



Faithful Centurion Anglican Orthodox Church

## Eighth Sunday after Trinity



Sunday Report

Today we celebrated the Eighth Sunday after Trinity Sunday. Summer is here, somewhat warmer than last week with a sunrise temperature on Mount Olympus of 71°F, by the time church ended the mercury had climbed to 77°F, all under the cloudy skies of a spent thunderstorm. Because of her pox, Eve and Paul Langstaff were down the hill to see the doctor to get marked fit for travel, Emma and Jack were back in Kangarooland, so we were at our usual three for the service.

### *Gathering Song*

Jack Arnold played *Amazing Grace* for the gathering song.

### **Amazing Grace**

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun.

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

### *On Point*

Someone asked, where do the quotes come from? The answer is from the people who uttered them. But, how did you find them? Oh, that. 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. Today, we have a couple from Rev. Geordie Menzies-Grierson. On to the On Point quotes –

Lord, keep Your arm around my shoulder and Your hand over my mouth!

*Lew Valkenaar*

It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for a bird to learn to fly while remaining an egg.

We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad.

*CS Lewis*  
Mere Christianity

Christ and ritualism are opposed to each other, as light is to darkness. The cross and crucifix cannot agree. Either ritualism will banish Christ or Christ will banish ritualism.

*Horatius Bonar*

We have need of our judgments, and we must try the Spirits of those who profess to be sent of God. There are men of great gifts who are "false prophets." These affect the look, language and spirit of God's people, while really they long to devour souls, even as wolves thirst for the blood of sheep. "Sheep's clothing" is all very fine, but we must look beneath it and spy out the wolves. A man is what he is inwardly. We had need beware. This precept is timely at this hour. We must be careful, not only about our way, but about our leaders. They come to us; they come as prophets; they come with every outward commendation; but they are very Balaams, and will surely curse those they pretend to bless.

I would not have you exchange the gold of individual Christianity for the base metal of Christian Socialism.

*Rev Charles Haddon Spurgeon*<sup>1</sup>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles\\_Spurgeon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Spurgeon)

What happened to the Soviet Empire, the British Empire and all the empires throughout history is beginning to happen to America. It is simply a historical rule to which the American Empire is also subject. Obama has hastened the pace of this process but he

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<sup>1</sup> *Charles Haddon (CH) Spurgeon* (19 June 1834 – 31 January 1892) was a British Particular Baptist preacher. Spurgeon remains highly influential among Christians of different denominations, among whom he is known as the "Prince of Preachers". He was a strong figure in the Reformed Baptist tradition, defending the Church in agreement with the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith understanding, and opposing the liberal and pragmatic theological tendencies in the Church of his day.

In his lifetime, Spurgeon preached to around 10,000,000 people, often up to 10 times each week at different places. Spurgeon was the pastor of the congregation of the New Park Street Chapel (later the Metropolitan Tabernacle) in London for 38 years. He was part of several controversies with the Baptist Union of Great Britain and later had to leave the denomination. In 1857, he started a charity organization which is now called Spurgeon's and works globally. He also founded Spurgeon's College, which was named after him posthumously.

Spurgeon was a prolific author of many types of works including sermons, an autobiography, commentaries, books on prayer, devotionals, magazines, poetry, hymns and more. Many sermons were transcribed as he spoke and were translated into many languages during his lifetime. Spurgeon produced powerful sermons of penetrating thought and precise exposition. His oratory skills held his listeners spellbound in the Metropolitan Tabernacle and many Christians have discovered Spurgeon's messages to be among the best in Christian literature.

did not create it...The very fact that the majority of Americans so enthusiastically voted for the man whose entire being symbolizes the complete opposite of the values that brought about the establishment of the United States, indicates the deep rot that has spread through American society. The inevitable economic collapse that Obama is inflicting upon America is nothing more than a symptom of the moral rot. Significant sections of the American population are still motivated by the values of America's founding fathers. But they have no real ability to stop the crumbling of their society.

*Moshe Feiglin*

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century Israeli statesman and author

One of the greatest delusions in the world is the hope that the evils of this world can be cured by legislation.

*Thomas B. Reed*

19<sup>th</sup> century American politician

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you.

*Isaiah 35:4*

Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

*Acts 15:18*

### *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.

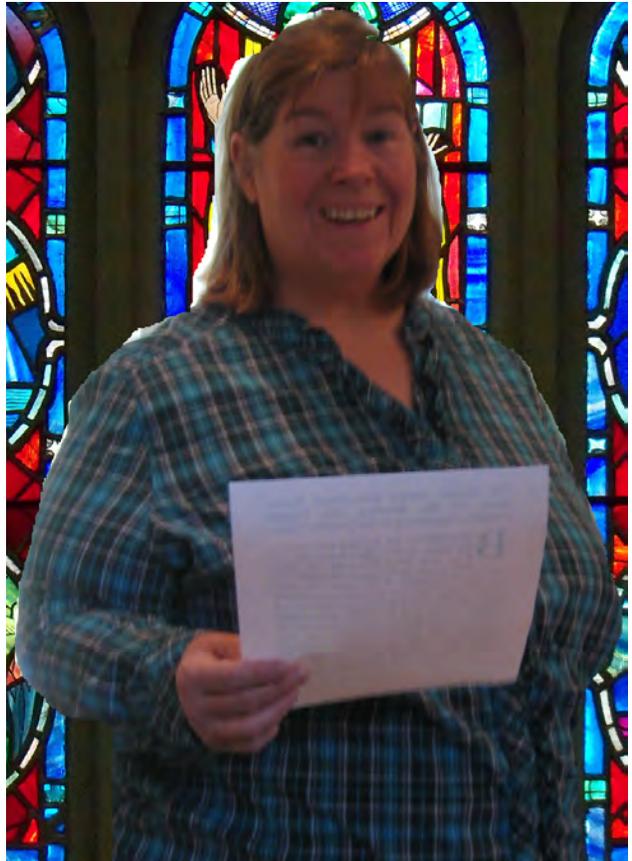
The Propers for today are found on Page 199-200, with the Collect first:

### *The Eighth Sunday after Trinity.*

*The Collect.*

**O** GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dru Arnold read the Epistle, which came from Paul's letter to the Romans, the Eighth Chapter, beginning at the Twelfth Verse. Paul tells us to live out our lives as Jesus instructed us to. If we live as we want, we die and are gone. If we live as Jesus commanded, we will live through to eternity. Life is not about here, it is about doing well enough here so we can get there. If we want the fruits of the heirship we have been given, we must live the part:



**B**RETHREN, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Hap Arnold read today's Holy Gospel, which started in the Seventh Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the Fifteenth Verse. Matthew records the warning that so few heed. Many leaders talk a good line, but how do they actually act, particularly in private? For it is private when none are looking that we are revealed. If you want to get to heaven, you have to act the part, not just talk about it.



**B**EWARE of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

## *Sermon – Reverend Deacon Jack Arnold - Time and Action*

Today's sermon tied the Epistle and Gospel together talked, as is oft the case, of the need for action, not simply diction, the general content is in forewords above.



Consider the words from the Collect, wherein we ask God who ... ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; ... to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us ...

We must understand in our hearts that God does indeed "ordereth all things" here as well as in heaven. Once we understand that, then we can ask Him to keep us away from those things hurtful to us and incline our hearts towards those things that are good for us. This is one of the many things for which we need the inspiration of the Holy Ghost in our hearts. Without His Help, we cannot recognize the help we need. We tend to think of ourselves as perfectable by our own work, without the need to depend on others (Him). The problem is, it does not work. On the other hand, if we look to God for help, for guidance, for direction, for strength, for structure, for the ability to persevere, there

is nothing that must be done that cannot be done. In other words, on our own we cannot do anything that works, but with God's help, we can do things that work! God asks only that we do our very best. By the way, do not confuse saying you are doing your best with actually doing it. There is a difference between words and actions!

There are 66 books in the Bible, of those 27 are in the New Testament, of those Saint Paul wrote 13, almost half! More than anyone. Paul gives much of the guidance and direction we call The Word of God. Yet, his message is very simple. People claim to find it hard to grasp, which mostly means they don't want to hear it. If they truly did want to hear it, they would not offer up those excuses! Today, Paul tells us, much like last week, that if we are of this world, we die of this world. Yet if we will accept our adoption by God, we will be entitled to call Him Abba, or Daddy. For, if we are His children, then we gain His Birthright and all that results from that status. While we may have some cause for suffering here on earth, the resultant glory will all be well worth it. The problem with this is that while we are all willing to suffer (just not today) we are so often not willing to put off what we want to do now for what God wants us to do. We justify doing what we want, while ignoring what God clearly told us He Wants. We look for people who claim authority who will tell us what we want to hear. Once again, it is what we want, not what He Wants.

That leads right in to the point Jesus said in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew when He Tells us to take great care in who we choose to follow. Scripture has been given to provide an unchanging standard against which we should judge the words and actions of those who would lead us towards God. Jesus tells us to listen to those who preach of the Gospel and discard the words of those whose teachings are not congruent with The Word. For, it is by their actions can you judge their teaching. To quote President Reagan, "Trust, but verify." Does what the person say match with The Word. We all have Bibles, most the Authorized Version. Does what the person preach match what God has said? Does their life live that talk? We do not want to follow people that produce evil, corrupted fruit, but good and plentiful and delicious fruit!

Actually, that brings us to another point, does the Bible you use match the real Word of God. It is not the grammar or style that count, but the facts, the points, the real message of Scripture. The Authorized Version comes from the Received Text and is reliable. Make certain the version you use loses nothing in the translation.

So once you let the Holy Ghost into your heart, then take the direction He Offers, read and understand Scripture, you will know what you are supposed to do. Then, you need to actually act on that knowledge.

This morning I was reminded today marks the 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the landings on Guam to liberate it from the hellish occupation of the Japanese. Sixty-nine years ago at 0828 the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Divison hit the beach at Asan, near Agaña, while the 1<sup>st</sup> Provisional Marine Brigade hit Agat beach to the South. These points were North and South of the Orote Peninsula, where the Japanese had established an airfield, a key objective of retaking Guam. Under heavy resistance, these two units linked up to retake the Peninsula, then retaking first the south part of the island, before heading north to finish off the resistance at the north end of the island. Finally, the island of Guam was declared secure on 10 August 1944, marking the end of about two weeks of fierce and bloody hiding. Of course, there were some stragglers, as for example, Sgt. Yokoi, who surrendered in 1972, but this marked an end to the Japanese's presence on Guam.

We remember these men today and we should not forget their struggle for our freedom, nor should we be so willing to give it up today. As long as I live, I will remember these men and many of their brethren, who fought in the Pacific and in Europe in World War II, along with all others who served our country and gave their lives. Today, I remember in particular the struggles of those men who fought on Guam. I have been very fortunate to visit this island not just once, but twice, to visit the wonderful Thomas family, who showed me around to the various battle sites.

When I stepped foot on the area around Asan Beach, I felt a strange feeling, as if I was not alone. I knew that a few feet away from me where the Thomas family, but I felt a rather peaceful, yet sad feeling when I looked towards the actual invasion beach, knowing that men had spilled the blood so that I and my descendants would be free. I looked up towards the ridge line of Fonte Ridge, and only could imagine the horrors of the battle that day, of the chaos of fire, screaming and dying men, men giving their all for our country. The battle of Guam cost our country 1,747 patriots lives, with another 6,053 wounded. As I sat there, I resolved, they should not die in vain. As long as we believe in our country, it shall not perish from the earth.

Action counts. For by their actions ye shall know them.

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**

Eighth Sunday after Trinity  
Saint Andrew's  
Anglican Orthodox Church  
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#### **The Eighth Sunday after Trinity.**

##### *The Collect.*

**O** GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



The ancient Lectionary takes us to the question of inheritance as the children of God, and also the KIND of children we should be in the production of fruit. The epistle teaches us, in no uncertain terms, that there are no people more chosen of God than those who have been adopted, through the blood of Christ, into His family as sons and daughters. Of course, in following Christ, we must not follow Him all the way to Bethany and then stop short of Calvary. We must take up our crosses daily and follow Him all of the way down the Via Dolorosa – the Way of Suffering – if necessary.

Our sermon text is taken from the Gospel lesson in Matthew 7, beginning at the 15<sup>th</sup> verse. In this passage we discover the strong similes and metaphors of false prophets being like wolves in sheep's clothing; and of trees that bring forth the fruits of their natures, and some that must be cut down for failure to produce fruit. And our text concludes with a dire warning to those who proliferate in the Christian community today – hypocrites! We will address the text in three parts:

1. False Prophets – who are they and how shall we recognize them;
2. The trees of good and bad fruit – how shall we distinguish them;
3. Hypocrites – who are they and how to know them.

#### **False Prophets**

In our text we read: *BEWARE of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's*

*clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.* First of all, what is a prophet, and how shall we know them?, "*And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.*" (Deuteronomy 18:21-22) So, do you believe that prophets of the Lord are similar to fortune-tellers in forecasting future events? Not at all, but a prophet of the Lord will say those things that the Lord has spoken in the Spirit. The prophet of today will not speak a word contrary to those uttered by the prophets of old, for God does not change. Any who know and believe the Word of God are prophets of sorts. How can that be? Because the Holy Word of God tells us what God's judgment is against all kinds of sin. If we judge by God's perfect standard of righteousness, we can conclude, as a prophet, the mode of God in dealing with such sin. A prophet speaks, preaches, and teaches the will of God as recorded in Holy Scripture – and nothing beyond what God has uttered in Holy Scripture.

We are to confirm every word spoken from the pulpit by Holy Scripture to see if these things be true. I can assure you with every bone of my body that I will never intentionally teach something contrary to the Word of God **INTENTIONALLY**; however, I am a mortal man, and mortal men are subject to errors of judgment and understanding. Therefore, a well versed and informed Christian must test all things spoken by me, or any other clergyman, by that Plumb Line of God's Word. "*Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*" (1 John 4:1) *Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.* (1 Thess 5:21) A true Christian will study the Scriptures diligently, in fact, so well that he will be able to recognize errors and inconsistencies in doctrine being preached. He will therefore not suffer deceit. The false prophet speaks smoothly and convincingly. He ACTS like a loving Christian, and he may even use the Word of God, but wrongly to achieve some deceitful purpose. He will emphasize the offering plate far more than the cross of Jesus. He may have a wonderful smile to hide hideous and sharp teeth beneath. The false prophet is a minister of the devil and, like his mentor, is a ravening wolf. He doesn't kill just to eat, but out of sport. America has a disproportionately large number of such scoundrels let loose in our pulpits today. BEWARE, friends.

### **The trees of good and bad fruit – how shall we distinguish them**

We are told to use sight and taste. If it looks like an orange, it tastes like an orange, then it MUST be an orange. Oranges do not grow on apple trees. The kind of tree determines the fruit. The kind of heart determines the soul of a Christian, or an imposter. The fruit described relates to our works as sons and daughters of God. Are our works worthy of the title, Christian? We have misapplied grace and faith to the exclusion of good works in our day. Surely, we know that works are not the means of our salvation; but just as surely we should also know that our salvation should be evidenced by works worthy of the Name of Christ. "*Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance.*" (Luke 3:8a) "*Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.*" (James 2:17-18) There has been a growing error being taught over the last several decades that all a sinner needs to do is "call upon the name of the Lord" and that ends the struggle. While it is true that all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved, it is not true that a mere utterance of that phrase will suffice. The utterance must be a genuine and sincere confession of faith from

the heart and not the head. It must be followed with evidence of salvation. A new man must be in evidence following the confession.

God gave us 'hands' for a reason. The head is our legislative branch, the hands our executive branch, and the heart our judicial branch to determine right and wrong. It is the hands that produce fruit. They cultivate, plant the trees, and care for the trees. At due season, they harvest the fruit. In the ancient Holy Land, trees were taxed – not the fruit of the trees; therefore, the lord of the vineyard will cut down a tree that does not produce in order to save revenue. The economy of Heaven is not unlike the same. If we produce no fruit, of what earthly good are we? The mind conceives a good project to perform. If it is in conformance to that Mind which was in Christ, the Judicial Branch – the Heart – will uphold that decision of the Legislative Branch. It is then that the Executive Branch (hands) completes the good work willed by the head. If our hands are idle, we had best find productive labor for them in short order; else we starve or shall be cut off. Faith is the electrical impulses that connect the three branches across the synapses of Wisdom, Love, and Action.

In the Museum of Amsterdam hangs a painting of several old Dutch Burgomasters who had distinguished themselves by some notable service to the people and community. In each of the paintings, there may be as many as a dozen faces and, though the canvas is a bit crowded for space, the hands are also depicted in every case. All one sees are heads and hands. In spite of a lack of space, the artist was very careful to include the hands with different gestures of each and in detail as complete as eyes and noses of the heads. I believe the point of the artist is to depict the full character of the men honored. The heads alone did not reveal complete character – what they thought, what they saw, what they felt; but the addition of hands depicted that the good works of these men followed the good thoughts that they conceived. The same is true of the Christian who has taken on the Mind that was in Christ.

There is a wonderful discussion of the head-only Christian in the classical work, *The Choir Invisible*, by James Allen Lane:

*Some time, wandering in a thinned wood, you may have happened upon an old vine, the seed of which had long ago been dropped and had sprouted in an open spot where there was no timber. Every May, in response to Nature's joyful bidding that it yet shall rise, the vine has loosed the thousand tendrils of its hope, those long, green, delicate fingers searching the empty air. Every December you may see these turned stiff and brown, and wound about themselves like spirals or knotted like the claw of a frozen bird. Year after year the vine has grown only at the head, remaining empty-handed ; and the head itself, not being lifted always higher by anything the hands have seized, has but moved hither and thither, back and forth, like the head of a wounded snake in a path. Thus every summer you may see the vine, fallen back and coiled upon itself, and piled up before you like a low green mound, its own tomb; in winter a black heap, its own ruins. So, it often is with the poorest, who live on at the head, remaining empty-handed ; fallen in and coiled back upon themselves, their own inescapable tombs, their own unavertible ruins.*

Our hands must follow the good will of the mind in finding good works upon which to light and to grasp in order to bear fruit pleasing to the Lord of the Vineyard.

### **Hypocrites – who are they and how to know them**

First of all, let us get our vocabulary understood. What is the meaning of hypocrite? The word is derived from the Greek text - (hupokrinomai); an actor under an

assumed character (*stage-player*), i.e. (figurative) a *dissembler* (“*hypocrite*”):- hypocrite. (Strong’s) Those who are constantly performing great things and seem to be very godly often harbor a vacuum for faith. All of the good works, good acting, and posing of the hypocrite will gain no favor at all in Heaven. Good works do not exist apart from faith. The hypocrite that says all of the right things and lives like the world is only an actor. By the same token, every man that shoulders a weapon and wears an impeccable uniform is not necessarily a soldier. We see churches in America that are supposedly ‘filled with the Holy Ghost.’ They make a great show of ‘supposed’ spiritual gifts and demonstrations. The worship is not peaceful, but exhausting. Many of the same people who were so moved by the Holy Spirit on Sunday morning are seen to be moved by the spirit of the bar on Monday. What is wrong with this picture? First, their worship is not reverent and worthy of the Church. Secondly, their hearts were only ‘acting’ as hypocrites in being shallow on faith and big on appearances. How is your heart, friend?

May we be a people wary of false prophets and so thoroughly knowledgeable of the Word of God that it will be quite difficult to deceive us.

Let us be careful of wandering too far from our protecting Shepherd and into the mountain crevices where wolves lurk. Be careful that the church you attend is one that places Christ at its heart and center – a Church that is reverent in worship and true to Scripture in its teaching and doctrine.

Let us be sure that the works of our hands represent the thoughts of our hearts and not become stale salt that has been in the shaker so long that form clumps that cannot be applied properly. Are we thus?

### *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 Live**

Psalm 127, Zechariah 4:1-10, Galatians 3:24-29

July 21, 2013

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

To say, “Christians live,” is to shock most of the people we know today. They have been taught Christianity is bondage, a living death of sorrow, self-denial, and delusion. They think we pass over all the really fun things in life, by which they mean the indulgence of our own lust and greed, to live in the sad illusion of a better life beyond this world. Many blame Christianity for all the ills of the world. Slavery, genocide, poverty, prejudice, racism, oppression, and pollution, they say, are all the fault of Bible thumping Christians and the culture we have built.

They are wrong, of course. Any one can see that such things are the complete opposite of what the Bible teaches. And any one can see that such things have been a part of the human experience in all times and places. And any one can see that the teachings of the Bible, lived and practiced in everyday life would have enabled humanity to avoid the wars, oppression, poverty, abuse, and grief that stain the pages of our history books, and our own personal lives. So, it is not Christianity that has caused our problems; it is

the lack of Christianity that has caused our misery. But the enemies of Christianity are neither bothered nor informed by truth and facts. They have an agenda, and to accomplish it, Christianity must go. So they willingly and gladly accept the lie that Christianity is oppressive, and its demise will make the world a better place.

When I say Christians live, I mean the Christian life is the only life worth living. Everything else is despair and ruin, but Christianity is hope. Only Christianity has hope for man. We believe man can change, or, at least, be changed. We believe man can live for something higher than the satisfaction of his lusts and conceits. We believe that is basically what all people live for. We believe that is the natural tendency of all people, and that it is the reason for most of our unhappiness and abuse of others. The Bible calls this tendency, "sin." It calls the actions and attitude that come out of this tendency "sins." So sin is the tendency; sins are the result.

The basic view of those who want to destroy Christianity is that our lusts and conceits should be indulged. Christianity is bad, they say, because it tells us our natural desires should be controlled, and that we should live in a way that brings our natural inclinations under the control of God. Thus, they claim, Christianity is bad because it inhibits your rights and freedoms.

There are many reasons why people attack Christianity. They may have financial interests in sin. They may want to profit from human greed by selling people things we don't need, and may even be detrimental to us. They may want to gain power over us by promising more crumbs from their table if we do their bidding. They may be happy to see the poor and working classes waste their lives on sex, drugs, and rock and roll, while the ruling classes increase their own power, security and wealth. Where is the hope in this? There is none. But Christianity teaches that man can change. He can learn and do right, by the grace of God. And he can make life better for himself and others.

Christians are the ones who look for Divine hope in this world. We are the ones who believe in a loving God, who has a plan and purpose for this world, and who is going to bring His plan to completion. We are the ones who believe God Himself is going to overcome evil and establish righteousness and peace on this earth. We are the ones who believe He is working in people now, converting people to His ways teaching them His love, and building a community of peace.

But, I have not quite stated the point of the sermon yet. I have been circling it, building up to it, because it is very simple and easy to miss if we are not prepared to hear it. So here it is; the more faithfully and fully we live the way the Bible teaches us to live, the fuller, better, and happier life will be. The further we depart from the Bible' teaching, the more miserable, hopeless, and despondent life will be. This is because we are made for God and can only be happy in Him. Remember the words of St. Augustine; "Thou hast made us for Thyself, O God, and our heart are restless until we find our rest in Thee." Christ's words in Matthew 10:39 apply to this very well. Talking to His disciples about the persecution and death some of them would face for following Him, He said, "He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." In other words, it is not in preserving your life to live in comfort according to the world's definition that we will find real life. We will find real life only when we follow Christ, only when we live by His teaching, only when we willingly subjugate our desires to His.

I close with these wise words from Psalm 127. Their relevance to our subject will be evident. "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

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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. I think you will enjoy this sermon.



### **Jesus Warned - Beware of False Prophets**

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus warned, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves." You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit." A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you

will know them" Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (Matt. 7:15-21).

Jesus warns about those who come to you, inviting you, or trying to persuade you to join with them, in their worship services.

Many groups go door to door and approach people in various ways to have them join their Church or organization. There is basically, nothing wrong with going door to door; even the apostles did it at times. Their goal is to make disciples of as many as possible.

It is what they teach about God and Christ that matters. But what is wrong about this is that they are more interested in having you become a member of



their Church or organization, than leading you to Christ, in doing so their members are not part of the body of Christ.

Now, Jesus is not telling us we will know someone's false or true prophecy from their fruit, but will know them by their fruit. Jesus used two illustrations of the believers to unbelievers, one was sheep and goats, the other was sheep and wolves. Matt 10:16:

<sup>16</sup> *Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.* The disciples were sent out as sheep, those who followed the shepherd, and Jesus admonishes them to have wisdom, .be as crafty as the devil is, as you are sent out in the world.

<sup>17</sup> *But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;* Jesus told them: Know that you are among enemies that would like to you cut you to pieces, but don't act like the devil, don't return evil for evil,... but be as harmless as doves. The dove was the form the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus at his baptism. It came upon him gently, and stayed with him throughout His ministry. Jesus never imposed or pushed people to join anything, He gave them the truth and a choice to follow Him. He beckoned them; he drew them, but never forced, or pushed them into following Him.

He also said in the book of Acts 20:29-30: *"For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock." Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves."*

Wolves are the enemy of sheep; they eat sheep, and will eventually devour the flock if left unchecked.

Jesus warns about those coming from within the church that would actually tear it apart. This would be done by false teaching. Since they are in the Church, they would teach from the bible but then distort its message.

As Paul states in his second letter to the Corinthians 2 Cor.11:13-15 They are false apostles and messengers looking like those who teach righteousness. They may look good on the outside but the love of Christ is not there on the inside and their message will always be with scripture, but with a distorted meaning. Their focus will be their own agendas, not the will of God.

In Matthew's gospel Jesus tells us. 13:23: <sup>23</sup> *But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*

Fruit is something that comes out naturally. All trees bear the same kind of fruit of the seed they came from. An orange tree will bear oranges not apples. A cherry tree yields cherries, not peaches.

Fruit is a natural production of the source it is connected to. It comes out naturally, and it comes out in its season at various degrees.

Spiritually, fruit is the Holy Spirits at work in our lives showing the change that Christ has made.

Many say we have good fruit therefore God is with us. Again fruit is relative to the life of the tree itself. The tree must have Christ as its source... for the Holy Spirit to be at work. It must have Christ.... to have real fruit.

As Jesus stated in St. John's gospel: John 15:8: Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Jesus is saying: By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." We are chosen to bear fruit all our days.

Again in St. John's Gospel Jesus said: 15:4-6:

<sup>4</sup> *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.*

<sup>5</sup> *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me... ye can do nothing.*

<sup>6</sup> *If a man abide **not** in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*

Christ is our life line. His teachings and His person. As we abide in his word the fruit of the Spirit, the life of Christ comes out naturally.

Our position is to abide in Him; His promise is that He will abide in us. This is why a church with false doctrine cannot have good fruit, because they are not abiding in His word alone, but in other men's words. They depend on their good works, for, or to maintain salvation. They don't teach the bible or salvation through the blood of Christ. In St. John's Gospel: (John 8:31-32), Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in **My word**, you are My disciples indeed. "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Churches or individuals who add their own message, or add books to lead people away from Christ's true word, are truly false prophets, and we will know them by their fruits.

May we always be a church overflowing with fruit, and may each of us here this morning bear fruit, to the glory of God.

### *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.



### **Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

In our gospel lesson today, we read a portion of the Sermon on the Mount where our Lord admonished his listeners to, Beware false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravaging wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits (St. Matthew 7:15-20). The meaning here is unmistakable. If we are to

avoid deception, then we ought to be on the look out for those who merely mask themselves as being of the household of faith rather than true members of the same. But the unregenerate and the unlearned have learned a thing or two from Scripture, more particularly that our Lord has instructed Christians to, Judge not, that ye be not judged (7:1). They have settled on this latter verse as the controlling principle for the interpretation of the verses which follow, and globally, regarding all behavior. So how then does a regenerate person reconcile these verses?

To begin with, one is more likely to hear the latter verse rather than the former being parroted about by the unregenerate in an effort to check the evangelism and reproofs of regenerated Christians. That has been and remains a principal component of their *modus operandi*. They have twisted the sacred words of judge not into a Gordian's Knot of false piety in order to protect their wicked ways. They also have employed those words as a sort of magical incantation against anyone who would call into question their ungodly lifestyle choices. Such may work against a novice or carnal Christian, but not against one who is schooled in the truth of God's word. St. Paul reminded the Corinthians in his first epistle to, put away from among yourselves that wicked person (5:9-13). Now how could a church body comply with the apostle's command if they are forbidden to judge?

Still, the point of judging is to admonish others to turn from their sins, their heresies, or other ungodly acts. The Greek word *krino*— which has been translated as judge— means “to decide, to distinguish, and by implication, to try, condemn, or to punish.” It has a largely legal connotation forasmuch as a judge is one who makes decisions or judgments about the matters that have been brought before him. As Christians, we have been called to make righteous judgments (St. John 7:24). We have been called to discern between the godly and the ungodly. And, we have been called to witness against all ungodliness within the body Christ and admonish with all longsuffering of doctrine those who are in way of the wicked that they might repent and be saved (Ephesians 5:11; II St. Timothy 4:2).

But before we ever think to point out the deficiencies in others, we need to judge ourselves. The apostle Paul reminds us of the necessity for self-judgment concerning our partaking of the Holy Communion when wrote, But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation (condemnation) to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep (have died). For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world (I Corinthians 10:28-32).

Self-judgment requires us to confess to God our ills of thought, word and deed. That is why the early church fathers set the confession before the taking of the communion. God expects us to examine ourselves and come clean before him. He also expects us to be self-disciplined. Confession of sin ought to be an on-the-spot event. Nevertheless, we ought to do so at least twice a day: once in the morning and once in the evening. That is why the Book of Common Prayer has a General Confession placed in both daily orders of worship as well as in the Order for the Holy Communion. Without a proper confession to God in Christ, we leave ourselves open to chastening by the LORD for that is what he will do if we will not recognize our sins and seek his forgiveness on their account. He will bring us to our knees if we will not go there of our own volition. Psalm

51 speaks of what God desires from us in self-judgment and confession before him: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise (v.17).

While God desires us to judge in righteousness, Satan desires that we judge not at all. He will seek to undermine our efforts as witnesses of God by attempting to lure us into sin via our love for, and/or associations with, relatives and friends who do not adhere to God's word written. St. Paul explained it this way in his second epistle to the Corinthians, Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness (6:14)? And such is in agreement with the admonishment of our Lord who said, Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household (St. Matthew 10:34-36). Regenerated people have been called of God to resist evil, and not simply acquiesce to it on account of our friends and relatives. Whom shall we obey? God or man (Acts 4:19, 20; 5:29)? The devil likes churches where his minions are left to their own devices by pastors and congregants who have been schooled in the false assumption of judge not.

If for whatever reason we do not give in to sin, then Satan will instigate attacks on us by those who are under his sway which may even include our friends and family members. The Devil will spare no expense in keeping a true Christian witness from being heard and accepted, and in that cause he will use, if he can, even those closest to us to minimize our effectiveness. Thus, they will become the stones for his sling, and the arrows for his bow. With that in mind, we should have about us our spiritual armor, and we ought to study and inwardly digest God's word written. For if we are to be successful in contending for the faith which was once delivered unto saints (St. Jude 3), then we must be well acquainted with the scriptures. Once we have learned, then we will have the confidence and the humility to successfully engage in spiritual warfare against our adversary. As St. Paul once observed, And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to acknowledging the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will (II St. Timothy 2:24-26).

Now it is often difficult for many to witness correctly to others because their pride will often transform their duty to judge from something that is godly into something that is the polar opposite. This can happen when one drifts into vitriol, debate and diatribe at the apparent reluctance of the unregenerate to receive that person's witness. Righteous anger toward the wickedness we perceive in others does not permit us to sin on behalf of the Lord we serve. We must remember to keep our heads, our hearts and our lips under control. The Devil would like nothing better than for us to blow up at others, or treat them with hateful anger. We should admonish the unregenerate concerning their sinful lives and understand that they are being manipulated by the forces of darkness (Ephesians 6:10). God does not approve of a sinner in his unregenerated state because God hates sin and such has been set forth in both the Old and New Testaments. But the beauty of our testimony to the unregenerate is this: that God will love and bless all who turn from sin in the name of his only begotten Son. And so, we should not be the least bit surprised to learn that the Devil will seek to stymie our efforts to convert those to whom we are witnessing. We must resist his attacks and identify his subterfuges in all

godly confidence knowing that we hold the truth, and that the lies with which he has enveloped those poor benighted souls can only be lifted by the power of the gospel of our Lord.

Please bear in mind that the godly purpose of judging has always been to warn sinners, not condemn them. If we will follow God's precepts, our work will bear fruit; if we do not, God will judge us at the last apart from our confession to him for our shortcomings in his service. We should desire that all who hear our witness will repent and turn unto God, but that will not happen if we are sullied by our own sinfulness, or our misguided attempts to witness to them.

As we watch for our Lord's return, we know that we cannot be slackers in God's service. Yes, you will hear the old saw, "It'll be a long time before God returns." Or you may hear, "There is plenty of time left to do as one chooses and then seek the forgiveness of God as the end of life draws nigh." That kind of reasoning is seriously flawed because it runs counter to what the scriptures have stated concerning our Lord's return. We have been told in no uncertain terms that God has not revealed that information to anyone. We may know the signs of the times, but we cannot know the day nor the hour. Our adversary, on the other hand, wants every mortal to believe that we have plenty of time so that he might keep as many souls as he can influence locked on a trajectory that will eventually carry them into everlasting perdition. How agreeable it all sounds: "You don't have to make up your mind now. Just keep on doing the things that make you feel good in the flesh; and as you see your life coming to a close, then (if you must) call upon God."

Unfortunately, the problem for many is set forth in the following interrogatory: "How many people know the time of their deaths?" People drop dead with little or no warning. So telling someone to just "live it up until you get to the end of your life, then seek God's forgiveness and redemption" is a terrible piece of advice. St. Paul makes it clear in II Corinthians 6:2b, "...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. As the Rev. Matthew Henry once observed, "The present time is the only proper season to accept of the grace that is offered... We know not what will be on the morrow, nor where we shall be, and we should remember that present seasons of grace are short and uncertain and cannot be recalled when they are past." The Devil would have us believe that God is on an extended holiday and so have fun until he comes again. So much for the omnipresent nature of the Father, right? WRONG!

### God Is Ever Present And Ever Watchful Nothing Escapes His Eyes!

Please do not be fooled by the supposed wisdom of this world because you Page 9 of 10 will find it has a serpent's hiss behind its words. As our Lord once said, God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth... for the Father seeketh such to worship him (St. John 4:24-23b). If we are going to seek after God's will for us, then we must resist a carnal and unrestrained life. St. Paul noted in his epistle to the Romans, For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can it be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the

Spirit of God dwell in you... (8:5-9a). To avoid the carnal and live in the Spirit requires self-examination and self-judgment.

And so we have learned that rather than rejecting the concept of judgment, we ought to exercise such in a godly and righteous manner. If we know and understand the Scriptures, then we will win that victory over the world, the flesh and the devil and we will empower our witness to others so that they too might repent and be saved in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let us pray,

**F**ATHER, help us to properly judge ourselves; that by means of our confession we would be purged of our sins, and thus enabled to call upon others to end their wicked ways; for this we ask in the name of thy Son, even 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:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
28 July 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Ninth Sunday after Trinity</b>
4 August 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b>
14 August 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b>
18 August 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</b>
25 August 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>
1 September 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>

*People in our Prayers* - <http://faithfulcenturionprayerteam.blogspot.com/>

### **Why? Prayer is an extremely important activity.**

It is not that God knows not our needs, for He surely does. Yet, Jesus commanded us to ask God for those same needs. In addition to the obvious of asking God for help, offering thanksgiving and the like, prayer helps us focus our thoughts on how we might do God's work.

The Prayer Team of the Church of the Faithful Centurion was established to help our members and fellow Christians pray for those in need and to give thanks as well for the blessings we have been granted.

### **Who can be on the list? Do I have to be a member of the Church of the Faithful Centurion to be prayed for?**

No! The only qualification to be on the list is that you want our prayer team to pray for you. We are Christians and are happy to pray for you, no matter who you are. If you want help from God, you are our kind of people.

### **What is the commitment from the prayer team?**

Each member of the team will pray for the desired outcome at least once per day.

### **How do I get myself or someone else on the prayer list?**

You can email one of the prayer team leaders: Jack - jack@faithfulcenturion.org or Dru - dru@faithfulcenturion.org, or call the church office at (619) 659-3608 or fill out a prayer card at church.

### **What should I ask for?**

Depends on what you want. Some people merely want God to be asked to heal their ills and be mentioned by their first name, others want a specific outcome and / or have more of their personal information known to the team. Ask for what you want. It is your desire and need for prayer the team is attempting to meet. For typical examples, see the list below.

### **Updating the Team**

If you are on our prayer list, or if you have submitted a person that you have asked us to pray for, please update one of the team members or Hap in person, by telephone or email. It helps to be able to pray specifically for these individuals including their specific needs; plus if they get better, it is nice to give thanks!

Please note that on the yellow (maybe green or orange if you get an old one) cards at church, you can ask that those to be prayed for have their names disseminated to the prayer team. Those names will be said in church and appear here. Or, you can ask that their names and purpose be kept confidential, then only Hap will know to pray for them.

*Prayer List Notice – If you have someone on the prayer list and their needs have changed, please let us know. We'd like to update our prayers to reflect the need and most important to give thanks!*

### **Travel**

*Elizabeth* is traveling a long distance to visit her elderly mother. Please pray all will go well during the visit.

The entire Langstaff family from Perth was on an *Around the World in 90 Days* tour. Right Emma and Jack are home and Paul and Eve are here! Details here:

<http://langytravel.blogspot.com>

*Paul* and *Eve* travel home on Wednesday, driving from Descanso to San Francisco, then via United Airlines to Sydney, then via Qantas to Perth.

### **Birthday**

*Ryan Hopkins* celebrated his 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday 14 July 2013.

*Sara Simmons* celebrated her 61<sup>st</sup> birthday 2 July 2013.

*Zachary Gray* celebrated his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday today, 23 June 2013!

*Laurel Bessesen* celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 26 April 2013.

### **Loss of Home**

*Sarah* who lost her home and all the contents when her house caught fire and burned to the ground near the end of January 2013. Her beloved dog was taken in the fire.

Please pray for *Sarah* as she has many decisions at this time and help her to know Jesus will be with her to help to make the "crooked road straight."

### **Move**

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

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

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

*The Thomas Family* is on a short tour assignment in Guam through August 2013 and about to leave for Okinawa for a second short tour. Please pray for this new assignment 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*

*Beth* left for home on 20 July 2013, after a hard fought battle with brain and lung cancer. She is beyond pain now and with the Lord. Her family gives thanks for all those who prayed both for her and them. They ask your prayers that they might adjust to the temporary separation.

*Reba* left for home about 0500 on 12 July 2013, after time with her family in particular for her daughter Lynn with whom she lived and her son in law Bill. Please give thanks for her time on earth and pray for the love of God to stay foremost in their hearts.

*Pat* had a massive heart attack on Sunday 7 July 2103, and died enroute to the hospital. Pat was the president of the Royal Canadian Legion. He was a true "officer and a gentleman." It was a privilege getting to know him in my role as Chaplain. He recently shared with me that he was reading through the Old Testament. Pat had connections with the Mormons and Free Masons. Please pray his surviving family members will look to the Lord for their salvation and comfort in the midst of sorrow.

*Rev David*

*John Bylo* passed away the evening of 27 June 2013 after a brief fight with pneumonia after radiation treatment then surgery for esophageal cancer. Please give thanks for his time here on earth and pray in particular for his wife Debe and their family.

John was a Rev Canon in the Anglican Episcopal Church on the staff of St. George's Anglican Church, Ventura, CA. He also has worked diligently in theological education and church planting in the Southwest, and so was appointed Missionary Canon with Special Responsibility for the States of California, Nevada, and Alaska in December 2010.

*Bishop George Connor, AEC*

*Thelma Sperber* passed away the afternoon of 23 June 2103 after a long downhill existence. Please give thanks for her time here on earth and pray for Hal her husband of many years and son Roger who has been taking care of her, as well as the rest of the family.

*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.

### *Nearing the end of their time here on earth*

*Saundra* is in ICU with congestive heart failure after a heart operation. She is aged and frail. Saundra is near the end of her tom hear on earth. Please pray for comfort,

understanding, strength and guidance for Saundra and her family who will of necessity remain behind. Pray for the love of God to stay foremost in their hearts.

*Hal Sperber* has been getting closer to leaving for his true home for some time, his loving wife passed away the afternoon of 23 June 2103 after a long downhill existence. Please help Hal to adjust to the temporary separation and give him strength to deal with her passing. Pray in particular for strength and guidance for Hal's son Roger who is the primary person taking care of Hal, as well as the rest of his family who will of necessity remain behind. Pray for the love of God to stay foremost in their hearts.

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

### ***Homebound or Infirm***

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

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

*Norma, Sara's mother* is in a state of deteriorating health, both physically and mentally, with both onset dementia and Alzheimer's. She is slowly drifting away, though she still recognizes Sara and prayer gives her a sense of peace. Please pray for both Sara and her mother to put their cares and worries on God's shoulders so they can deal with the many problems involved.

### ***In need of a miracle or understanding of God's Plan***

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

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

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

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

recovery so that he will continue to do his Lord's calling.

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Todd* and *Kenny* have both been fighting osteocarcinoma for over five years and have been told their time here on earth is nearing its end, absent a miracle from God. Both are ready to go home and leave the pain, but would like to stay. Please pray for them and their families.

*Colonel Bud Day's* cancer has returned. 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

### ***New Member!***

*Trent Joseph Hofmann* has joined the world and mother *Gabby* is doing well. The whole family thanks you for your prayers.

### ***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. He still has only very blurred in his eye. Please pray for healing for his retina and 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***

*Georgia* has liver and pancreatic cancer. The doctors are evaluating whether to do surgery and how to tackle the disease. *Georgia* is a faithful Christian and she will appreciate your prayers. 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 *Georgia* and her family.

*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 has been undergoing several stages of chemotherapy, which thankfully have shrunk the cancer. They had hoped to operate, but cannot as it is too dispersed. But, there appear to be drugs which may successfully treat the remaining cancer. Sarah had hoped to be through the side effects, but is grateful for the opening of a new door. Please pray the chemotherapy will 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*

*Mr. N. Anand* is in the hospital and is seriously ill. He is being encouraged to pray for repentance of his sins and to depend upon our dependable God for a cure and recovery of his health. Pray that he will be a strong witness for Christ.

*Jacob* has been going through some dental procedures and has some pain and aggravation with the numbness. Please pray for comfort and strength for him, as well as for guidance for the medical team treating him that they might pay attention and do their best.

*Jean* fell and broke her ankle in three places. She will be in the hospital for rehabilitation for the next 6 weeks. Please pray for comfort and strength for her, as well as for guidance for the medical team treating her that they might pay attention and do their best.

*Bud and his wife* for their continued welfare and enthusiasm. Bud has been advised of an aneurism in his heart of a size not mandating immediate surgery. This comes at a time when he has sole care of his wife who recently broke two vertebrae and thereafter sustained pneumonia.

*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. 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*

*Bill* had malignant mole removed. He gives thanks for the successful surgery and asks for prayers for the upcoming plastic surgery that is required.

*Mike* was very ill in hospital. He is doing much better now and his family asks you to give thanks for the miraculous recovery. Mike is a veteran who has served his country when she called. Please pray he will open his heart to God so He can make Mike's crooked road straight and pull him towards the summit rather than to the pit.

*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. Brian's throat seems to be healing better and he can eat some again. 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 by the end of July 2013.

*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**

*Doug* recently became unemployed from his job of 18 years. He has been applying for jobs, but unable to get one at this time. His wife is working; this is not enough for the family. Please pray he will find employment with a firm that will be able to use his considerable skill and hard work to benefit both the firm and the family.

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

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

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

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

### **Financial Guidance and Healing**

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

### **Guidance**

*Beth* is suffering from ungodly treatment in her marriage. Please pray God will guide her in her behavior, actions and thoughts that she might be able to lead her husband to God so her marriage might prosper to the benefit of them.

*Brandon* a young man from a Christian family who married a year ago and almost immediately became estranged from his family. As a result he has had a serious problem with keeping the civil law. Please pray for *Brandon* that he will return to the Lord and the many problems will be eventually settled. Pray the hurt he has caused so many will be helped with our Lord's care and love.

*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.

### *Anniversary of Departure*

16 July 2013, Anno Domini - Bishop's Memorial Letter for Mrs. Arwyn Dallas

*And I (John) heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.* (Rev 14:13)

To all Family and Friends of the AOC:

Today marks the tenth anniversary year of the passing into glory of Mrs. Arwyn Dallas, a non-pretentious and dedicated Christian lady of the Old South. Her values were fixed and true in Christ, and her character implacable and virtuous. I believe it good that Arwyn is beyond the reach of the evil of our day for her mind could not have conceived of the enormity of it. She was a woman whose word was as good as the gold

of New Jerusalem. Moreover, Arwyn was a perfect lady in the traditional and Christian sense. Even in her latter days of her physical infirmity, Arwyn was caring and attentive to the comfort of guests who came calling. Her home was plain and simple and gave little evidence of the fortune which she owned in cash and assets.

Arwyn was a long-time member of the AOC. We used to travel frequently to Atlanta and serve a complete Communion service to Arwyn. I was surprised to note that Arwyn did not need to hold the Prayer Book in her hands to conform to the sentences and oral responses for she had the Holy Communion Service memorized.

We were all shocked when, after the death of Arwyn, we were notified that Arwyn had left a great amount of money to the Church - more than we had ever received from any sources. It was an amount that was ten times the amount we had lost unjustly in a court battle for the heart of the AOC. God's hand was apparent in the entire affair. So when I read the quoted verse from Revelations 14:13, I realize that these words apply especially to Mrs. Arwyn Dallas. Her grant to the AOC has allowed the Church to move forward, to purchase new facilities, and to support mission churches around the world. What a legacy, and what a woman of God!

Arwyn did, indeed, die in the Lord; she is resting from her labors now; and her works of charity do follow her and are in evidence today in every corner of the world where the AOC has a presence.

Thank you, Lord, for your mercy and kindness; and thank you for sending a modern-day Priscilla to us in Christ. Amen.

*Bashir Ahmed*, father of Shamim Gray, passed away on Tuesday 17 July 2012, in London. He is greatly missed by his family, in particular in particular his daughter Shamim and his loving wife who cared dearly for him. Above all, pray for his entire family to open their hearts to accept all God's love will bring them.

### *Thanksgiving*

*Eve Langstaff* gives thanks for getting over the Chicken Pox in record time so she and her dad Paul can rejoin their family in Perth, Western Australia.

*Emma and Jack Langstaff* give thanks for safe, albeit very long travel home to Perth, Western Australia from their round the world trip.

*Dustin* was facing difficulty in his civilian employment pressure from his supervisors at civilian employment as a result of serving as a National Guardsman. A senior supervisor was made aware of Dustin's issues with his immediate boss and he stepped into the situation. Now, Dustin has a pay raise and a new immediate boss who is more sympathetic to his service in the National Guard. He is thankful for all the prayers. Please give thanks for the great result and pray for continued understanding for the supervisors of the good Dustin is doing for our country and for Dustin to see ways to minimize the impact on his work so everyone can benefit.

Please give thanks for *Robert* who seemed moribund returning back to his family and pray for his complete recovery

The people in and near Calgary, Alberta, Canada give thanks for your prayers. The city and a dozen towns west and south of there, were hit with torrential rains for almost a week causing the banks of the Bow River to overflow; over 75,000 people were evacuated from their homes. Things are getting back to normal,

though it will be a long time for all to be rebuilt.

*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.

### ***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***

We ask that you pray, please ask God that the Holy Ghost might give you insight into how you might make the lives of your friends and family better. Remember helping others is not just those who you don't know!

Please join us in praying that the *Free Teen Guitar Class* will be continue to be an opportunity for God to work in the lives of the kids and their families. Please ask God to guide the class to new opportunities to make Him known to others. Help us to let the love of our Lord shine through us into their lives, putting Him first, so that He might enter in to their hearts and lives.

### *Question that only you can ask*

What would you like to know about our history, what we believe, what we do or how we operate? Hap is looking for material for the continuing education class and *Thought for the Day* material. Help us help you. Please send your question to Hap so we all can get an answer. Just because you don't know the answer to your question doesn't mean you are the only one who doesn't know. But, if you don't ask, no one will know.

### *I'd like to get a different point across or announce something*

If you have a different point of view, I would be happy to give you room to get your point across. While this publication is my perspective on events, I recognize not everyone may agree and that some people would like to express their own opinion. If you want to write something, please forward your item to Hap (with a note as to whether or not you would like editing help) to: [hap@faithfulcenturion.org](mailto: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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader</b>
28 July 2012	Dru Arnold – Ninth Sunday after Trinity
4 August 2012	Dru Arnold – Tenth Sunday after Trinity
11 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*

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**

4 August 2012 – Tenth 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**

11 August 2012 – Eleventh 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**

18 August 2012 – Twelfth 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**

25 August 2012 – Thirteenth 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**