distinctly to me and telling me how to live a life of peace. His advice was simple and to the point. The alphabet of grace came together to spell out the words, “Let not your heart be troubled, believe in God, believe in me.”

In Buechner's book, he chronicles a day from morning to night. He uncovers revelations in the mundane. My father pointed me to The Divine in the midst of dusting. A life of peace is possible when I do not reduce God to fit into my troubled heart, but believe God is be far bigger than any troubles within my heart.

My father's guidance continues to echo in my soul and reminds me to believe in God, believe in Christ. My dad was a wise man and a good father.

May we celebrate Father's Day knowing that we share one father; God the Father; *“Our Father, who art in heaven... deliver us from our TROUBLED HEARTS... Amen.”*

In peace,

Billie+

† Deacon Josie's Corner

All Christians are called by virtue of their baptismal covenant to live out diakonia through their daily life and work in the world. (Diakonia – ministering to the needs of others as a servant.) Deacons are to live by word and deed so that others may be brought into the servant ministry of the church.

Diakonia is not an option; we either do it or we don't. There is not a halfway point. We serve others to show our love for Christ and for each other. An example is how St. Alban's volunteered to serve meals to those in the shelter at Hawkins United Methodist Church who were displaced by the flood. Also, the community gathered to celebrate the life of Ricky Selby and to comfort Betsy, Richard, Charles, David and Lawson as they enter a new area of their lives without their anchor.

Deacons are to model and lead, thereby empowering baptized Christians in their community to embark on the journey of servanthood in everyday life.

One of the focal points of my diaconal ministry is to serve as a volunteer guardian *ad litem* for the Warren County Youth Court. A guardian *ad litem* is appointed by the youth court judge to look out for the best interest of the child involved. The child has been removed from his/her home and placed with other family members or foster care after a background check has been completed and satisfactorily passed. The guardian *ad litem* monitors the child at school, home and play and reports findings to the youth court judge.

Children can be removed from their home on the grounds of abuse, neglect, failure to supervise and other detrimental factors that would hinder the child's safety. The guardian *ad litem* visits the school and home regularly and does so until the case is closed. The guardian *ad litem* must pass a background check by the Vicksburg Police Department and the Warren County Sheriff Department.



Peace

Josie+

Pardon Our Dust

In response to rising fuel costs as well as the difficulty we are experiencing to maintain a comfortable temperature in our facility, the vestry has authorized a new maintenance project to properly insulate the sanctuary roof and install additional air conditioning ducts in the altar area.

During the summer season, the current air conditioning system is unable to keep up with the heat load. To compound the problem, the propane gas heating bills are extremely high during the winter season. It is important that the sanctuary be kept at a comfortable temperature for the congregation and also for the organ which must be kept within a specific temperature and humidity range.

Three options were considered to remedy the situation; installing ceiling fans, adding an additional air conditioning units and insulating the sanctuary roof. An engineering analysis and cost/benefit study was conducted by James Drake, P.E. and reviewed by Frank Skinner, was presented to the vestry. The study clearly demonstrated that the problem can be best addressed by insulating the sanctuary roof. The cost/benefit study demonstrates:

- The air conditioning and heating load can be cut in half by insulating the church roof. With a properly installed insulated roof, the current air conditioning unit will adequately handle the summer heat.
- The church will save not only the price of a new air conditioning system but also save up to \$20 per day in electric bills during the summer months.
- Cost-savings in winter months may be as much as \$35 per day with improved insulation. For example, the propane bill in 2010 was \$13,000 and the bill for the month of December alone was \$2,650.

The vestry has accepted a proposal from McDaniel's Roofing Company, an Owens Corning Preferred Contractor, for \$22,000 to remove the existing shingles, blow fiberglass insulation into the rafter space and replace shingles that match the existing shingles. The work will start during the first or second week in June and should take about a week to complete, weather permitting. All construction will be coordinated with church functions and worship schedules.

Through foresight by the vestry, the church has an off-budget savings fund that was specifically set aside for building repairs and emergencies. This account is sufficient to pay for the project. In addition, utility bill savings over the next five years or so should more than pay for the project. The savings will continue year-after-year with this investment in our building.

If you have questions regarding the specifics of the project or would like to see a copy of the engineering cost/benefit report, please let any member of the vestry know. The report will be available upon request.

The Vestry

Worship Resources Featured on St. Alban's Website

Be sure to look for news, schedules and updates on our website at www.stalbanbovina.org. The *Preparing For Sunday* and *The Daily Office* resources are featured on the **Spirituality & Worship Page**.

The Daily Office links to the ancient tradition that appoints a specific set of prayers and readings for each day: one for morning and one for evening. If you feel the call to a disciplined liturgy daily or just occasionally, you'll find an appropriate form of prayer here. The short service is from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, and here each new service is preceded by a photo or piece of art that serves to spur a little contemplation.



The *Preparing For Sunday* has the current Sunday's readings as well as last Sunday's and next Sunday's. Readings automatically update each Monday morning. Access Sunday lectionary readings at your convenience, and then reflect and pray over them at any time. Also offered is an overview, scripture backgrounds, a reflection and prayer starter to enhance your worship experience.

Summer Vacation Schedule

Sundays

In an attempt to slow down and rest during the summer months, Sunday School and Tuesday Bible Study will take a vacation! We will resume our weekly events in the fall after Labor Day.

On second Sundays of the summer months – June 12, July 11 and August 14 – we will come together to feast on a **pot luck breakfast** beginning at 9:30 AM in the parish hall.

We will celebrate **only one** Holy Eucharist at 10:30 AM.

Wednesdays

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness, 7:00–8:00 AM

Men's Work Force, 10:00 AM

Healing Service & Holy Eucharist, 6:00 PM

June Events

Wednesday, June 8, 6:30 PM

2010 Audit Review Meeting

John Bonar will lead a review of the 2010 internal audit in the parish hall following the Healing Service. A light snack will be ready at 5:30 PM. The following people are requested to attend: Beth Guynes, Tommy Skinner, Judy Morrissey, Ann Tompkins, Dan Carleton, Easy Biedenharn, Harvey Smith, Sharon Hanks and Josie Williams.

Thursday, June 9, 6:00 PM

Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting

“WE NEED YOU.” Plan to attend the Vacation Bible School planning meeting that will take place in the parish hall. Many details must be planned. Lots of help is needed. A light snack will be ready at 5:30 PM.

Sunday, June 12, 9:30 AM

Feast of Pentecost – *Wear Red*

Pot Luck Breakfast, 9:30 AM – Holy Eucharist, 10:30 AM.

Sunday, June 12, 4:00 PM

Second Sunday at St. Mary's, Bolton – *Wear Red*

Jazz Eucharist, 4:00 PM – Reception following in the Parish Hall.

June Birthdays

1	Theo Williams	19	Sebastian Panelo
4	Weesie Biedenharn	21	Ashleigh Ford
5	Kathryn Sullivan		Lawson Selby
9	Lindsay Bailey	24	Amanda Monti
12	Cassandra Price	25	Debra Lee
13	Kerri Williams	26	Laura Beiser
14	Mike Beiser	28	Eleanor Price
19	Megan Davis	30	McKinley Gayle

June Anniversaries

3	Easy & Weesie Biedenharn	10	Mike & Laura Beiser
	David & Anna Selby	14	Terry & Beth Guvnes
4	Jim & Sherry Horan	17	Mathew & Lauren Guvnes
	Kevin & Mignon McDaniel		Ross & Jeanne Lunz
5	Chad & Robin Toups	21	Dan & Mary Carleton
9	Jim & Cassandra Price	24	Don & Charlotte Biedenharn

Prayers

For those Sick or in Need:

Anne Grogan	Leigh Blackwell Godwin	John Stout
Betsy Selby	Tim Davis	Sarah Kelly
John Williams	Ruthie Gray	Bryan Brabston
John Jenkins	David Selby	Lawson Selby
Pat Pierce	Isabelle Kelly	Sheila & Bubba Evans
Alvin Barrett	Carol Bowden	Lawson Selby
Mike Ray	Jay	Clione Rochat
Tom Wagner	Dan Scott Emrick	Paul Trebotich
Frances Marble	Kay McWilliams	Johnny Bottom
Jean Roberts	Carol Bowen	Louis Field
Ed & Bessie Norwood	Ashleigh Ford	Charles & Lou Housholder
Fannie Mae Gibbons	Charles Selby	Wanda Pitcher
Walker Biedenharn	Allen Teeter	Frances & George Hammack
Becky Louge	Richard Selby	Jan Robinson
Eva Nicholson	Charlie Brantley	John Merritt
	Faith, Bridget & Mike Wildschuetz	

Pray for men and women of the Armed Forces, especially:

Bo McCloud	Christoph Martin	Cynthia Horan
Billy Hubbard	Dawn Wandembergh	Carlos Wandembergh

Liturgical Schedule Sundays in June

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
	Feast of the Ascension	Feast of Pentecost Whitsunday 10:30 a.m. Only	First Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday	Feast of Saint Alban MORNING PRAYER
First Reading	Acts 1:1-11	Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	1 John 3:13-16
Psalms	Psalm 47	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	Psalm 8	Psalm 34:1-8
Second Reading	Ephesians 1:15-23	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	
Gospel	Luke 24:44-53	Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39	Matthew 28:16-20	Matthew 10:34-42 Rev. Deacon Josie
Eucharistic Minister 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Tommy Skinner Ann Tompkins	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner Richard Price	Harvey Smith Ann Tompkins
Master of Ceremonies	Beth Guynes	Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes	Jennifer Normand
Crucifer	Koury Collins	Michael Rangel	Mignon McDaniel	
Torch Bearer				
Gospel Bearer	Rachel Sullivan	Kerri & Peter Williams	Joshua McDaniel	
Acolytes	Koury & Rachel	Michael Rangel	Mignon & Joshua	
Lector	Ed Shelnut	Sharon Hanks	Susan Price	
Prayers of the People	Rev. Deacon Josie	Beth Guynes	Rev. Deacon Josie	
Oblation Bearers	Shay & Josh Sullivan	Max & Becki Rangel	Jim & Becky Drake	Jennifer & David Normand
Ushers & Greeters	Charlie Brantley Bobby Sullivan	Jeff Artman David Normand	Kevin Mc Daniel Bobby Barlow	Jim Horan John Scott
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Wright Lisa Langford	Judy Morrissey Ann Tompkins	Susan Price Kerri Williams	Cassandra Price Margie Scott
Eucharistic Minister				
Eucharistic Visitor	Deacon Josie	Sandra Melsheimer	Deacon Josie	
Coffee Host	Terry Brantley & Margie Scott	Sandra Melsheimer & Becki Rangel	Betsy Selby & Ann Jones	Sherry Horan & Margie Scott
Wednesday Healing	June 8 Tommy Skinner	June 15 Harvey Smith	June 22 Tommy Skinner	June 29 Ann Tompkins