



# Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

## Sunday Report

Today was the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday and summer is here and HERE is in Dallas, Texas. Note the different stained glass windows in the church! Sunrise brought a cool for Dallas 81°F, should not be over 100°F today. Not to worry, it is a hot heat! The entire normal congregation is here, but not the guitar or organ, so we did Hymn 139, *The Doxology* as our gathering song without music. Once again, the gathering song gathered not one and we ended up with 3 people present for the service.

### Gathering Song

Hymn 139, the old Hymn 100, **The Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Amen*

We normally use Hymn 139 as our closing hymn. But, with no music, it is easy for us to sing and be recognizable as a song! Thus, on travel, it does double duty. And, it is historical. After all, we are an Anglican Church and in days past on Royal Naval vessels without an embarked chaplain, singing *The Old One Hundred* (the current Hymn 139) served as a Sunday Service, with or without the reading of the Articles of War. Somehow, one thinks the Jack Tars may have not minded not having a chaplain, until the shooting started.

### 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. Some from Bishop Jerry, many 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 –

The blessed Religion revealed in the word of God will remain an eternal and awful monument to prove that the best Institution may be abused by human depravity; and that they may even, in some instances be made subservient to the vilest purposes. Should, hereafter, those incited by the lust of power and prompted by the Supineness or venality of their Constituents, overleap the known barriers of this Constitution and violate the unalienable rights of humanity: it will only serve to shew, that no compact among men (however provident in its construction and sacred in its ratification) can be pronounced everlasting and inviolable, and if I may so express myself, that no Wall of words, that no mound of parchment can be so formed as to stand against the sweeping torrent of boundless ambition on the one side, aided by the sapping current of corrupted morals on the other.

*President George Washington*  
Fragments of the Draft First Inaugural Address, 1789

There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.  
*Proverbs 16:25*

But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

*St. Matthew 22:31-32*

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

*St. Mark 9:23*

Those who plan to repent on their deathbed, are risking their very souls.

*Dr. Grant Jeffrey*

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century Canadian Christian author.

There are only two religions in the world. One is that religion that wants to convince you that you are basically okay. The other is that religion that wants to convince you that, if left to yourself, you are entirely lost. The first ... wants to tell you that, yes, there is God, but that all that he requires of you is that you should be a decent person. The other ... which is the religion of the Bible ... tells us that, yes, there is God and it does not deny that His followers are to be good. But it goes on to tell us that this ... holy God ... requires not just a general obedience to His LAW ... it tells us that ... if any rescuing is going to get done, it is going to have to be done by God Himself.

*Garth Neel*

21<sup>st</sup> century Anglican Orthodox bishop in Canada

Balaam's error was to offer false prophecies for a fee. He loved the wages of wickedness (2 Peter 2:15) Today we would say, "He's in it for the money." Some of our most prominent televangelists teach things they know in their heart to be untrue just to get money from their gullible followers.

*Jack Kelley*

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century American author and missionary

There existed a true original Greek (i.e. Majority Text, Textus Receptus). It is not in print and never will be, because it is unnecessary. No one on this planet speaks first century Koine Greek, so God is finished with it. He needs no Dead Bible Society to translate it into everyday English, using the same corrupt secularized lexicons used by the [new bible versions]. God has not called readers to check his Holy Bible for errors. He has called his Holy Bible to check us for errors.

*Gail Riplinger*

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century American Bible scholar and author  
(In Awe of Thy Word, p.956)

Educate men without religion and you make them but clever devils.

*Arthur Wellesley*

19<sup>th</sup> century British general officer and hero of the Battle of Waterloo in 1815  
(a.k.a. the Duke of Wellington).

Regardless of the particular problem facing Americans today, too often the first question asked is, "When is the government going to save us?" At the most fundamental level, this question is a socialist response to private concerns. Free men in

a free society do not look to government for solutions to private matters. Why? Because government is not God; it cannot “give” to one unless it first takes away from another. The “taking” mechanism of big government is that characteristic which tramples upon the liberty of its citizens. We do not live in a free society when the government can take our property in the form of taxes and give it to others.

*Al Benson, Jr. and Walter Donald Kennedy*  
20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century American political commentators and authors

In politics, nothing happens by accident. If it happens, you can bet it was planned that way.

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*  
20<sup>th</sup> century American president

### *Propers*

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

The Collect for the Day is to be read on Sunday and during Morning and Evening Prayer until the next Sunday. 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 207-209, with the Collect first:

### **The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.**

*The Collect.*

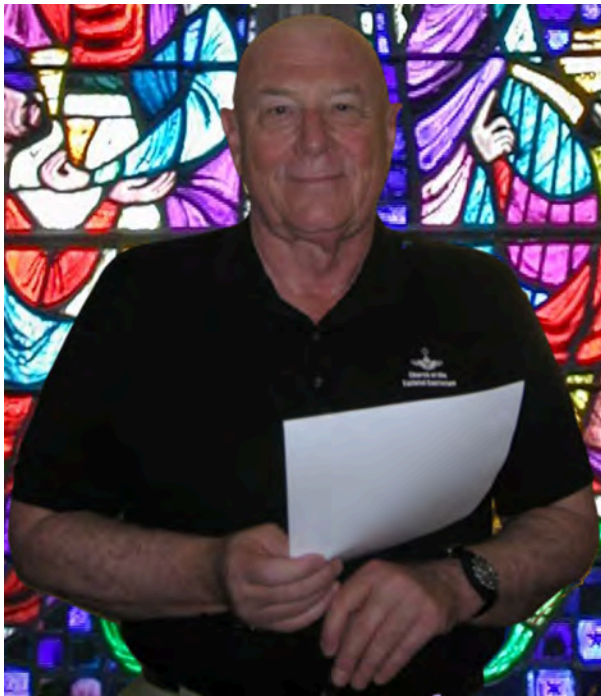
**A**LMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dru Arnold read the Epistle, which came from Paul's Letter to the Galatians, the Third Chapter beginning at the Sixteenth Verse. Paul reminds us, "To Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." The Law, which came 430 years after this covenant, did not supersede the covenant. The Law was "added because of transgressions, til the seed (Jesus) should come to whom the promise was made ... Is the law then against the promises of God?" No. "... for is there had been a law given which could have given life, ... righteousness should have been by the law." For the wages of sin are death, all sin and only those whose sins are set aside by the sacrifice of Jesus are freed from their debt.



**T**o Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

Hap Arnold read today's Holy Gospel which started in the Tenth Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the Twenty-Third Verse. Jesus tells one of the New Testament's most widely spread stories, that of the Good Samaritan<sup>1,2</sup>.



Jesus was talking to the people, "And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" The lawyer was about to learn the first lesson of lawyering, 'Never ask a question you don't to which know the answer.' As was often the case, Jesus let the man answer his own question in response to a question from Him, "What is written in the law? How readest thou?"

The man answered well, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour

as thyself."

Jesus confirmed his answer, "Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live."

But, the man wanted more and asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

Among the Jews, it was clear they were to "Love thy neighbor as thy self;" but their view of their neighborhood was not too wide. From Jesus' story and question come a clear answer as to how big our neighborhood might be.

And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?

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<sup>1</sup> Samaritan - Of or pertaining to Samaria, in Palestine. -- n. A native or inhabitant of Samaria; also, the language of Samaria. [1913 Webster]

Samaritans were descendants of those who had stayed behind during the Captivity and had been separated for many years from the body of Judaism. They had not developed, nor did they subscribe to them, all the rules the Jews managed to invent during their separation. The main body of Jews viewed them as lesser peoples, not really Jews.

<sup>2</sup> Good Samaritan n : a person who voluntarily offers help or sympathy in times of trouble [syn: {Samaritan}]

To this question, the man answered, "He that shewed mercy on him."

Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

**B**lessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see: for I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them. And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

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

Today's sermon tied the Epistle and Gospel together and is partly addressed in the forewords above.



Today we talk consider The Law and how it failed to solve the problems of the people it was designed to help and think about how getting around technicalities is different that doing what is right.

Consider the words of the Collect, "...whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises ..."

In our prayer to God, we acknowledge that His only or greatest gift is that we are, through Him, abl to give Him true service. For, it must be understood the only way we can really be happy is when we align our being with His Being. Truly align, not get around restrictions. There is a big difference. We are not trying to avoid being caught in a rule, but trying to live by the Big

Picture and not worry about little things. If we do what we should do, we will follow the little rules as a matter of course. If we get the important things the little things will follow soon after. The only rules that are important really come from, 1. Love thy God with all thy heart and soul and mind, and 2. Love thy neighbor as thyself. As Jesus says "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." He means that all of the moral laws and preaching of the prophets past could be traced back to these laws, which comprise the basis for all of the laws that would follow thereafter, especially the Ten Commandments.

In the Epistle, we are reminded God chose Abraham not because of he complied with The Law, for the Law was far into the future. God chose Abraham because he had faith and put his trust in God. The Law was an aid to man to help him be better when he had difficulty following God's Will.

Pharisees were religious lawyers who specialized in the 613 Mosaic Laws, which brought them death not life. Their job was to help people comply with The Law without unduly interfering with their lives.

When the Pharisee of the Gospel asked Jesus what he should do to gain eternal life, the Pharisee correctly summarized The Law: Love God; Love your neighbor. He would have been fine had he stopped there. But, he had to show the Son how smart he was. In doing so, the lawyer was about to learn the first lesson of lawyering, 'Never ask a question to which you don't know the answer.' So he asked, 'Who is my neighbor?' The answer, of course, is everyone but you; the rest of humanity. But, as was often the case, Jesus presented the story of the injured man helped by the Samaritan, then asked who was neighbor to the injured man?

The priest and the Levite would not see the injured man; there are none so blind as those who will not see.

You will also note that the Samaritan, one of those separated from the chosen mass of Judaism, did his duty. When he left the injured man at the inn, having given the innkeeper roughly two days wages, he said, Do what need be done, if I owe more I will pay when I pass by next. You will note, he put no limit on his duty, he just committed to doing what needed to be done, regardless of cost.

The lawyer to his credit answered honestly, "He that shewed mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go, and do thou likewise."

Right is not a matter of quantum; it is not a matter of majority rules or public opinion; actions speak louder than words.

**Be of God - Live of God - Act of God.**

## *Bishop Ogles' Sermon*

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

### **Sermon Notes**

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity  
Saint Andrew's  
Anglican Orthodox Church  
25 August 2013, Anno Domini

Note: I apologize for the length of this sermon, but I could not make it shorter and cover its meaning in proper depth.

**T**o Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

*23 And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, **Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see: 24 For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.** 25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 26 He said unto him, **What is written in the law? how readest thou?** 27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. 28 And he said unto him, **Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.** 29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, **And who is my neighbour?** 30 And Jesus answering said, **A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.** 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, **Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay***





*thee. 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.* (Luke 10:23-37)

### The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

*The Collect.*

**A**LMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gospel and Epistle text today deals with not only the acts of kindness and charity expected of the Godly man or woman, but the terms of the law and of grace as well. The Prayer of Collect makes reference to the 'heavenly promises.' These are promises of grace that stand in contrast to the condemnation under which we would all have fallen under the strict application of the law. The law has exempted no one; however, we were justified by the blood of Jesus Christ whose death on the cross paid our sin debt (if we have claimed that justification and salvation). There was nothing worthy in us that Christ should have paid our penalty, but He did so out of an uncompromising love for those who would accept the promise of grace made available to us through His act of sacrifice. Paul makes sound reference to the inability of the law to save us, for we are incapable of perfect obedience. If we were compelled to be the bloodline descendents of Abraham (as the law would require) we could not come to God. But being children who have come to God through the promises made possible in Christ, we are indeed the Children of Abraham. Now let us look at the Gospel text and the opening question of the lawyer which followed on a mysterious moment of Christ's teaching to His disciples:

*23 "And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see: 24 For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them."* I am continually amazed at the understanding of Scriptural truth that can occupy the heart of one with little seeming formal education and, by contrast, the abject lack of understanding that can exist in a mind of one that has received every benefit of extensive studies in theology. Why is this so? I believe it may be attributable to the fertile heart of the humble believer that accepts all that God says without question or equivocation. There were many kings, prophets, and even angels who sought to look into those things to which the disciples were privy through a heart open to Christ.

Simply having a technical knowledge of the Law (Word of God) is not a benefit to salvation. Even the devils know God's Word: and believe - but not unto salvation: "*Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.*" (James 2:19) A mental ascent to the Word of God is never sufficient - it must be supported by a complete heartfelt commitment to that Word. There happens to be a lawyer in the midst (a man learned in the Scriptures) who desires to demonstrate his superior intellect to Christ and before many witnesses.

*25 "And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"* First of all, this was a man who should not have

had such a question, but should have known better than his question suggests. Secondly, he had a motive - his motive was to trip Jesus up with a seemingly simple question with complex ramifications. Was his question a good one? No, it was devoid of understanding of the terms of salvation and grace. "... ***what shall I do to inherit eternal life.***" It is the same question asked by the rich young ruler, by Mohammad, by Buddha, and by every other false religion. The basis of the question is that salvation must be based on good works, or personal merit, and not the blood of Jesus Christ. "But Christ has not yet suffered" you may suggest. Yes, He was sacrificed from before the foundations of the world were laid, and is the same Seed of Promise to which Abraham looked forward for salvation. So, in reality, there is NOTHING we can physically DO to be saved - we must believe (in our hearts) on the Lord Jesus Christ only! Not a verbal ascent, but a heart conviction!

Perhaps this fellow was an excellent lawyer, but not one as accomplished as the One whose Finger wrote the Law. Jesus now asks a profoundly simple and meaningful question of the lawyer, and of you and me: "***What is written in the law? how readest thou?***" First of all, in order to know God's Word, we must have read it first - study and digest it; and, secondly, if we have read God's Word, do we understand it aright? Do we allow scripture to explain scripture, or do we trust in our own understanding? Jesus will play the lawyer's game - and win that endeavor by telling a very famous parable. In fact, this parable is so famous that its major character - the Good Samaritan - has become a part of our daily conversation in describing a kind and generous person. The parable, among other things, relates the fact that the DIRECTION we are going often depicts the condition of our hearts as expressed in Psalm 1:1-3.

Before we begin the parable itself, I wish to remind you of what our Lord has told us to do if we would be like Him. "***If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.***" (Luke 9:23) Where is Jesus headed when this parable was related? He was going UP to Jerusalem (as was the Good Samaritan) to give Himself a ransom for you and me. In the previous chapter, we read: "***And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,***" (Luke 9:51) Jerusalem was the Holy City, the City of Salem (Peace) and of God. The direction Jesus was going was the same as the Samaritan, while that of the priest and Levite were the opposite direction and they were going DOWN to Jericho - a city on the southern frontier of Samaria. It is likely that the Good Samaritan was from Jericho.

Due to their intermarriage with other races, the Samaritans were regarded with hate and disdain by the Jews as a less-than-Holy people. Now the Lawyer has not gained any advantage in his first question, so he presses his point with what he hoped would present an over-sophisticated inquiry for Christ to answer. "***Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.***" This was a correct reading as to the 'wording' of the scriptures, but the deeper meaning was lost to the lawyer as we shall see. Jesus always gives credit where credit is due. "***Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.***" Yes, sounds simple, but impossible to obey without that love which the commandments demand! As is the habit of most lawyers to defend and justify their position, this lawyer responded: "***But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?***" So Jesus will provide an answer that I pray the lawyer understood with his heart. Has the question ever arisen in your mind as well? It has in mine, but the answer I give myself has never been as expressive as the one Christ

gives.

*"And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead."* This Jew was going DOWN from Jerusalem (the City of Peace) to Jericho. When we go out from the place of God, we are always going DOWN. Just as Naomi, her husband, Elimelech, and two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, left the House of Bread and Praise (meaning Bethlehemjudah) to go down into the cursed land of Moab and lost all but her daughter-in-law Ruth. They left the place that God would bless and went into the place that God would curse. It didn't turn out very well for them, did it? We always meet with hidden dangers when we go out from the will of God. This Jew from Jerusalem fell among thieves which were so common to this hilly, desert stretch of road. They not only took all that he had, but fairly beat him to within an inch of his life. Satan will do that to us when we forsake our Lord. And Satan, too, will leave us either dead, or half dead. The man may be semi-conscious, but he is certainly unable to arise and help himself. So he lies there waiting for mercy. There is nothing he can do to deserve mercy, but he has no choice to await what mercy might come.

If he was able to see, he may have had a rise in his spirit when he spotted a priest coming down the road. Surely, there would be no better possibility of help than from a man in the service of God. *31 "And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side."* But wait! The priest does not even slow down, or inquire of the man's condition. He has been cleansed in the Temple and does not wish to defile his hands with blood. So his most important thing (to himself) is his petty personal concerns. No time to save the life of a dying fellow Jew. Next, the injured Jew sees another coming DOWN from Jerusalem - a Levite whose duty is in the service of the Temple and also ritually cleansed at the laver. See, if one man will not help, God will send another..... *"32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side."* Oh, well, at least the Levite *"came and looked on him."* Perhaps he was touched by the breeze of pity, but not a breeze of such strength as to open his sails and move him to compassion. He continued going DOWN to Jericho. I wonder if the hurt Jew learned something that day about feigned religion and unmoving faith? He might see even more of the same in the modern churches of our day.

But God often supplies our needs from the most unexpected of sources. When we are stripped of our raiment, robbed of our possessions, and lying on the side of the road bleeding and bruised, what could be worse than having one we might consider our enemy of such low estate as a Samaritan coming by to find us there? That might seem the final straw, right? Wrong! *33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him."* The Samaritan came to where the wounded man lay in his own blood. Did not Christ leave the Ivory Palaces of Heaven and come down to where we lay by the road, wounded and dying in our sins? He SAW the wounded man just as Christ saw us as we wandered about as a toddler. The Samaritan did not ask, "Are you Jew, or Samaritan? Instead, he met the requirements of the Commandment quoted earlier by the lawyer - he had compassion and love for the wounded Jew. Though His race is an heavenly race, Christ does not ask, "Are you Jew, Gentile, African, Asian, or Caucasian - he looks at the inward heart and not the outward appearance.

*34 "And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set*

*him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.*" What did the Good Samaritan do? 1) He went to the man where he lay just as you and I are to go to the place of need to help others. 2) He bound up the man's wounds just as the Lord has bound up our wounds from sin and healed us. 3) He poured expensive oil and wine into the man's wounds. Jesus gave us the last drop of the wine of His blood for our healing, and the oil of the Holy Spirit to be a continual balm of health to us. 4) The Samaritan provided the wounded Jew with his own conveyance and walked himself. Jesus gave us His own righteousness as our conveyance while He died on the cross for us. 5) The Samaritan brought the man to an inn and cared for him even more. Jesus continues to heal and sanctify our sinful natures.

Well, it seems that the Samaritan has gone beyond the common expectations in helping the man, but, wait, he does even more. Jesus has gone all of the way for us. He never stopped short once he "*set his face to go to Jerusalem.*" He went ALL the way, and still does. 6) "*35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.*" Jesus paid for our temporary upkeep on earth as we await the glory of His Coming again, and He SHALL come again for us. The True Church is His Innkeeper for us until He returns as promised.

Jesus has presented a beautiful picture of the Gospel in action to the lawyer, but I fear he failed the test. 36 "*Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?*" Jesus has proven Himself more than a neighbor - more than a brother - He is "*One who sticketh closer than a brother.*" The lawyer MUST admit that the Samaritan was neighbor to the Jew, but he cannot bring himself to so much as say the hated term, Samaritan - so he answers - "*He that shewed mercy on him.*" This is an insincere, but correct, answer. If the lawyer can bring himself to love as the Samaritan has loved, he will stand brightly in the kingdom of Heave - but CAN he? Can you? Take the counsel of Christ and live: "*Go, and do thou likewise.*"

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

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



### **Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Think about the words of Paul's letter to the Hebrews, the Thirteenth Chapter, beginning at the Fourth Verse.

The apostle Paul reminded his readers marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge (Hebrews 13:4). This is one of many passages wherein the LORD has supplied mankind with the parameters for intimacy between the sexes which are confined solely to the estate of Christian marriage. God has also made known to us that those who choose to live outside the marriage bond are reckoned to be whoremongers and adulterers whom he will one day judge. Sadly, many in today's world have no respect for God's word on this matter as they seem to enjoy their particular sinful state whether they be whoremongers or adulterers.

Let us examine the first portion of Hebrews 13:4 which deals specifically with marriage. I have often seen the depressing statistic that half of all marriages today will end in divorce. It used to be that the newer marriages were coming unglued within 5 or so years; but the trend now extends to those marriages that have been around for decades. We live in a society that values very little except for what gratifies the fleshly lusts of the masses. But what does God have to say about this matter? Our Lord has supplied us with his unambiguous view on the subject: What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder (St. Matthew 19:6b). To look at the divorce rate, you'd get the impression that people really do not care for the institution of marriage. But then consider this: those who divorce their spouses today will, in most cases, marry again in the near future. So what is the problem? Like every other difficulty that humanity faces, it stems from an absence of God in the home. If God is honored by both parties, then no divorce will take place because the grounds for such will not exist. But men and women do not honor God by cheating on their spouses, or by abusing them, or by alienating themselves from them.

The importance of marriage as an institution is set forth in Genesis chapter 2 (21-25) wherein it is written that, the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. This is one of the most beautiful passages found in Scripture. It sets forth the purity and the spirituality of the institution of marriage. That is why our Lord spoke as he did in defense of marriage because he was there at its beginning. He also spoke of the origins of divorce because in the Law of Moses such was permissible on account of the sinful natures of men and women who would not abide in God's rules for life.

Marriage is, after all, about life and its orderly continuance upon this earth. God ordained marriage to join a man and a woman together that they might provide each other comfort and companionship. Under the rubrics of godly marriage, the two became one flesh in his eyes and the blessings of children would come out of the marriage bond and these were to be reared up in the knowledge of God. Thus it would follow that after they had matured these same godly children would marry and the process would begin anew. God's expectation was and remains that those who would choose to marry ought to enter into that institution with thoughtfulness, solemnity and with loving acceptance of their new estate.

Consider the words of the BCP on the Solemnization of Matrimony (pp. 300-304). The parties to matrimony are reminded of the need to examine their motives for joining together. They are then given the charge that God will judge them both if they are in error in their seeking to be married. Afterward, both make a public profession of their agreement to wed in taking the other as their spouse. This is followed by the giving of the marriage ring to the wife. And after a series of short prayers, the minister will repeat the words of our Lord, What therefore God hath joined together let not man put asunder (St. Matthew 19:6).

Enter now Satan and his cadre of wicked spirits. They have sought to make mankind's life as miserable as they can, as well as to turn as many as they are able from following

God's rules for life. Satan hates everything God has made and that includes the institution of marriage. Where God has ordained a state of loving faithfulness, the devil creates unfaithfulness. Where God has created a union, the devil fosters disunion. Where there is supposed to be peace and harmony, the devil stirs up strife. Where the family home is supposed to be a place of refuge from the world, the devil brings the world right inside to confound and depress. Where children are supposed to have a haven in which to grow in the love and admonition of the LORD, the devil brings in his spiritual chainsaw to cut away the bonds of unity within the family. In so doing, he divides spouses one from the other, and parents from their children. He engenders bitterness and wrath so that the children will hardly hear a kind word between their parents, much less be taught the intentions of God. Afterwards, God hears the weeping of those dejected spouses and the tearful cries of their children whose lives have been turned upside down by the antics of one or both of their parents.

So imagine, if you will, when those so-called learned men of the Law tempted our Lord with their foolish questions about marriage and divorce (see St. Matthew 19:3-9), it would be safe to say that he was revolted not only by their questions, but by their hardheartedness as well. An omniscient God had clearly seen way beyond their time and even ours. He knows all too well the consequences of divorce — the lives ruined and homes wrecked.

Returning to our epistle lesson we were warned that God will judge those who live outside the bounds of God's institution of marriage in fornication and corruption (Hebrews 13:4). Sadly, many who consider themselves to be Christians are doing just that. They do not give any thought to how God sees them as simply living in sin, and they may even believe that God's prohibition against their behavior is just a matter of interpretation. They have conveniently forgotten that if one claims to be in Christ Jesus then one must be obedient to Christ Jesus (St. John 14:15). In St. Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, the apostle advised them concerning marriage when he penned, Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency... for it is better to marry than to burn (7:2-5, 9b).

Scripturally speaking, those that co-habit apart from the institution of matrimony are saying rather straightforwardly that their living arrangements with one another do not involve asking God anything. And so, when one or the other party leaves, they just walk away without any obligation, or for that matter, without any valid reason. They believe that they are free to then go and form any number of new live-in relationships without any consequence. Where is the stability? Where is the bonding that God intended for both the man and the woman? What about the possible inclusion of any child or plural being born out of such a tenuous relationship? What about the effects on any child or plural who became part of a previous relationship? So when a live-in couple breaks up, one can blame it all on "bad karma," or "a lapse of judgment" but not on the very malefactor who chose to end the relationship. The message here is plain and simple: those who refuse to marry have opened the door to demonic spoliation. To paraphrase a notorious political figure of our day, the devil and his minions will "never let a good crisis go to waste."

Nevertheless, in spite of everything the devil has done to destroy this institution, marriage still remains a gift of God to mankind. The solid foundation of Christ makes for longevity in Christian marriage. What a bulwark it is against the wiles of the devil. What a joy is found therein. This is not to say that Christian marriage will not have its rocky moments for even the best of marriages will face turbulent times. But I should think that a couple who are committed to each other — who have the love of God in their hearts — and seek to maintain their fellowship with each other and with the Godhead, will survive the storms which the devil will send their way. Marriage is a life-long commitment. It is not a life-sentence as if one were somehow imprisoned. It is a life-enriching union which ought to have our Lord Jesus Christ at its center. Think about it in this manner, if Jesus Christ is ruler of all of your life then you will have a happy and secure marriage. Marriage is not “a bed of roses,” it is not “a piece of cake,” but it has the potential to be one of the most fulfilling aspects of this life or God would not have established it.

Our task as Christians is to encourage others to seek God’s will for them. While we may not be able to keep bad marriages from ultimately failing, we can assist those who are struggling to keep their marriages together through our prayers, and with God’s permission, to appeal to the parties as we are given leave to do. God is sovereign and his power preempts all others. Ergo, we should bring before him our prayers and petitions on behalf of those who are trying to maintain their marriage vows, as well as for their children. We should make it part of our daily prayer life to seek God’s assistance for those who are troubled in mind, body or estate and that includes the fractured households in our church and in our communities. We should also be in prayerful thanksgiving that if we are married and our home life is good, that God would give us grace to continue in such until he calls us home. Being thankful for the good things which God has given us is just as important as bringing him our petitions for his assistance regarding those things which trouble us. May it please our Lord to bless each of you and that you will not give Satan an open door to enter and wreck the good that God has given you.

Let us pray,

**F**ATHER, make of us effective witnesses via our homes and marriages as a people who revel in thy blessings and desire that others might experience the same; and this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Have a blessed week, Bryan+

### *After Church Hospitality*

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

After church goodies providers as currently signed up:

Date	Name
1 September 2013	<b>Opportunity Available – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>
8 September 2013	<b>Opportunity Available – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>
15 September 2013	<b>Opportunity Available – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>

22 September 2013  
29 September 2013

**Opportunity Available – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Opportunity Available – St. Michael & all Angels -**  
**Superseding Eighteenth Sunday**  
**after Trinity**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



### **Marriage**

*Brian and Mel Smith* were married on 25 August 2013. Please pray that they might be brought together as one in God that their marriage might prosper.

### **Travel**

*Hap, Dru and Jack* are on travel this week.

*Hope* is on travel this week.

*David and Patty* are on 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* has just moved to 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.

### *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. They are going to attempt a bilateral mastectomy. 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.

### ***Surgery***

*Dustin* who was injured in a work accident when stainless steel sheet metal fell on his right hand. His thumb was severely injured as some of the bones were crushed. *Dustin* will have surgery on Thursday 22 August 2013, to reconstruct and reset his thumb. They do not expect him to lose his thumb. Please pray for the surgical team to pay attention and to their best and for a good outcome. Pray also that *Dustin* and family will be able to put their worry on God's shoulders.

*Jamil* was injured in a car accident. His nose was fractured and he will be operated on Thursday 22 August 2013.

*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 and has headaches. 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**

*Jo Ann* has been hospitalized for over stress, she was in the hospital with severe pancreatic pain. They found a blockage and medication has helped. *Jo Ann* has had some recent medical issues; appendicitis, a blood disease and more. It really seems like she has had about all she can deal with on her own now. Please pray that she might find a way to let God carry her worry and open her heart to Him and to her family; give her family the strength to help her in a manner which will be effective. Pray also for a complete and rapid recovery from her pancreas problem.

*Adriano* is in the hospital due to high sugar and high blood pressure. He is very weak and will appreciate your prayers.

*Heather* recently found out she has cancer. Please pray for peace of mind for her and for the medical team treating her will be guided to the right solution.

*Jim* has had an aneurism and blood clots. Pray that healing will come.

*Bob* has experienced several Transient Ischemic Attacks<sup>3</sup> (TIA) recently. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for *Bob* 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

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<sup>3</sup> A transient ischemic attack (TIA) is a transient episode of neurologic dysfunction caused by ischemia (loss of blood flow) – either focal brain, spinal cord or retinal – without acute infarction (tissue death).

TIA's have the same underlying cause as strokes: a disruption of cerebral blood flow (CBF), and are frequently referred to as mini-strokes. TIA's and strokes cause the same symptoms, such as contralateral paralysis (opposite side of body from affected brain hemisphere) or sudden weakness or numbness. A TIA may cause sudden dimming or loss of vision (amaurosis fugax), aphasia, slurred speech (dysarthria) and mental confusion. But unlike a stroke, the symptoms of a TIA can resolve within a few minutes or 24 hours. Brain injury may still occur in a TIA lasting only a few minutes. Having a TIA is a risk factor for eventually having a stroke or a silent stroke.

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.

*Drue McMillan* is hospitalized in Canada with fluid buildup around his lungs. Please pray for guidance for the medical team treating him and for peace of mind for Drue and his family, in particular his son David.

*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.

*Bill* had malignant growth removed from a lip last month and seems to be experiencing a re-growth of the cancer. He asks your prayer for the medical team treating him and for peace of mind for himself.

*Sarah* has been released after several days in the hospital because of her low sodium. Pray she will continue to heal.

*Hank* has osteoporosis, which has caused him a great deal of pain and inconvenience in the past few years. Pray for his healing and that his medical bills will be met.

*Evelyn* is an elderly woman who has had problems with her eyes and is now blind. It appears some sight will return shortly, pray for that to happen!

*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.

*Dennis* has heart problems; now the medical people treating him discovered a large mass on his liver which turned out to be a cyst, just like Kathy above! Please give thanks for this great development and pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for Dennis and for God's guidance for the medical people treating him that the contemplated surgery might go well.

*Dwight* had major oral surgery, for which he gives thanks. He is recovering slowly and asks your prayers to speed the process.

*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.

*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. Please pray for Lorna's healing and guidance on how they might handle the financial difficulties in which they have found themselves.

### *Guidance*

*Jonathan* is addicted to drugs. He is now in jail awaiting trial. His parents and friends will appreciate it if you will keep him in your prayers for him to find the root of his trouble and accept God's help to heal addiction.

*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 sorrow, 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**

*Danny's* job requires a great deal of physical capability and he and his fellow workers were in fear of losing their jobs because of some physical weaknesses. They prayed and practiced and passed. They would appreciate your joining them in thanksgiving prayer.

### **AOC Congregations**

*Anglican Orthodox Church* in Wake Forest North Carolina needs God's Help to find others who are interested in having a Bible believing Church in the Anglican tradition.

*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**

Please pray for *all the people of Egypt*; Bishop Mouneer Anis of Egypt is asking your prayer as the supporters of the deposed Mursi government, with the support of

the United States government, have been attacking Christian churches--Anglican, Catholic and Orthodox. They destroyed the car of Anglican priest Rev. Ehab Ayoub. The people of Egypt, the people of the United States need our prayers, even more so the people of the Muslim Brotherhood that they might repent of their evil and know God so the rest of the people may live in peace.

*Rowan County North Carolina County Commissioners* have been told by the court they cannot pray in the name of Jesus Christ. The Commissioners plan to open their meeting 5 August 2013, at 1500L and pray in their usual manner in the name of Jesus Christ. Please pray they will withstand the persecution that may ensue.

*Anglican Orthodox Church in Pakistan* has many members who have had to leave their homes because of the torrential rains that have triggered flash floods and much damage to homes. Please pray for Pakistan and all those endangered by the storms.

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 asked the Lord...*

by John Newton

I asked the Lord that I might grow,  
In faith and love and every grace,  
Might more of His salvation know,  
And seek more earnestly His face.

It was He who taught me thus to pray,  
And He I trust has answered prayer.  
But it has been in such a way,  
As almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour,  
At once He's answer my request.  
And by his love's constraining power,  
Subdue my sins and give me rest.

Instead of this, He made me feel,  
The hidden evils of my heart.  
And let the angry powers of hell,

Assault my soul in every part.

Yes, more with His own hand, he seemed,  
Intent to aggravate my woe.  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,  
Blasted my gourds, and laid me low.

"Lord, why is this?" I trembling cried.  
"Will You pursue this worm to death?"  
"This is the way" the Lord replied,  
"I answer prayer for grace and strength."

### *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>
1 September 2013	Dru Arnold – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
8 September 2013	Dru Arnold – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
15 September 2013	Dru Arnold – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
22 September 2013	Dru Arnold – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
29 September 2013	Dru Arnold – St. Michael & all Angels - Superseding Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday after Trinity

### *The near future, as well as Next Sunday*

1 September 2013 – 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**

8 September 2013 – Fifteenth 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**

15 September 2013 – Sixteenth 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**

22 September 2013 – Seventeenth 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**

29 September 2013 – St. Michael & all Angels - Superseding Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday – 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**