



Church of the Faithful Centurion Anglican Orthodox Church

# The Fifth Sunday after Easter

commonly called Rogation Sunday

## Sunday Report



This is the first edition of the Sunday Report. You will get three of these reports, but no more unless you let me know you want to be on the mailing list. You can be taken off at any time. If you don't want anymore after this one, please let me know.

Today was the Fifth Sunday after Easter, commonly called Rogation Sunday. Sunrise temperature on Mount Olympus was a rainy misty 44°F under the dim gray skies ahead of a cold front. By the time church ended the mercury had climbed to 54°F, with an overcast breaking to a broken layer. We ended up with 3 people present for the service.

### *Gathering Song*

Jack Arnold played Amazing Grace for the gathering song.

#### **Amazing Grace**

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand  
years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun.



### **Memorial Day**

Tomorrow is Memorial Day, a day set aside to remember those members of our Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice, without whose sacrifice we would not be free.

#### *Memorial Days*<sup>1</sup>.

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead;  
We give thee thanks for all those thy servants who have laid down their lives in the

<sup>1</sup> From the *Book of Common Prayer* page 42

service of our country. Grant to them thy mercy and the light of thy presence, that the good work which thou hast begun in them may be perfected; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

As you enjoy your leisure on the first three day weekend of the summer or the last one of the spring, depending on your climate location, please remember to whom this weekend is dedicated. Memorial Day, the day set aside to remember before God those who have given their lives that we might live free in this country. Nothing more and nothing less.

Freedom is not free. The cost is high and measured in rich red blood. It exists not because of the politician handing out rights or money, both of which have been confiscated from the citizenry. It exists not because of pundits and critics. It exists not because of political organizations. Freedom exists because when the country called, red blooded Americans answered that call knowing full well they may lose their lives in her defense. This weekend is dedicated to the remembrance of those who have given their lives that we might live in freedom. They gave their future and that of their families' to the end that we might have a free today.

**Charge your glass, raise it high. Drink to them.**



### **United States Military Casualties**

Revolutionary War (1775-1783)

Served: No data

**Deaths: 4,435**

Wounded 6,188

War of 1812 (1812-1815)

Served: 286,730

**Battle Deaths: 2,260**

Wounded: 4,505

Mexican War (1846-1848)

Served: 78,718

**Battle Deaths: 1,733**

**Other Deaths: 11,550**

Wounded: 4,152

Civil War (1861-1865)

Served: 2,213,363

**Battle Deaths: 140,414**

**Other Deaths: 224,097**

Wounded: 281,881

Spanish-American War (1895-1902)  
Served: 306,760  
**Battle Deaths: 385**  
**Other Deaths: 2,061**  
Wounded: 1,662

Korean War (1950-1953)  
Served: 5,720,000  
**Battle Deaths: 33,651**  
**Other Deaths: 3,262**  
Wounded: 103,284

World War I (1917-1918)  
Served: 4,734,991  
**Battle Deaths: 53,402**  
**Other Deaths: 63,114**  
Wounded: 204,002

Vietnam War (1964-1973)  
Served: 8,744,000  
**Battle Deaths: 47,378**  
**Other Deaths: 10,799**  
Wounded: 153,303

World War II (1941-1946)  
Served: 16,112,566  
**Battle Deaths: 291,557**  
**Other Deaths: 113,842**  
Wounded: 671,846

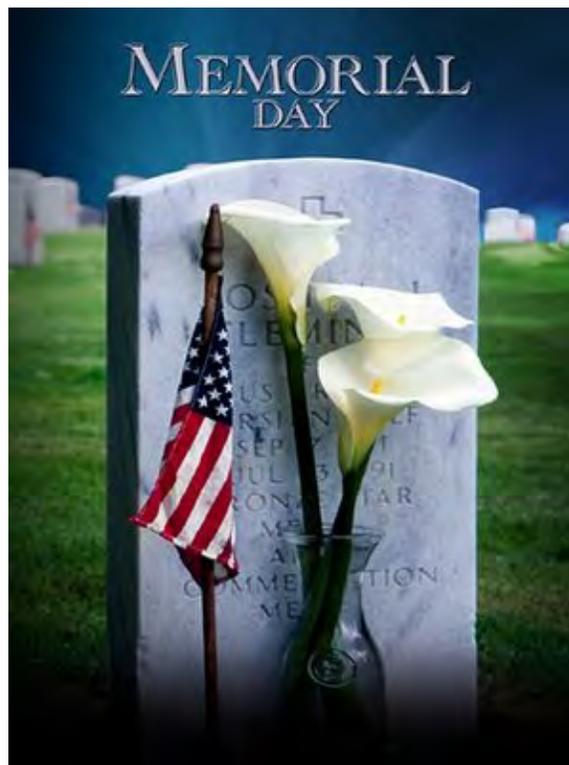
Gulf War (1991)  
Served: 24,100  
Deaths: 162

Afghanistan War (2002-present)  
**Deaths: 2,449** (as of May 20, 2011)

Iraq War (2003-present)  
**Deaths: 4,771** (as of May 20, 2011)  
Wounded in action: 29,978

And the **Cold War**, which no one remembers, that claimed so many more.

Source: Department of Defense, United States Central Command, and Iraq Coalition Casualty Count  
Source: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)



## "THE BIVOUAC OF THE DEAD"

By Theodore O'Hara

The muffled drums sad roll has beat  
The soldier's last Tattoo;  
No more on life's parade shall meet  
That brave and fallen few.  
On fame's eternal camping ground  
Their silent tents are spread,  
But glory guards, with solumn round,  
The bivouac of the dead.

No rumor of the foe's advance  
Now swells upon the wind;  
No troubled thought at midnight haunts  
Of loved one's left behind;  
No vision of tomorrow, s strife  
The warrior's dream alarms;  
No braying horn nor screaming fife,  
At dawn shall call to arms.

Their shivered swords are red with rust,  
Their plumed heads are bowed;  
Their haughty banner, trailed in dust,  
Is now their martial shroud.  
And plenteous funeral tears have washed  
The red stains from each brow;  
And the proud forms, by battle gashed,  
Are free from anguish now.

The neighing troop, the flashing blade,  
The bugle's stirring blast,  
The charge, the dreadful cannonade,  
The din and shouts are past;  
Nor war's wild note, nor glory's peal,  
Shall thrill with fierce delight  
Those breasts that never more may feel  
The rapture of the fight.

Rest on, embalmed and sainted dead,  
Dear as the blood you gave,  
No impious footstep here shall tread  
The heritage of your grave;  
Nor shall your glory be forgot  
While fame her record keeps,  
Or honor points the hallowed spot  
Where valor proudly sleeps.

Yon marble minstrel's voiceless stone  
In deathless song shall tell  
When many a vanquished age hath flown,  
The story how ye fell;  
Nor wreck, nor change, nor winter's blight,  
Nor time's remorseless doom,  
Shall dim one ray of glory's light  
That gilds your deathless tomb.

### *Rogation Sunday*

The fifth Sunday after Easter is commonly called Rogation Sunday from the words in the Gospel appointed for the day: "Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give to you". (The Latin is 'Rogare' - to ask.) In the strictly biblical context, the chief thing to ask for is the spirit of God to enable us to be true children of God.

In the Western Church, processions to bless the crops and to include "beating the bounds", developed from the old Roman rites of "Robigalia" ("robigo": Latin for "rust" or "mould"), when prayers would be offered to the deity for crops to be spared from mildew.

Today the emphasis has shifted. A blessing on growing crops in fields and gardens, and on young lambs and calves remain. In the agricultural cycle, the main themes are seed sowing and the tending of the young plants and animals. This does not pre-suppose that all sowing takes place around Rogation. Sowing is done all the year round, as is the birth and rearing of the young, but it is convenient to fix on one particular festival as the time to remember these before God in a public way.

Rogation takes place in the springtime, when there is a renewing of the earth. In this country, it follows Easter, the season of resurrection. Renewal and resurrection therefore are also underlying themes of this occasion.

### *Propers*

Each Sunday there are Propers: special prayers and readings from the Bible. There is a Collect for the Day; that is a single thought prayer, most written either before the re-founding of the Church of England in the 1540s or written by Bishop Thomas Cranmer, the first Archbishop of Canterbury after the re-founding.

The Collect for the Day is to be read on Sunday and during Morning and Evening Prayer until the next Sunday. If you have a hard time remembering, "Do I read the Collect from last Sunday or next Sunday during the week?" Remember Sunday is the first day of the week. There are also two Bible readings, the Epistle and the Gospel. While they are "lessons", they are not the First Lesson and the Second Lesson, they are the Epistle and the Gospel. The Epistle is normally a reading from one of the various Epistles, or letters, in the New Testament. The Gospel is a reading from one of the Holy Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Collect is said by the priest as a prayer, the Epistle can be read by either a designated reader (as we do in our church) or by one of the priests and the Holy Gospel, which during the service in our church is read by an ordained priest.

The propers are the same each year, except if a Red Letter Feast, that is one with propers in the prayerbook, falls on a Sunday, then those propers are to be read instead, except in a White Season, where it is put off. Red Letter Feast, so called because in the Altar Prayerbooks the titles are in red, are special days. Most of the Red Letter Feasts are dedicated to early saints instrumental in the development of the church, others to special events. Some days are particularly special and the Collect for that day is to be used for an octave (eight days) or an entire season, like Advent or Lent.

The Propers for today are found on Page 175-176, with the Collect first:

**The Collect for The Fifth Sunday after Easter, commonly called Rogation Sunday.**

*The Collect.*

**O** LORD, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

In most churches when Morning Prayer is said instead of Holy Communion, the Epistle and Gospel are read as the first and second lesson to insure lectionary continuity. There are also two sets of lessons for Sunday for two separate Morning and Evening Prayer Services.

Jack Arnold read the Epistle which came from the First Chapter of the General Epistle of Saint James beginning at the Twenty-Second Verse. Saint James tells us not to just talk about being Christians, but to act on those beliefs and do things. We act in accordance with the principles set forth by Christ. We gain our salvation through the freely given gift of Grace by our Lord Jesus Christ. Once given, it must be accepted. If we truly accept the gift, it will be evident in our actions.



St. James reminds us we not only must:

- Talk the Talk;  
but
- Walk the Walk.

We do not gain eternal life and salvation by our good works here on earth, but only by the Grace of God, through His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Through Christ our sins are atoned for that we might go to heaven. True enough, but we demonstrate our attempt to follow his instructions by our works here on earth.

**B**E ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and contin-ueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Today's Gospel started in the Twenty-Sixth Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John beginning at the Twenty-Third Verse. Jesus told his disciples that when they pray to the Father, they should ask in His Name and what they asked for would be given. But, you must ask to receive. Jesus told us not to ask Him to pray to the Father, but rather that we pray directly to the Father, asking for what we will in His name, because God loves us because we love Jesus. This explains why many of our prayers end in, "we ask all this in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," or similar words. So, if we are to if we are not to ask Jesus to pray for us, why would we ask "saints" and such. We can talk directly to God and we are supposed to!

Jesus went on to say He would soon be abandoned by all; yet He would not be alone. For as always, the Father is with Him; as He is with us.

**V**ERILY, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the

Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

### *Sermon – Doing and Hearing*

Today's Sunday Report has a guest sermon by Bishop R. Dennis Campbell. Bishop Dennis is one of the smartest people I know and is very good at expressing biblical concepts in terms we can understand. He preached a wonderful sermon on one of my favorite topics – ACTS. Action, not diction.



James 1:22 expresses the point of the book of James; "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." This point is stated in other ways in other parts of the book, but the essential message is the same, and its repetition marks it as a point worth noting. The point is simply this; faith that does not result in godliness of life is no faith at all. Thus James writes "faith, if it hath not works, is dead," "shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works," and "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" (Jas. 2:17-20).

Why would James take the trouble to write this epistle and state this truth several times in several ways? Isn't it because we forget it so easily? Isn't it because we have a tendency to emphasize the promises of the Gospel and ignore its obligations? Isn't it because we emphasize the Gospel's call to believe in Christ and go to Heaven, and neglect the Gospel's call to holiness and Godliness of life? People often tell me they have been baptized and confirmed and they believe Jesus died for their sins, so they are saved regardless of the life they now live. They use this line of reasoning to justify forsaking the Church, neglecting the Scriptures, remaining in churches that have denied the Bible, and indulging in activities and lifestyles that are blatantly unbiblical. It is so easy to be like those in Isaiah 29:13 who honour God with their lips, but remove their hearts far from Him. In other words, they give lip service to God, but won't give their hearts to Him.

It is not necessary to indulge in the "Big Sins" to be like those in Isaiah. Such people may be outwardly moral and good, who do their jobs, pay their taxes, love their families, and help their communities. The point is that their hearts belong to themselves, not God. Therefore, their works actions, and even their faith are done for themselves, not God. They take God on their own terms, not His. The point James is making here is twofold. First real faith consists of genuine belief and trust in Jesus Christ as your Saviour. It is to know and believe the Biblical teachings that He died for your sins, and that, in Him your sins are forgiven completely and forever, and you are going to Heaven because He has washed away your sins and dressed you in His righteousness so that now you are acceptable to God and worthy of Heaven. Second, genuine, Biblical faith consists of accepting Christ as your Lord, your God, to whom

you give your life and your soul. It is to subjugate your own will to His in such a radical and complete way that the Bible calls it crucifying yourself to live for God. We are naturally self-centered, but in Christ we become God-centered. We are naturally self-indulgent, but in Christ we become self-disciplined. We are naturally oriented toward things and money, but in Christ our treasures are in Heaven, and in God Himself. But this does not happen overnight, and it does not happen without hard work and discomfort. That's why most people, even those who call themselves Christians, never do it. We are called to take up our cross, not our couch, that's why most people won't do it. We are called to choose God's will over our will, that's why most people won't do it. Paul, having suffered much for the cause of Christ, wrote from a Roman prison, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." But of Demas he wrote, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world" (1 Tim. 4:7 & 10). Demas only followed Christ as long as he was able to remain in his "comfort zone." When he reached the end of his comfort zone, he also reached the end of his faith. Traveling with the Apostle Paul, Demas learned all the doctrines, but his heart belonged to Demas, not God. Many today are like Demas. They love Jesus as long as they are in their comfort zone, but when the real test of faith comes, they find their heart really belongs to them, not Christ. They really love themselves above God.

So how can you know if you really love God? Or, as James states it, how can you know if you really have Biblical "faith?" Let me share some things that are not proof of faith.

Knowledge is not proof of faith. I have already referred to Demas and his knowledge of doctrine he would have gained from Paul. Yet, when the test came, when forced to choose between himself and God, Demas choose self. He may have had great knowledge, but he had no faith. Religious experiences are not proof of faith. We read of times and places in which people have had profound religious experiences, only to deny the faith at a later date. I am not talking about the obviously spurious experiences, such as "holy barking" where people crawl on their hands and knees and bark like dogs, saying the Holy Spirit leads them to do it. I am talking about people who have gone to church and been emotionally moved by a sermon or a song which gave them a feeling euphoria and spirituality, but did not change their hearts. I believe the vast majority of people in American churches this very day are such people, and their allegiance is to the experiences they get on Sunday mornings, not to Jesus Christ. Religious activities are not proof of faith. We all know people who never miss a Sunday, never fail to give an offering, never fail in their religious activities, yet whose lives and conduct show beyond any doubt that their hearts do not belong to God.

This is the proof that you have real faith according to the Bible. It is, first, that you trust in Jesus Christ as Saviour, as I spoke of a few minutes ago. It is to believe He died for your sins and has given you an inheritance in Heaven forever as His free gift. It is not only to believe this in your mind, as historical and theological fact. It is to believe it in your heart in a way that leads you to trust in Him alone as your righteousness and acceptance before God. Second, the proof of real Biblical faith is second that you trust in Christ as your Lord and God. This means to have the kind of faith that moves you to love Christ above all things, even your own life. It is to have the kind of faith that gives you a desire to live for Him and overcome sin and do righteousness that is so overwhelming it leads you to fight the good fight in your own life day and night, morning and evening for the rest of your life. It is the presence of both of these dimensions of the faith that makes your faith real faith. In short, real faith makes us become doers of the word, not hearers only.

**O** LORD, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

~ Collect for Rogation Sunday

### *New Nametags*

We had no new nametags today.

### *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

We had no reported anniversaries or birthdays today.

### *After Church Hospitality*

Dru Arnold brought snacks today. Sadly, they were low carb, so no Fatted DogNut, but many kinds of nuts were offered up. Thank you very very much.

After church goodies providers as currently signed up:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
29 May 2011	Dru Arnold
5 June 2011	Dru Arnold
12 June 2011	Dru Arnold
19 June 2011	Dru Arnold
26 June 2011	Dru Arnold
3 July 2011	Dru Arnold
10 July 2011	Dru Arnold
17 July 2011	Dru Arnold
24 July 2011	Dru Arnold
31 July 2011	<b>Opportunity Available</b>

*People in our Prayers* - <http://faithfulcenturionprayerteam.blogspot.com/>

### **Why? Prayer is an extremely important activity.**

It is not that God knows not our needs, for He surely does. Yet, Jesus commanded us to ask God for those same needs. In addition to the obvious of asking God for help, offering thanksgiving and the like, prayer helps us focus our thoughts on how we might do God's work.

The Prayer Team of the Church of the Faithful Centurion was established to help our members and fellow Christians pray for those in need and to give thanks as well for the blessings we have been granted.

### **Who can be on the list? Do I have to be a member of the Church of the Faithful Centurion to be prayed for?**

No! The only qualification to be on the list is that you want our prayer team to pray for you. We are Christians and are happy to pray for you, no matter who you are. If you want help from God, you are our kind of people.

### **What is the commitment from the prayer team?**

Each member of the team will pray for the desired outcome at last once per day.

### **How do I get myself or someone else on the prayer list?**

You can email one of the prayer team leaders: Jack - [jack@faithfulcenturion.org](mailto:jack@faithfulcenturion.org) or Dru - [dru@faithfulcenturion.org](mailto:dru@faithfulcenturion.org), or call the church office at (619) 659-3608 or fill out a prayer card at church.

### **What should I ask for?**

Depends on what you want. Some people merely want God to be asked to heal their ills and be mentioned by their first name, others want a specific outcome and / or have more of their personal information known to the team. Ask for what you want. It is your desire and need for prayer the team is attempting to meet. For typical examples, see the list below.

### **Updating the Team**

If you are on our prayer list, or if you have submitted a person that you have asked us to pray for, please update one of the team members or Hap in person, by telephone or email. It helps to be able to pray specifically for these individuals including their specific needs; plus if they get better, it is nice to give thanks!

Please note that on the yellow (maybe green or orange if you get an old one) cards at church, you can ask that those to be prayed for have their names disseminated to the prayer team. Those names will be said in church and appear here. Or, you can ask that their names and purpose be kept confidential, then only Hap will know to pray for them.

*Prayer List Notice – If you have someone on the prayer list and their needs have changed, please let us know. We are loathe to just stop praying, yet some of the entries are a bit long in the tooth. We don't mind praying, at all. We just want to be praying for what is needed!*

### ***In need of a miracle or understanding of God's Plan***

Todd and Kenny have both been fighting osteocarcinoma for over five years and have been told their time here on earth is nearing its end, absent a miracle from God. Both are ready to go home and leave the pain, but would like to stay. Please pray for them and their families.

### ***Departed***

Mary Parker passed away surrounded by her family the afternoon of 25 May 2011 after a brief hospice stay. Please pray for the repose of her soul and peace of mind through trust in our Lord for her family and friends as they adjust to her loss.

### ***Peaceful Transition***

Otis is in hospice care.

#### ***Beatrice***

Peter Hunter is in hospice palliative care and needs his wife Susan's continuous care. Please pray for peace of mind through trust in our Lord for both of them as Peter passes from this world to his home. Pray also for their friends and family.

### ***Healing***

Andrew Scally is hospitalized with pneumonia and had deteriorated overnight. Please pray the medical team treating him will find a way to knock down the infection so he can recover. Please pray for peace of mind for Andrew and his family, in particular his son Keith who is there to help him. Pray for his trust in our Lord and for both him and his family to let God carry their worries while he recovers.

Steve Sundberg had a heart attack after Easter. Please pray for his complete recovery and for his three children and family who are very worried about him, pray also for his trust in our Lord and for both him and his family to let God carry their worries while he recovers.

Kai Laukkanen, grandson of Bill and Mirjami Laukkanen's grandson, son of Heikki & Casey Laukkanen, born 21 December 2010, has been in the hospital for 3 days in

and out of consciousness. He is weak and the cause is unknown, but may be salmonella.

Please pray for our Lord to enfold Kai and his family with his healing power. Let the power of our Lord guide & strengthen the skills of the medical team at the Children's Hospital of Austin, TX to diagnose and provide care to baby Kai. We thank and praise Him for all the grace and wonders that he bestows upon us all.

*Madelyn Calvert*, 22 Months, for whom we prayed at her birth at 24 weeks and one pound seven ounces, is now in hospital with pneumonia. She is having problems breathing. She seems to feel much better, but still needs oxygen. Please pray for a complete recovery for Madelyn and peace of mind for her family.

*Bill Aitken* had a full knee replacement on 18 April 2011. He was doing pretty well; then he started doing poorly. The night of 30 April 2010, he went to the hospital and after much testing and ruling out, they decided he had a severe infection, which they say he may have picked up in hospital. Now the infection is taken care of he seems to be healing and gaining strength. Please pray for guidance for the team treating Bill and for his recovery. Pray also for guidance for him and his wife Sara.

*Melanie Zimmers* has what appears to be a badly bulged disc at C5-C-6 which is causing radiating pain down her right arm and numbness in her thumb and forefinger. Please pray for resolution of her problem and a good attitude while a means to solve the problem is found.

*Hal Campbell* underwent apparently successful surgery for a cancerous lesion on the inside of his cheek and the associated lymph node on 7 March 2011, at the VA hospital in Seattle where he will undergo six weeks of follow up Chemo and Radiation treatment to hopefully eradicate and cancerous cells that may remain. Please pray for a successful result and for his acceptance of Christ.

*Kyle Thompson*, CPL USMC was injured was seriously wounded while on foot patrol in Helmand Province of Afghanistan on 25 October 2010. He has been released to Camp Pendleton on casual status until his medical condition is clear. Likely he will be medically discharged.

You can reach out to him by emailing his father, Mike Thompson, at [miket4k@yahoo.com](mailto:miket4k@yahoo.com). We may have a new address soon.

*Todd Love*, CPL USMC was seriously wounded while on foot patrol in Helmand Province of Afghanistan on 25 October 2010. Todd and his squad leader, *Kyle Thompson*, were hit by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) during a routine patrol. The IED took both of Todd's legs and part of his left arm. Pray for peace of mind, courage and healing for Todd. Pray for the medical teams treating him.

Send Todd a note or log on to <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/toddlove>.

*Shamim Gray* underwent a lumpectomy on Saturday 6 November 2010 at Bethesda Naval Hospital, with apparent great result. Please pray for a complete remission of the cancer. Pray also Shamim will maintain her great attitude and trust in God.

*Judith Clingwall*, afflicted with Multiple Sclerosis (MS), suffered a major setback in her coping with the disease. She is currently in a extended care facility. Please pray for her strength, peace of mind, trust in God and remission of the disease so she might return home to her family. Pray also for strength for her husband Martin as he deals with all the problems and stress of Judith's situation.

*Becky Madden* is paralyzed from the neck down as the result of a tragic shooting accident. She has made it home and to church in a new donated magic wheelchair. Please pray for further recovery for Becky, as well as strength and guidance for each of those involved.

*George Seddon* woke to excruciating pain the morning of 2 January 2011. Please pray for resolution. He is a pharmacist and church leader in Georgia whose bladder cancer returned spreading to his pelvis a year ago is home after surgery.

Please give thanks for George walking and continue to pray for George's complete healing; pray for peace of mind for George, his wife LaVonda, and their children Megan and George III. Their faith is great, but so is their need.

*Betty Macauley*, Tim's mom, is currently in a state of failing health. Please pray she will gain interest in life around her and actively pursue life here on earth. Please pray for her family, in particular her son Tim, as they try to help her.

*Lauralee* underwent a lumpectomy on Friday after Thanksgiving. A further anomaly has been discovered and she had additional preventative radiation treatment. Please pray for a complete remission of the cancer. Pray also Lauralee will maintain her great attitude and trust in God.

*Luca*, 5 years old, from our church family in Perth, Western Australia, who has just been diagnosed with leukemia. And for his Mum and Dad and extended family.

*Jere Wolfe*, Melanie Zimmers' dad, has cardiomyopathy, a weakening of the heart muscle. The pacemaker installation helped a lot, but he lost ¼ of his weight, so he has to fight his way back. Keep praying for his continued recovery and for him Jere to maintain his trust in the Lord.

*Greg Chase asks that you pray for his family:*

*Diane*, Greg's wife, to see some positive physical signs for the ongoing treatment of her ulcerative colitis, however now she is suffering the effects of shingles

*Phyllis*, Greg's mom, to gain physical strength to overcome her frailties after her recent "small" stroke.

*Wilma* - Healing

*Vince (age 13)*, reoccurrence of cancer, recent testing found a nickel sized tumor in his lungs. The doctors are consulting with a specialist in Houston. Please pray for guidance for the medical team and for peace of mind for Vince and his family.

*Obra Gray* continues to take day by day. Please continue to keep Obra in your prayers, and give him the strength of knowing the Lord is with him and will never forsake him. Obra needs security of what lies ahead of him, and only the Lord can grant the solace to answer his prayer.

*Bashir Ahmed*, father of Shamim Gray, has been blessed with the Lord's breath of life to stay on this earth for the time being. But, things are hard for him and his loving wife, who cares for him. They have two young nieces living with them who see no real need to help, pray for God to enter their hearts. Above all, pray for his entire family to open their hearts to accept all God's love will bring them.

*Kay Denton (Mrs. Kay)* is still home and doing pretty well considering the bones in her neck and hands are degenerating as a side effect of her kidney failure. Her thumbs are not particularly useful any more. Mrs. Kay asks everyone who is praying for her know how grateful she is for their prayers. As always, she retains her trust in the Lord and her positive attitude

### ***Guidance***

*Steve* asks that you pray for difficulties he is having with his family. Please pray that the Holy Ghost will enter into his heart and provide him with the heaven sent inspiration that he needs to see clearly and deal with problems and the courage to do what needs to be done in the manner it should be done.

*Jacquie* to open her heart to God and accept His Love and Grace.

*Hap* asks you to pray that he might be able to trust God will help him make the right decisions at the right time and not to worry uselessly and that he will open his heart to the Holy Ghost.

### ***Economic Guidance and Assistance***

*Keith* has been unable to find any full-time work since his custom home drafting business of 25 years really dropped off last year. He is working as a handyman, doing tile work, painting, home repairs, etc. Pray also for God's peace to comfort them and for His leading and wisdom to be very evident to them.

### ***To Find Employment, Housing and Other Needs***

*Jack* has been laid off from his job as a construction manager in East San Diego County; due to the economy jobs in the field are hard to find. Please pray that Jack will find a job, not necessarily in the construction, that will allow him to use his considerable skills and talents to make his new employer more successful; guide him and his family in this difficult time.

### ***Armed Forces & Contractors***

Airman Donny Patton (RAF Mildenhall, UK), Josh (USCG), Julian (USMC), Jordan (USMC – AIT), Neal (USN-Afghanistan), Trevor (USAF - KC-10 Boom Operator), Trevor (USN – Pilot Training),

### ***Persecuted***

Around the world, Christians are under attack, not only in the Muslim world, but from Hindus and others in India. Also, they are under continual attack in the name of “Separation of Church and State” in the western world, as it becomes actively atheist or pro-devil buddy. Please pray for God’s guidance and protection for all persecuted Christians and those around them.

### ***Thanksgiving***

*Bill* who has battled a drinking problem which has adversely impacted his life and the lives of those around him has not had a drink in three weeks. For that he and his family give particular thanks.

*Kay, age 90*, who had a stroke in March 2011 has completely recovered and only now has residual tiredness so she is only out and about for ½ of each day rather than all day. She thanks everyone who kept her in their prayers. She is very special to Sara.

### ***Various Special Requests***

We ask that you pray, please ask God that the Holy Ghost might give you insight into how you might make the lives of your friends and family better. Remember helping others is not just those who you don’t know!

Please join us in praying for God to fill us with the Holy Ghost, even if (or maybe particularly if) we need Him shoved down our throats, to provide inspiration to grow our little church to the glory of God. Our numbers are building slowly; we need God’s inspiration to figure out where to go next or keep on keeping on. Please pray we will open our heart to the gentle prodding of the Holy Ghost; and not do what we have always done expecting a different result.

Please join us in praying that the *Free Teen Guitar Class* will be continue to be an opportunity for God to work in the lives of the kids and their families. Please ask God to guide the class to new opportunities to make Him known to others. Help us to let the love of our Lord shine through us into their lives, putting Him first, so that He might enter in to their hearts and lives.

### *Question that only you can ask*

What would you like to know about our history, what we believe, what we do or how we operate? Hap is looking for material for the continuing education class and *Thought for the Day* material. Help us help you. Please send your question to Hap so we all can get an answer. Just because you don't know the answer to your question doesn't mean you are the only one who doesn't know. But, if you don't ask, no one will know.

### *I'd like to get a different point across or announce something*

If you have a different point of view, I would be happy to give you room to get your point across. While this publication is my perspective on events, I recognize not everyone may agree and that some people would like to express their own opinion. If you want to write something, please forward your item to Hap (with a note as to whether or not you would like editing help) to: hap@faithfulcenturion.org.

### *Epistle Readers*

We post the list of Epistle Readers in the Beadle's Report each week so you can either plan your attendance or your pre-reading as the spirit so moves you.

Date	Reader
5 June 2011	Dru Arnold
12 June 2011	Jack Arnold
19 June 2011	Dru Arnold
26 June 2011	Jack Arnold

### *The near future, as well as Next Sunday*

#### **Friday**

3 June 2011 – Free Teen Guitar Class Jam Session – Join the FTGC in the Starbucks / Albertsons Parking lot for a great jam session. Everyone is invited. If you play bring your instrument. If you need it, there is a spare guitar and keyboard in the trailer! Manañas afterwards to talk about what a great time we had! **Time 1830 - 2000 (6:30 pm – 8:00 pm) ; Location – Alpine Albertsons Parking Lot – 2955 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, CA**

#### **Sunday**

5 June 2011 – Sunday after The Ascension – Morning Prayer - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

#### **Sunday**

12 June 2011 – Pentecost or Whitsunday – Holy Communion - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**