



Second Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Report



Today was the Second Sunday after Trinity Sunday. Summer is here, sunrise temperature on Mount Olympus was 52°F, by the time church ended the mercury had climbed to 83°F, all under bright blue and clear skies. 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.

As everyone knows, we love *Amazing Grace*! It is a favorite among sinners.

On Point

Someone asked, where do the quotes come from? The answer is from the people who uttered them. But, how did you find them? Oh, that. This time the very first are gift from Rev Geordie Menzies-Grierson, others are from Bishop Jerry, still others from Rev Bryan Dabney, a few from other places, but



overall mostly from Bryan. He always has a few great ones to share. So, on to the On Point quotes –

For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.
Luke 14:24

They were invited, yet they would not come; but others shall come, and fill the tables, and the great feast shall be furnished with guests. No provisions of mercy will ever be wasted. If you who are the sons and daughters of godly parents, or you who are the regular hearers of the Word, will not have Christ, then others shall. If you hear, but hear in vain, then the rank outsiders shall be brought in, and they shall feed upon the blessed provisions of the infinite mercy of God, and God shall be glorified; but terrible will be your doom when the great Giver of the gospel feast says concerning you and those like you, "None of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper."

*C. H. Spurgeon's Expositions
compiled by Larry Brown*

By comparison with God's perfect understanding, we are like a man inside a barrel looking through a bunghole.

R. R. Brown

The sceptic may truly said to be topsyturvy; for his feet are dancing upwards in idle ecstasies, while his brain is in the abyss.

G. K. Chesterton

We have much to do and little time in which to get it done!

A. W. Tozer

Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.
Psalm 66:16

Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed; to turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey; and that they may rob the fatherless!

Isaiah 10:1-2

The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net.

Micah 7:2

But he that receiveth seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

St. Matthew 13:23

For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. But take heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

St. Mark 13:22-23

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:13

Preach the word...

II St. Timothy 4:2

I fear much for many professing Christians. I see no sign of fighting in them, much less of victory. They never strike or stroke on the side of Christ. They are at peace with his enemies. They have no quarrel with sin. I warn you, this is not Christianity. This is not the way to heaven.

JC Ryle

19th century Anglican bishop and author

To my mind it is wholly irresponsible to go into the world incapable of preventing violence, injury, crime, and death. How feeble is the mind-set to accept defenselessness. How unnatural. How cheap. How cowardly. How pathetic.

Ted Nugent

20th and 21st century American guitarist and patriot

Carnality and corruption creep into the spiritual and political realm of our life like cancer and deteriorate the whole fabric of state and society. Even the church is becoming a cold storage of Christians whose conscience, moral and spiritual values and witnesses are highly frozen forming a degraded crowd.

Rev. Gummappa Anand Kummar

21st century Anglican Orthodox minister and mechanical engineer in India

Every educational system has a moral goal that it tries to attain and that informs its curriculum. It wants to produce a certain kind of human being. This intention is more or less explicit... There is one thing a professor can be absolutely certain of: almost every student entering the university believes, or says he believes, that truth is relative. The danger they have been taught to fear from absolutism is not error but intolerance. Relativism is necessary to openness; and this is the virtue, the only virtue, which all primary education for more than fifty years has dedicated itself to inculcating.

Allen Bloom

20th century American scholar and author
The Closing of the American Mind, pp. 25-26

Regardless of the particular problem facing Americans today, too often the first question asked is, "When is the government going to save us?" At the most fundamental level, this question is a socialist response to private concerns. Free men in a free society do not look to government for solutions to private matters. Why? Because government is not God; it cannot "give" to one unless it first takes away from another. The "taking" mechanism of big government is that characteristic which tramples upon the liberty of its citizens. We do not live in a free society when the government can take our property in the form of taxes and give it to others.

Al Benson, Jr. and Walter Donald Kennedy

20th and 21st century American political commentators and authors
Lincoln's Marxists, p. 48)

Did you empower the government to impair the freedom of us all because of the mania and terror of a few?

Andrew Napolitano

20th and 21st century American jurist, author and Constitutionalist.

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. 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 church service 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.

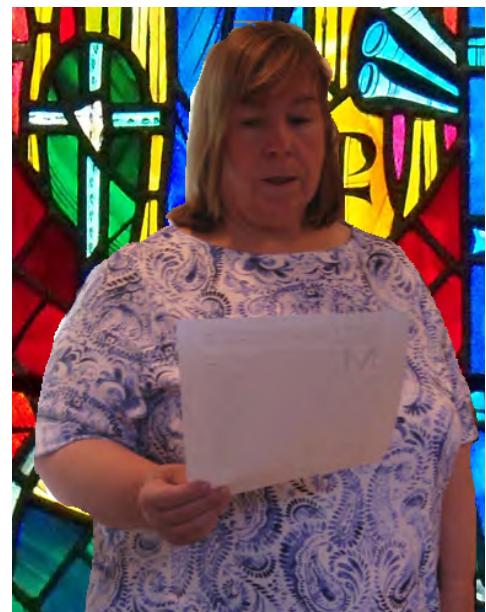
The Propers for today are found on Page 191-192, with the Collect first:

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The Collect.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dru Arnold read today's Epistle, which came from the Third Chapter of St. John's First Epistle, beginning at the Thirteenth Verse.

MARVEL not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him,



because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

John gave us God's commandment: That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another. We are exhorted to love one another not in word only, but in deed and in truth. We are to carry out the word we have been given, not just to repeat the words.

Actions speak louder than words. If we are to lead people to Christ, we must be in front of them showing the way.

Hap Arnold read today's Holy Gospel which started in the Fourteenth Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the Sixteenth Verse. This is another of Jesus' stories. This one is of a rich man who made a great supper; a thing of great value in times of hunger.

ACERTAIN man made a great supper, and bade many: and sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.



Are we like the busy people, are our lives so filled with important activities that we have no time to come to the Lord's Supper? Think about that when you set your bedtime on Saturday, think about that when you schedule the outing for Sunday morning.

Sermon – Reverend Deacon Jack Arnold - Time and Action

Today's sermon brought the Collect, Epistle and Gospel together and is partly contained in the forewords above.

Consider these words from the Collect:

... who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name...

We must acknowledge God will help and lead us if we will look to him for that help and leadership. We need His Help, in the form of the Holy Ghost, to direct our hearts, minds and souls to look to Him for that Help in our time of need.

Speaking of time of need; when do we need God? Only when we are falling short of perfection. That would be all the time.



The Epistle is a great illustration of why we need guidance from the Holy Ghost all the time. If we want God's love, we have to love those around us. That is pretty easy. It is easy to love people. The problem is that we actually have to act on that claim of love, not just say we love them. We have to give of our time and effort to help those around us who have problems. John tell us "And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us."

So how far do we have to go to fulfill our obligation to love our fellow beings? We have a leader, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is *not only* the Propitiation for our sins¹, but who set the standard for our performance. As John reminds us, "He laid down his life for us." So, too much work or I don't have time are probably not valid excuses.

Speaking of time, many times people put off church for other "more important" things, do you? Like the certain man who made a great supper, the Lord sets aside a time

¹ Book of Common Prayer, the Comfortable Words, Page 76

every week for us to worship with Him. Actually His time is pretty flexible. The Lord's worship can be done at times other than 1000 on Sunday morning if you really do have to work, you have weekend duty, you are on alert or something you really cannot get out of. But, where are your priorities? Is a football game, a fishing trip or just plain sleeping in the "reason" for your failing to show for the great supper? When you fail to plan ahead, you plan to fail.

The Gospel is about more than just going to church, it is about priorities. We need to put the things that are really important in the list of things to do above the things that are not really important. We need to think about what is important to us and to God. Sometimes they are different. Then, we need the Holy Ghost to get our priorities in order.

People do what is important to them. When they feel guilty they come up with excuses, but in reality, they please themselves.

So, what we need to do is ask the Holy Ghost for help to make God's agenda ours; thus when we please God, we please ourselves. A win – win situation.

If we do not make time for God, how do we expect Him to make time for us? If we will not diligently study the lessons He has left for us, how can we expect to know what He wants us to do?

Do you recall the words of GK Chesterton:

"Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried."

We need to come to church and read the Bible so we can find out what God wants. But, the idea is not to find out what He wants so we can work around it or live with it, but rather live in it. Think about the 613 Mosaic laws and the Pharisees who made a good living telling people how to comply with them to the letter and still do just what they wanted to do.

If we find out what God wants and decide to actually do it instead of avoid it, we are still faced with an often huge problem of where do we get the strength to accomplish this task. The answer is circular, from God, the Holy Ghost. He never asks us to do anything we cannot do good enough for Him if we rely on Him. Never.

Heaven is at the end of an uphill trail. The easy downhill trail does not lead to the summit.

The time is now, not tomorrow. The time has come, indeed. How will you ACT?

It is by our actions we are known.

Be of God - Live of God - Act of God

Bishop Ogles' Sermon

We are oft fortunate to get copies of Bishop Jerry's sermon notes. Today is one of those Sundays. Today's sermon starts off with the collect, and like always, it will give you a lot to consider in your heart.

Sermon Notes

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Saint Andrew's Anglican Orthodox Church
God or Mammon?
9 June 2013, Anno Domini

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The Collect.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The First Lesson (Third Set of Propers)

1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision. 2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; 3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep; 4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. 5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. 6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him. 8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child. 9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

11 And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. 12 In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. 13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. 14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever. 15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision. 16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I. 17 And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee. 18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good. (I Samuel 3:1-18)

Samuel was a child that came by way of the direct miracle of God just as Adam had come to be....just as Isaac was born to Sarah long past child-bearing years....and John the Baptist by the same means.....and even like unto that greatest of all miracles of birth – Jesus Christ by means of a young virgin. It is heart-breaking to read of the sorrows of Hannah and the humiliation she experienced from Peninnah (1 Sam 1:2) the fruitful wife of Hannah's husband, Elkanah. Though to man, it was not possible for Hannah to bear a child, yet she took her burden before the Lord in grief and longing and He granted her conception (just as He grants to every mother of children common to mankind). Of course, the gift of conception was not without obligation – and neither is the birth of any child given without obligation. Even at the instant of conception, God is forming, not that which will BECOME a boy or girl baby, but a boy or girl that He has already created through conception – it is purely and wholly a human life – make no mistake about it. In the case of Hannah, her obligation was a particular one based upon her promise to the Lord: *And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.* (1 Sam 1:11) Not all mothers are bound by such a particular vow, but they are definitely bound by the natural law of God to nurture the child physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We, in the Anglican Church, even provide a backup in fulfilling that role of the mother and father in the provision of Godparents who vow to do all possible to see to the child's spiritual nurturing.

Today's narrative begins with a curious introduction: "And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision. May I point out from the start that the Word of the Lord is always precious, but the value of a precious stone is always increased by its rarity! The true and untarnished (by modern translation manipulations) is enhanced in value for our day due to its growing rarity. *11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: 12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.* (Amos 8:11-12)

When we observe the moral ruins of our modern landscape, particularly in America, we are forced to admit that there is no open vision for the things of God, or even a high regard for His Holy Word (even in most churches). The comparative states of modern America and Israel of that day enjoy many parallels. Just as America, having escaped the bondage of Europe, came into being through the Beneficence and Providence of God through the labors of our Godly Founding Fathers, so did Israel come out of Egypt into the Promised Land after experiencing the challenges of the Wilderness Journey. Having crossed Jordan Waters into the Land of Promise, they had only God to be their Ruler, and they were most blessed among all nations of the earth. The same was true of the Founding documents of America which appealed to God for protection and guidance. But, as disobedience to God's Law grew out of a complacent regard for the Holiness of God, Israel was given judges to divide and interpret the laws of society. Israel began to reject God as her King and choose, rather, the fashions and customs of those ungodly nations over which God had given them the preeminence. The descent into the dark abyss is never partial, but is expedited by the powerful draw of the central maelstrom toward which they have drawn nearer and nearer. Judges, though begun in earnest intent, will always lead to the errors of man if unrestrained by the biblical constitution. The rule of the Judges led to a chaotic society in which every

man did according to whatever he could get advantage in doing. There will forever be a king over a people whether of God, or of faulty men: *In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.* (Judges 21:25) If God is not our King, we will presume to be our own king. When god is not our Ruler, lawlessness and a failure of honor will always result. Wake up, America!

Now, God has a means of providing an “open vision” for Israel just as He did for America at our own founding. He will raise up a man through whom He may provide that vision – the prophet Samuel! Long before Hannah ever made her first journey with Elkanah up to Shiloh to worship, God had called Samuel from the misty dawn of Eternity Past to be a Prophet in Israel for such a time as this. God had, and used, a means whereby Hannah would be drawn to dedicate her first-born, Samuel, to the service of the Lord. It was not Hannah’s real decision, but one which God caused her to see and do. Are we, who call ourselves by the Name ‘Christian’ following that will of God as He rules in our lives, our do we judge for ourselves the things that seem “right in (our) own eyes.”

Need I tell you that all men do not equally hear the Voice and summons of the Lord – even those to whom is given the authority of Holy Orders by the Church! Eli was a priest, however, he had not raised up his own sons in the godly admonition of the Lord (a sin) and was not worthy of the same level of revelation received by the fair young child, Samuel. (see 1 Samuel 2:11-18). Please observe the manner in which God calls Samuel – the keen ears of Samuel in hearing god’s call, and the dull ears of Eli to hear the same Voice! Read carefully the following passage: ; 3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep; 4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. 5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledest me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. 6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him. 8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child. 9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

Noteworthy is the fact that Samuel, even before he knew the Lord, heard that Voice calling from the dark shadows of the Temple; but the priest of the Lord who presumably knew Him, could not hear. Aren’t the works and mysteries of the Lord in His ways beyond our finding out? Another important observation in the calling of Samuel is the fact that God does not relent in calling His chosen vessel. If the Call is not comprehended at first, God will (as the Hound of Heaven) continue calling until the message is received and acted upon. It may also be observed that the called of God continue to need counsel from others. There are no Know-It-Alls in the Kingdom of Heaven except the All-Knowing Triune God. Samuel sought confirmation continually from his elder in the Temple. I hope and pray that we, as the servants of the Lord (every Christian), will hear and respond to the Voice of the Lord in all our ways.

There is a sharp-edged warning to parents in America, and all places, in the words of the Lord rendered against Eli for failing to: 1st) raise up his sons in the nurture and truth of God's Law, and, 2ndly) for not restraining his sons for doing evil. The parents of our nation face a great judgment of God for our failure to raise our children under the Godly model. Read what God says to Samuel: *11 And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. 12 In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. 13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. 14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.* When God brings judgment, He often brings the final condemnation with it. It is interesting to note that Eli died of a broken neck following the loss of the Ark in battle to the Philistines. Beware the judgment of God when it comes, for it brings with it the suffering of the innocent along with the guilty. Israel was roundly defeated by the avenger – the Philistines because of their own sins, and particularly the sins of their priesthood. What of the sins of the modern clergy of churches who call good, evil, and evil, good? They have been complicit with the enemies of God and shall be the means by which a great and Godly nation has fallen.

Moral cowardice and greed are the tow prongs of the modern ministry that has led America down the primrose path to moral depravity and materialism. Such devices may lead us individually down the same path as well. It is not enough to hear and know the Voice of the Lord, we must have the courage to proclaim it – even to those who hold the sway of power over us: *15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision. 16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I. 17 And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee. 18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.* Even the weak and wavering Eli recognize the authority and intent of god once spoken to him by Samuel, the young prophet recently called of God. Are we, fellow Christians, fearful of showing the vision of God to others, particularly those in government? Or do we allow the deleterious will of Satan to go unchecked in the name of governmental authority. There is no division or separation of church and state in the US Constitution, but there is a protection of the Church FROM state. "Congress shall make NO law respecting the establishment of religion, or PROHIBITING the FREE EXERCISE thereof." How much plainer could this clause be? If the Congress has made NO law respecting the establishment of religion, which law is it that the US Supreme Court is ruling upon that forbids the free expression and exercise of religion at all times and at all places?

I believe America is entering into a judgment of god that has been preceded by innumerable warnings and amazing acts of God. Like Eli, we have not heard God's Voice in the earthquake, the destroying winds, and the vulnerability of our tall towers to the wicked intent of the enemy. America has lost her vision (there was no open vision in Israel). We have turned "as the dog to his vomit, and as the sow to wallowing in the mud." *But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.* (2 Peter 2:22) We have even been encouraged to do so by the modern church. Israel grew weary of having God as their King and petitioned, later, to Samuel to give

them a king ‘like all the other nations.’ This broke Samuel’s heart, but God told Samuel to give them a king according to their desires – such a king would rob and steal all of their substance including their sons and daughters. Do we not see the same in our own day? This warning of God applies to nations as well as individuals: *Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.* (Gal 6:7) The window for repentance of the nation draws narrow. Shall we hear the Voice and repent in time to forego that horrible judgment that is surely coming to our fair shores? Shall we again have God as our King, or shall we prefer Mammon?

Rev Bryan Dabney of Saint John's Sunday Sermon

We are fortunate to have Bryan’s Sunday Sermon. If you want people to come to The Truth, you have to speak the truth, expouse the truth and live the truth. This is really a good piece and I commend it to your careful reading.



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In I Corinthians 13:1-13, we find the word charity being set before us several times by the apostle. Being that he was a good teacher, St.

Paul was attempting to ingrain its meaning in our minds for a godly purpose. The English word charity is derived from the Latin word for “dear” which is “carus” and refers to “a dear person”, or a “spiritual benevolence toward another”, or “brotherly love”. It is used 27 times in the Authorized Version where it was translated from the Greek word “agape”. Benevolent, caring, good intentioned love is what we understand charity to mean from our reading of Scripture. For it is this type of love, which God through Christ has extended to us, that we also are to extend toward our brothers and sisters in Christ.

St. Paul warned that without charity, all our works are as nothing in the eyes of God. We must love the brethren. We are commanded to do so by our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. In St. John 15:12 our Lord said, This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. And St. John wrote in his first epistle (2:10) that He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. And in another place in that epistle he wrote (3:16) Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. Finally in this same epistle, he wrote (4:7-8) beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. To quote Matthew Henry in part, “Christian love must possess our souls when we go to God in prayer. To this end we must remember that God expects each of us 1) to forgive those who have offended us, and 2) to seek reconciliation with those whom we have offended. As good will toward men was proclaimed in heaven, so good will towards men— particularly to the brethren— must be carried in the hearts of those who go God.”

Some Christians fail to realize their true potential because they have not “agape” or charity in their hearts. Their fruitlessness is problematic for them because as the apostle warned without charity their works are as nothing. Consider the account of our Lord’s healing of a blind man as found in St. Luke’s gospel (18:31-43). Here we find this man calling out to our Lord for his mercy. Isn’t interesting that even in his state of physical blindness that the man recognized our Lord Jesus as the son of David, that is to say, the Messiah. And what was our Lord’s response? He called the blind man to him and asked him what he could do for him. The man then replied, Lord, that I may receive my sight,

to which our Lord responded, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. What a gracious act of loving kindness. This same benevolent love is requisite of each and every person who bears the name of Christ. We are to love the brethren and our neighbor; but more especially the brethren. We should be willing to do for them as we can because we can. Seeking to do good should not be a chore for us anymore than we would expect God to consider helping us a chore.

In today's Gospel, St. Luke 14:16-24, our Lord communicated his desire for all who will come to enjoy his gifts and blessings just as he gave freely to the blind man as noted above. God does not say to his elect, "Oh, you are too much trouble", or, "I don't have time for you", or "Your requests are too burdensome", or, "Ever thought about helping yourself for a change?" You will not find such remarks coming from him. He loves his us and seeks our good. And, as we have experienced his love, so are we expected to show the same to those around us. In fact, we are required to do so, though we ought to do so willingly. We all have different gifts and talents which God himself has given to us as members of the body of Christ. To some have been given the ministration of the word; to others the ministration of healing; still others are given the ministration of various works, and so on.

The table of our Lord is set. The meal has been prepared. All one need do is go to him and receive of him. He loves you. He died for you. Will you not come when bidden to such a great supper? Only those who have a heart for God— those who in their blindness are seeking to have their eyes opened upon hearing the words of our Lord— will come to his supper and will rejoice over being invited in the first place. Unworthy sinners know their condition and are humbled by our Lord's calling. His blood makes the unworthy sinner worthy. His blood covers a multitude of sins. His grace is all sufficient. No other name has been given to us for salvation. Believe and accept him and then turn and be healed of the malady of sin. You possess no sin too big, too ugly, or too burdensome that Jesus Christ cannot lift from you and count it voided in its power over you. But the first thing you must do is see the need to come and then to indeed come.

God has plans for you and he has work for you to do as well. There are a multitude of ministries and offices to be exercised for which the Lord has appointed those who are called of him to carry out. So, then, how does one know their particular calling? Because faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17), we receive our gifts after having come to God through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. For once we are sealed by him as regenerate believers, he then will give to us the gifts of the Spirit. For it is only by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost that we are given to know our particular talents and gifts which we are to then use in his name.

Nevertheless, we must be obedient to his word written and not take upon ourselves to do those things which he has not called us to do and which are specifically prohibited to us by his word and commandment. Being considerate of his word is a fundamental part of our service to him. I have witnessed too many souls who decided in and of themselves to become ministers of the word. This they should not have done. Just as Jeroboam took it upon himself to appoint men priests who had no business being in the service of God, so these modern-day Jeroboams have determined to replace God's standards with their own. There are even churches that have substituted their commentary on the Scriptures in place of the Scriptures. This is what the Bible calls the way of Cain, and it is nothing more than "will worship", or the offering to God something that he does not desire in place of that which he seeks (St. Jude 11)— all of

which is unacceptable. If God did not call you, do you really expect the Lord to bless your life and ministry?

Above all, we should love the LORD our God, who gave himself for us that we might have eternal life in his coming kingdom. Loving God, means being obedient to his will and walking in his ways. If he loved us, who knew him not as LORD, should we not also tell of his love to others that they too might come unto him as we were called? Indeed, we should. Our success as witnesses is not measured solely in mere numbers, but in our obedience. If we are following the truth of God's word written, then we will not do or act without seeking his guidance, and we will conform to the standards set forth in his word written. Obedience is the first step in having fellowship with the Godhead. Therefore be humbly accepting of his word, and lean not on your own understanding.

Let us pray,

FATHER God, help us to daily keep thy commandments; that those who hear our witness and see our works will give glory unto thee and love thee as their Lord and God; for this we ask in the name of him who now sits at thy right hand ever making intercession for thine elect, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Have a blessed week, Bryan+

After Church Hospitality

Sadly, no after church snacks. The same story every week, is it not? The fact is that we are supposed to be on a low carb diet and there really aren't any low carb snacks that appeal to us. So, with no fatted dog nut in sight, we were out of luck! Please someone, between now and next Sunday invent some no-carb dog nuts.

After church goodies providers as currently signed up:

Date	Name
16 June 2012	Opportunity Available – Third Sunday after Trinity
23 June 2012	Opportunity Available – Fourth Sunday after Trinity
30 June 2012	Opportunity Available – Fifth Sunday after Trinity
7 July 2012	Opportunity Available – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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 least 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

The entire Langstaff family from Perth is on an *Around the World in 90 Days* tour. Right now they are back in York, UK visiting Paul's mum, Mrs. Kay on the list further down! Details here:

<http://langytravel.blogspot.com>

Birthday

Laurel Bessesen celebrated her 90th birthday on 26 April 2013.

Loss of Home

Sarah who lost her home and all the contents when her house caught fire and burned to the ground near the end of January 2013. Her beloved dog was taken in the fire. Please pray for Sarah as she has many decisions at this time and help her to know Jesus will be with her to help to make the "crooked road straight."

Move

Jason Naylor and his lovely wife Marla are currently stationed in Southwest Asia, probably through the end of 2013. Pray for their continued safety and a reasonably tolerable stay in that part of the world.

Ryan Hopkins has moved to Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, to study Dressage Riding through June 2014. Please pray for God's guidance in his life as he works and studies.

Help him to see where God would like him to go from here and how he should get there.

The Thomas Family is on a short tour assignment in Guam through August 2013. Please pray for the assignment to continue to go well for Kurt and for Mary and the kids to make new friends. In particular pray that Kristyna and Mitchell will develop good friends and schoolmates there so as to further their development as both Christians and citizens. Things seem to be going well where the sun rises on the United States, so keep praying! Give thanks and ask for continued good developments.

Departed

Becky Madden passed away in May after being paralyzed from the neck down as the result of a tragic shooting accident. Her husband is not doing well with all this. Please pray for strength and guidance for her husband.

Inez passed away on 15 May 2013, after a hard fought battle with the results of a right brain ischemic stroke 18 March 2013. Please give thanks for her time here and pray for those who she has left behind that they might put their sadness with our Lord and be happy for Inez.

Kathy is in great need of your prayers, both her mother and sister died. Please pray she can let God carry her sorrow and help her to adjust to their temporary separation.

Nearing the end of their time here on earth

Reba is nearing the end of her time here on earth. Please pray her transition from here to home will be peaceful and with little distress. Pray also for strength and guidance for her family who are here with her now and will of necessity remain behind; in particular for her daughter Lynn with whom she lives and her son in law Bill. Pray for the love of God to stay foremost in their hearts.

Polly is in hospice care with dementia and spinal stenosis. Please pray for her as she prepares to go home to be with her family who have gone before her. Pray for the faith of her family to build and the transition to be good.

Homebound or Infirm

Lou has aspiration pneumonia. Please pray for the infection to be knocked down and for her continued recovery.

Frank has been coping with various ailments from older age. He is in his 90s and it has been a difficult year. Pray he will find comfort in God, that those who provide care to him will pay attention to him, do their best and give him the love we all desire. Pray that the coming year will provide relief to him.

Norma, Sara's mother is in a state of deteriorating health, both physically and mentally, with both onset dementia and Alzheimer's. She is slowly drifting away, though she still recognizes Sara and prayer gives her a sense of peace. Please pray 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

Pat has been under treatment for colon cancer for sometime. He has had major complications the last few days and your prayers will be appreciated by family and friends.

Jo an elderly women has had a spinal disk infection and been on antibiotics for a long time. Jo was getting better but has had a downward spiral. Please pray that she will be kept comfortable. She needs a miracle to stay here or God's Grace to go home.

Sasha a young lady with a husband and two children had diagnosed with breast cancer whose cells have spread. . It would appear there is no viable treatment at this time. Please pray for a miraculous remission; that her remaining time here on earth might be good. Help Sasha and her family, particularly her husband, put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry. Right now she is "comfortable on borrowed time." Sasha is grateful for all who pray for her and asks you continue to pray for her remaining time here on earth.

Dorothy had pneumonia, on checking her lungs they found tumors which permeated the lung area. Further investigation found a primary site in the colon, with the lung being secondary. It would appear there is no viable treatment at this time. Please pray for a miraculous remission; that her remaining time here on earth might be good. Help Dorothy and her family put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry.

Scott, one of our Lord's ministers who collapsed a week ago and is in the ICU of a Medical Center since he had a pulmonary embolism, with a concurrent infection of several bacterial agents. He has stopped breathing on several occasions, and may have undergone brain damage. He currently is on DNR. Please pray for recovery so that he will continue to do his Lord's calling.

Becky has fourth stage metastasized lung cancer and is not doing well with chemotherapy treatments. Please pray for Becky and her husband as they are together during this difficult time in their lives.

Larry Howes suffered a fairly severe stroke. 4 December 2012, doctors replaced a valve in a shunt that had been put in about two weeks before, and Larry responded very well. He was able to go home.

Please pray for the medical team treating him to pay attention and do their very best; that the many medical/surgical procedures he will need may succeed, that Larry be given strength and peace in these trials and he may succeed in providing himself with the resources to afford the care he will need.

Pray also for confidence in our Lord for Larry and his family. Larry needs a miracle, pray for one. Please.

Colleen has been battling pancreatic cancer over the last year and it has now spread to one of her lungs. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Christine has cancer of the colon, which spread to her liver; she is receiving chemotherapy and is having difficulty eating. Please pray for the medical team treating her to pay attention and do their very best; pray also for confidence in our Lord for Christine and her family.

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.

Colonel Bud Day's cancer has returned. The outlook is not favorable. Bud has been an

inspiration to all of us for years, this changes nothing. He is well at peace with our Lord and we all hope he stays with us for a while longer.

Surgery

John will undergo surgery on Friday 31 May 2013. It is anticipated he will spend an additional 10-12 days at the hospital and then 6 weeks in recovery at home. Please pray for the surgical team to pay attention and to their best and for a good outcome. Pray also that John and family will be able to put their worry on God's shoulders.

Dave Pressey, a bishop with the Anglican Episcopal Church, one of our close fellow jurisdictions, had cataract surgery; his retina tore and he had emergency surgery on Memorial Day. Please give thanks for the surgery having gone well and pray for a full and rapid healing. Pray also for peace of mind for Dave and his family.

Eddie has upcoming bladder surgery. Please pray for the surgical team to pay attention and to their best and for a good outcome. Pray also that Eddie and family will be able to put their worry on God's shoulders.

Testing and Treatment

Eden (2) has had a stomachache for a month of unknown cause; please pray for guidance for the medical team treating her. She has lost four pounds and had to be hospitalized due to dehydration.

Lana's doctor found something on her lymph nodes and ovaries. Pray for God's guidance for the medical people treating her that they might find out the source of the problem and best course of treatment. Pray also for peace of mind and trust in God for *Lana* and her family.

Sarah wife of Rev Geordie (AOC – UK) had a cat scan and biopsy which found Stage 3 cancer in her ovaries which appears to have spread to her stomach. She will undergo several weeks of chemotherapy, which prayerfully will allow major surgery to take place.

She is now in her second segment of chemotherapy and taking a new series of pain relief medication. Please pray the chemotherapy will work, the pain medication will also work and *Sarah* can better tolerate the treatment. They trust all will work out in the end and ask God's help for the interim. They ask He guide them and the medical team treating *Sarah* and that the team pay attention and do their very best. They both ask you pray they will be able to let God carry all their worry.

Healing

Mike Wysocki returned home from once in a life time fly-cruise-fly Around the World in 41 Days trip that almost turned into a end of life time trip. *Mike* caught pneumonia and his left eye has been identified with a highly contagious



infection. He is out of the hospital, home and working on recovery. Please pray for a full and rapid recovery, as well as giving thanks for a safe return.

Virginia has Sinus and Allergy problems giving her severe problems. Pray that the Doctor will discover why it continues and find a cure.

Jim is in the hospital because of an infected blister on the bottom of his foot. He is having an aggressive antibiotic treatment for it is a concern that it get into his blood stream or compromise his lungs or heart. Pray the antibiotics will kick in fast.

Steve Thornell had a brain aneurysm which was found before it burst. He is home from the hospital and working hard on recovery. He lacks energy from seven days in the hospital. His doctor told him he has to make serious life changes. One of the two main arteries in the back of the head is now completely closed. He must take blood thinners, he has thick blood and recent chemotherapy made it worse. Steve has always operated at 110 percent, he needs help to slow down. Please pray for trust in the Lord and a full and rapid recovery. Pray for peace of mind for Steve and his family.

Ester Whidett (Wilson), Mark Wilson's mother, has congestive heart failure and has not been doing well. She was in the hospital due to excessive fluid buildup, which seems to have been controlled and is now home. It seems that regular medicine intake under Mark's watchful eye has been very helpful and she is doing much better. Please give thanks for this. Pray she will be able to keep her medications under control and continue to do well at home. Please pray for her to place all her trust in God and let Him carry her concerns. Pray also for her daughters who are now taking over her care.

Arlen is receiving treatment for lung cancer and recently experienced a ruptured colon during treatment. She is alone in Oregon but does have a friend who has traveled a great distance to be at her side. Please pray for guidance for the medical team treating her and for strength and trust for Arlen.

Oscar discovered some time ago he had blood clots in his leg and lung. He has been treated for them and has not been cured. He now will be facing surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.

Angela had an ischemic stroke (clot). Please pray for guidance for the medical team treating her and for strength and trust for Angela. Please pray also that she and her family might put their worries on our Lord's back so she can work hard towards recovery.

Nora had a stroke mid February 2013. Please pray for guidance for the medical team treating her and for strength and trust for Nora. Please pray also that she and her family might put their worries on our Lord's back so she can work hard towards recovery.

Linda has been hospitalized for several days with a gastrointestinal problem. Please pray for guidance for the medical team treating her and for strength and trust for Linda.

Dester is suffering from unknown skin and diseases. Please guide the medical team treating him to find out what the problem is and cure it. Pray also for Dester to trust in the Lord.

Lee has Arterial Fibrillation; the medical people are not sure how to help her. Please pray for guidance for the team treating her and for Lee and her family to make the right decisions regarding treatment..

Nell recently adopted two children and has just been diagnosed with multiple myeloma.

Sarah is recovering from a stroke, but fell and broke bones. Please pray for her peace of mind and rapid and full recovery. Pray for trust in God for her and her family.

Mary Lou has been suffering with seizures. She was in the hospital with a 24 hour monitor and is being sent home from the hospital with two medications and orders to return in 2 months for another MRI to review whatever is going on in her brain. Please pray for guidance for the medical people treating her, as well as peace of mind and trust in God for her and her family.

Kathleen has spent the last two weeks in the hospital. She has been diagnosed with colitis, shingles and possibly colon cancer. Pray she will be comfortable and begin to heal.

Rachel has Mitochondrial Myopathy. This is a hereditary disease of the muscles and they do not have a cure for it. Part of her pain is her family does not believe she is indeed ill, as she appears to be just fine. Please pray her family will learn the truth and be supportive of her; pray also the medical people treating her will find the right measures to minimize the disease. Most particularly pray for Rachel's trust in God.

Nicolas is in the hospital with serious symptoms of a heart disorder. Please pray for peace of mind for him and guidance for the medical team looking for the cause and cure.

Mrs. Baek an elderly women fell and injured her spine. Doctors cannot repair the spinal injury due to her age. She fell again the morning of 12 December 2012, breaking her collar bone which is also untreatable. Mrs. Baek is in severe pain and will appreciate your prayers.

Juanita is a young girl who was in a coma because of a blood disease. She has not come out and is gaining strength. They are awaiting results from blood samples. Her family thanks you for your prayers and asks that you continue.

Barbara had a accident while cooking and the pressure cooker blew up in her face, causing second and third degree burns over her face and upper body. Because of this she has incurred kidney problems and may need a transplant.

George had foot surgery. Please give thanks for the surgery and pray for a full and rapid recovery.

Nellie is in the emergency room of a hospital in a great deal of pain. Please pray for peace of mind for her and guidance for the medical team looking for the cause and cure.

Lauralee Meade 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.

Kevin Gerhart discovered cancer on his neck. He underwent radiation and chemotherapy. Please pray for the medical team treating Kevin that they might

pay attention, do their very best and find the source; that the treatment might be successful and he might live a long and healthy life to His honor and glory. Pray also for trust in God and peace of mind for Kevin, his wife and family.

Bill, Sara's husband, had a third abdominal surgery on 22 November 2011, to remove a tumor. Bill is doing better keeping the doctor's instructions, for which we are all grateful, including taking chemotherapy once a day for two more years. He has radically decreased the consumption of alcohol and eating at least mostly properly. Please pray for help for him to continue do all this. Please pray also that Bill might turn his heart outward to help those around him, as well as live a long and healthy life to the honor and glory of God. Pray also for peace of mind for Bill and his wife Sara.

Kay Denton (Mrs. Kay) has had a chest infection, perhaps viral, but seems to be getting better. She actually sent an iMessage last week, but did not hang around for a response a minute later! Her son and family are on their way to see her soon! Please pray for continued peace of mind for Mrs. Kay and her family. Give thanks for her trust in the Lord and her positive attitude.

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! Please also give thanks 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!

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 has worsened recently. 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.

Vince (age 15), reoccurrence of Osteosarcoma, 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.

Thanksgiving and Continued Healing

James had surgery the morning of 4 April 2013 at Cancer Treatment Centers of America which appears to have gone well. The pathology report found the high grade carcinoma cancer was confined to the bladder. There was no sign of cancer in surrounding areas, tissues, organs, etc. The Sovereign King of heaven and earth has blessed Jim immensely; he will not have to endure chemo or radiation, he will continue with various tests and see the physicians. Please give thanks for the good result and the work of the surgical team paying attention and doing their very best. Pray for James' continued recovery and for him and his wife Dawn to be able to put their worry and concern on His Back.

Brian has now finished the chemotherapy and radiation treatment for his upper lung and bronchial area cancer, which seems to have gone well; the burning is almost gone which is very good. The best news is a CT Scan on Monday of Holy Week found no indication of the cancer followed by what seems to be good CT and PET Scans on 15 May 2013. Please give thanks for this great news and pray for continued good things to go on. There is more radiation next week, but Brian is gaining strength, please give thanks for this. Brian is finally getting his sodium and seemingly hydration levels up. Please give thanks for an increase in sodium uptake and retention. Please also pray Brian will rest and not over extend himself. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in God for Brian and his fiancé Mel, so he can rest and gain strength; pray for the medical team treating him to continue to pay close attention and do their very best; pray also he can quit smoking.

Jeff had successful surgery on Monday 4 March 2013, at Vanderbilt Medical Center to remove his esophagus as the doctors felt this is the only remedy for pre-cancerous and cancerous cells in his esophagus and stomach. Please give thanks for the successful surgery and pray that his pain level will go down and he will recover quickly. Pray for Jeff and his family to keep their faith in God and let him carry their worries.

Rick is recovering from hip replacement surgery in the middle of February 2013.

Buzz Baron had C5-6 surgery the morning of 3 March 2013, which went well. Please give thanks for the surgical team paying attention and doing their best and for a good result; pray also for a full and rapid recovery.

Karen had surgery the afternoon of 1 March 2013 to remove a spot on her lung; the surgery went well and the spot was benign. Please give thanks for the great result. Pray also for continued trust in God and peace of mind for Karen, as well as a rapid recovery.

Dick's left arm was amputated after treating for Merkel Cell carcinoma over a year. He is now believed to be cancer free and is waiting to be fitted with an artificial arm. Please join Dick and his family in giving thanks to Our Lord Jesus Christ for his recovery as well as for their trust in God.

Traci had surgery colon cancer on 27 December 2012. The surgery went very well and she appears to be cancer free. But, she had a pulmonary embolism and another clot in the artery to the spleen which will keep her in the hospital for at least several days. Traci is beginning to be weary of her medical situation. Please pray that she will not become despondent. Pray that she will open her heart to God's Grace that He might enter in to her heart and strengthen her.

Bob Smouse had shoulder surgery on 28 November 2012. He would appreciate your thanksgiving prayers. While the surgery apparently went well, he is still in pain and would also appreciate prayers for continued healing and the pain to subside. He promises to work very hard on recovery therapy.

Carol Stone, the sweet wife of Mike Stone, seems to have recovered far better than expected from a severe brain bleed. She thinks she can walk, etc., even though she cannot. She has improved and is nearly able to stand up by herself; this makes it almost certain that she will have another fall. Presently she can stand and walk a little with a great deal of assistance. Hopefully this means she will ultimately be able to walk, at least with the aid of a walker or cane. What's

holding her back at the moment is her cognitive deficits and they are trying to find a place to get her more therapy

Please pray for peace of mind and trust in God for Mike, guidance for the medical team treating Carol and strength for Carol as well as faith and trust. No one can ever understand the why of these things here on earth. Sara who passed this request on asks that you pray in both faith and hope.

Muriel Pappin broke her hip in a fall and had surgery on 21 November 2012. Muriel was home, but has had complications and went back in the hospital. She is now back home. Please give thanks for her return home and pray for her continued recovery.

Business

Mark's business is in difficulty. He works in a shrinking field, of which he is one of the country's true masters, but there is little work available. He asks that you pray that he can find a way to survive in his industry, which he loves and needs his talents. Pray he can find new sources of business and new ways of doing things, perhaps someone to partner with to better use his talents. Pray also for those who work for and with him that they might do their best to help.

Employment

Catherine and Lewis are at a low ebb due to a struggle for employment. Your fervent prayers will be appreciated.

Lori is considering a potential change in her employment. Please pray for God's guidance in considering all aspect of her potential work.

Rodriguez Family are looking for work. It seems many obstacles have been put in their way of finding employment. Please pray they will find employment with a firm that will be able to use their considerable skill and hard work to benefit both the firm and the family.

Sarah is concerned about the future with her company. She would appreciate prayers for her continued employment and that her firm might find more and better ways to use her considerable skills.

Financial Guidance and Healing

David and Lorna are having financial problems. They are trying to find a smaller home which may be more affordable. *Lorna* has had an ongoing battle with brain cancer, her trips back and forth to the hospital have drained their finances to the point they sometimes struggle to have enough food in the house. Please pray for Lorna's healing and guidance on how they might handle the financial difficulties in which they have found themselves.

Guidance

Earl to read and understand Scriptures he has been given.

Steve Sundberg had a heart attack after Easter 2011, then a five-way heart by-pass. In addition to the bypass surgery, he has been through a horrible divorce and lost his job after some 30 years service. Steve is very thrifty and a good investor so he is reasonably ok financially. The best thing is that he has trust in the Lord.

Jeanette has had many members of her family die from diabetes and several are near death now. Jeanette does not know the Lord and is despondent and perplexed about her family and herself. Please pray she can open her heart to allow the Holy Ghost in to bring her knowledge and understanding.

Christy just lost her sister in an automobile accident; this follows closely the loss of two family. Please pray she can let our Lord Jesus Christ carry all her sorry, worry and care at this extremely difficult and stressful time.

Dr. Elizabeth Raj is teaching a biblical approach to the psychological problems facing many in our society today. She is battling against the growing influence of worldly psychology adopted by the churches themselves. Elizabeth constantly stresses answers are found between the covers of that precious Book, the Holy Bible. Please pray for encouragement, strength, fortitude and courage for her.

Daniel and Danielle are experiencing family strife as a result of custodial issues with a daughter. Please pray they and those they strive with might look to the child's best interests in their time of difficulty and disagreement; to work for her best interests and not use her as a weapon amongst themselves.

Abigail is a teenager who has behavior problems. She feels she is in an area of mental darkness. Please pray that she might look to God for help and not within herself.

Sara asks that you pray for guidance for her as she deals with the stresses of her family and life. Pray that she can separate those things which she can affect from those things which she cannot and give her grace to accept that she cannot do everything and can only change those things within her control. She asks for God's help to grow her business while keeping up with the needs of her mother and husband and healing her own problems.

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

Hap asks you to pray 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, sleep well to be able to do the correct things with a clear head and that he will open his heart to the Holy Ghost.

Thanksgiving

Betsy has fully recovered from her sprained ankle and give thanks for the rapid recovery, she asks you do likewise.

David has been able to return to the ministry after a heart attack mid February 2013, and stent insertion, he is now home. Please join David in giving thanks for his survival and recovery.

New Ordination

Reverend Deacon Wilson Menoia was ordained this Pentecost 19 May 2103, by Bishop Zephaniah Legumana. As a deacon, Wilson has established with others a congregation of many in Bambir Village, Santa Cruz, Solomon Islands. Please pray that many will come to know our Lord Jesus Christ through this congregation in the middle of the South Pacific. The Lord has worked much through Wilson, may He continue to do so.

O ALMIGHTY God, be pleased to remember with thy mercy and love all those who minister before thee in holy things. Prosper the great work in which he is engaged. Enable him faithfully to preach thy Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments. May he always uphold Christ, both by his words and in his life, and in all things set forward thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

AOC Congregations

Saint Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Orthodox Church is under a lot of stress. We all are, but they need even more prayer. Rev Roger Jessup, their wonderful minister, is pressed by the duties of a primary care giver, in addition to all the worries of this world. They have one of their family's primary breadwinners who will be soon unemployed, absent His intervention. Roger's niece will lose her job at the end of the year when her tech center shuts down. As Rev Roger said so eloquently, "We must pray for those who mean us harm and deprive us of our property are our enemies: Our LORD has so commanded us." We must pray they will see light and cleave to it while turning their backs on the Prince of this World. Equally important, we must pray that the Lord will raise up a political leader from among us as He has done in the past. Pray also for trust in God for each member of the parish and for them to find economic relief.

Rev Rick Reid is the minister of the new AOC congregation in Newton, North Carolina, Saint Andrews Anglican Church. Their first Sunday was 5 May 2013. Please pray Rick will be able to bring God's Word to the people in and near Newton.

Reverend Wilson Menoia has one of the new congregations in the Solomon Islands. The Rev. Menoia and his members in the Temotu Province were recently hit by the tsunami and you all prayed for and helped the members then. Now they are facing a tsunami of human beings (works of the Devil) and ask that you pray for them. They are in the Eastern end of the Islands and a ways away from the established congregations in these islands. Please pray for them as they bring souls to Christ as they establish His Church.

Guidance for Ministers

Rev LTC Al Ryan has been appointed Deacon-In-Charge of the mission parish of St. Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church, Anglican Church in America (ACA) parish in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. It is a small but growing mission, which has been plagued by clergy change. Al, the diocesan pilot, has been appointed for one year, during which time he is to help them identify what their needs are for a vicar. He has done this before and asks you to pray for God's help one more time; not only for himself, but for the parish.

Armed Forces & Contractors

Airman Donny Patton (Bagram AB, Afghanistan), Jordan (USMC – Fleet Marine Force - Pacific), Trevor (USAF - KC-10 Boom Operator – New Jersey), Trevor (USN – Whidbey Island, EF-18 Pilot), 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.

Various Special Requests

The people of India give thanks for relief from the heat with a depression in the Bay of Bengal. With intermittent and un-declared power outages they have been subject to terrible conditions. More than 545 people have died in the region from sunstroke.

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
16 June 2012	Dru Arnold – Third Sunday after Trinity
23 June 2012	Dru Arnold – Fourth Sunday after Trinity
30 June 2012	Dru Arnold – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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The near future, as well as Next Sunday

16 June 2013 – Third 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**

23 June 2013 – Fourth 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**

30 June 2013 – Fifth 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**

4 July 2013 – Independence Day– 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**

7 July 2013 – Sixth 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**