



Faithful Centurion Anglican Orthodox Church



Fathers Day

Third Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Report

Today was the Third Sunday after Trinity Sunday. Summer is here, but very nice. Sunrise temperature on Mount Olympus was 40°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 *Just a closer walk with Thee* for the gathering song.

Just a closer walk with Thee

I am weak, but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Take my hand, Lord Jesus, take my hand;
Take my hand, Lord Jesus, take my hand;
There's a race to be run, There's a victory to be won;
Every hour, give me power to go through.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



We try to pick our gathering songs to have a wonderful message, be easy to sing and suitable for guitar accompaniment. *Just a closer walk with Thee* is a parish favorite.

Fathers Day

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

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

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

Only A Dad

Edgar A. Guest¹

Only a dad with a tired face,
Coming home from the daily race,
Bringing little of gold or fame
To show how well he has played the game;
But glad in his heart that his own rejoice
To see him come and to hear his voice.

Only a dad with a brood of four,
One of ten million men or more
Plodding along in the daily strife,
Bearing the whips and the scorns of life,
With never a whimper of pain or hate,
For the sake of those who at home await.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,
Merely one of the surging crowd,
Toiling, striving from day to day,
Facing whatever may come his way,
Silent whenever the harsh condemn,
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only a dad but he gives his all,
To smooth the way for his children small,

¹ Edgar A. Guest – 20 August 1881 – 5 August 1959

Born in Birmingham, England. He and his family moved to the United States in 1891. He worked at the Detroit Free Press in Detroit, Michigan. He started there as a copy boy then as a reporter. He had a radio show and a television series. Guest has written 11,000 poems. His sentimental and optimistic poetry are inspiring and enjoyable to read.

Doing with courage stern and grim
The deeds that his father did for him.
This is the line that for him I pen:
Only a dad, but the best of men.

From the book "A Heap o' Livin'" ©1916

When we remember our fathers, we remember not only those who brought us into this world, but also those who have gone before. We stand here in the present only on the shoulders of those whose actions and leadership got us here. As fathers we know we are not perfect, nor were our fathers, nor theirs. For the sins of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. Exodus 34:7 We need be mindful of that when we live our lives. We serve as a model for our children and grandchildren, as well as others who see our lives. Living as a father gives one greater tolerance for the errors of their fathers and an appreciation for the pressure they were under. One can only marvel at the job they did.

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

God • Honor • Country • Family

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. Most are 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 –

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.
Proverbs 20:11

Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for such is the kingdom of heaven.
St. Matthew 19:13-14

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him.
Colossians 2:6

Education that does not begin and end in heaven is not true education.
Douglas Wilson
20th and 21st century American theologian and Christian Classical educator

A more certain way to attack religion is by favor, by the comforts of life, by the hope of wealth; not by what reminds one of it, but by what makes one forget it; not by what makes one indignant, but by what makes men lukewarm, when other passions act on our souls, and those which religion inspires are silent. In the matter of changing religion, State favors are stronger than penalties.

Baron de Montesquieu
18th century French philosopher.

There is a common, worldly kind of Christianity in this day, which many have, and think they have enough—a cheap Christianity which offends nobody, and requires no sacrifice—which costs nothing, and is worth nothing.

JC Ryle
19th century Anglican bishop and author
(Holiness, p. 204).

Someone should tell [the president] that 1984 is not an instruction manual.

Steve Stockman
21st century American congressman

We wanted a president that listened to all Americans— now we have one.

Jay Leno
20th and 21st century American comedian

Our government has kept us in a perpetual state of fear— kept us in a continuous stampede of patriotic fervor— with the cry of grave national emergency. Always there has been some terrible evil at home or some monstrous foreign power that was going to gobble us up if we did not blindly rally behind it by furnishing the exorbitant funds demanded. Yet, in retrospect, these disasters seem never to have happened, seem never to have been quite real.

Douglas MacArthur
20th century American general officer and hero

You get the same order of criminality from any State to which you give power to exercise it; and whatever power you give the State to do things FOR you carries with it the equivalent power to do things TO you.

Albert Jay Nock
20th century political commentator

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 192-193, with the Collect first:

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The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may, by thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dru Arnold read the Epistle, which came from the Fifth Chapter of St. Peter's First Epistle, beginning at the Fifth Verse. Peter tells us to not be proud of what we have been given, rather to use those gifts to the benefit of those around us. We should ask God to carry our concerns and worries so that we might to the tasks set before us.

We must pay attention to the world around us and take care not to fall prey to the devil, for he is constantly looking for ways to help us drift off our path towards heaven. You must understand that other Christians come from the same pool you do, humanity, they have the same frailties and problems you do. Hang in there and do your very best, God will take care of you in the end. There are none so poor as cannot purchase a noble death. Never forget that.

Trust in God and dread naught.



ALL of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Dru reads a portion of the Bible every morning to Hap, this past week she read Luke, Chapter 19. How could we not sing this for a gradual hymn?



Zacchaeus was a wee little man

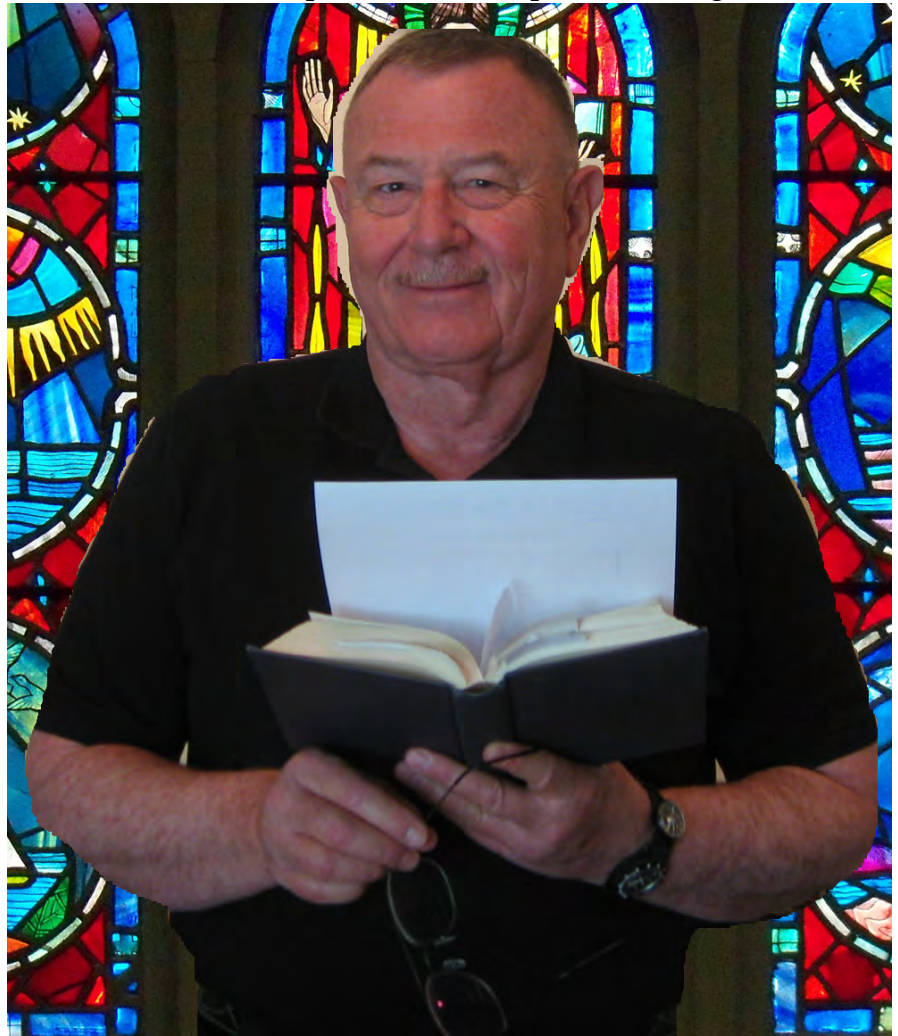
Zacchaeus was a wee little man,
and a wee little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree
For the Lord he wanted to see.

And when the Savior passed that way
He looked up in the tree.
And said, 'Zacchaeus, you come down!
For I'm going to your house today!
For I'm going to your house today!

Zacchaeus knew that he'd done wrong,
and sorry for his sins was he.
Lord to the poor I'll give one half
Of all my goods, said he.

And if I've cheated anyone
Four times will I repay
And Jesus said: Salvation has come to you.
I have come to seek and save
I have come to seek and save

Today's Gospel started in the Fifteenth Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the First Verse. This is a story of Jesus, rather than one of his stories. The Pharisees were appalled that those who were particularly sinners in their very qualified eyes were attracted to Jesus and even worse, he talked to them, even breaking bread with them. To the Pharisees, Jesus told the story of the shepherd who loses a sheep and searches for it. When he finds it he carries it back to the flock on his shoulders. He goes on to tell the story of the woman who loses a piece of silver and turns her house inside out to find it. That story ends in a very interesting word play in English, "Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece (peace) which I had lost." Jesus ends the story with, "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Having said that, there is also joy when we do not sin, but choose God's way. And we enjoy it more also.



THEN drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. And he spake this parable unto them saying, What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

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:

... hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may, by thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities ...

The Collect starts as they often do by asking God to hear us. This is rather odd a thing to ask as He hears us all the time, the problem is that when we need His Help we so rarely ask, then when He answers, we will not hear Him. That being said, when we do accept the Holy Ghost's Help to pray, we can expect to receive spiritual, mental and physical comfort from God. But, as the old radio talk show personality Bruce Williams was fond of saying, "If you don't ask, you don't get." So, ask.

When we ask for help and get it, we get great results. But, when we get those results, who should really get the credit? As Peter tells us in his epistle, we should not spend or time being proud of what we have been given, rather we should use those gifts to the benefit of those around us. We could use the time we spend bragging about our talents more productively, such as using them to further His glory and Word in this world. And, when we have troubles, we should bring them to Him and ask God to carry our concerns and worries so that we might tend to the tasks set before us. We cannot do this mission alone, we desperately need His help at all times, which is something everybody struggles with. But we must ask His help and be willing to listen to what he says.

We must pay attention to the world around us and take care not to fall prey to the devil, for he is constantly looking for ways to help us drift off our path towards heaven. We must keep situational awareness at all times, so we do not fall into any of his traps that he has laid out for us. You must understand that other Christians come from the same pool you do, humanity, they have the same frailties and problems you do. The word pictures painted of "your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" is both vivid and true!

Hang in there and do your very best, God will take care of you in the end. There are none so poor as cannot purchase a noble death. Never forget that.

Trust in God and dread naught.

When Saint Luke tells that Jesus not only talked to "sinners" but broke bread and ate with them, he related a story that was a particular concern to the Pharisees. They were quite appalled that those who were particularly sinners in their very qualified eyes

were attracted to Jesus. They knew a sinner when they saw one (except in the mirror) and were quite certain sinners would never get in to heaven. But, not only did Jesus appeal to the sinners, He even talked to them. My goodness, He went so far as to break bread with them and engage them in conversation at meat!

With a clear view of the inner most thoughts of their hearts, Jesus the Pharisees the story of the shepherd who loses a sheep and searches for it. When he finds it he carries it back to the flock on his shoulders. He goes on to tell the story of the woman who loses a piece of silver and turns her house inside out to find it. That story ends in a very interesting word play in English, "Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece (peace) which I had lost." Jesus ends the story with, "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Having said that, there is also joy when we do not sin, but choose God's way. And we enjoy it more also. So it is preferable if we do not sin in the first place, but if we can't do that, then God finds joy when we truly repent and turn back to Him and ask for His help and be willing to listen.

Notice Jesus' actions when He finds a lost sheep, He carries it back to the flock on His shoulders with a smile on His face.

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 Dennis Campbell's Sermon

Bishop Dennis is a brilliant speaker. He is able to take biblical precepts and make them perfectly understandable, even to me. Oft he provides the text of his sermons and I take the utmost pleasure in passing them on:



Christians Pray

Psalm 145, Jeremiah 31:1-14. Matthew 9:9-13

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What do Christians do? That has been the subject of the sermons for the past two weeks, and we could summarize them by saying, "Christians Love," and "Christians Believe." Today we continue to look at what Christians do, and today's sermon is, "Christians Pray."

But saying, "Christians Pray," leads us to another important question, why do Christians pray? We pray because the Bible tells us to. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem," says Psalm 122:6. "Pray for them which despitefully use you," said our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5:44). "Watch and pray" said Christ to the disciples in Gethsemane (Mk. 14:38). "Pray for us" wrote the Apostle Paul in 1 Thessalonians. 3:1. Again in that same Epistle he wrote, "pray without ceasing" (5:17). And then we remember the well-beloved words of 1 Timothy 2:1-3, and 2:8;

“I exhort therefore that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.”

“I will therefore that all men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.”

But we don't just pray because God tells us to. In fact, we would pray if God did not tell us to. For prayer is as natural to us as breathing. When we consider our blessings, we naturally say, “Thanks be to God.” When we consider our sins, we naturally cry out, “Lord, have mercy upon us.” When we face the troubles and trials of life, we naturally plead, “Lord, help us.” This is so much a part of us that we almost do it automatically, and what a blessing it is to be so oriented toward God that we turn to Him automatically in these situations. So we pray because we want to pray. We are like David, who wrote, “early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee,” and, “Evening, and morning, and at noon will I pray, and cry aloud.” (Ps. 5:3, Ps. 55:18). For, “Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God” (Ps. 42:1-2). “How amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God” (Ps. 84:1-2). We pray, because we long for God.

But prayer would be meaningless if God did not care about us. So, prayer is based upon the character and nature of God, who is revealed in the Bible as the One who loves us and gave Himself for us “to be the propitiation for our sins.” In a sense, these words from 1 John 4:10 summarise all that we have been looking at since Advent. They summarise all that we believe about God. They express the heart of the Christian faith. God loves us and gave His Son on the cross to be the bearer of and payment for our sins. Everything we do as Christians is based on this one supreme act of God's self-giving, self-sacrificing love. Everything we do is, or should be, our response of loving faith, trust, and obedience to this One who loved us so much “He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

If we look back into this morning's reading from Jeremiah 31, we see this was as true in the Old Testament as it is in the New; that the entire life of faith has always been based on the loving acts of God, who forgives sin and seeks fellowship with His people. “I have loved thee with an everlasting love,” God says in Jeremiah 31:3. “I will build thee, and thou shalt be built” He says in verse 4. These words were given to the Jews in the context of their wars with the Babylonians, which resulted in the destruction of Israel, the sack of Jerusalem, and the Jews being forcefully moved to Babylon where they lived in captivity for fifty years. The Bible makes it very clear that God allowed this to happen because Israel had forsaken Him. But that was not the end of Israel, nor of the love of God for the Jews. He promised to restore them to their home, to rebuild their land and city. He says He will “bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth..., and “a great company shall return.” “There is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that thy children shall come again to their own border.”

Why will God bring them back to Jerusalem? Why will He bless them with joy and

peace? Not because they deserve it. Not because they have been holy and righteous. If they had been righteous they would never have suffered defeat by the Babylonians. But the Bible says time after time that they were sinners against God, and failed to keep the covenant He had made with them. And they were no more righteous after their captivity than before. There was no great revival of Biblical faith among the Jews in Babylon. There was no great turning to holiness and Godliness of life. The Jews continued on as they always had. God saved them out of Babylon for the same reason He saved them out of Egypt, because He chose to love them in spite of their unlovableness. In other words, they were saved by the grace of God, not by their own works of righteousness.

It was because God saved them by His grace that they were to turn to Him. It was because He loved them that they were to love Him. Their life of faith, their keeping of His commandments, their turning to and keeping His covenant with them was all to be based on His grace. It was to be their response of love to His act of love.

So here is the point I am trying to make today. Christians pray because we are responding to God's love. Christians pray because we believe God cares enough about us to act on our behalf. And we believe He cares about us because we see that He sent Christ to the cross to bear and pay for our sins. Once a person really believes his sins have separated him from God and made him worthy of the eternal wrath of God in hell, he cannot help praying to God for mercy. Once a person truly believes Christ suffered the wrath of God for his sins, and gives him Heaven as a free gift of grace, he cannot help praying to God in loving faith. That is why Christians pray.

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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, expound the truth and live the truth. This is really a good piece and I commend it to your careful reading.



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Halley's Bible Handbook (p. 332) reads as follows regarding chapter 34 of Ezekiel: "Responsibility for the captivity of Israel is here laid directly at the door of the greedy and cruel kings and priests who had exploited and led astray the people. Against this background Ezekiel sees a vision of the Future Shepherd of God's people in the Coming Messiah, under whom they shall never more suffer, and 'there shall be showers of blessing'." Thus the applicable message of Ezekiel to us in our day is clear: While God expected those in leadership positions within ancient Israel to be faithful, he expects the same from those who hold offices within the body of Christ today. And as those of the Israelites who had deviated from his will were punished, so too will he deal with those who occupy positions within the churches if they are faithless to his word and commandment.

Ezekiel was given of the LORD to speak against the wicked shepherds of his people, more particularly the king and the priests (34:1-2). The king was considered a shepherd because of his duty to properly administer justice and to care for the whole of the land as God's steward. The priests were charged with leading the people in their worship as well as instructing them concerning the very laws of God. But they had been looking out for their own interests rather than the interests of those in their charge, and as a result the LORD gave the prophet to proclaim, Woe be the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flock? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with wool, ye kill them that are fed: be ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. And they were scattered, because there was no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered (vv.2-5).

The prophet Malachi was given a similar message that was specifically aimed at the priests: And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart... For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should see the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts (2:1-8). It seems that even after the dispersal of 70 years, the Levite clan had fallen again into the same sort of behaviors as they had engaged in prior to their exile in 586 BC.

Let us also consider the words of our Lord as per our gospel lesson (St. Luke 15:1-10) wherein he reminded his hearers that there is more joy in heaven over those sinners who came to repentance than over those who thought themselves just persons which need no repentance (v.7). He also delivered a stinging critique of the religious authorities when he said, Woe unto to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in (St. Matthew 23:13).

Our Lord expressed the same level of concern for the lost sheep in his day as the Lord GOD had done in his message to the prophet Ezekiel. The person of Christ as God made flesh did not change his mind over the centuries. As God the Son, he came to seek and save the lost. He came to bring the gift of salvation to those whose hearts were willing to be changed via repentance. And our Lord expects those in church leadership to be good shepherds and not hirelings who only care for the sheep because they are paid to look after them (St. John 10:12-13).

Returning to Ezekiel 34, God announced his judgment upon those whose solemn task had been to care for his people. He made it rather plain that he would be against those so-called shepherds and would, require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them (vv. 9-10). Without a doubt the crushing defeat of King Zedekiah and his administration marked the end of the kings of Judah leaving only the promise of God to reclaim his lost sheep and restore them to the land of their forefathers (vv. 11-22). The city of Jerusalem was sacked and the Temple was burned. The majority of those who survived were carted

away into captivity while only a small portion of the population was left behind to tend the fields for the Chaldeans.

The promise of judgment had come. All that remained of the prophecy was for God to send to the promised redemption through the Messiah. As the prophet noted, And I will set up one shepherd over them and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd... and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them. And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen... (vv. 23-28). God informed Ezekiel that the Messiah will be a shepherd to his people much as David had been. This reference to David was made twice in two contiguous verses, and emphasized the Messiah blood connection to him in keeping with the earlier prophetic promises made in Isaiah 9:6-7 wherein it is written his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.

Sadly, the faithless shepherds of today have ignored God's word just as those kings and priests in Old Testament times had done. Our Lord warned us concerning such persons when he said, Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves (St. Matthew 7:15). What better way to gain access to the sheep fold than by posing as a sheep yourself. It is easy to assume that all that glitters is gold, but such would be a mistake. We have been warned often not to "judge a book by its cover", so too must we not judge superficially when it comes to those who are our ministers and servants within the church.

St. Paul noted in his second epistle to the Corinthians that, if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them (4:3-4). Indeed, the gospel is kept from these folk as they work for the adversary. Satan has done and will do all he can to keep as many mortals away from the truth of God's word. He has dropped a shroud, as it were, over their hearts so that they cannot discern the things of God around them.

In his second letter to St. Timothy, the apostle admonished his charge to, Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables (4:2-4). Preaching is essential for the furtherance of the gospel in this world. The apostle advised young Timothy to preach with earnest the words of truth so that more would hear and receive it to their eternal good.

But too often false teachers and preachers have twisted God's word to mean what he did not intend. They have taken liberties with the word in their ministrations, and this has led to a fair number of folk being deceived into accepting all sorts of beliefs and behaviors within their churches. Look about at what passes for the modern church and you will find acceptance of every sort of false doctrine you can imagine. And the only way that those churches came to accept such was because their leadership has been duped by the devil and his minions.

St. Peter recorded in his second epistle a telling description of these false teachers when he wrote, ... there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them... [they] walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government [or, those who are appointed over them in the church]... [they are] presumptuous... selfwilled... not afraid to speak evil of dignities... they have eyes full of adultery and cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls; [they are filled with covetousness]; cursed children... [they] have forsaken the right way... following the way of Balaam... who loved the wages of unrighteousness... These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever (2:1-17). The apostle was given to pen this chapter to remind the faithful that evil may come in the guise of a brother or a sister in Christ whose sole purpose will be to lead them astray. Without sound preaching based upon the expressed word of God, and without the faithful being careful to check what they have been told by their ministers using the very words of Scripture, deception is a real possibility for said Christians.

So what should the faithful do when faced with those who are peddling the pablum of demonic deception within their churches? First of all, they ought to thank the LORD that their eyes were opened to the problem. Next, they should determine the scope of the problem within their respective church bodies. After that, they can make an informed decision as to whether or not it would be possible to bring said bodies back into conformity with orthodox Christian teaching. If they can be salvaged, by all means do so. But if they cannot then it would be best for the faithful to find a new church body where God's word is respected as truth and not just a choice among choices.

Jesus Christ is the good shepherd (St. John 10:14). No other person either in the past of ancient Israel or in the church age has ever possessed the singular purpose of taking care of the sheep of his pasture (Psalm 100:3) like our Lord Jesus Christ. We can rely on him. We can trust in him. He will not leave us to be stolen, killed, or destroyed by our adversary the devil (St. John 10:10). You can count on him to keep his word and just as he dealt with those wicked and slothful shepherds in Ezekiel's day, he will deal with those who are false witnesses and faithless shepherds of this time as well. There is a judgment coming. Make sure that you and the church you belong to are on "the right side of the river."

Let us pray,

O LORD, keep us, we pray thee, in this time of our mortal life; that we being so protected by thy most holy Spirit may ever praise thy name as a witness to those who claim they need no repentance: that they might hear and turn unto thee the only wise God, through the merits and satisfaction of thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *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
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 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

The entire Langstaff family from Perth is on an *Around the World in 90 Days* tour. Right now in New York! 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

Dennis Crosby flew West in his sleep 29 May 2013. Long time friend of Hap and the Air National Guard, pilot star of *Hot Shots* and other bad movies, *Dennis* will be missed by all those who knew him. Please pray for comfort for his family and friends.

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.

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

Pastor Roy underwent full knee replacement surgery Monday 10 June 2013. Please give thanks for a successful surgery and pray for a full and rapid recovery.

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

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

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

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

Jo an elderly woman has had a spinal disk infection and been on antibiotics for a long time. Jo was getting better but had a downward spiral. She has now recovered to the point she has been able to get out of the hospital. Please give thanks for this wonderful development.

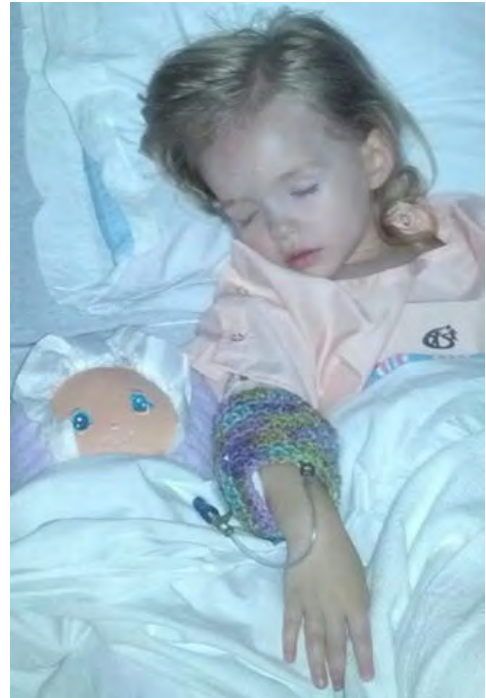
Mike Wysocki returned home from once in a life time fly-cruise-fly Around the World in 41 Days trip that almost turned into a end of life time trip. Mike caught pneumonia and his left eye has been identified with a highly contagious

infection. He is out of the hospital, home and working on recovery. After a hard hitting drug course, Mike has vision back in his eye and the pneumonia is almost gone. Please give thanks for the great progress and pray for a full and rapid recovery.

Eden (2) is doing much better now and seeing a specialist for her stomach problem. Please give thanks for the progress and pray for peace of mind and trust in God for her and her family as well as guidance for the medical team treating her.

Jim's infected blister on the bottom of his foot has apparently healed without the infection getting into his blood stream or compromising his lungs or heart. Please give thanks for the great result and pray he will be able to come home soon.

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.

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

Dennis has some decisions to make and will appreciate our Lord's 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.

From the Solomons

Zephaniah Legumana, Presiding Bishop of the Solomons and Pacific Basin:

Dear Clergy, Catechists, Chiefs, Mothers and good people of AOC Isabel and Honiara Parishes

Re-AOC Mission to Bimbir, Santa Cruz, Temotu Province:

I wish to inform you all that our Mission to Ordain Rev Wilson Menoia to the Order of Priests in AOC and the establishment of AOC in Santa Cruz, Temotu Province has been very successful.

Like what we have already experienced in the past (in Isabel), it was normal that we have met some negative reactions to disrupt the occasion but they did not prevail and the Ordination continue to take place according to plan ie Pentecost Sunday 19th May

2013.



We Ordain in a tent Church house built some distant from Bimbir village (as the final resort), to avoid any disturbances during the onset of the ordination as well as to become the new site and land area for the new church building. The AOC members should then build up their own village community whereby they will be free to carry out their ministry with their Priest Rev Wilson Menoia in the future.

Those of us who went as mission group have played our part successfully despite tense atmosphere around us. Rev Richard Sopamana trained Rev Wilson Menoia on the Eucharist and other roles of a priest, I teach (explaining and interpreting) him the ordinal and constitution and canons of the church, My wife and Lillian Vahia had meeting with the women and elected office bearers and identified 8 new members for admission into Mothers Fellowship group.

On Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2013 we ordained Rev Wilson Menoia to the Order of Priests in AOC as well as confirming 3 children.

There was a large congregation attending the Ordination, estimated to be 100 plus people including children.

After the ordination there was a big feast which everyone enjoyed. In addition greetings and speeches (including from Bishop Jerry Ogles and Betty) became highlights during the occasion.

Finally, and above all, wish to thank you for your prayer support for without which we could not have achieved the success of this mission.

Bishop Z

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

The near future, as well as Next Sunday

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**