



Fourth Sunday after Trinity



Sunday Report

Today was the Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday. Summer is here, but very nice. Sunrise temperature on Mount Olympus was 48°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.

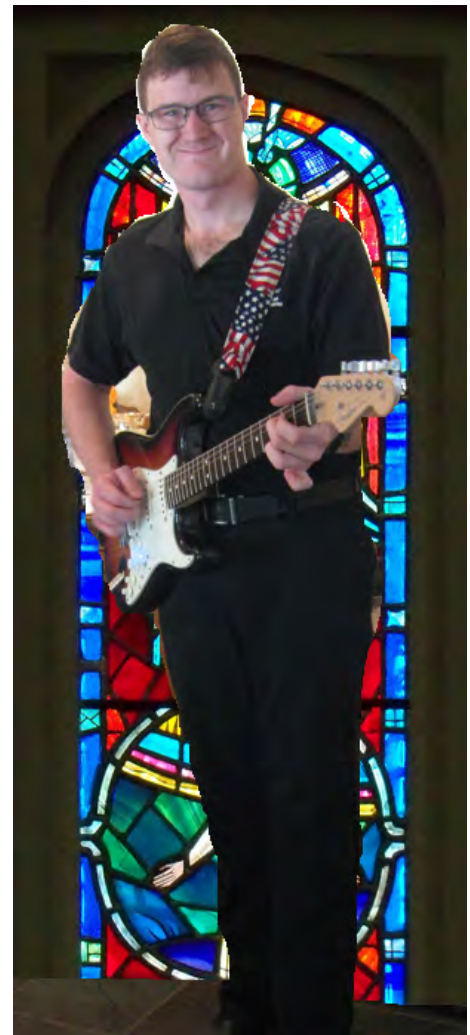
Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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,
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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.

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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.

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 –

On tattoos - Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:28

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

St. John 10:7-8

I suppose that the most popular of all the proposals at the present moment is to have a new translation of the Bible.... The argument is that people are not reading the Bible any longer because they do not understand its language - particularly the archaic terms... And so we are told the one thing that is necessary is to have a translation that Tom, Dick, and Harry will understand... It is a basic proposition laid down by the Protestant Reformers, that we must have a Bible 'understood of the people.' That is common sense...we must never be obscurantists. We must never approach the Bible in a mere antiquarian spirit... What we must do is to educate the masses of the people up to the Bible, not bring the Bible down to their level...we need... not... replace the Authorized Version... we need rather to reach and train people up to the standard... the language... and the glory of the old Authorized Version.

The Rev. Martin Lloyd-Jones

20th century Welsh theologian and author

from his message given at a rally in the Royal Albert Hall in 1961

As Western Civilization is swept into the dust-bin of history, it is crucial for us to ask: what will replace it? What values, moral principles, economic understanding, and social practices will prevail in the future? You will not hear these questions asked by any of the establishment hacks... [as they] are as bankrupt as the dying culture to whose withering tentacles of power they so desperately cling... They will not engage in such depths of inquiry for one reason: their minds do not work in any transcendent, principled manner. It is power, and power alone, that both impresses and motivates them.

Butler Shaffer

20th and 21st century American Libertarian professor and author

'Just Shut Up or Die', 6-12-13

If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under. Ronald Wilson Reagan– 20th century American president.

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 194-194, with the Collect first:

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The Collect.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Dru Arnold read the Epistle, which came from the Eight Chapter of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, beginning at the Eighteenth Verse. Paul tells us that walking God's path, though it may seem hard at the time, is nothing compared to the reward we receive in heaven for following God's will. God gave us free will, which if we exercise it properly, that is the will to overcome temptation. What at first seems like a constrained way of living, once actually lived is really perfect freedom. If we overcome temptation to do what we want and do what God wants, we will receive the gift of eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. For until Christ, there was no delivery from the pain of worldly existence; through Christ there is redemption of our souls and our resulting bodily resurrection.



IRECKON that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, because the creature itself also shall

be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

The Holy Gospel came from the Sixth Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke,



beginning at the Thirty-Sixth Verse. This is a simple message, yet often misunderstood, with majestic language that brings the message to a point of incredible sharpness. "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged; condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned; forgive, and ye shall be forgiven; give and it shall be given unto you... ..Can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch?" "... why beholdest thou the mote that is in the brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? ...How canst thou say to thy brother, Brother let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest no the beam that is in thine own eye?" This is often quoted, but the following sentence is left out, "Cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye."

Only when we first take care of our own spiritual health, look to our own relationship to God and evaluate and improve how we follow His Word, we will be able to effectively spread the Word of His love for us.

BE ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

Sermon – Reverend Deacon Jack Arnold - Time and Action

Today's sermon discussed the Collect, Epistle and Gospel. It is partially contained in the forewords above.



Consider these words from the Collect:

... protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal...

God can only help us if we put our trust in Him, we can never be strong, nor set aside to Him if we do not let Him be our leader. If we will follow His lead, we will pass through this world in good order and go on to the next in eternal happiness. This is a very common theme within the Christian theme, do what God asks, we will be happy. If we don't do what God asks, we won't be happy. It seems simple enough in theory, but a lot harder in practice. God is the only one who we should be concerned about, if we

follow Him, than those who really matter will like us for who we are, and how we conduct ourselves, due to following God, and those who don't, well, do not matter to us and as such are of no concern. Do what is right, avoid what is wrong and you will be happy is the basic principle of the Christian faith.

Paul builds on this, telling us that walking God's path, though it may seem hard at the time, is nothing compared to the reward we receive in heaven for following God's will. God gave us free will, which if we exercise it properly, that is the will to overcome temptation. What at first seems like a constrained way of living, once actually lived is really perfect freedom. If we overcome temptation to do what we want and do what God wants, we will receive the gift of eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. For until Christ, there was no delivery from the pain of worldly existence; through Christ there is redemption of our souls and our resulting bodily resurrection.

Luke presents a simple message, yet one that is often misunderstood, with majestic language that brings the message to a point of incredible sharpness. We are to be a guide to others to Christ, yet we cannot help others until our own problems are on the way to "solvation", that is being solved through the salvation offered by Christ. We need to follow Him, before we ask others to follow us. After all, if we are not going in the right direction, why should others follow us? We do not want to be leading others towards the Pit, rather, we want to be sure we are on the right path before we guide others along the path. We should be the pathfinders, finding the correct path for us to travel amongst the journey of life! We must be honest in our appraisal of ourselves so that we can do what we are supposed to. So, how do we, imperfect that we are, be

honest with ourselves? The answer is easy, hard to implement, but easy! The Holy Ghost. Let Him into your heart and do what you are told. Simple, yet hard to do. We want to do what we want to do.

Speaking of doing, what we do to others is a good measure of how we follow God's Will and Direction. We are expected to treat others as we would be treated. Our real earthly fortune, as well as are eternal lives, are a reflection of our commitment to God.

We are so ready to condemn the performance of others when our own is even worse. As Paul tells us, "all all short." The operative word here is ALL. If we look to condemn and repair our own spiritual lives before condemning others, we will be better suited to help them. Our beam before their mote.

For only when we have taken care of our own spiritual health by looking to God for help to evaluate and improve how we follow His Word, we will be able to effectively spread the Word of His love for us.

And that is our job, to improve ourselves to effectively spread His Word by example; our action, not our diction, is the measure.

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 off 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
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Fourth Sunday after Trinity. *The Collect.*

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The Epistle Romans viii. 18-23

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The Gospel St. Luke vi. 36-42

BE ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

In a world that places a very high premium upon achievement and performance, we are often misled, even by our clergy, to believe that our works are the means by which we are saved. The modern church emphasizes giving almost to the exclusion of all other considerations. The rich man, or woman, will be rewarded with honors and positions of responsibility even if their daily lives do not reflect that Spirit of which Christ spoke. Perhaps the poor widow that spends all of her available time in cooking for the sick and homeless will be forgotten in the perishable minds of men, but shall be more highly remembered and favored in the Infinite Mind of God. God gives us many hints of His Will to be fulfilled in Christ in the midst of the Old Testament. The people of Israel were living as they pleased and believing that all their sins were remitted by the sacrifices of the wealthy. But God counseled: *For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.* (Hosea 6:6) The money-changers of the modern temple would have us persist in believing that we can BUY God's favor while living as we please, but it was NEVER so. *Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.* (Psalms 85:10) Mercy and truth are husband and wife – inseparable! If we will have mercy, we must accept truth with it. As Jesus told the Samaritan Woman at Jacob's Well, ". . . *the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*" (John 4:23) 'Spirit' is not emotionalism, but love of God and our fellow man. But our love must be directed in truth, for false worship is an abomination in the eyes of the Lord.

As we read in our biblically-oriented prayer of Collect, God is the protector of all who trust in Him. We can claim none of God's protection apart from the measure of

trust we place wholly in Him. Without God, we have no strength at all, and our righteousness is as filthy rags. Apart from God, there is no holiness to be had. We lean upon God for His increasing mercies in His Sovereign Rule over us, and to Guide us through the Wilderness of Sin of this present world. Only God can show us the safe and righteous way – we cannot find it alone. In avoiding those things that worldly, we are amassing to ourselves those treasures that are heavenly. These are the Godly petitions we repeated from today's prayer of Collect.

In our Epistle for today, taken from Romans 8, we discover that there is groaning of the mortal soul that is inclined to the Holiness of God. Such a struggle and groaning is forever present with us until the curtain of time is lifted and time shall be no more. It is not a sorrowful groaning, but an intense desire to see God's will worked out on earth as it is in Heaven according to that prayer the Lord taught us to say. When sorrow and misery befalls the stranger to God, hope is forlorn and there is no brilliant Light upon which he may fix his eyes from the darkness that engulfs his wretched soul. But the child of God embraces the Light even more earnestly as the dark circle surrounds him, or a loved one. He knows, innately, that the Light is his destination and not the dark fires of Hell that seem to presently surround him. ". . . . *weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.*" (Psalms 30:5b)

Our Gospel text calls us to a higher standard of life and Spirit than a rigid adherence to the law can afford. If perfect obedience were possible, there would be no need of mercy; but we can never be perfect keepers of the Law of God, therefore, we must have mercy if we are to be accounted blameless and righteous in entering the Kingdom of Heaven.

Consider the great pardon and mercy shown to us through the substitutionary death of Christ! He suffered that we might forego the eternity of Hell. We should rightfully be punished for our life of sin, yet Christ died in our stead that we, accepting His Lordship, might be pardoned and forgiven. ***Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.*** This is a mighty admonition to us, for we can never be as merciful as God has been toward us. But God would have us to take on the very nature of mercy in our dealings with others. Though a child can seldom match the understanding of his father or mother, he will nonetheless mimic the nature he sees in his parents. That is what God desires of His children today.

37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven So many good Christians misunderstand this to mean that Christian judgment is forbidden. Nothing could be further from the truth. The meaning to us is this: We should not judge with our personal judgments, but with the righteous judgment of God as evidenced in His Word. Jesus Christ gives us commandment that is clear: ***Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.*** (John 7:24) We are not only to judge from the heart, but also judge only by the measure of God's judgment and not our own. If God has declared a certain behavior sin, that is not OUR judgment, but God's. Simply declaring God's condemnation of a sin is not our PERSONAL judgment, but HIS! Remember the debtor to the king whose great debt was forgiven by the king and, who, after went out and took a man by the throat who owed him a small sum, threatening to sell his wife and family into slavery? He was forgiven a fortune, but refused to forgive his own servant a small debt. How merciless was he! Are we not the same? The King of Glory has forgiven us an enormous debt, and a multitude of debts, yet we refuse to forgive those who offend us in the slightest measure.

38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. It is not possible to give more than God has given, for He immediately replenishes our bottles of oil the moment we pour out our blessings to others. There are blessings that cannot be measured in simple terms of a piece of bread for a piece of bread. Our giving of bread to the poor is multiplied in return value a thousand times. Our souls have rest and a good conscience thereby. Peace of mind is a possession not enjoyed by the greedy.

Can the blind lead the blind? Of course they can! It is happening in 90% of America's churches today. Ministers, blind to the love and Spirit of God, are leading their blind disciples ever nearer the gaping abyss that awaits all who do not hear with clarity the voice of God. 39 And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? This is a parable of Jesus that has profoundly present implications. Our seminaries have been turned from a concentrated focus on the Word of God to an obsession with church growth, conflict resolution, seeker friendly programs, and, yes, MONEY schemes! If the lay Christian is NOTR blind (informed deeply by the Word of God) it is not likely that he can be led by the nose by a blind guide.

Do you know that there are theologians today who believe that they are better informed of God's Will than Jesus Christ? It is true. There are those among the despicable movement called "Higher Critics" who believe that textual analysis and archeological digs have revealed to them information that Jesus did not have while on his earthly ministry. They obviously discredit Christ as the Son of the Living God, and God Himself! Their new bibles attempt to alter the evidence to support their intentional errors. 40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. I once disputed with a local minister who claimed that speaking in tongues (nonsensical babbling) was required for salvation. We argued the issue endlessly. Finally, I asked, "Is Jesus Christ our perfect example in all things?" Of course, the minister answered in the affirmative to which I followed up, "Do we have any evidence of Jesus EVER speaking in an ecstatic and incomprehensible tongue?" The man REFUSED to answer. If we will have perfect religion, and undefiled, let us be as much like Christ as our earthen vessels will afford.

How many clergymen preach against the sins of lying, stealing, adultery, etc., and harbor those sins in the dark chambers of their own hearts? Of course these sins are condemned by God; however, we must not judge others by a stronger measure than we apply to our own conduct. If we criticize the housekeeping of a neighbor, let us first sweep the trash and filth from our own floors. 41 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

If we are to have authority as men and women of God, we must see that we follow Christ in love and truth. We not only pronounce the truth of God's Word to others, but we must make that truth the rule of our own lives. Owning the Spirit of Love and Truth, we shall walk the Valleys and Mountains with our eyes open to the presence and company 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 See

Psalm 91, Lamentations 3:22-33, Matthew 10:22-39

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Christians, believe. Christians love. Christians pray. These have been the subjects of the sermons to this point in Trinity. Today we continue looking at what Christians do, and the topic is, "Christians See."

Of all the senses God gave us, one of the most valued is the sense of sight. I admit many people do quite well without sight, and I have even heard of people who are thankful that they have lost their sight. Being blind, they say, has enabled them to wean themselves from much of the frivolities of life, and to focus on those things that are important, especially relationships. They have found out how important others are in their lives, and how they had taken them for granted. Many have said their blindness has forced them to grow closer to God. Thus, they say, blindness has been a blessing to them. I have heard other people say the same about serious illnesses, and other circumstances most would consider devastating. "I learned to trust God," they say. "I have learned to be content in Him." I have learned that "all things work for good to those who love God."

I think this is part of what Jesus was saying to the disciples in Matthew 10. He was getting ready to send them on their first preaching mission, and He wanted them to know what was ahead of them, and He wanted them to trust in God, not themselves. So He sent them without money, without food, without a change of clothing. Nor should they expect to be well fed and well treated by their fellow Jews. On the contrary, He said, "they will scourge you in their synagogues," "And ye shall be hated of all men." Thus, today's reading in Matthew very appropriately ended with the words of verses 38 and 39;

"And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

Christians "see" this. We understand it. We "see" the world. Of course I am talking about spiritual sight here, not physical sight, and with this spiritual sight, Christians see the world as it is. We are not fooled by romantic books, movies, and music, which picture the world in fairy tale goodness. We see the world has much good and many opportunities for happiness, but we also know it has its trials and troubles, and we will face them. C.S. Lewis wrote of a friend, he was "tried by all the usual sorrows and anxieties." We know we will be, too. We know there will be "wars and rumours of wars," and "famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in diverse places." Therefore, we try to be emotionally and spiritually prepared. "See that ye be not troubled," said Christ speaking of these things, "for all these things must come to pass" (Mt. 24:6).

Christians see humanity as it is. We have no false, romantic notions about the natural goodness of man, or the perfectibility of man. We do see that man is capable of, and has

accomplished, much good. We also see how much of that good has been destroyed by wars and crime and corruption. We see the reason for locks on doors, police, government, and armies: there are bad people in this world who would do others harm, so we organize these things for our mutual protection.

Christians see man's natural opposition to God. Have you ever been surprised at peoples' antipathy to the Bible? Here is the story of God's love, of Him bearing our sins on the cross and saving people from Hell and giving them meaning and hope, now and forever, and people don't want to hear it. They resent it. Many even hate it. I saw a news article about a group of people, I don't know who or where, but they were carrying signs with slogans like, "If Jesus comes back, kill Him again." People find the Gospel offensive. They still want to scourge us in their synagogues, and we are still hated of all

There is, therefore, no paradise on earth. There are no Mayberrys, no Walton's Mountains, no places where all people are friendly and kind, where you don't have to lock your doors, or worry about your children's safety. Nor do we expect the policies of Man to create peace on earth or alleviate our woes. We know human solutions often cause more problems than they solve.

Christians see our own sin. We do not claim to be better, or smarter, or morally superior to any one else. We see that the tendencies of self-centeredness, greed, and disdain of the will of God exist in us, too. And we see that we have indulged these tendencies in ways that have hurt others, and hurt ourselves. We see the truth of the words of the Bible written in Romans 3:23, "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." And, if we have not gone as far into evil as some have gone, we see that it is only the grace of God that kept us from it, not some innate goodness or wisdom in us.

But Christians "see" something else. We are enabled to see beyond human frailty, and even beyond the limits of physical creation. We are enabled to see the hand of God guiding the course of history, and our own lives. We see that He is guiding us toward the day when He will end the world as it is, and make it new again. There won't be any wars then, or poverty, or injustice, illness, death, or evil. Such things will be only dim memories then, for God will bring all things together in Christ Jesus, into an everlasting era of joy and peace.

It is because Christians "see" these things that our lives are different now. We intentionally live in this world in a way that prepares us for the next one. We know life is short, and the earthly treasures we work for and value now will soon be taken from our grasp. So we lay up treasures in Heaven, treasures that will endure forever. We want to live in such a way that "we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal." "Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."—

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Rev Rick Reid of Saint Peter's Sunday Sermon

We are happy to have a sermon from Reverend Rick Reid, minister of Saint Peter's, whose congregation is right at the Worldwide Headquarters of the Anglican Orthodox Church. Rev Rick has all the resources and challenges right at hand. This sermon is not in the usual expository style common to the Sunday Report and the AOC, but I think you will enjoy it.

Paul Gained the Trust of the Saints

Good morning, my sermon today is about trust. Trust is one of the most important issues that each of us has to deal with. It affects our lives as Christians, it affects our lives together as families; it affects our whole world. In this day and age, in a culture that is politically, economically, and in countless other ways divided and polarized, trust is not an abundant commodity.



For example, we used to trust the financial community. If you can't trust Wall Street, what hope is there? Our world was designed to run on trust. Trust is essential to everything we do. We trust the other drivers on the road to stop when the light turns red. We trust that the bridge we are crossing is structurally sound when we cross it. We trust the doctors to be accurate in their diagnosis, and the hospital to provide the equipment and the sterile environment we need to survive an illness or surgery. Trust is a very big deal.

I once heard of a journalist who decided to do a story on Happiness. He traveled the world to discover what made some countries happier places than others to live; he found that the essential ingredient was trust. The happiest countries are those in which people feel they can trust their government, trust their social institutions, and trust their neighbors.

Trust is a very big deal. It is evident that one problem the apostle Paul had at the beginning of his ministry was that many in the early church did not trust him. As we read in Galatians 1:21-23

21 Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia; 22 And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ: 23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past, now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.

Is it any wonder that some in the church in Galatia had questions about Paul's credentials? They challenged his authority as a church leader and raised doubts about the authenticity of his calling. In his letter, Paul takes great pains to assert the validity of his place as an apostle. After all, he recognizes that his background and his past could potentially raise reasonable questions. The apostles chosen by Jesus before his crucifixion had the advantage of being people who actually walked and talked with Jesus. Paul, on the other hand, had come along and announced his apostleship well after Christ's death and after his own notorious past as a persecutor of Christians.

It was little wonder if some believers wanted to know such things as "Who is this man? Where is he coming from, and why should we trust him?" Paul confronts these questions head on. He told them, "You have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

"When you think about it, it is amazing that people in the early church ever trusted Paul at all. Suppose we had somebody show up at our church who was known for his religious hatred, or was even known to have participated in the murder of a member of St. Peter's. Would you ever trust him? Or would you say, "I'll never trust him.

It had to be difficult for early Christians to accept Paul, especially since there had to be a lot of resentment in the part Paul played in Stephen's death. It took time for Paul to win people's trust.

We might get the idea that once Paul was converted he was accepted almost at once by the entire church and then he went sailing merrily off on his missionary journeys. Not true. Listen to his words: 15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, 16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: 17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.20 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.

What did Paul do during his time in Arabia and those three years in Damascus? And why did he go there rather than Jerusalem? Could it be that these were the only places he was accepted? Maybe this is why his missionary journeys were so extensive. Perhaps he needed to find places where people would not hold his past against him.

That happens in the church. It has been said that the Church is the only army that shoots its wounded. When Paul wrote these words to the church at Galatia, it may have been twenty years after his conversion experience. Still, there were people who did not trust him, even after twenty years of ministry. The New Testament church had the same problem many of us have.

We accept the forgiveness that God offers us, but it's difficult to apply that same forgiveness to others. And, even if we do say that we forgive those who have hurt or betrayed us, we vow never to trust them again. Paul understood this. He was very transparent about his past.

He had done wrong in his prior life of persecuting the early church. There was only one way he could ever win back their trust and that was to live a Christ-like life, from that day forward. And he did. That is the only way any of us who have done wrong can ever really make things right. That is to make a new start with God's help.

Andrew Jackson was the 7th president of the United States. Some people regard him as a fine president. But he was also tough. They called him "Old Hickory" and in some cases he was ruthless. He was the president who ordered the infamous "Trail of Tears" for the Cherokee Indians. This led to Jackson having many enemies. Jackson loved his wife, Rachel. They lived together at the Hermitage near Nashville, Tennessee. Rachel was a devout Christian. Jackson had a chapel built for her on the Hermitage grounds. Anyone who questioned Rachel's virtue (and evidently there were many) Jackson challenged to a duel. When Rachel died, part of Andrew Jackson died with her. They said that he would sit in the chapel for hours just to remember her.

One day a minister came to visit and Jackson said: "I would like to be baptized and I would like to become a Christian." The minister said, "Mr. President, there is nothing that would please me more. But in order to be baptized, you will need to repent, seek

forgiveness for your sins, and to forgive those who have sinned against you. Are you willing to do that, Mr. President?" Andrew Jackson said, "I can forgive my enemies in battle, I can forgive my enemies in politics, but I will never forgive those who slandered Rachel."

Old Hickory was not willing to bend. And that was the way that they left it. Sometime later there was a knock on the minister's door. It was late at night and it was raining. There on the doorstep, soaked from the rain, was the former president of the United States. In a voice barely audible, Jackson said: "I'm ready to forgive." The minister said, "Excuse me, Mr. President, I'm hard of hearing. What did you say?" And Old Hickory broke down in tears and said: "I forgive them all."

To many that pastor may have gone too far in requiring Jackson to forgive others before he was accepted into the fellowship of the church. But, my brothers and sister in Christ, this is the only way that a person can ever really be trusted again, if they totally and completely repent of their sins, and resolve with God's help, never to make the same mistake again.

That is what St. Paul did. I love the way this story ends. He said: "Then I went to Syria and Cilicia; I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. They only heard the report: 'The man, who formerly persecuted us, is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.'" Then he writes, "And they praised God because of me."

Paul's life was an open book. Once he had been Saul who had persecuted the church; now he was Paul who preached the Gospel, and everyone who got to know him could tell that he was not the same man he had been.

This is how you rebuild the bonds of trust, to forgive, and repent, therefore becoming a new person in Christ. May we always welcome the sinner into the family of sinners, who are now saints because of the forgiveness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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.



Fourth Sunday after Trinity

In Matthew 15:1-20 we read where our Lord was scolded by the scribes and Pharisees because his disciples were not following the *tradition of the elders*, to which he replied, *Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?* When we examine the charge made by his antagonists, we find their accusation to be peevish at best while our Lord's response was forthright and true as he picked apart their charge using the language of Scripture. And we should not overlook the fact that he had the ability to read their hearts as well. He knew what was behind their motivation in coming to him, and he knew it had nothing whatsoever to do with the Spirit of God.

And to another group of critics he said, *Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do... and because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not* (St. John 8:43-25). It may surprise you to

learn that all who come against the gospel of truth are under the influence of the evil one whether they realize it or not. That's right, the scribes and Pharisees did not realize that they were pawns of the evil one, and neither do their modern day counterparts. The former were likely regulars at the Temple and worshipped God much as our Lord related in parable of the Pharisee and the publican (St. Luke 18:9-14; while the latter are likely members in good standing within the several denominations that make up mainline Christendom. Nevertheless, one does not have to knowingly worship Lucifer to be his disciple. One need only follow his insinuations.

As noted, our gospel lesson dealt with the alteration of God's commandments. Now it ought to be clearly understood that God's word it is fixed and unchangeable. It has been given to us for our eternal good by him who is perfect. Thus, for men to tamper with it in order that they might find some exception is worse than folly. When men think that they can edit the word of God so that it says something different than what the Holy Ghost intended— whether they want to admit it or not— they are putting themselves in the place of God. Was it not that old serpent, Satan, who first amended God's word in the Garden (see Genesis 3:4-5)? Was it not his influence which lead our first parents into sin? And was it not also passed down to us? There is a humorous anecdote about the notorious comic W.C. Fields who was said to have been reading the Bible on his death bed when a friend entered his room. The friend was startled by what he saw because Fields was an irreligious man. When asked why he was reading the Bible, Fields responded, "Looking for loop-holes." Such is a fit description of the *tradition of the elders* which our Lord found so repugnant. His reply was simple and direct, *Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.*

The choice of being obedient to the expressed will of God is very hard for those who are under the influence of evil. Some will simply ignore God's commands to their eternal detriment. But many others will feign to follow Christ by paying lip service to him all the while living their lives in disobedience to his word and commandment. As our Lord reminded his critics, *Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.* Think on the last portion of our Lord's reply, *But in vain they do worship me.* The superficial Christian has the same status with our Lord as an unbeliever because such a person has never really been born again of the Holy Ghost. If one is born again of the Spirit of God, then such a person will attempt to lead a life of obedience to the revealed will of God in Christ Jesus. A vain worshipper is merely a show off. He or she does not really believe in the Lord Jesus and is only present in church to be seen of others (St. Matthew 6:5-6).

Within many denominations today, one can witness an appallingly low level of godly faith and obedience as they have welcomed into their midst, and without reservation, individuals who are open and notorious in their sins. They have done this not for the purpose of educating those misguided souls according to God's word written. No, they want to be thought of as tolerant, inclusive, politically correct, or what have you. Our Anglican fathers did not have a crystal ball to look into the future, but they had the word of God which supplied them with a specific description of what a true body of Christ should look like. In Article XIX of our *Articles of Religion* we find the following, "The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men, in the which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments be duly administered according to Christ's ordinance, in all those things that of necessity are requisite to the same." Please

note that said statement in no way describes those church bodies which have allowed the wicked to enter their sacred precincts unrebuked and who have remained unchanged.

The apostle Paul— who was never one to mince words— once penned the following: *I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person* (I Corinthians 5:9-13). The Bible tells us that we ought to, *worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness* (Psalm 96:9a). We should also, *come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms* (Psalm 95:2). Worshipping God *in the beauty of holiness* does not translate into an open acceptance of sin. God has condemned sin and if we are in agreement with such, we will face his wrath as well.

The prophet Amos once questioned, *Can two walk together, except they be agreed?* (3:3). And the apostle Paul admonished the Corinthians in his second epistle, *for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel* (6:14b-15)? If we have been born again of the Holy Ghost, then we ought not to continue in fellowship with those who have chosen to disregard God's word and commandment unless and until they repent and reject their wicked deeds and aspirations.

Just as the *tradition of the elders* had brought to no effect the true meaning of God's word written, the same applies to those churches today which are using one the many corrupted bible translations. Believe it or not, these new bible versions have contributed to the furtherance of many false doctrines and grievous heresies. Is Jesus "a son of God," or is he *the only begotten Son of God*? Is one "being saved" by faith, or is one *saved through faith*? Are Christians "slaves" to Christ, or are we his *servants*? Should Christians deny the existence of hell, or accept it as a real place? Does a person's works save them, or is a person saved by the one atoning work of our Lord on the cross? Do all persons regardless of their beliefs have a place in God's coming kingdom, or is his eternal kingdom reserved only for those who believe on his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and have accepted his free gift of salvation? For each of the aforementioned questions, there is a right and a wrong answer, not because its my opinion but on account of what God has stated in his Word. And since all Christian doctrine stems from God's word written, so it follows that those churches who have employed a corrupted translation of the scriptures will find it difficult to impart a saving understanding of orthodox Christian doctrine to their congregations. As I have said before, the best translation of the majority of ancient bible manuscripts into our language is the Authorized Version or King James Bible. The doctrinal points set forth within its pages have been worded in language that is crystal clear in its meaning. It is the epitome of a teaching text because it contains numerous life examples for our study. You might learn a thing or two from the new versions; but I would urge you to keep a KJV handy for a reference.

Another example of the modern church adopting the traditions of men can be seen in the various activities they use to promote themselves. Many churches today have

become purveyors of yoga, team sports and an assortment of youth gatherings. Some offer church-based luncheons, dinners, musicals, and concerts. But in all these activities where is Great Commission mentioned? You will not find it in the teaching of yoga because it is a pagan Hindu practice. Aside from yoga classes, those other activities—while not evil in and of themselves— are not functions which the Church ought to promote. The Church is not supposed to be like the world. The only mission that the Church has been given is to proclaim the gospel to a sin-darkened world.

The early Christians broke bread together at an "open table" which meant that it was open to all brothers and sisters in Christ. They also sang songs that uplifted God's holy name. These hymns were not about the participants, neither were they a show or a performance as they were addressed to God, and their focus was entirely upon him and him alone. The early Church fed the hungry of the household of faith. They did not tolerate evil in their midst, nor was their table and their fellowship open to all without reservation. How many modern churches bother to include a message by the pastor on the necessity for salvation during their various social offerings to the public? The modern church has become so much like the world that if those congregations did not possess a church building you'd have trouble distinguishing them from any other nonprofit organization.

So then, why are so many contemporary church bodies offering such programs to the public devoid of the Great Commission? Church growth is all about numbers both in the pew and the collection plate. Its goal is accomplished without any regard for sound Christian doctrine. So what then may be said of those churches in their quest for more members? As Pastor Ray Baumann once observed, "Church leadership must decide who is going to grow their church. You either grow it with man or with God. God's way produces disciples changed for life; man's way produces attendees that come as they are and leave as they were."

Has this become the new paradigm for church growth: churches filled with people who neither care for God or his wishes? Or, Should we not bring people to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ so that regardless of where they go to church they will be saved effectually and eternally? I would love to see our mission church grow, but I want only God-fearing and Christ-seeking souls to attend. If we invite the world on its terms, it will come and remain on its terms. We are looking for those who have found as we have, that to love the world is to have enmity with God. We want those who come to reject the world, the flesh and the devil and who are seeking to live in obedience to God's word written.

It is essential for Christians to keep in mind that the *traditions of men* have been carefully crafted by the evil one to have only an appearance of godliness. As St. Paul reminded the Corinthian church concerning those who would feign to be members of the faith, *For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works* (II Corinthians 11:13-15).

So judge righteously and be alert. The Bible tells us to, *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour* (I St. Peter 5:8). There are many deceptive practices which the devil would have the church involved in, and not one of them will advance the gospel of our Lord, or seek the

salvation of any soul. If are not telling people about our Lord who was crucified for us and died; and who was resurrected and has ascended to the right hand of the Father; and who will come again to bring us to the Father's house where he has prepared a place for us; then we are wasting our time and God's patience. If we ever desire to hear from our Lord's lips the words, *Well done good and faithful servant*, then we had best be about his business and that includes our keeping the world, the flesh and devil outside the doors of our churches.

Let us pray,

FATHER keep us always in thy care, and bless us with such an in-filling of thy most holy Spirit that we may discern what traditions are of thee as opposed to those from our adversary; and this we beg in the name of our Lord and 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
30 June 2012	Opportunity Available – Fifth Sunday after Trinity
7 July 2012	Opportunity Available – Sixth Sunday after Trinity
14 July 2012	Opportunity Available – Seventh Sunday after Trinity
21 July 2012	Opportunity Available – Eighth Sunday after Trinity
28 July 2012	Opportunity Available – Ninth Sunday after Trinity
4 August 2012	Opportunity Available – Tenth Sunday after Trinity
14 August 2012	Opportunity Available – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
18 August 2012	Opportunity Available – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
25 August 2012	Opportunity Available – Thirteenth 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 they are in Orlando, Florida visiting Mickey! Details here:

<http://langytravel.blogspot.com>

Birthday

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

Zachary Gray celebrated his 12th birthday today, 23 June 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

Cleve passed way the week of 16 June 2013. Please pray for comfort for his family and friends who miss their wonderful husband, father, uncle, combat veteran and faithful servant of the Lord.

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

Beth recently underwent another craniotomy for brain cancer and follow up of progress of the past treatment and surgery; 81 new metastasizes were found. The family and treatment staff is gathered around Beth and family. She is strong in spirit. Let us all pray for God's mercy, grace and God's will to be done for all. 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 Beth and her family put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry. Beth is grateful for all who pray for her and asks you continue to pray for her remaining time here on earth.

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. But, there is good news; Bud has gained some weight, up to 120 now from 110 just a few weeks ago. He is stronger, able to walk around the house using his cane, and has even attended some court hearings. He is in remarkably good spirits, his voice is stronger, and he remains the most inspirational warrior I have ever known. We talked continuously for several hours each visit, and I had the pleasure of listening to a number of great stories about his remarkable life. My dear old Marine friend, Jim Harrison, joined me for the visits. Our friendship goes back to 1961, and Jim arranged to escort me home from Hanoi, meeting me at Gia Lam on March 4, 1973. He has known Bud for many years.

Bud is receiving first class attention from the medical team at Eglin, and they marvel (still after all these years) at how tough and courageous this man is. Bud & Doris' beautiful granddaughter, Bethany, had just arrived for an extended summer visit during her summer college break, and you can see the delight in that in the eyes of Bud.

Always present when you visit Bud is his wonderful sense of humor. As usual, when I come away from visiting Bud, I am again inspired.

He enjoys hearing from friends and sends his regards. He has frequent visitors. Time Ayers had just visited. I took some pictures Angie made during our recent POW reunion at the Nixon Library, and he thoroughly enjoyed seeing and hearing about old friends.

We are blessed to have Bud Day as our leader, our friend and our fellow warrior -- what an amazing warrior and patriot. I know he would like to hear from you. He gets on the computer occasionally, but answering all will be difficult --- and, that is ok. He needs to hear from us regularly.

God Bless Bud and Doris Day, how rich they have made our lives with their friendship. 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.

- Orson Swindle

Surgery

John will have a Vitrectomy; to address what seems a macular pucker, suck out some "gel" and thereby to marginally improve his vision in his left eye. This will be done on Friday 21 June 2013. He and his family will appreciate your prayers.

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 third segment of chemotherapy the pain relief medication seems to be working pretty well. Please pray the chemotherapy will work, the pain medication will also work and Sarah can 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! 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

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.

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 final 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. His throat started closing up, but was stretched on Friday and seems to be reacting well. Brian is gaining strength, please give thanks for this. 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. Pleaser 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.

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

Please pray for the people in and near Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The city and a dozen towns west and south of there, have been hit with torrential rains for almost a week now causing the banks of the Bow River to overflow. At present over 75,000 people have been evacuated from their homes. Even the world famous Calgary Stampede has been flooded and animals are being evacuated from the Calgary Zoo. The news media is reporting that at least four people have died as a result of the flood. The Army has been mobilized to help out and the Canadian Prime Minister has visited the area earlier today. Our AOC mission in Alberta is not directly affected. However, Rev David's daughter and son-in-law live in Calgary.

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.

AOC Pakistan

NOTE: The Church of Pakistan is doing wonderful work in evangelism under threatening and arduous labors through the very able leadership of Bishop Jacob. The Seminary also provides a Bible-centered forum for the training of clergy and lay leaders. Please continue in prayer for our brothers and sisters of Pakistan. - *Bishop Ogles*

The AOC-Pakistan annual report follows:

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CHURCH REPORT

Sunday school Silver Jubilee:

On 8th December 2012, the Silver Jubilee of the Sunday school was celebrated in Peshawar. Bishop Ernest Jacob was the chief guest on this occasion. The Silver Jubilee program was conducted by Miss. Saba Shaukat a senior Sunday school teacher.

Special awards and certificates were given to all teachers who worked in past twenty five years in A.O.C church Sunday school ministry. About two hundred Sunday school children attended this program and special gifts were given to them by Bishop Ernest Jacob.

In the end Bishop Ernest Jacob shared a message with the audience. He praised the Sunday school teachers and children. Thanks to God that our Sunday schools are growing under the able leadership of Bishop Ernest Jacob.

Bishop Ernest Jacob's illness:

On 10th December 2012 Bishop Ernest Jacob fell ill. His illness was due to a heart problem. On 15th December, he was admitted in the hospital, where doctors did Angioplasty and inserted one stent to open one of his artery which was 80% blocked. Now Bishop is feeling much better. After taking 15 days rest he started working once again.

Christmas Service 2012:

On 25th December Christmas services were held in all centers of Anglican Orthodox Church of Pakistan. In Peshawar Bishop Ernest Jacob led the Christmas service in United Church and celebrated Holy Communion.

Confirmation Service in Peshawar A.O.C:

On 25th January confirmation service for A.O.C churches in district Peshawar was held. 40 young boys and girls were confirmed and received Holy Communion for the first time.

Lecture on human rights by Bishop Ernest Jacob:

On 19th February 2013, Bishop Ernest Jacob was invited to Peshawar police club by an N.G.O to deliver a lecture to police officers. The topic of the lecture was "Human Rights" in view of Christianity. After the lecture Bishop Ernest answered various questions asked by police officers regarding Christianity. Thanks to God who provided this opportunity to give knowledge about Christianity and the Bible to non-Christian police officers.

Lecture on Christianity to Islamic Students:

On 15th February 2013, the Department of Islamic Studies of University of Peshawar held a seminar on Christianity. On the invitation of director of the department Dr. Daust Mohammad, Bishop Ernest Jacob gave very profound lecture on "Christianity" to the M.Phil. students of the Islamic Studies. Bishop Ernest Jacob's lecture consisted of:

- The Bible, unchanged word of God.
- The Holy Trinity, understood by Christians.
- Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

It was another great opportunity given by God to evangelize Christianity among non-Christians. In the end , Bishop answered various questions asked by students and

faculty.

F.T.S Graduation Ceremony:

On 15th March graduation for the class of 2013 was held in Gujranwala at Seminary campus. Bishop Ernest Jacob the Principal of Faith Theological Seminary presided over the graduation ceremony and gave the message. The ceremony was attended by students and their parents and other guests invited by F.T.S. staff. Bishop Sharoon, the chairman of the board of directors conducted the ceremony. The chief guest Dr.Ajmal gave away the degrees and diplomas to the graduates. The ceremony ended with prayer and benediction by Bishop Ernest Jacob.

Annual meeting of A.O.C in Pakistan:

On 23rd March the annual meeting of the Anglican Orthodox Church of Pakistan was held in Peshawar. Bishop Jacob presided over the meeting. All the priests and executive members attended the meeting. The priests submitted their annual reports to the Bishop. During the meeting Bishop and all the participants praised and thanked Bishop Jerry Ogles for his moral and financial support to A.O.C ministry in Pakistan.

Lent and Easter Celebrated:

This year once again Lent season and Easter was celebrated with religious fervor throughout Pakistan. Special services to celebrate Easter 2013 were held in all centers of the A.O.C in Pakistan. Bishop Ernest Jacob conducted a worship service on Easter Day in United church in Peshawar. Holy Communion was also conducted on this occasion.

Bishop's Annual Visit to Rawalpindi:

On 21st April 2013 Bishop went to Rawalpindi on his annual visit to new a congregation headed by Rev. Sarwar Masih our parish priest at Iqbal town A.O.C church. Bishop Jacob led the service. 30 people got confirmed. Bishop gave the sermon and Holy Communion.

Rev. Mushtaq Jamal, Rev. Razzaq Khokhar, Rev. Saddique Masih helped Bishop in the service.

Bishop's Annual Visit to Islamabad:

On 1st May 2013, Bishop Ernest Jacob visited Islamabad A.O.C congregation. A very nice service was held at St. James Church. Rev. Mushtaq Jamal is the priest-in-charge of St. James Church. During the service 30 people were confirmed. Bishop Jacob also conducted the Holy Communion service.

Rev Mushtaq, Rev Sarwar, Rev Shahzad, Rev Saddique, Rev Jawed Jamal were on the altar to help in the service. Bishop gave a wonderful message and with his prayer, the service ended and after lunch Bishop Jacob came back to Peshawar.

Prayer Request:

Please pray for our seminary student who has completed his first year with honour. Pray that two years will be more fruitful for him, as he continues his studies in the seminary.

Please pray for Bishop Ernest Jacob who travels frequently to visit A.O.C. congregation across the country. Pray for his good health.

Please pray for our oldest church building and parish house (80 years old) almost damaged with heavy rains. Three rooms are already without roofs. Also pray for our local congregation at Narrowal who wants to rebuild the house. Pray that God will provide enough money to reconstruct the house and partially the church building.

Please pray for all our congregation and clergy who work so hard for the betterment of their congregation.

Pray for two new families who left Roman Catholic Church and now have joined A.O.C. Peshawar.

Bishop Ernest Jacob

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
30 June 2012	Dru Arnold – Fifth Sunday after Trinity
7 July 2012	Dru Arnold – Sixth Sunday after Trinity
14 July 2012	Dru Arnold – Seventh Sunday after Trinity
21 July 2012	Dru Arnold – Eighth Sunday after Trinity
28 July 2012	Dru Arnold – Ninth Sunday after Trinity
4 August 2012	Dru Arnold – Tenth Sunday after Trinity
14 August 2012	Dru Arnold – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
18 August 2012	Dru Arnold – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
25 August 2012	Dru Arnold – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

The near future, as well as Next Sunday

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**

14 July 2012 – Seventh 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**

21 July 2012 – Eighth 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**

28 July 2012 – Ninth 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**