



Faithful Centurion Anglican Orthodox Church

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Report



Today was the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Sunday. The weather was once again picture perfect, clear, semi-dry and pretty warm; 73°F at sunrise, rising to 87°F by the end of church under those same blue skies with a few puffys! With Epistler Ryan Hopkins back from the horse show, we had 4 people present.

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.

We try to pick our gathering songs to have a wonderful message, be easy to sing and suitable for guitar accompaniment. *Amazing Grace* is one of Hap's absolute favorites.

11 September 2001

Today is the tenth anniversary of the attack on our country by operatives of Al Qaeda, the Muslim organization dedicated to ruling the world under a united Caliphate with universal Sharia Law. These people do not represent all those who profess to be Muslims, but they apparently are not rejected, at least publicly, by



anything close to a majority of Muslims worldwide. There are many Muslims, whom the Al Qaeda consider apostate who do reject their ideas. But, the vast majority of Muslims either accept the concepts put forth by Al Qaeda or fear them enough not to publicly reject them.

We hear that we are not at war with Islam. That apparently is true. However, there is a very significant portion of Islam that is at war with us. We need to understand this. We need to make an alliance with those Muslims Al Qaeda and the like consider apostate and eliminate the threat from the others.

On 11 September 2001, the country came together as one. You were either with us or against us. Now, that is no longer true. We are more concerned about increasing the size of our government and increasing citizen dependence to further the aims of government than we are with our country's survival.

Today you will hear of the murder of over 3,000 of our citizens, you likely will have to work very hard to figure out they were murdered by Al Qaeda warriors engaged in what they considered to be a Holy War. Warriors who lived here amongst us for at least six months, then turned on us. All were illegal aliens at the time of the attack, having been legally allowed into this country then overstaying their visas. Remember that when our President refuses to allow deportation of illegal aliens, including his aunt and uncle.

On 11 September 2001, there were heroes, there were murder victims and there were murderers clothed as Holy Warriors. Police officers, firemen, military personnel and countless others "rode towards the sound of gunfire" at the peril of their lives. There were those who did their duty and died or were injured doing it. There were those who did not believe the FAA's directions on hijacking was sound; fought and did not allow their aircraft to be used as a weapon. There were heroes; these were Americans at their best.

Now, just like after 7 December 1941, we are at war. Too bad most of us, particularly in the Executive Branch, have not noticed.

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 or our Deacon Striker.

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.

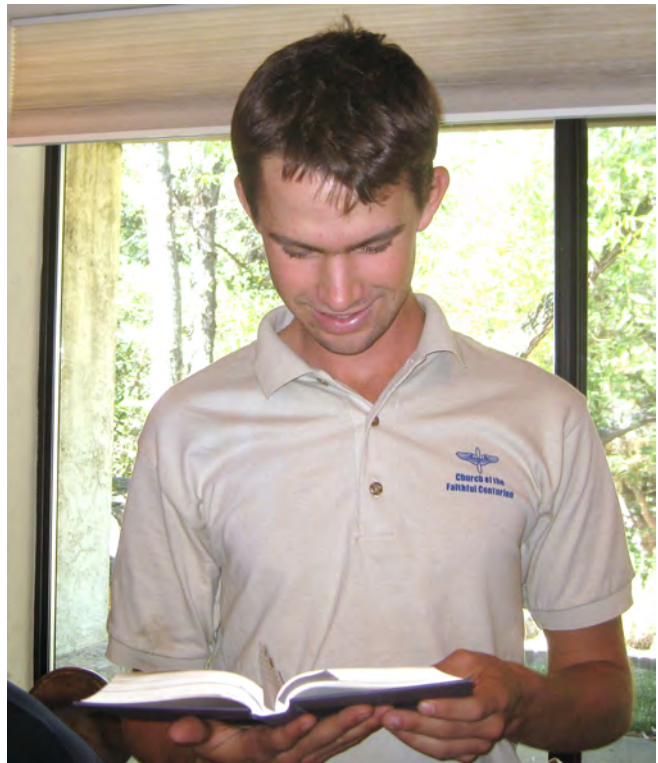
The Propers for today are found on Page 206-207, with the Collect first:

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The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen*

Ryan Hopkins read the Epistle, which came from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, the Third Chapter beginning at the Fourth Verse. Paul reminds us through the Grace of God we can be able ministers of the new testament, on our own we can be in the end no good. If we are able to completely follow the Law, with good intent, we can through that please God, but inasmuch as that is impossible we fall short. The letter of the Law, which cannot be complied with is death. But following the spirit of the Law gives life. That is Jesus' message, for in the Law is death and in the spirit life. For if there is glory in administering the Law, how much more glory is there in the spirit of the Law, which is Jesus' message?



SUCH trust have we through Christ to God-ward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: how shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

Deacon Striker Jack Arnold read today's Holy Gospel which started in the Seventh



Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark, beginning at the Thirty-First Verse. Jesus came in to the coast of Decapolis¹. The people brought unto him a deaf mute. Jesus examined the man, put his fingers in his ears, touched his tongue and said "Ephphatha"², that is, "Be opened." What Jesus did here for the deaf mute physically is what he does for each of us spiritually. Through Jesus, we hear the Word of God and are given the ability to speak it. Conversely, there are none so deaf as those who will not hear and none so blind as those who will not see. It is up to each of us to choose if we will remain blind, deaf and dumb or open our eyes to see, hear and speak the Word of God. When we receive the gift of sight, hearing and speech we embark on a new life of freedom.

JESUS, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis. And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it; and were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Sermon – Time and Action

Today's sermon tied the Epistle and Gospel together and is mainly contained in the forewords above. The Jews could or would not comply with the 613 Mosaic Laws which brought them death. Jesus gave us two laws only to comply with, which though simpler are harder. Love God, Love your neighbor like yourself. Think about it, if you

¹ Decapolis - ten cities=deka, ten, and polis, a city, a district on the east and south-east of the Sea of Galilee containing "ten cities, " which were chiefly inhabited by Greeks. It included a portion of Bashan and Gilead, and is mentioned three times in the New Testament (Matt. 4: 25; Mark 5: 20; 7: 31). These cities were Scythopolis, i. e., "city of the Scythians", (ancient Bethshean, the only one of the ten cities on the west of Jordan), Hippos, Gadara, Pella (to which the Christians fled just before the destruction of Jerusalem), Philadelphia (ancient Rabbath-ammon), Gerasa, Dion, Canatha, Raphana, and Damascus. When the Romans conquered Syria (B. C. 65) they rebuilt, and endowed with certain privileges, these "ten cities, " and the province connected with them they called "Decapolis. "

² Ephphatha the Greek form of a Syro-Chaldaic or Aramaic word, meaning "Be opened", uttered by Christ when healing the man who was deaf and dumb (Mark 7: 34). It is one of the characteristics of Mark that he uses the very Aramaic words which fell from our Lord's lips. (See 3: 17; 5: 41; 7: 11; 14: 36; 15: 34.)

do those two things, you will find you need no other real moral guidance. The problem is just like the Jews, we cannot perfectly follow those either. But, happily for us, Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf accounts us as just before God. So, now that we know that, who do we tell about it? Do we let people know, or do we hide our allegiance to the Lord? If you hide your allegiance, you really have none.

Actions speak louder than words.

Bishop Ogles' message for today

Today's work from Bishop Jerry is on the Holy Gospel for this Sunday. It is very interesting. I cannot commend it to you enough.

Devotion for 11 September 2011 Anno Domini - 12th Sunday after Trinity

" 31 And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of



Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis. 32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. 33 And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; 34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. 35 And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. 36 And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it; 37 And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak. (Mark 7:31-37)

Jesus has been traveling a long and dusty trail from Sidon and Tyre along the coasts of the Mediterranean Sea. He crosses over Jordan to the coast of Decapolis and the Sea of Galilee. The Gospel of St Matthew describes the same scene in a parallel account.

"29 And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the Sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there. 30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: 31 Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel." (Matt 15:29-31)

Amazingly, the observers recognized the power of God working THROU

Jesus, but did not recognize that power IN and OF Jesus. "*And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.* (Luke 7:16) They accepted the prophetic character of Christ but not His Divinity.

"*And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.*" It is natural that one who was deaf would also suffer from a speech impediment. One physical defect often leads to another. Sin is like that, too.

The adultery of David and Bathsheba led to the even more serious sin of MURDER.

This young man had done no sin to warrant such an affliction. The actions of Christ in His compassion to heal him prove two points:

- 1) That it was NOT the will of God that this young man should be afflicted and
- 2) it WAS the will of God that he should be cured.

"*....and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.*" It is interesting that the disciples presume to suggest HOW Jesus should heal this man. They asked Jesus to put His hands upon him.

Apparently, they believed the healing of Christ to be more the FORM than the PERSON of Christ. But Christ will heal according to His will and not our own.

"*And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue*" Jesus led the man apart from the multitude to heal Him. We do not know why He did so, but we do not NEED to know why. The more important point is that He DID heal the man in His own way and not in the way we would expect.

Even to bring us to Himself, God must separate us from the greater multitudes for we are prone, in the face of common superstitions and lack of courage, to continue in the mind of the multitude instead of in the Mind of Christ.

How beautiful the day that Christ took our hand and led us apart from the doubting multitudes and opened our eyes, our ears, and our mouths to praise Him.

Bible scholars often attempt to explain away the mystery of God when such mystery is not revealed in Scripture.

Jesus has done likewise in other settings: "*And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. 23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town.* (Mark 8:22-23)

If we are confined in hospital after a serious illness and remain unconscious for a time, we do not wake up healed completely and ask HOW we were healed. We simply rejoice in the absence of pain and hurt.

"*.....and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; 34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.*"

Just as in is our most serious affliction spiritually, Christ most often forgives the sin before healing the body. Jesus always addresses the most serious affliction first.

(*put his fingers into his ears*) Since the man's speech impediment resulted from His being deaf, Christ heals his ears first.

(*and he spit, and touched his tongue*) He next addresses the speech impediment. The very Fountain from which the Word has its effulgence is the mouth of Christ. From that Fountain comes healing, so He spat upon His finger and touched the man's disabled tongue.

(*And looking up to heaven*) from whence cometh my help...Christ is the Power of God, and He and the Father are One. He will do no thing without the Will and Consent of the Father, so He looks to heaven - as we should do as well in time of need. "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.*" (John 5:19)

When we look upon the world around us, strewn with the dirt and filth of man and cities of gloom and want, what a contrast when, on a clear night, we look up into the pristine heavens and observe Creation untouched by the hands of man, we are humbled by our lack of merit and power. The stars, all conforming to the Law of God's Nature, shining brilliantly in the very places God put them in the beginning. Heaven is where we look for God and His Counsel.

Ephphrata! (Be opened, in the Chaldaic). Just as the dead eyes of Lazarus immediately opened at the voice of Christ, so the ears of this man were subject to the power of God to obey and be opened.

"*And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.*" Though this miracle is great, it is greater than might first appear. When a deaf person suffers from speech impediments due to deafness, they must be taught how to speak if that deafness is removed. But this man spoke immediately and clearly. God does not do shoddy work. His works are perfect in every detail.

"*And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it*" What possibility exist that a man who could not hear or speak will keep silence about such ills being healed by a loving God? The more Christ counseled them to tell no one, the greater they praised Him in shouting it to the world.

Have you held your peace after having Christ heal and forgive you when you were called by His Voice? How could you? But, sadly, many do not speak of Him though they owe their beings to Him.

"*And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.*" If your ears have been opened to the glory of Christ, how could you restrain your tongue from praising Him everywhere?

The people proclaimed: "*He hath done all things well*" This is an echo from the Beginning of Genesis. All that God created and made, He saw that it was very Good. He does ALL things well.

Have you heard the Voice of Christ in the Gospels? Having heard, has the string of your tongue been loosed to proclaim His glory to all you know? Or are you a closet Christian and a secret child of God the Father?

Bishop Dennis Campbell

Today's Sunday Report has a guest sermon by Bishop R. Dennis Campbell. As you may have noticed, we often publish Bishop Jerry and Bishop Dennis sermons and notes. This is because no one I have ever heard does as fine a job at expressing biblical concepts in terms we can understand. Today is one of those times!



Jesus Doeth All Things Well

Mark 7:31-37

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There is an old Gospel song written by Fanny Crosby that says:

"All the way my Saviour leads me, what have to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercies, who through life has been my guide,
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, Here by faith in Him to dwell
For I know what e're befall me, Jesus doeth all things well."

That last line is based on our Gospel reading for today, and I have borrowed it as the title of this sermon, "Jesus Doeth All Things Well."

In the Bible the words are a little different. Found in Mark 7:37, they are "He hath done all things well." These words express a happy conclusion of the speakers. They also express a great deal of surprise, for Jesus has just done some very odd things. For one thing He has just returned from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. These were Gentile areas, places good Jews avoided. Yet Jesus went there, and, while there, He actually helped Gentiles by exorcising a demon from the Syro-Phoenician woman's daughter. Strange works from a Man Jews believed was supposed to lead them in a global war to crush the Gentiles. Even in healing the man in our text, His actions are a little odd. Every one knew He could cast out demons and heal the sick with just a word. He didn't even have to be in physical proximity to them, as is seen in the case of the Syro-Phoenician's daughter. He could heal from afar as easily as from the side of the sickbed. But when this man with an impediment in his speech and deaf ears was brought to Him, Jesus put His fingers in the man's ears, spat, touched his tongue, looked up to Heaven, and sighed. Only then did He say, "Ephphatha," "be opened," and heal the man.

God's ways often seem strange to us. It seemed strange to the Virgin Mary when the angel announced that she would bear a son. It seemed strange to the Jews that a Man who claimed to be the Messiah was born in a barn and grew up in Nazareth and worked as a carpenter. They expected Him to be born in the palace, grow up in wealth, and be trained for war. It seemed strange to the disciples that He allowed Himself to be captured and nailed to a cross. And it really seemed strange when He died. How could this be? How could the Messiah die? But that was not as strange to them as His resurrection. They were terrified when they saw Him (Lk. 24:37). And they were just as shocked at His ascension.

I confess that God's ways often surprise me. I am surprised at the way He allows evil to run free on this earth. I am amazed at the way the righteous and the innocent suffer. I am surprised at the trials His people have to endure in this life. I am surprised at the heresy and schism He allows in His Church. I am surprised He doesn't show Himself in the sky and speak to us in an audible voice, and fix our problems, and end our wars, and throw out the politicians and rule the earth Himself, and throw out the clergy and

rule the Church Himself. Yes, I have read the Bible enough to know some of His reasons for doing what He does, but His ways are still mysterious to me, and such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; I cannot attain it," as our reading from Psalm 139:5 states. Even the Apostle Paul felt this, as he wrote in our reading for Evening Prayer last night;

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out. Who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?"

And yet, we, like those who witnessed the healing of the man in today's Gospel Lesson, must confess, "He hath done all things well." Who among us here today does not see that it is only by the grace of God that we have been preserved in our lives and brought to this place to worship Him today? Who cannot agree that it is only by the grace of God that we have been turned and preserved from sin and evil to love and serve Him? Who cannot say that by His life and death, His resurrection and ascension, those things that seemed at first so strange and unGod like to us, are the very means of our forgiveness and reconciliation to God? Who among us cannot say that the times He led us through what Psalm 84:6 calls, "the vale of misery," have been the very means by which He drew us closer to His side, and strengthened us in the faith? And even in the vale of misery who has not found that the pools are filled with the waters of His comfort? Who here does not see that, though we have not always understood His ways, or even liked them, we are what we are, and we are where we are because of Him, and in all His dealings with us, "He hath done all things well"?

I keep reminding you, and I pray you will not grow weary of it, that the time of Trinity is a time of application; a time to reflect on the way the great doctrines of the Bible apply to us in every day life. Many great doctrines are brought to our attention this morning; the doctrine of the Providence of God, the doctrines of His attributes of unchanging faithfulness, and His steadfast and everlasting love, of the Incarnation and the atonement. There are others, but the application is this; *trust Him*. "He hath done all things well," will He not continue the same tomorrow and for all eternity? Will He not keep His promises to us, everyone of them, and everyone of us, just as faithfully and just as fully in the future as He has in the past? Does God sleep? Has His arm grown weary? Has He become weak? Is He not, as we prayed together in the Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, "more ready to hear than we to pray" and "wont to give more than either we desire or deserve?"

O God who doeth all things well, "Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

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New Nametags

We had no new nametags today.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

We had no birthdays or anniversaries today.

After Church Hospitality

Today after church we had some nice low carb snacks, pork rinds, nuts and the like. Next week dog nuts!

After church goodies providers as currently signed up:

Date	Name
18 September 2011	Dru Arnold
25 September 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

Loretta is on travel this week.

Move

The Thomas Family is on a short tour assignment in Guam for the next two years. Please pray for the assignment to go well for Kurt and for Mary and the kids to make new friends and Christyna and Mitchell in particular to develop good friends and school mates there so as to further their development.

Birthday

Shamim Gray celebrated her 44th birthday 4 September 2011.

Sandra Lee celebrated her birthday 14 August 2011.

Ryan Hopkins celebrated his 21st birthday 14 July 2011.

Homebound or Infirm

Sara's mother is in a state of deteriorating health. Please pray for peace of mind for her and the ability for both Sara and her mother to put their cares and worries on God's shoulders so they can deal with the many problems involved.

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.

Healing

Gil Garcia had heart problems on 10 August 2011. It turns out he has Congestive Heart Failure. The medical team is trying to work out medications to get a good fluid level in his blood stream, yet not allow pooling in the chest area, while getting his rapid heartbeat under control. He is home from Kaiser Fontana, not far from where worked when he was the comptroller at Kaiser Steel! Please pray for guidance for the team treating Gil to get his medication levels right. Pray also for peace of mind for Gil and his wife Mary.

Dotty Valkenaar has been diagnosed with a reoccurrence of breast cancer and had a double mastectomy and no reconstruction on 23 August 2011 in Seattle. Seemingly everything went very well, however there have been complications in the recovery and she remains hospitalized. Please give thanks for the surgical team doing their best, for the good result and pray for continued peace of mind through trust in God for Dotty and Lew, her husband, as well as their entire family.

Lew Valkenaar developed ankle and leg pain and swelling in his lower right leg. On his way to visit wife Dotty (see above) he stopped to check in with his doctor. A serious blood clot in the leg finds him not visiting Dotty, but hospitalized with a Heparin drip trying to dissolve the clot. Please pray for Lew's clot to dissipate so that he can get on with the business of taking care of Dotty.

Bill Aitken had a full knee replacement on 18 April 2011. He had an infection which set things back, then needed an additional operation the week of 25 July 2011. Now a mass has been found in the abdominal area and he underwent explorative surgery on 4 August 2011. It seems things are going okay, but the mass has yet to be identified. Please pray for guidance for the team treating Bill and for his recovery. Pray also for peace of mind for Bill and his wife Sara.

Ryan Hopkins managed to injure his back somehow. Please pray for the medical people treating him to pay attention and figure out what the problem is, then come up with a workable solution. Give Ryan patience while all this happens.

Loretta Walker underwent gall bladder surgery on Friday, 1 July 2011. The surgery was expected to go fairly smoothly, but there was more to it than expected. She required a second surgical attempt, which did not solve the problem. She is home recovering and gaining strength for a third surgery the afternoon of Tuesday 30 August 2011. Please pray for her to develop a good attitude, trust in the Lord, as well as eat and in particular drink at home. Pray for her family, in particular her daughters Tricia and Jenny and granddaughters Whitney and Cayenne who are taking care of her. Please give thanks for her successful surgery and pray for a complete return to health. Please pray for peace of mind for Loretta and her family, in particular her daughters who are there to help her. Pray for her trust in our Lord and for both her and her family to let God carry their worries while she recovers.

Morris Martin, 91, was hospitalized with pneumonia, he in rehab now and doing well, he has been irritated by having a feeding tube in until his throat can heal and be retrained, but he has responded with renewed effort when he failed the swallow test on 21 July 2011. He had a bit of a fever from which he seems to have recovered; it is hard, but he is strong. Give thanks for his great attitude and trust in God. Pray for strength and peace of mind for Morris and his family, in particular his son Paul. 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! Matt's scans on 20 June 2011, were CLEAN! 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!

Andrew Scally was hospitalized with pneumonia, he is home now and doing very well, spending more and more time off the supplemental oxygen. 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 had difficulty stabilizing her blood thinning medication levels; but all seems fine now. Please give thanks for the successful surgery and medication setting.

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, is afflicted with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). She is currently in Laurel Place, an extended care facility in Surrey, British Columbia. Judith's condition seems stable a present, although the medication levels have been increased. Please pray for her to take an active part in her own life, 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 ¼ 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, has a positive attitude dealing with the ongoing treatment of her ulcerative colitis. They are grateful for a positive attitude and would be pleased to see physical progress.

Phyllis, Greg's mom, has stabilized as the result of the good home care she is receiving and recently celebrated her 89th birthday.

Wilma is at home after three weeks in the hospital and is working on building strength for a planned hip replacement in August 2011.

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, to change those things he can change, accept those things he cannot change and that he will open his heart to the Holy Ghost.

Armed Forces & Contractors

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

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

The Thomas Family gives thanks for safe travel last week to their new assignment in Guam.

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.

Epistleers

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

Date	Reader
18 September 2011	Ryan Hopkins
25 September 2011	Dru Arnold

The near future, as well as Next Sunday

Sunday

18 September 2011 – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity – 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**

Sunday

25 September 2011 – Fourteenth 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

2 October 2011 – Fifteenth 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

9 October 2011 – Sixteenth 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

16 October 2011 – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity – 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**

Sunday

23 October 2011 – Eighteenth 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

30 October 2011 – Nineteenth 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**