



# Tenth Sunday after Trinity

## Sunday Report

Today was the Tenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday. The weather was picture perfect, clear, dry and 52°F at sunrise, rising to 80°F by the end of church under those same blue skies! Once again, the gathering song gathered not one and we ended up with 3 people present for the service.

### *Gathering Song*

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

### **Amazing Grace**

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

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

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

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

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

### *On Point*

Someone asked, where do the quotes come from? The answer is from the people who uttered them. But, how did you find them? Oh, that. 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. On to the On Point quotes –



And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

*Exodus 3:14*

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

*Psalms 4:8*

And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

*St. Luke 12:4-5*

What the ark was to Noah, what the Passover lamb was to Israel in Egypt, what the manna, the smitten rock, the brazen serpent, the pillar of cloud and fire, the scapegoat, were to the tribes in the wilderness, all this the Lord Jesus is meant to be to a man's soul. None [are] so destitute as those that are without Christ!

*JC Ryle*

19<sup>th</sup> century Anglican bishop and author  
(*Holiness*, p. 324)

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.

*Jerry L. Ogles*

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century Anglican Orthodox Presiding Bishop

We Americans are presently being governed (and have been for some time) by a political oligarchy. Whether it be Republican or Democratic, its primary purpose and goal is both its own preservation and the acquisition and maintenance of the *autoritas* [support base] of each member of the oligarchy, while viewing the rest of us... [who] serve the oligarchs as a source of power and [who] must be flattered and wooed every few years during elections... [as] otherwise unfit to have any political power or independence of [our] own. Hence the disdain of [the Republican leadership] for the Tea Party... The question then inevitably comes to mind: has the nature of America and its people changed to the point where our nation can no longer be governed *de facto* in accordance with the principles of the Constitution?... However, at this point any restoration of the republic will have to come from outside the oligarchy. . .

*William J. Meisler*

21<sup>st</sup> century American commentator  
(*"American Oligarchs"*, *American Thinker*, 27 July 2013).

The exercise of force without the restraint of law is terror.

*Clarence Carson*

20<sup>th</sup> century American historian

All governments turn on their own people in their final days in order to retain power... Something Americans don't understand: There can be no free society once government has granted itself the power to confiscate property, imprison people under any pretext (or without a pretext) and without charge. This is now true in America. . .

*Bob Livingston*

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century American conservative commentator and editor  
*Personal Liberty Digest*

## Propers

Each Sunday there are Propers: special prayers and readings from the Bible. There is a Collect for the Day; that is a single thought prayer, most written either before the re-founding of the Church of England in the 1540s or written by Bishop Thomas Cranmer, the first Archbishop of Canterbury after the re-founding.

The Collect for the Day is to be read on Sunday and during Morning and Evening Prayer until the next Sunday. If you have a hard time remembering, "Do I read the Collect from last Sunday or next Sunday during the week?" Remember Sunday is the first day of the week. There are also two Bible readings, the Epistle and the Gospel. While they are "lessons", they are not the First Lesson and the Second Lesson, they are the Epistle and the Gospel. The Epistle is normally a reading from one of the various Epistles, or letters, in the New Testament. The Gospel is a reading from one of the Holy Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Collect is said by the priest as a prayer, the Epistle can be read by either a designated reader (as we normally do in our church) or by one of the ministers and the Holy Gospel, which during the service in our church is read by an ordained minister.

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 Feast, 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 203-204, with the Collect first:

### The Tenth Sunday after Trinity.

#### *The Collect.*

**L**ET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dru Arnold read the Epistle, which came from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, the Twelfth Chapter beginning at the First Verse. Paul starts off by telling us that no man who "speaketh by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." He goes on to say, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but by the same Spirit." "...it is the same God which worketh all in all." Every one is gifted in one manner or another by God, the question really is not do you have a gift from God, but will you use it? Our gifts are so different in their character that we sometimes fail to recognize them for what they are, gifts from God, meant to be used, not ignored.

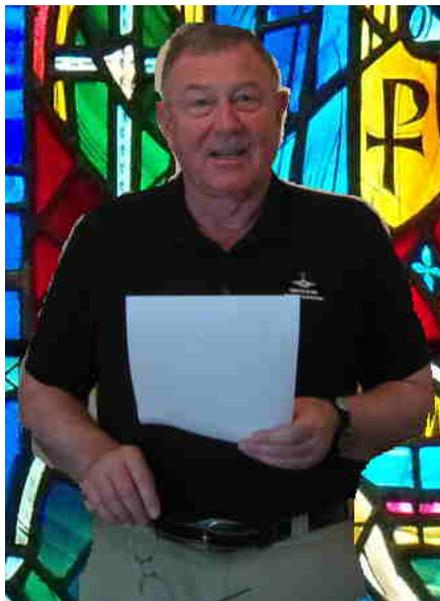


**C**ONCERNING spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. Wherefore I give you

to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: but all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

Hap Arnold read today's Holy Gospel started in the Nineteenth Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the Forty-First Verse.

The Gospel tell of Jesus' time in the temple wherein he sees the people selling their wares having made the temple a den of thieves rather than a house of prayer and cast them out. He also predicts the fall of the temple saying it shall be laid



“even with the ground, ... they shall not leave one stone upon another,” because the people of the temple had rejected Jesus. The message to those who accept Jesus and his teaching is clear, their temple shall not fall. The message to those who will not hear his message will never be heard, let alone clear, their first indication of a problem will be when their temple falls.

Often people take this Gospel to preclude jumble sales at church. It does not preclude that. It does literally preclude cheating people at those jumble sales! You must understand that the “perfect” sacrificial offerings to God the temple hawkers were selling were perfectly defective “sacrificial lambs” which would be recycled over and over. Those buying were likely for the most part honest in their attempt to offer unto God that due Him, yet their effort was being diverted and redirected by those “in charge”, the priests and hawkers. In their very successful effort to make money they were defrauding the people and insulting God in His own House. It should also be pointed out that a church should be a place of worship. It may be a Prophet Center, but not a Profit Center<sup>1</sup>. If the building needs constant commercial enterprise, then perhaps the emphasis is on the wrong center. A church should be funded for its needs by its members and its wants should come much later, if not in fact unheeded. A church is about Him, not about IT.

**A**ND when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou

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<sup>1</sup> A fine set of very apropos terms I first heard from Bishop Dennis Campbell in 2011.

knewest not the time of thy visitation. And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought; saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves. And he taught daily in the temple.

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

Today's sermon tied the Epistle and Gospel together and is mainly contained in the forewords above.



Consider the words from the Collect, wherein we ask God to give us ... be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee ...

Once again, this Collect is kind of a follow-on to last week's Collect. First, we ask God to hear our prayers, this is funny in that He always listens intently to us when we pray and we very seldom listen to Him when He answers. It is an odd paradox, He listens but we never seem to listen. It seems as if at times we should pray that we should listen not Him, as He always listens! Nonetheless, we ask His help to ask for those things we need, not those things we want and are bad for us. We need to be humble when we ask. What does that word mean? According to the dictionary, to be HUMBLE means to be:

- Modest
- Respectful
- Lowly

*Modest* - unassuming in attitude and behavior

*Respectful* - feeling or showing respect and deference toward other people

*Lowly* - relatively low in rank and without pretensions

We cannot change what is our station in life, but we can change our attitude towards God. He is God, we are not. We are His creatures, imperfect with free will. We must recognize that when we ask for His Help. We badly need the guidance from the Holy Ghost so we can ask for what we need, instead of what we want. NEED and WANT are two four letter words that are used to oft interchangeably that ***do not*** mean the same thing.

While our needs must be fulfilled, there is nothing wrong with wanting, just so long as you want things that are good for you. Once again, we are asking God to help us to want the right things that will be good for us and help us develop in our Christian lives.

Paul reminds us that we each have differing talents, but if we use them to the Glory of God, without concern for who gets the credit, all will be well. I can think of no finer example of this than the Marines that were serving on Pelielu with Eugene Sledge, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Batallion/5<sup>th</sup> Marines. I was reading his memoir, *With the Old Breed*, when I realized that in my reading, none of the Marines he served with cared a bit who got a

credit, but all they cared about was helping their fellow Marines get the objective done. They didn't do what they felt like, at least not the good ones. They did what was right without thought as to who would get the credit. Their main thoughts were to work as a team to defeat the Japanese. So too, must we work with our fellow Christians, as the Marines did on Pelielu, using each of our talents to further His work and to defeat the forces of Satan. There may be a lot of hardships to endure, just like the Marines endured, but if they could endure the hells of Pelielu, then surely we can endure whatever Satan can throw at us, if we just trust in Him and listen to Him. Do what you can, not what you feel like. If you will but read the Bible, what God wants you to do will be clear. If you do your best to do His Will all will be well with you. Death is a pretty hollow threat if you do your duty. The people of Jerusalem would not have been in the pickle they got in when 70AD came along, had they only done what God wanted. But, it was too hard for them. In 70AD, what had been so hard seemed pretty easy compared to the fix they were in, but by then it was too late. By that time they were left with only "There are none so poor as cannot purchase a noble death." But, for most of them by that time they had no will. It left when they failed to follow God's will.

When Luke wrote of the sales in the temple, he had a point. The point was not to preclude jumble sales at church. He was not abhorring the sales, but the cheating in the name of God. This Gospel does literally preclude cheating people at those jumble sales! You must understand the temple hawkers were selling perfect defective "sacrificial lambs" which would be recycled over and over<sup>2</sup>. In their very successful effort to make money they were defrauding the people and insulting God in His own House. It should also be pointed out that a church should be a place of worship. It may be a Prophet Center, but not a Profit Center. If the building needs constant commercial enterprise, then perhaps the emphasis is on the wrong center. A church should be funded for its needs by its members and its wants should come much later, if not in fact unheeded. A church is about Him, not about IT.

Do what you are supposed to do when you are supposed to do it. That is duty. It does not matter how you "feel" about black or white. Black is black; White is white. Do your duty. Work as hard as you can, do the best you can, trust in the Lord. By the way, cheat no one. If you follow that, you won't need to be told, "Particularly in God's House."

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**

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<sup>2</sup> The concept of being truthful in the efforts we make to spread The Word is not a separate subject by any means, but would take more time to talk about than we have time for here. Suffice it to say that we must take every care to spread The Truth and not what our audience, whoever that may be, would like to hear. When we bring our "sacrifice" to the "temple" we needs make certain it is in fact as perfect as we can make it. This is so hard that one of the recurring themes of the Collects is asking for guidance to ask for the right things.

## *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**

Tenth Sunday after Trinity  
Saint Andrew's  
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### **The Tenth Sunday after Trinity.**

#### *The Collect.*

**L**ET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



### **Paul's letter to the Romans, the Twelfth Chapter, Verses One through Nine:**

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. 9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. (Romans 12:1-9)

Paul's Epistle for today takes on that old besetting and very formidable enemy of the souls of men – PRIDE. I might add that it was PRIDE that also led to the fall of Lucifer from Heaven along with a third of the angels who rebelled with him. But for every admonishment, God also provides an edification.

You will note in the Prayer of Collect that the mercies of God are besought for those of a HUMBLE heart. Once more, as in the Lord's Prayer, we pray that God will give us the mind and will of Christ in asking for those things that accord with His Will, and not our own. If our hearts and minds are fully reconciled to God, all that we desire will also be precisely that which God wills for us.

The verse that I wish to expound upon most particularly from today's Epistle is the third: *"3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly,*

*according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."*

The devoted Christian is a tool or vessel in the hand of God. He can take no credit for the artwork God has used in making him and, since his very hands belong to His Maker, he can take no credit for whatever good works they perform. The Christian should be very much like a magnifying glass to enlarge the very Person of God with his mouth, with his works, with his thoughts, and with his desires. A magnifying glass is only a tool that helps enlarge detail so that we might know more of the object it magnifies. If we are close to God, His image will be magnified and enlarged. If we view him, even through a magnifying glass from a distance, His image will be small in our hearts. We must "draw near by faith" as in close and constant Communion with our God. In looking through a telescope, we see images brought nearer. But if we look through the same telescope from the opposite end, all images are made to look smaller and insignificant. Our lives should magnify that image of God and diminish our own image. That is the right relationship we should have with God. As the Psalmist has said: *"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving."* (Psalms 69:30)

If we are erudite in wisdom, we will know that it is faith that enables us to know God – and this faith comes from the attending grace of the Holy Ghost in opening our eyes to the Word which we have both heard and read. *"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* (Romans 10:17) And even in the hearing and believing, we may take no credit for it is the grace and power of God drawing us by the efficacious working of that Holy Ghost in our hearts. Did you choose Christ to follow and believe? *"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."* (John 15:16) Paul makes the point very clear that we may boast of none of our virtues for they are from God and granted by His Grace. *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."* (Eph 2:8-9)

Paul opens this chapter with great plea: *".....ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."* A sacrifice takes no account of its own desire, but is made and given solely to the love and praise of God. A sacrifice to God is given with no intent for personal benefit but only to the glory of God to whom it is given. The Temple Lamb would have preferred to forego its sacrifice, but it had no means of enforcing its own will. When our wills are subdued and given over to that Mind that was in Christ, we, too, will have no carnal will to defy that Will of God. His Will becomes ours. This is not a great accomplishment of the Christian – it is simply the LEAST he can do: *"....which is your reasonable service."*

Paul also issues a dire warning to the Church as well as to the individual Christian. The Church is just like a great ship. A ship is designed and created to be seaworthy – to navigate the Ocean Seas with its cargo and passengers. Its designers have made it to be secure from the waters in which it sails. It is provided with water-proof hull and sails that will enable it to take advantage of wind currents for movement. It also is equipped with a tiny instrument that will determine success or failure in navigation – the compass. The rudder, being less sizeable than the main sail, is nonetheless, extremely vital to the ship's direction and handling.

The ship is made to be in the Sea, just as the church is made to be in the world. The Church also has a compass – the Word of God as its chart & compass. It has mighty sails to take advantage of the gentle winds of the Holy Ghost to give it movement. And

the Church has Jesus Christ as its anchor and foundation to keep the world from seeping in. The Church is made for the world. As long as the Ship is in the sea, all is well and good, but when the sea gets into the ship, disaster follows. As long as the Church is in the world, and separate from it, all is well. But when the world seeps into the Church, all is lost in SHIPWRECK! Today, the world is not seeping into the Church – it is flooding into the Church. The philosophy of the world, the music of the world, the PRIDE of the world, and the false ministers of the world have entered into the Church and abide as the fowl of the air (demons) in her branches as in the Mustard Tree of Matthew 13:31-32.

What has allowed the world and her demons to take such possession of the modern church? I believe it may all be traced to the PRIDE of the flesh to which Paul has alluded in verse three. We think of ourselves more highly than we should. We desire, not only the acceptance of God, but the acceptance of man as well so that we will be respectable and accepted. We desire, as did Israel, a king like unto all the other nations round about – instead of having God as our King. The Church has willingly accepted every abominable sin including homosexuality and the murder of innocent babies as the norm. As we read in Revelations, Jesus is no longer inside the modern Church but rather stands at the door without and knocks. At the conclusion of His words to the Seven Churches, see what Jesus says to them: ***“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”*** (Rev 3:20-22)

How is it possible for the body to hate its own heart, lungs, stomach, brain, etc.? The Church is the Body of Christ and should remain not only Holy, but One with Christ. If the Church is ONE with Christ, how can there be divisions? Christ is not divided against Himself, so how can the Church, being His Body, be so divided? It is because the larger Church has ceased to be the Body of Christ and grown many cancers that destroy its soul. ***“4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. 9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.”*** Does the heart perform a most vital function? Yes, for without it the heart, there would be no blood supply to all other cells and organs of the body. Do the lungs have an indispensable function? Yes, in providing life-giving oxygen to every part.

Each Christian servant is gifted with unique gifts of service that will benefit the entire Body of Christ. There is no Christian that stands in some greater office than the least of these. Without kidneys, the body will perish. Without lungs, the body will perish. Without a heart, the body will perish. The eye of the Body is the Holy Ghost. The ears are for hearing the Word of God. The mind is for giving over to that Mind which was in Christ Jesus. ***“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.*** (Phil 2:5) The prophesying referred to is the preaching of truth. Faith engenders greater desire and hunger for the Word of God. The greater the faith, the greater the zealous and diligent study of the Word – not in pride of knowledge, but in love of sharing that most valuable possession.

A much neglected gift in the church is that of exhortation. Our friend, Mr. Webster, defines exhortation as "...to incite by argument or advice: urge strongly." Please do not be taken aback by the term incite, for to incite action is to urge by the facility of the spirit or emotion. Of course, we often think of mob violence when we think of incite, but when the full body of reason, truth, and spirit are combined in convincing, no power shall stand in the way. After all, what did Christ say to the Samaritan Woman at the Well concerning worship? "*.....the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*" (John 4:23-24) Knowledge of the truth is not enough. That knowledge must be acted upon in humility and faith.

One last point of great importance: The Christian and the church should ABHOR evil! There should be a far greater righteous indignation over the evil that has befallen our Church, the nation, and our children than is obvious today. (*Abhor that which is evil.*) Instead of an uncompromising abhorrence of evil, we see, instead, the modern Church embracing evil. How can this be? Perhaps it is because the Church has ceased to "*..cleave to that which is good.*" Can we not judge sin according to the clear Word of God? Have we become impotent of truth and naïve to sin? Where is the red blood of indignation at evil of the Christian today? Perhaps they have followed their blind guides, who seem so silent over the evils of our day, into the ditch of deception!

So both the members of the Body, as well as the Body as a whole, need to be humble in our worship, reverent in our communion with God, faithful in our living and witness, preferring the feelings of others to our own selfish desires, hospitable to all, intolerant of sin in the sanctuary of God (church discipline), and pursuing all things in the same Mind and will of Christ. Reading the Bible straight through 50 times will no avail – though that would be commendable if the Spirit of God attends the reading. Boasting of our studies is an undesirable side-effect of such an approach. Loving the God who has written His Love Letter to us will INCITE us on to a deeper knowledge and understanding of His Person. He will be magnified and glorified in all that we say, do, or think. That is our object of today's lesson. "A word to the wise is sufficient!"

### *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 Want**

Psalm 145, 1 Corinthians 12:1, Luke 19:41

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August 4, 2013

What do Christians do? This has been the topic for the sermons in Trinity Season, and today's sermon is, "Christians want." That may seem a strange title for a sermon, especially since one of the most famous verses of the Bible, Psalm 23:1, says, "I shall not want." Want, in this verse, is used as it was in England in 1611, and refers to the lack of necessities. Thus, the Prayer Book, which uses the Coverdale version of the Psalms, says, "The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing." But when I say, "Christians want," I am not talking about lack. Want, as I am using it, means to desire. Christians desire certain

things, and **what** we desire is the real topic this morning.

Some of our desires are common to those of many other people. We want food, comfortable homes, safety, companionship, and love. We would like to see world peace, justice for all, freedom for all, and all people living responsibly in harmony, freely giving others the kindness and consideration they would like to receive in return.

Some of our wants are quite different from those of other people. We want people to know the grace and love of God in Jesus Christ. We want them to know peace with God and the fellowship of His Church. We want to see people's hurts and hopes and fears and brokenness touched by the healing hand of God. We want to see their lives and homes and communities and nations healed as only God can do. That's why I'm in the ministry. That's why you pray for other people. Because we want them to have the good things of God.

Christians also want something more, something higher. We desire what Christ taught us to pray for in The Lord's Prayer: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We want God to be loved and honoured and worshiped and obeyed as He deserves. "The heavens declare the glory of God," says Psalm 19:1, but we want the lips and lives of people to declare it too. That is why we ask God to help us "live a godly, righteous, and sober life to the glory [His] holy Name." That is why we pray, in the Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity, that our prayers will ask God for the things that please Him. Pleasing Him is our goal in life, and we want all people's lives to please Him. We desire all people to love God and live for Him so that they will be able to say what the Apostle Paul stated so well for us in Philippians 1:21, "For me, to live is Christ." We want this because, "Great is the Lord, and marvelous worthy to be praised" (Ps. 145:3).

This morning's reading in 1 Corinthians 12 applies readily to our topic. There we read again of this mysterious subject of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Church. The topic of these gifts is warmly discussed today, and the discussions usually produce much more smoke than light. So did their practice in Corinth, where the people were more concerned about using the gifts to impress others than they were about using them to please God. Some had, and others pretended to have, special gifts from God that enabled them to heal diseases, speak in different languages, or work miracles. While Paul acknowledges that God did indeed give such gifts to some people, he makes it plain that the gifts were for the good of all, not for the honour of those who had the gifts. Paul, in the same letter, makes it plain that the Corinthians were conducting themselves in ways that were dividing the Church and glorifying people. He urges them to forsake this sin and to seek and do the things that please God. He makes it plain that not all Christians receive the ability to work miracles or speak in tongues, but every Christian can receive the power to love, which is far more important and far more pleasing to God.

The reading from Luke's Gospel also applies to our topic. There Christ mourns over Jerusalem for its self absorption and neglect of God. Going their own way led them, to reject the things of God, so that, even in Jerusalem, the religious center of Israel, people did not want what God offers. They did not want to please God, nor did they pray for such things. They rejected God, and their rejection ultimately led to their own destruction.

By contrast, Psalm 145 shows the blessed joy of those who live to please God. Here we find phrases like, "I will magnify thee, O God, my king; and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever." "The Lord is gracious and merciful." "The Lord preserveth all them that love Him." What is the Bible talking about in these verses? It is talking about God giving good things to His people. And these good things are the things that please Him. And here is the really wonderful thing about these things of God; we find they are the things we really need and want in life and in eternity. These are the things that "fulfil the desire of them that fear Him."

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### *Rev Bryan Dabney of Saint John's Sunday Sermon*

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



### **Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

In the Second Book of Samuel 1:17-27), we are told of David's lament for King Saul and his son Jonathan. The very last verse is key: How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished (v.27)! The scriptures tell us that Saul was anointed the first king over Israel. Almost from the beginning of his reign until his death, Saul was as stiffnecked as the people he oversaw in the LORD. His final act of disobedience came the night before he went into battle against the Philistines at Mount Gilboa. The Bible tells us that Saul was indeed a mighty man in battle; but even his courage and valor were insufficient to give him the victory over his enemies when the God of heaven and earth had decreed otherwise.

Why did the very God who had Samuel anoint Saul as king over Israel abandon him and his army at Mount Gilboa? God took his hand away because of Saul's willful disobedience to his word. If you examine I Samuel 28, you will find the answer. Saul had gone to the Witch at Endor to obtain information about the battle which was only hours away. He asked the witch to call up Samuel whom God permitted to return in the spirit and speak to Saul, terrifying the witch and likely everyone present. Samuel listened to Saul's complaint and afterwards proclaimed God's message to him. In simple terms Samuel told Saul that God was against him, and that tomorrow, the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and... thou and thy sons [shall] be with me. . . (vv.15- 19).

Throughout the history of Israel, God called on the people to turn from their sinful and disobedient ways. The prophet Isaiah was given of the Holy Ghost to document the reasons for God's coming judgment of the people when he wrote, Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people of the house of Jacob because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of

strangers (2:6). Matthew Henry said of this passage that, "God had set them apart for himself as a peculiar people, dignified above all [others] ; but they were replenished from the east [that is] they naturalized foreigners [and thus] did they profane their crown and covenant." It was not so much that they brought in the strangers but that they permitted them to alter their religious character through sorcery, occultism and idolatry.

Another point of contention between the LORD and the children of Jacob was their quest for ill-gotten gain. Their land is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots (v.7). Gold, silver, horses and chariots speak of great wealth. In the ancient world, to possess a horse— much less a chariot— meant that you were a very well-to-do person. From this verse we can see that the economic and social order in Judah was dominated by wealth and a quest for more of it. The point here is not that simply having wealth is bad, but that their focus was continually upon gaining riches without any consideration for how they were obtained.

God then had the prophet tell them of his coming judgment in Isaiah 3: For behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water (v.1). God was going to take away those items most needed for sustenance of the body. He would also remove from them those soldiers and leaders who would supply protection and good counsel, and in their place he would give them the immature and the naive (vv.2-4). He further said that there shall be injustice and oppression amongst the people (vv. 5-6). Matthew Henry said of this passage that, "God would allow an evil spirit among [the people]... [and these] shall be oppressed... and their princes, being children, will take no care to restrain the oppressors or relieve the oppressed."

Pastor Dave Guzik noted about these verses that, "... this principle of God's judgment endures to this day. One way God may bring judgment on a nation is to curse them with incompetent, ungodly leaders. Often, this is the simplest avenue of judgment: giving people what their wicked hearts desire. This crisis of leadership can happen even in economically prosperous times (Isaiah 2:7 is part of this same prophecy). The terrible effect of this judgment of God, the granting of incompetent and ungodly leaders, may not be immediately seen, but it will be certainly seen, apart from the repentance of a nation and the mercy of God."

The prophet Isaiah was also given to point out that those who, in ordinary times, would be termed "good leaders" will turn away from the people's request to lead. They will do so as they have seen, as it were, the handwriting upon the wall (Daniel 5:5, 24-28), and will not take upon themselves the blame for the bad actions of those responsible (Isaiah 3:7-8). They likely saw that the government was not working and that the society was looking for a scapegoat. As Matthew Henry once observed, "The government shall go a-begging... Rulers must be healers, and good rulers will be so; they must study to unite their subjects and not widen the differences that are among them." He then explained why the good man would not rule. He would not on account of the fact that the wicked had, "... brought their destruction upon their own heads, for their tongue and their doings are against the Lord. They provoked him to his face." King Saul and those wicked rulers who followed him were notorious for provoking the Almighty. And in so doing, God gave them and their people into the hands of their enemies. That ought to be of great concern to us for God has not changed his mind about sin, and will

mete out his judgment against all who profane his name and his commandments. This especially applies to any country or people who have previously received his blessings and who had once upon time agreed to follow his precepts for life.

There is no denying that our country was formed by men who recognized the Godhead as the Creator and author of all liberty. While many of our founding fathers were not orthodox Christians, they nonetheless saw the hand of the divine in the establishment of this country, and they spoke of him in reverence within our country's birth certificate, the Declaration of Independence. When we look at what God has given to us, more particularly in the ways of commerce, industry, and personal freedom, we ought to kneel in thanksgiving for all that he has done on our behalf. In times past, our good and gracious God has preserved our land through trial and tribulation.

But things have changed in the character of both our society and our government as an ever-increasing number of our people have succumbed to the lusts of the world, the flesh and the devil. And so it should not be surprising that those biblically-based moral values which were once the hallmark of our country have dissipated into the mire of every sort of degradation.

There is also a ripple effect with regard to wickedness. It is like throwing a stone in a pond of still water and watching the ripples move out from the point of contact with the water. For every evil plan or scheme there are primary, secondary, as well as tertiary victims to consider. It is not difficult to identify those who are the primary victims—those directly affected by some maleficent plan— but few are cognizant of the others. God is treated to the cries of all who have been wronged, or abused in this life. What we should understand is that evil and wickedness affect the whole of society, not just the person or persons to which it was initially directed.

There is story from the days of World War II in Germany about a church that was located near a rail line where the members would hear during their worship services the cries of anguish from those who were on train cars bound for the death camps. It is said that the congregants could not bear to hear their cries so, in response, they would sing as loudly as they could to drown them out. Even though the members of that church were not being persecuted by their wicked government, they nevertheless were affected by the misery it was inflicting on others to which they were a party. They were witnesses of its effects even if it was only in their hearing. They were helpless to do anything else as they may have supported the Nazi regime at its beginning and were shamed by its actions. Often when people feel helpless they simply fold up and comply with the authorities in the face of persecution especially if the authorities have the capacity and inclination to use deadly force. Their time to act against the scourge of Nazism was at its beginning, but this they did not do and the rest is history.

But what of our country? Aren't we the fabled "bastion of liberty" in this world? Of all people, we should be aware of our liberties and exercise whatever rights we have left to counter the appearance of evil in our churches and in our country before such a condition of helplessness can fully manifest itself as it did in Nazi Germany. Unfortunately, human nature being what it is tends to bow before the powers that be. That is the path of least resistance. And what are the consequences for such behavior? If all we can do is turn up the volume in an effort to drown out the sound of wickedness going on around us, then what sort of people are we in God's eyes? If we still have the ability to resist and speak out, then that is what the God of liberty expects; otherwise we will lose our freedoms to the Philistines of our day.

Are we headed for our own version of Mount Gilboa? Will people in other lands say of us as David said of Saul: How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished? If one truthfully answers those questions the responses would not be what most Americans would want to hear. I fear we are on the cusp of some major changes in our world, and none of them bode well for our liberties. God has been largely removed from our public life, and he has been expelled from the private lives of many— even those who call themselves Christians.

It has become painfully apparent that when God leaves, his blessings depart with him. You cannot expect a blessing from God if you are not obedient to his will. It does not matter how many tanks, troops, ships or planes we have in our arsenal. No weapon forged by the craft of man can undo or hinder the will of God. It does not matter how much paper currency the Federal Reserve prints up. God will not lift his hand to protect this country and this people apart from their repentance to him in Christ, and their obedience to his will as found in the Holy Bible. No power which man possesses can force God to do anything. The judgment of God is coming as the tide of wickedness rises. As one pastor put it, "There is an everlasting 'too late' when God calls into account the litany of sins perpetrated by the wicked. We should do all we can to not be numbered among them.

So, what should we do as believing Christians? I would ask all of you to pray as you have never prayed for the sake of God's elect in this country and throughout the world. We cannot fix all that is amiss within our society and our government; but we can do those things which God has given us leave to perform. Prayer is a powerful weapon. God wants to hear from us and we must ask in faith believing on him as our provider. So I encourage you to pray. Pray for our country as Abraham did when he asked God to spare the cities of the plain for the sake of but ten righteous souls (Genesis 18:23-33). Pray that God would grant our leaders wisdom to turn away from doing those things that have put this country and this people at variance with him. Pray that he would turn the hearts of the unregenerate masses as Jonah's preaching did in Nineveh. Pray for his guidance so that in all our actions we will not be ashamed to stand at the judgment seat of Christ and give an account of our lives in his service. Pray, and again I say: Pray!

Let us pray,

**O** HOLY and gracious God, whose word and commandment are dear to us; protect this thy people from the way of the wicked; and grant to us that quiet confidence of thy ministering Spirit, that we being so endowed may pass through this life under the shadow of thy wing knowing that all is in thy hands; for this we beg in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Have a blessed week, Bryan+

### *After Church Hospitality*

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

After church goodies providers as currently signed up:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</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 last once per day.

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

You can email one of the prayer team leaders: Jack - [jack@faithfulcenturion.org](mailto:jack@faithfulcenturion.org) or Dru - [dru@faithfulcenturion.org](mailto: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!*

### **Major Disaster**

*Eighty people were killed as the result of a train wreck in northern Spain, Bishop of Spain Eduardo Dominguez Vilar asks the entire Anglican Orthodox Communion to join him in prayer for those who have lost their lives and have been injured in this tragedy, as well as for their families who are deeply affected by their family members deaths and injuries. Please pray for the full and speedy recovery of those injured, for the families and friends of the departed who remain behind and for those who are involved in the rescue and cleanup efforts.*

### **Travel**

No known travel this week.

### **Birthday**

*Emma Langstaff celebrated her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday 26 July 2013.*

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

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

*Bernie Garcia, 56, passed away on 31 July 2013, as a result of complications of Hepatitis C. He was hoping for a liver transplant but because of circumstances was unable to receive one in time. Please give thanks for his time here on earth and pray for his family who remain behind, in particular his mom and dad, Mary and Gil Garcia.*

*Shirley DeLong passed away early the morning of 29 July 2013, after complications from surgery for injuries sustained in a fall. Please give thanks for her time here on earth and pray for comfort and strength for her family who remain behind, in particular her son Ralph and his wife Hope. While Shirley had a long and wonderful life, that makes her absence all the more difficult for her family. Pray*

for their continued trust in God and peace of mind.

Colonel George Everette "Bud" Day passed away on 27 July 2013, after a long and hard fought battle with cancer.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/07/29/us/col-bud-day-vietnam-war-hero-dies-at-88.html>

<http://www.colonelbudday.com>

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2013/07/28/bud-day-vietnam-mccain/2593839/>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bud\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bud_Day)

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/col-bud-day-medal-honor-recipient-dies-88-19797029>

<http://www.familysecuritymatters.org/publications/detail/united-states-medal-of-honor-citations-us-air-force-major-george-e-bud-day-vietnam-war>



We were blessed to have Bud Day as our leader, our friend and our fellow warrior -- what an amazing warrior and patriot. Bud has been an inspiration to all of us for years, this changes nothing. He is well at peace with our Lord.

*Hal Sperber* passed away the afternoon of 24 July 2013, following *Thelma*, his loving wife by a month. Please give thanks for Hal's time here on earth and pray in particular for strength and guidance for their son *Roger* who was the primary person taking care of Hal and *Thelma*, 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.

*Thelma Sperber* passed away the afternoon of 23 June 2013 after a long downhill existence. Please give thanks for her time here on earth and pray for her son *Roger* who has been taking care of her, as well as the rest of the family.

*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 n 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*

### ***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.

*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.

### ***New Members!***

*Austin* was recently born with health issues. His family cannot take him home until he is healed.

*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*

*Dennis* has heart problems; now the medical people treating him discovered a large mass on his liver they believe is cancer. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for Dennis and for God's guidance for the medical people treating him that they might find out the source of the problem and best course of treatment.

*Laurie* has been ill for two years and was admitted to the Emergency Room the night of 23 July 2013, for dehydration. She received a CAT scan, which turned up a spot on her lung. Laurie is an oncology nurse and fears the worst. Please pray for peace of mind for Laurie and 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

*Mark Wilson* was hospitalized with stomach problems. They turned out to be a set of very bad ulcers, for which he is grateful as they are eminently treatable. He is out of the hospital and recovering. Please give thanks for the good result and pray he will be able to follow the medical advice.

*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*

*Brian* has now finished the chemotherapy and final radiation treatment for his upper lung and bronchial area cancer. His throat had closed, but responded well to stretching, eating is still not fun. A PET scan on 29 July 2013, turned up an anomaly, which could be an artifact, scarring, infection or another area of cancer. Brian is taking antibiotics, but is concerned. He asks that we pray for the

anomaly turn out okay. 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 NOW.

*Gil Garcia* developed a bed sore which precludes sitting and is now confined to his bed. Gil has very smooth and delicate skin, please pray for a rapid healing of the sore so he can get out of bed and move around in his chair. Gil spent almost a year in the hospital the last time this happened. His faith and his attitude are almost beyond belief, he is an example to us all. But, we pray this time he will heal quickly. Pray also for his lovely wife Mary who takes care of him. Pray for both of them also for strength to deal with the loss of their son Bernie.

*Emma Langstaff* has now taken over the Chicken Pox her son Jack, who got them from his sister Eve who acquired them at Disneyworld. She asks that you pray for a mild case and a full and rapid recovery.

*Jack Langstaff* has now taken over the Chicken Pox his lovely sister Eve acquired at Disneyworld. He is thankful to be home in Perth, Western Australia. He asks that you pray for a mild case and a full and rapid recovery.

*Joanne* has begun kidney dialysis as a result of kidney failure due to extensive chemotherapy. Additionally she cares for an adopted drug addicted baby who is now nine years old. Please pray for her to keep her faith, to let the Lord carry her worry and concern and to give her strength. Pray also for those treating her that they might pay attention and do their best.

*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***

*Kathy Cardin* had successful surgery on 2 August 2013, to remove a cyst on her liver. The surgery went very well and she seems to be recovering ahead of schedule, on the other hand she also feels like she got hit by a truck. Please give thanks for the great result and pray for continued healing.

*Joyce* broke her left leg and sprained her right foot in a fall and had surgery the morning of 24 July 2013. She asks you to give thanks for the surgery having gone well and asks you also pray for her continued healing, she will be spending several weeks her right leg in a walking boot and several months with her left leg in a cast.

*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.

*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. Pleaser 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.

### **Thanksgiving**

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

*Paul, Emma, Jack and Eve 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

### **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.

### **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>
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*

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**