

# SANCTUARY

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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Elberton, Georgia

## RECTOR'S MESSAGE

*Peace & grace to you, sisters and brothers.*

It's already almost six weeks since we've celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus. Times flies!

In the midst of our celebration we have had losses as well. Jeff Barker, beloved son of Anne and our church has risen in glory. My father, John, loved by all who knew him is also in heaven telling his corny jokes and laughing louder than anyone.

I'm sure everyone knows by now I have been diagnosed with breast cancer. It looks like a bazillion other women and men have also received such threatening news. I guess there is

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## *Prayers & Sympathy:*

Prayers for health and healing:

- Marcia Jenkins and her family.
- Denni Moss's father, John Spickerman, died peacefully April 20th. More inside.
- Jeffrey Barker, son of Anne Barker, died April 7th after a long illness. More inside.
- Pray for our special people in the Military: including Andrew, his unit in Haiti, and others in our hearts.

## *Transitions:*

- Natasha Clay, Tammy Elliott and Tammy's grandson Malachi were baptized at the worship service on Sunday, March 21st. Natasha was confirmed on Palm Sunday by Bishop Neil at Church of the Mediator in Washington GA.
- David Baldwin resigned as Treasurer in April and in May Pat Reagan has agreed to begin serving as Treasurer.

## TAKING NOTE

- May and June Worship at 9 am followed by Coffee Hour.
- May 10th Vestry Meeting at 6pm.
- Bible Study on Mondays at noon. Check the bulletin for details.
- June 6th, Denni's surgery, your prayers are appreciated.

**REMEMBER ST.  
ALBAN ON HIS  
FEAST DAY,  
JUNE 22ND**



some grace in this. It's hard to see it in the moment though.

I'm afraid and angry and jittery and mean.

I have also never felt an outpouring of love and caring this much.

I imagine this is some grace that I've been not seeing.

I'm scheduled for surgery June 6th. I'm told I'll be recuperating for 6 weeks.

I'm a fairly strong person, however, I'm not brave. I know that we have extraordinary wardens and a caring and willing vestry and things will go well while I'm away.

I hope not too well. I need to be missed. Please raise me up in prayer. I need you all with me during this journey. Perhaps I will find a bit of bravery in the midst of trial.

Bear with me also. My memory seems to be non-existent and I feel as if I'm walking in circles.

I've been told to tend to myself during this time. I believe I will but you are my church and my family and I want to know what's going on with you.

Thanks for all your messages, notes and confidences during this time. You'll

never know how much it means to me.

We celebrate the Resurrection every time we share the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. So when you gather around the table in my absence remember I'm with you in spirit and will back with you soon.

My love and blessings

*Denni +*

## *Baptism at St. Alban's*

Here is Denni with Natasha Clay, her house-mate Tammy Elliott and Tammy's grandson Malichi at the reception following the Baptism.



## *Pat Reagan*

St. Alban's has been blessed with a new member, Pat Reagan, and she has agreed to serve as Treasurer.

Pat has been working in non profit administration and development for over 20 years including working with such organizations as Southern Partners Fund, Northeast Georgia Girl





Scouts, and Senior Citizens Services of Metro Atlanta. She has also worked in the political arena as a campaign director, speech writer, and lobbyist.

Originally from Zephyrhills, FL, Pat went to undergraduate and graduate schools here in Georgia and made Georgia her home officially in 1996. She moved to Elberton with her husband, Chad Blackman in January and is enjoying her new "hometown".

### *Jeff Barker*

Jeffery Allen Barker, 39, of Atlanta, formerly of Elberton, passed away on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 in Athens. Born on July 26, 1970 in Elbert County, he was a son of Anne Dixon Barker of Elberton and the late James M. Barker, Jr. He was employed by Agnes Muriel's Inc. as a Special Events Coordinator.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 3pm at St. Alban's Episcopal Church with The Reverend Dr. Denni Moss, Reverend Dwight Morgan, and The Right Reverend Herschel Atkinson officiating. Burial followed the service in the Fortsonia Community Cemetery. A reception and visitation was held on Saturday from 2-3pm just prior to the service.



Memorials may be made in his honor to St. Alban's Episcopal Church Discretion Fund, to the Falling Creek Baptist Church, 1020 Jack McVeigh Drive, Elberton GA, or to T.J. & Friends Foundation, 1675 Deep Creek Road, Dewey Rose GA 30634.

### *Kenya News*

As we open our hearts to outreach in Elberton and the world, Nancy wants to share the latest newsletter from Jimbo and Susie Horne and their mission in Kenya. We have posted it to the Missions page on our website:

<http://www.stalbans-elberton.org/sanctuarymissions.html>

One of the recipients of our aid, Tiwi Baptist Academy, announced its 8th graders took the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) exam late last year. All passed and their mean score ranked 4th in the

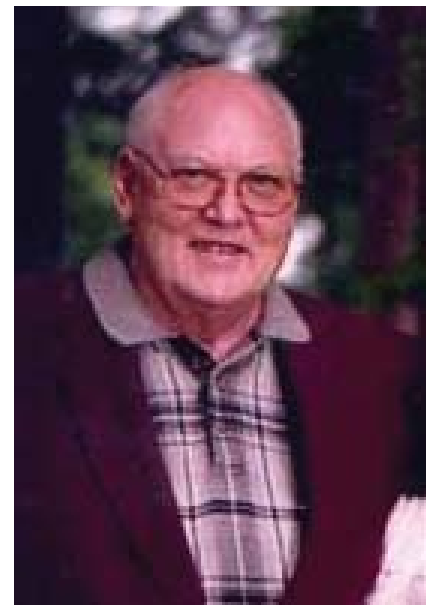
District out of over 300 schools. In this new year the school has enrolled 300 students.

Jimbo and his family were members of St. Alban's and Jimbo was one of our faithful acolytes. Jimbo and his wife Susie have been spreading god's love in Kenya as a missionaries for over 35 years. Anyone interested in supporting their mission may contact Nancy.

### *John Spickerman*

John F. Spickerman, Sr., 91 died peacefully April 20th in Gainesville GA. He was Denni Moss' father.

Mr. Spickerman was born in Madison County MO in 1918. He began in the trucking industry when he was fifteen years old changing tires. He eventually worked his way up the ladder so that when he



*Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." John 20:29*



retired he was the President and CEO of Terminal Transport, Inc.

A graveside service was held at 1 pm Friday, April 23rd at Arlington Memorial Cemetery in Sandy Springs GA, with the Reverend Dr. Denni Moss officiating. A reception and memorial service followed at Oglethorpe Hill Chapel. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### *Bishops' Bar-B-Q*

On Tuesday, March 30th, members of St. Alban's, Church of the Mediator in Washington and St. Andrew's in Hartwell met for a Bar-B-Q dinner with Bishop Neil and Bishop Mdimi of Central Tanganyika. St. An-

drew's hosted the event on their new outdoor deck.

The dinner celebrated a new bond between the churches and the Carpenter's Kids program in Tanganyika. The three parishes have made a five-year pledge to support the program. Elizabeth Boe in Dodoma sent confirmation

of our joining the program.

Our specific linked parish, Chigongwe, is near Nala which is Bishop Mdimi's home village.

Photo: Pat Reagan, Denni, Bishop Mdimi, Bishop Neil, Frank Coggins, Carole Ogelsby, Marilyn Slocumbe and Louise Martin.



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