



Trinity Sunday

Fathers Day

Sunday Report



Today was Trinity Sunday, the beginning of the Endless Green Season, the liturgical color is white, thus the green outlined white letters of the title! We were slightly cooler than usual for this time of year. Sunrise temperature on Mount Olympus was 47°F, by the time church ended the mercury had climbed to 70°F, all under bright blue and clear skies. We ended up with 4 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.

Once again, the gathering song made such an impression that everyone showed on time so as not to miss the song!



Trinity Joke¹

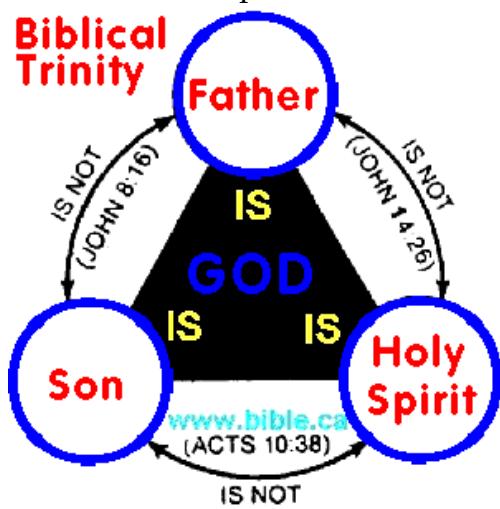
Jesus said, "Whom do men say that I am?"

And his disciples answered and said, "Some say you are John the Baptist returned from the dead; others say Elias or other of the old prophets."

And Jesus answered and said, "But whom do you say that I am?"

Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Logos, existing in the Father as His rationality and then, by an act of His will, being generated, in consideration of the various functions by which God is related to his creation, but only on the fact that Scripture speaks of a Father, and a Son, and a Holy Spirit, each member of the Trinity being coequal with every other member, and each acting inseparably with and interpenetrating every other member, with only an economic subordination within God, but causing no division which would make the substance no longer simple."

And Jesus answering, said, "Say what?"



Fathers Day

Today we prayed for our fathers, those who are with us and those who have gone before us and brought us to this point in our lives.

Fathers Day is a day we celebrate the role of fathers in our lives. But, it is more than that, it is a reminder of what a father's role should be. A father is to be the spiritual head of the family, a provider of both spiritual and earthly needs, the protector, commander, president, judge and most of all - the leader. To lead, you must be ahead of those you lead. Lead means, follow me; not, head that way. A father must live his life for his family. The role comes with privileges, but the privileges are granted only to those who fulfill the responsibilities. Those responsibilities are awesome, but the rewards incredible. Yet, as a father, I assure you, in the words of Paul, we all fall short. But that does not mean we should give up, but rather we must redouble our efforts.

¹ Courtesy of the Rev. Munachi Ezeogu

I share with you my Fathers Day card. I can tell you I have fallen short, but it is clear from the card what I must do in the coming year:



Happy Father's Day Dad!

Thanks for being a good, gracious and very generous father. In particular, thank you for assisting with my studies. Thank you for all you have done this year for our family for Mom and I, and the buddies. We are lucky to have such a wonderful father as yourself! Even though this is a short letter, I hope it properly conveys our respect and admiration for your leadership,

Love,

Jack, Mom, O and the Guys

May God grant each father the strength to live their life in a manner consistent with our duty as a father, husband, brother; and to fulfill the promise we made to God and Family when we accepted the role as a father. We, each of us fall short, but ask God God's help to meet the challenge, in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen

God • Honor • Country • Family

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 minister as a prayer, the Epistle can be read by either a designated reader (as we do in our church) or by one of the ministers and the Holy Gospel, which during the service in our church is read by an ordained minister.

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 Feasts, 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 186-188, with the Collect first:

Trinity Sunday.

The Collect.

AMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Jack Arnold read this morning's Epistle, which was written in the Fourth Chapter of the Revelation of Saint John the Divine beginning at the First Verse. John attempts to show us the majesty and glory of heaven using words. The picture he paints is intended to be awe inspiring and seems to meet that goal handily:

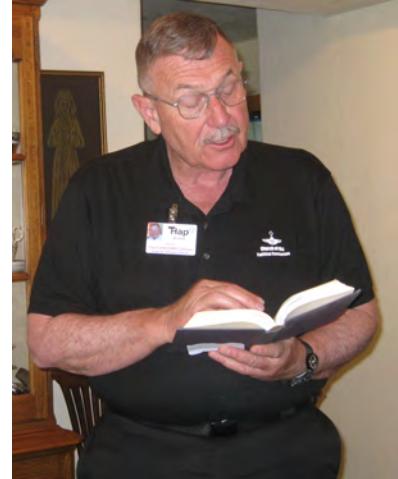
AFTER this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes before and behind. And the first was like a lion, and the second like a calf, and the third had a face as a man, and the fourth was like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night,



saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are, and were created.

Today's Gospel was written the Third Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John beginning at the First Verse:

THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.



Sermon

Today's sermon was on the basic concept of the Triune God, that is the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and how they were introduced to us through time and the Bible in particular. But, for the Sunday Report, I commend to you Presiding Bishop Jerry Ogles' discussion of the Gospel.



Devotion for Trinity Sunday, 19 June 2011 (Gospel of St John 3:1-15)

"*1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. 3 Jesus*

answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, *How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?* 5 Jesus answered, *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.* 6 *That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.* 7 *Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.* 8 *The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.* 9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, *How can these things be?* 10 Jesus answered and said unto him, *Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?* 11 *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.* 12 *If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?* 13 *And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.* 14 *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:* 15 *That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*" (John 3:1-15)

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." In Nicodemus, we see a real sincerity struggling with a political concern for his status on the Sanhedrin. He had obviously heard much of Christ and may have even heard his teachings in the Temple. Something about the Words of Jesus held a strong attraction for him or he would never have risked his position as a ruler by coming at all – even at night! *"Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."* (John 12:42-43) Herein lies a lesson for us: Though Nicodemus demonstrated a weakness in resolve and character by coming at night, God already knows what He will do in the heart of Nicodemus. He will change the heart of Nicodemus and imbue him with greater courage and conviction at the last. When Joseph of Arimethea went to the court of Pontius Pilate to claim the body of Christ, Nicodemus went also and courageously associated himself with the followers of Christ. God knows the end from the beginning – we do not! *"And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight."* (John 19:38-39)

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." To be a citizen of a country, one must be born into the nation, or be naturalized as a citizen. We are first citizens of the fallen

world before we are citizens of the Kingdom of God. Just as we were natural-born citizens of the world, we must become naturalized citizens of Heaven. Only Christ is the natural issue of God the Father. All other sons and daughters must come through the process of adoption. Once adopted, or naturalized, we no longer are citizens of the world but children of God. He chose us and elected us before the Sun and stars were flung into their respective constellations. To a Pharisee, this concept was difficult to fathom. A child does not usually choose his adopted parent ere the parent has chosen him.

"Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" Nicodemus is not being obstreperous, but sincerely cannot grasp what Christ is saying. "**Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**" This answer would evoke profound concerns for Nicodemus who was quite knowledgeable of the many symbolic uses of water in the Temple as a purifying agent. In the mind of a Jewish ecclesiastic, aware of the symbolic use of water, in every variety of way and form of expression, these words were fitted to show that the thing intended was no other than a thorough spiritual purification by the operation of the Holy Ghost. Indeed, the element of water and the operation of the Spirit are brought together in a glorious evangelical prediction of Ezekiel. "*Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.*" (Ezek 36:25-28)

"**That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**" Flesh and Spirit are two entirely different entities. Flesh cannot beget Spirit and neither can true Spirit beget flesh. The thing begotten will bear the image of the parent which begot. The flesh is expressed, not only in the entirety of man, but also in his abject depravity! "*Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*" (Psalms 51:5) "**Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.**" If flesh is so very distinct from spirit, why is it such a marvel that flesh must be born anew into spirit to follow after that Spirit that is Holy? Ye must be born again! – the most import event that can come to pass in the life of a man, woman, or child.

"**The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.**" (John 3:8) I love the majestic beauty of the metaphor used to describe the Holy Ghost! Who, pray tell, has seen the wind? Yet we are absolutely certain of its presence by way of its manifestations of sound and movement. We do not know where it originates, or its destination, but we know of its PRESENCE! We have some advantage in our knowledge of the Holy Ghost. We know it comes from God, and we know its final destination is

Heaven, but what about the in-between present in our lives? We must be born of that Spirit and become like it in our lives – in love, in care, in service, in reverence and adoration of God. Of course, when we become like unto the Spirit, men will not know where we are coming from or where we are going either.

"Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?" (John 3:9) An honest question and one asked with the willingness to know as a child. "Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?" (John 3:10)" This question seems to have relegated Nicodemus to the true status of a disciple – he asks no further questions. He has encountered a depth of wisdom and mystery that has overwhelmed his pride and his standing as a ruler in Israel.

" **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.**" Here Jesus speaks with the authority of One who has been with the Father and seen all things in (and under) Heaven. He is not allowing Nicodemus to fall into some marginal border of rational contemplation. While He has Nicodemus before Him, He will challenge the full measure of the man's understanding to bring him to Faith. "**And ye receive not our witness**".... Not Nicodemus personally for he was beginning to be separate from his Sanhedrin colleagues, but the Temple establishment itself of which Nicodemus was a member.

" **If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?**" Nicodemus failed of understanding even the simple things spoke of which were earthly. He failed even the simple dimensions of understanding. How might he possibly understand the higher things of the Spirit? Actually he could not unless he is born of the Spirit, and this is the result which Christ demands.

" **And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.**" Really? If this be true (and it certainly is) what shall we do with the fad-books we have purchased giving account of men and women who have ascended on high to heaven and returned to write rave reviews about their experiences (for a profit, of course)? ".....**let God be true, but every man a liar.....!**" (Romans 3:4) And so they are (liars) that make such claims. And even if they had descended to Hell, believe me, Hell would have seen fit to keep them!

" **And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up**" God sent fiery serpents among the Children of Israel when they wandered in the Wilderness as a result of their inordinate murmurs and complaints. When the people recanted, God told Moses to make a brazen serpent and attach it to a pole to be lifted up. (Numbers 21) When the people were then bit by the serpents, they could look up to the serpent and live. They perhaps yet suffered pain since sin bears its own scars and consequences. Better to be obedient from the first and avoid the serpents. Well, there is a Serpent loose in the world today. He is here at our own invitation made in Eden. His bite is fatal without the Redemption of the Cross. You are bitten! Look to the Cross of Christ

for Salvation! Why? " **That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.**" Are you still looking down to the bondage of Egypt (sin)? Look up to the Savior who Redeemed you and be set free!

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. Once again, they were low carb, so no Fatted DogNut, but many kinds of nuts were offered up. Oh, and in honor of Fathers Day, some Nutzilla creepeth in from www.nutsonline.com! Thank you very very much.

After church goodies providers as currently signed up:

Date	Name
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	Opportunity Available

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 or Dru - 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'd like to update our prayers to reflect the need and most important to give thanks!

Travel

Paul is in travel this weekend.

Birthday

Hal Campbell celebrated his 62nd birthday on Friday, 17 June 2011.

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

Healing

Morris Martin was hospitalized with pneumonia, he in rehab now and doing well, but irritated by having a feeding tube in until his throat can heal and be retrained. Please give thanks for his recovery and pray for a complete return to health. Please pray for peace of mind for Morris and his family, in particular his son Paul 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. After some time, the medical team treating him decided he was not a candidate for stents and a five-way heart bypass was performed the week of 6 June 2011. Please give thanks for an apparently very successful surgery and also 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.

Matt Alcantara, age 15, has Osteosarcoma (bone cancer), a very rare and often lethal form of cancer with limited treatment options. This is a disease that is about 90 percent fatal in a couple of years. He has no hip joint on one side, but he walks and swims! Courage? Guts? You bet! He goes in for a scan on 20 June 2011, please pray for peace of mind for Matt and his family as they await the scan results. We all hope for clean scans. Thanks be to God for the way things have gone. Thanks also for the great faith of Matt and his entire family. Their faith and trust is a wonderful example for each and every one of us. But, now is not the time to stop praying. Actually, it never is the time to stop praying!

Al Ryan (an ACA Deacon in Portland, Maine) and *Jim Cobb* both sustained serious soft tissue injuries when their truck and trailer rolled on the way to an aircraft recovery in Massachusetts. They are both out of the hospital and recovering, but very sore. Please pray for a rapid and complete recovery for both of them.

Andrew Scally was hospitalized with pneumonia, he is home now and doing well. Please give thanks for his recovery and pray for a complete return to health. Please pray for peace of mind for Andrew and his family, in particular his son Keith who has been 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.

Won King underwent surgery the week after Memorial Day. She is now home, but doctors are having difficulty stabilizing her medication levels. Please give thanks for the successful surgery and pray for guidance for her physicians as they work the medications and for a rapid and complete recovery for her, pray also for both her peace of mind and that of her husband Bishop Hank as she works towards recovery.

Bill Aitken had a full knee replacement on 18 April 2011. He had an infection which now seems under control and he seems to be healing and gaining strength. Please give thanks for the progress and 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. She has been in physical therapy and is set to undergo epidural injections in July 2011. 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. Friday, 17 June 2011, his 62nd birthday, he started his first food by mouth since he finished six weeks of follow up Chemo and Radiation treatment to hopefully eradicate and cancerous cells that might have remained. Please pray for him to be able to eat so that he can have the feeding tube removed, for remission of the cancer and most of all 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. 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.

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 $\frac{1}{4}$ of his weight, so he has to fight his way back. He is getting stronger, but not gaining weight. He now has a bladder infection and is concerned because of the significantly adverse reaction he had to the antibiotics last time. Keep praying for his continued recovery and for him Jere to maintain his trust in the Lord.

Doreen Wolf, mother of Melanie Zimmers, is recovering from Bell's Palsy and still has a bit of difficulty with her foot, but she is mobile, for which she gives thanks.

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, 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.

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

Betsy and Marianne Lane give thanks for a safe cruise vacation about the North Sea!

Hal Campbell gives thanks for completion of chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

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 several 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 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
26 June 2011	Dru Arnold
3 July 2011	Jack Arnold
10 July 2011	Dru Arnold

The near future, as well as Next Sunday

Sunday

26 June 2011 – First Sunday after Trinity – 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

3 July 2011 – Second Sunday after Trinity – 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**