



# Anglican Orthodox Church

## Worldwide Communion



# Pentecost

commonly known as

# Whitsunday

Sunday Report



Today is Whitsunday, also known as Pentecost

### *Pentecost which is commonly called Whitsunday and the time of Whitsuntide*

The octave (8 days) following Whitsunday. In the Book of Common Prayer, the Monday and Tuesday after Whitsunday are Red Letter days, so called because days provided with a proper Collect (prayer), Epistle, and Gospel were marked in the calendar in red ink. "Whitsuntide" (formerly also spelled "Whitsontide") or "Whitsun Week" is derived from Middle English *whitsunday*, from Old English *hwita sunnandæg*, "White Sunday", in reference to the white ceremonial robes formally worn on this day.



Whitsunday marks the Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter. It ranks, after Easter, as the second festival of the Church. In the West, the Vigil of Pentecost soon became a secondary date for baptisms, with a ceremony resembling the Paschal Vigil Service. (Pentecost is the Greek name for the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which falls on the 50th day after Passover.) As the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles on this day (Acts 2: 1), the name was applied to the Christian feast celebrating this event, popularly called "Whitsunday".

### *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, some from Rev Geordie Menzies-Grierson, but overall mostly from Bryan. He always has some great ones to share. On to the On Point quotes –

Good & evil increase at compound interest. The decisions you & I make everyday are of infinite importance.

*CS Lewis*

To be prepared for war, is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.

*President George Washington*  
First Annual Message, 1790

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

*St. Mark 7:21-23*

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

*I Corinthians 6:19-20*

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

*I St. John 5:12*

Those that bind up their happiness in the favor of men make themselves an easy prey to the temptations of Satan.

*Matthew Henry*

17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century English pastor and author

While it is true that all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved, it is not true that a mere utterance of that phrase will suffice. The utterance must be a genuine and sincere confession of faith from the heart and not the head. It must be followed with evidence of salvation. A new man must be in evidence following the confession.

*Jerry L. Ogles*

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

How often do we supply our enemies with the means of our own destruction!

*Aesop*

6<sup>th</sup> century BC Greek philosopher and author  
(The Eagle and the Arrow)

As in medieval times, American citizens can be thrown into dungeons and never accounted for. No evidence or charges need be presented to a court. No trial is required, and no conviction. As in tyrannies, US citizens can be executed at the sole discretion of the despot in the Oval Office, who sits there drawing up lists of people to be murdered. Protestors exercising their constitutionally guaranteed rights...[have been] attacked by...police...Whistleblowers who [have reported] the government's crimes are prosecuted despite the statute that protects them... Peace activists...[have] had their homes invaded by FBI... [for protesting against] Washington's illegal wars... [which] are war crimes under the Nuremberg standard established by the US government itself.

*Paul Craig Roberts*

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century American statesman, political commentator and author  
(Can Americans Escape the Deception, 7-4-12)

What can we learn from the Roman conquest of Gaul?

- Mere numbers on the battlefield does not guarantee victory.
- Training and discipline play a huge role in any victory, especially where those traits are had by those of the few.

- Generals tend to embellish their dispatches especially if they are read publically as they are billboards for their next step up the ladder of success. That having a prepared camp or place of refuge can improve one's chances of success.
- A conquered people can pose a great danger if they are provoked to rise up against their conquerors.
- With each new conquest, the appetite of the conqueror increases and will eventually surpass his ability to keep and maintain his holdings.
- All military power is predicated on very large amounts of money, resources and population.

*Rev Bryan Dabney*  
2014

The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary.

*HL Mencken*  
20<sup>th</sup> century American writer

Why, of course, the people don't want war. Why would some poor slob on a farm want to risk his life in a war when the best that he can get out of it is to come back to his farm in one piece? Naturally the common people don't want war; neither in Russia, nor in England, nor in America, nor in Germany. That is understood. But after all, it is the leaders of the country who determine policy, and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, or a communist dictatorship. Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is to tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country."

*Hermann Goering*  
20<sup>th</sup> century German aviator, Air Marshal of the Luftwaffe and Nazi war criminal  
(interview with Gustave Gilbert, 4-18-1946)

### *Propers*

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

The Collect for the Day is to be read on Sunday and during Morning and Evening Prayer until the next Sunday. The Epistle is normally a reading from one of the various Epistles, or letters, in the New Testament. The Gospel is a reading from one of the Holy Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Collect is said by the minister as a prayer, the Epistle can be read by either a designated reader (as we do in our church) or by one of the ministers and the Holy Gospel, which during the 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 Feasts, so called because in the Altar Prayerbooks the titles are in red, are special days. Most of the Red Letter Feasts are dedicated to early saints instrumental in the development of the church, others to

special events. Some days are particularly special and the Collect for that day is to be used for an octave (eight days) or an entire season, like Advent or Lent.

The Propers for today are found on Page 180-182, with the Collect first:

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*The Collect.*

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¶ **This Collect is to be said daily throughout Whitsun Week.**

This morning's Epistle came from the Second Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles beginning at the First Verse, which consisted primarily of a listing of all the countries and regions surrounding Jerusalem, or at least the hardest to pronounce ones, and a description of the actions of the Apostles when the Holy Ghost came upon them. But, you will also notice that the coming of the Holy Ghost demonstrated the universality of The Word, for when they spoke in tongues, The Word spoke to each in their own language. The Word was not some stranger's language, but their very own!

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Today's Gospel came from the Fourteenth Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John beginning at the Fifteenth Verse:

**J**ESUS said unto his disciples, If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my

words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do.

### *Bishop Ogles' Sermon*

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

#### **Sermon Notes**

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St Andrew's Anglican Orthodox Church  
8 June 2014, Anno Domini (In the Year of our Lord)

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This text today is about prayer as much as it is about Pentecost, for the matter is all wrapped up together in the wonderful manner of working of God, the Holy Ghost.



*“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.”*  
This is an example to us of how a church should be – one accord, one place.

The common prayers of the Apostles were joined together as one voice, and that voice was also the Voice of God for, if we pray in His Will, the prayer is a repeat of His Word for us. Common prayer is strong in its effect and reception by God.

Prayer is not unlike an echo. It rises to Heaven and, if it be a Godly prayer, is resounds from Heaven with a thunderous echo.

Prayer truly is an echo, only the echo is not God’s. It is our spirits echoing, in humble prayer, the will of the Lord. He thunders and we echo that thunder in our hearts.

Our truest prayers are but the echo of God’s promises. And our echoed prayer is answered with echo after echo from God – very much like two mirrors facing so that the resulting image advances into infinity.

We are now about to witness in the text an illustration of the working of that Spirit called Holy – the Holy Ghost! Please note from whence the sound of His Voice originates:

*“And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.”*

From Heaven. No will of God originates on earth, but from heaven. That is why our prayers must ‘echo’ the will of God for us.

A rushing might wind: A symbol of the Holy Ghost, almost always working in the silent chambers of the heart, here is so powerfully present in its coming that it resembles a mighty gushing wind of tremendous force. There is no corner of the house that is not filled with it.

It is like the wind in at least four particulars:

In His —

1. Secret coming.
2. Powerful shaking.
3. Purifying blowing.
4. Soft refreshing.

Like the morning dew, no one can observe its coming, but the evidence of its presence overwhelms the company.

*“And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.”*

Notice the Holy Ghost is like a FIRE!

In His —

1. Bright shining.
2. Genial warming.
3. Destructive burning.
4. Rapid spreading.

As Matthew Henry notes: “The Spirit, like fire, melts the heart, burns up the dross, and kindles pious and devout affections in the soul; in which, as in the fire on the altar, the spiritual sacrifices are offered up.”

Pentecost began with fervent prayer in the Wilderness, and so does the same occur here at our day of Pentecost following, by forty-nine days, the events of Holy Week.

*“And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: <sup>16</sup> Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.”* (Lev 23:15-16 KJV)

This is the seventh week (or 49 days of the morrow) following the Sunday of Resurrection! Once again, fervent prayer is offered and the Holy Ghost answers that call.

We note in the events of this moment that the Holy Ghost had the efficacious benefit to change the hearts of men instantaneously to believe on Him whom they had pierced.

Let us examine this effect:

*And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

What do these other tongues mean and how were they manifested to those around?

*And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.*

There were present representatives from every known nations at Jerusalem. They all spoke in ‘foreign’ languages. This must have been a confusing moment?

Not so!

*Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.*

They were confused, not because they could not understand the words spoken by the Apostles, but because they COULD!

*And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? <sup>8</sup> And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya*

about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, " Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

You must understand all those so-called churches who teach that these tongues were utterances of ecstasy no one else could understand are teachers of false doctrine.

If a man or woman stands up in a church and begins to speak in a babble that no one can understand, does that edify the church? Does it please God? The word babble comes from the Tower of Babble, which, because of their sin against heaven, God confused their languages so that each spoke a language the other could not understand. It sounded like babble, babble, babble, or the language of Babel.

The Holy Ghost will not come to you with an uncertain sound. Paul describes this practice in 1 Cor 14:8-9:

*For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.*

Does God intend confusion to be a reverent manner of worship?

Again Paul says: "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. (1 Cor 14:33)

The Holy Ghost is an agent of peace, goodwill, love, and obedience. If you hear His Voice, you will not hear the voices of false friends calling you to dress in sexy or inappropriate ways. You will disregard the voices pleading you to go where you should not, or do things you should not do. Do you truly love God? Then obey His Holy Spirit in your daily lives!

**Sermon – Reverend Jack Arnold - Time and Action**  
**Church of the Faithful Centurion - Descanso, California**

Today's sermon brought the Collect, Epistle and Gospel together and is partly contained in the forewords above.



Consider these words from the Collect:

... sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort ...

When Jesus left on Ascension Day, we lost a teacher here on earth. We still have Him as Redeemer and Savior; but what to do for understanding? In response to His departure, God sent us the Holy Ghost.

Who is this Holy Ghost?

We worship the One True God, a triune God, that is Three in One; Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Most people have no trouble understanding the concept of God the Father, Christians seem to get God the Son, but many seem to have a bit of difficulty with the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost has been there since the beginning. He breathed life into the world, yet His actions seemed to be sporadic until Pentecost.

Well, today is Pentecost, the time one normally thinks of the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, the Comforter. When people do think of Him, they oft think of the actions described in the words of Saint Luke in the Acts of the Apostles. The dancing and speaking in tongues. All that happened so we might understand that with the help of the Holy Ghost we might bring the Word to all mankind. The Word of God is a universal language. When the disciples spoke in tongues, the people around them heard the Word in their own language, not an odd combination of sounds that no one understood. The disciples spoke and were heard by those around them in their own language, not Klingon. It is not for us to speak in tongues without study; that was a one shot deal. It was designed to show us that we could, with hard work and persistence bring the Gospel to the world in the language of the people. Which is what the purpose of God sending the Holy Ghost was for, was for us to bring the light of Christ into the world for all to see and believe upon. The Holy Ghost allows us to spread His Word amongst all the people in the world and to convince them and let them believe. It opens our eyes to what is good for us and what is not good for us, so that we know what to believe and what not to believe.

The Holy Ghost is also our direct connection to God. When Jesus left, the disciples were distant from God. When they were not near Jesus, they did not do as well as when they were with Him. See Peters actions after the arrest of Jesus for an example, thrice denying His Lord. The Holy Ghost came so that we would have understanding and a direct connection to God, wireless as it were, instead of having to be tethered to Christ.

If we allow the Holy Ghost into our hearts, we will never be far from Him, and He will never be far from us. We have to consciously let Him in, He will not come uninvited into our hearts. The Holy Ghost will help us understand Scripture and will give us guidance on our earthly lives, as we work towards staying on the straight and narrow path towards heaven.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He would be leaving, but the Father would send a facilitator; one whose presence, if we let Him into our hearts, would let us understand His Word with those self same hearts. The Comforter would bring the Love of God into our hearts to let us feel His Love. He will help us understand that we are striving to be one with God, with Jesus and with the Holy Ghost. Our love can be demonstrated by our actions. Which are only possible if we allow the Holy Ghost into our hearts and believe and Act upon our faith! For if we love Jesus, we will do as He asked.

If you think about it, you will recall that the second half of the Book of Luke is titled The Acts of the Apostles. It is not the thoughts, the beliefs, the feelings, the meditations, the inner feelings or any other touchy feely, it is the ACTS. If you believe, act on those beliefs. The Holy Ghost is here to help us know how to act, we will just have to let Him into our hearts, and then ACT.

We need the help of the Holy Ghost to learn what we are to do, how we are to do it and most of all to do it. Action, not just diction.

Pray for His continual presence in your heart.

Heaven is at the end of an uphill trail. The easy downhill trail does not lead to the

summit.

The time is now, not tomorrow. The time has come, indeed. How will you ACT?

It is by our actions we are known.

### **Be of God - Live of God - Act of God**



#### *Bishop Dennis Campbell's Sermon*

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



#### **The Harvest Begins** Acts 2:1-11, John 14:15-31 Whitsunday June 8, 2014

Pentecost was a harvest festival. It was a happy time because the gardens and vineyards were beginning to yield their increase, and the first fruits of the season were being harvested. In our area we have already seen vast fields of hay gathered, and in the gardens the greens have been producing for some time, and some of the peas and carrots and beets are ready or nearly ready to pick. In our country, we control animal reproduction to ensure a constant, fresh supply of meat, but in first century Israel the animals usually gave birth in the Spring. So, at Pentecost the country would be full of chicks and goslings and lambs and calves and foals. It was a joyful time, for the people were entirely dependent on the cycle of seedtime and harvest. All people in all cultures are dependent upon that cycle. Most, in our day don't realize it, but they are. They don't realize that a drought could mean water no longer comes out of the faucet, and food no longer gets to the grocery store. I think one of the major problems of our time is the separation of vast majorities of people from the land, and the corresponding lack of understanding of the cycles of nature and the real source of their food. Living away from the land, in cities and subdivisions, they no longer produce their own food, and, not having real, productive work to do, children spend their time on video games and cell phones and entertainment activities. There may be nothing wrong with some of these things, but a constant diet of them gives a warped view of life. Some get the idea that everything they need comes from the store and the faucet, and as long as the government regulates things to keep the supplies coming, they don't really even need God. Living close to the land reminds us that our food supply requires the rain and the sun in their seasons, and that the rain and the sun come from God. We can readily see the difference between the farm family a few generations ago, who on Thanksgiving Day gave thanks that a

summer of hard work had filled the pantry and root cellar and barns with provisions to feed them for another year, and the contemporary family gathering briefly around store-bought pies and stove top dressing and a turkey cooked and bought at a local chain grocery store, gulping down the food so they can get back to their computers and phones and football games. It seems to me that something is missing in that contemporary setting. Churches try to call people back to God. But, too often, they pattern their services after the video games, sporting arenas, and media entertainment patterns of the world, and God becomes just another entertainment commodity.

Pentecost was a harvest festival, and there is great symbolism in it for us. The advent of the Holy Spirit means the new season is here. Since the Fall of Adam and Eve, God has been preparing this world for Pentecost. Like a farmer He has been cultivating the ground, planting seeds, watering, weeding. His seed was the word of God. His planters were the prophets who spoke and wrote what He said to them. The sunshine and rains were the Temple and the liturgy and the prayers. Finally the day arrived for Him to take on flesh; to live and die among us, to give Himself for our sins, and to rise again. On Pentecost that has all been done, and the fields are white unto harvest. Everything is ready. So God begins to reap the first fruits and to bring them into His barn, the Church.

Most Christians miss the significance of Pentecost. It is not about tongues, or ecstatic experiences, or religious feelings. It is not about thrills and chills and excitements. That is what most people want Christianity to be, and they live in constant pursuit of new ways to kindle and feed that sense of excitement. And they confuse excitement with the workings of the Holy Spirit. We have all heard the song, "Get all excited, go tell everybody that Jesus Christ is King." What does getting excited have to do with telling others about Jesus? We don't have to work ourselves into an emotional frenzy to be Christians. In fact, people might listen to us more willingly if we appear to be in our right mind instead of a self-induced emotional state.

The same goes for worship. People are so accustomed to constant stimulation they expect it in Church too. And they want that sense of excitement to charge their batteries for another week. And they go from church to church shopping for the next cutting edge style of worship to give them that charge. But the early church continued in the Apostles' doctrine and in the prayers, meaning the daily liturgies of prayer upon which our own liturgies are based. They also continued in the breaking of bread, which we call the Lord's Supper, or, Holy Communion.

They sought meaning, not feelings. To them Pentecost was a sign, not a feeling. It meant the Harvest has begun. God is gathering His people together. One day He will come for us and take us to that New World where we will see Him with our own eyes and touch Him with our own hands. Until then He dwells within us. His Holy Spirit unites us to Him with ties that cannot be broken. We meet Him in the Scriptures. We meet Him in the Liturgy. We meet Him in the Bread and Wine. These are the ways the Spirit makes Him present to us. These are the ways the Spirit causes us to dwell in the New Era of the Kingdom of God.

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Psalm 68 • OT Joel 2:28-32 • NT Romans 8:1-11



- 28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:
- 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.
- 30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.
- 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come.
- 32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.

The brief passage from the minor prophet Joel is one of the most direct foreshadowing accounts to the Day of Pentecost. The first two verses speak to the universal outpouring of the Holy Spirit, ‘...I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh...’ This is different from the multiply encounters with the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. In that testimony we read where individual or a times small groups were indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Aaron, Moses, Miriam, the prophets who walked with Elijah, etc.

But on the whole, generally there was not a universal infusing or outpouring the Spirit on a general population. That is until we come to the account described in the book of Acts. The most compelling part of this scripture; this outpouring of the Holy Spirit will no longer be ethnic in nature. It would and will be universal .

Here we have the faithful as they wait in Jerusalem, as instructed by the ascended Christ, suddenly ‘baptized’ by the Holy Spirit. This event, now known as the Day of Pentecost was unprecedented as revealed by the remarks made by those who observed the event. Many who were baptized by the Holy Spirit that day were converts to Judaism, they were Gentile, not Jews by birth.

There were others who observed what was happening, who had not experienced the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, who would accused the believer of being drunk. Peter denies that accusation by indicating the early hour of the day, ‘...it is the 3rd hour...’ (9 a.m.)

Another interesting fact, the outpouring was not gender specific. Men and women, sons and daughters, old and young...they all ‘...in those days...’ will have the Spirit poured out upon them.

Verses 30 & 31 seem to be out of chronological order. These two verses can be interpreted as to being about Christ recent crucifixion. There were a number of heavenly signs observed, there was an earthquake noted on the day of Christ death. The sky was dark for three hours. The blood and water refer to His piercing after His death, where blood and water flowed from his side. There was an eclipse that Friday, it was a "blood" moon, orange/red in color as observed.

Then in verse 32 there is expressed the plan of salvation is explained. '...whosoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be delivered. And to finish off the thought... '...and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call...'

Let us now look at the passage of scripture from the letter to the Romans.

**T** HERE is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

In these eleven verses we find how to know if someone is in Christ. The very nature of the flesh will be changed if you are in Christ. The Spirit, (now poured out on all believers) is a witness to our sinful nature in the law and will show righteousness of the law being fulfilled in us...how?, by not walking after the flesh, but by walking after the Spirit. We are to be spiritually minded, it is life and peace.

Being carnal minded puts us against God, by being in the flesh, that is carnally minded we cannot please God. But if you are not carnally minded, because you are in the Spirit, your body should be dead because of sin. But the Spirit is life, the very same Spirit of him who raised up Jesus from the dead, he will quicken you by his Spirit...that dwells in you.

Paul, in writing this 'list' of what to look for in believers and non-believers, gives us a way to examine our spiritual lives in light of the Gospel message. This was after the fact of Pentecost, so the Holy Spirit is now upon all believers, not just the believing Jews.

Peter will be the first to record this when he witnesses Cornelius and other gentiles receiving the Holy Spirit.

Paul reaffirms this concept in this passage from 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans. Here Paul is writing to Roman, Greek, and other gentile believers, instructing them in the understanding of what has happened, first in Jerusalem and then the rest of the known world.

By this accounting we as modern day believers can find comfort in the words of St. Paul as he expresses the real difference between the Old and New Testament. If you spend time reading and rereading these first eleven verses of chapter 8 of Romans you can find comfort in the finished work of the Lord. Jesus died once and for all on the Cross, to raise us from our dead selves to new life. He causes us by the Holy Spirit to seek him, we should desire the Word, we should read the Word, we should live the Word Daily.

Let us pray:

**O** GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen*

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you , my peace I give unto you; Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to it that peace and unity which is according to thy will, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen*



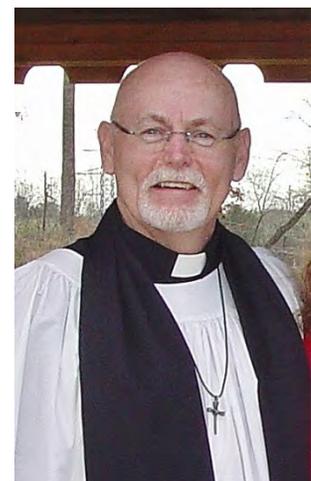
### *Rev Rick Reid of Saint Peter's Sunday Sermon*

We are happy to have a sermon from Reverend Rick Reid, minister of Saint Peter's, whose congregation is right at the Worldwide Headquarters of the Anglican Orthodox Church. Rev Rick has all the resources and challenges right at hand.

### **What a Difference the Holy Ghost Makes in Our Lives**

In our Epistle this morning, Deacon Don read from the Acts of the Apostles:

**W**HEN the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded,



because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilæans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judæa, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

Remember what happened on the night in which Christ was betrayed? The disciples all abandoned the Lord. All eleven of them ran away from the garden terrified. Peter, our patron saint, for whom the Lord had prayed for personally, denied three times, even knowing Jesus. Listen to what St. Mark wrote in his Gospel regarding Peter: <sup>71</sup> But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak.... (Mark 14:71).

All but John were still hiding the next day when Jesus was crucified. Then we see the Apostles return to the same Upper Room. Jesus has ascended to heaven, and so the apostles huddle together with Mary for nine days praying and waiting.

Then they leave the Upper Room and begin to preach the Gospel fearlessly. Three thousand people were converted that first day. The same apostles, who had scattered like frightened children in the Garden, were now gathering God's children together for Christ. The Apostle Peter, who denied even knowing Jesus, in order to keep himself warm by the courtyard fire, was now on fire, confessing that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah, the Son of the Living God.

The disciples who were too frightened and ashamed to appear at the foot of the Cross, now boldly and proudly proclaimed God's love as seen by Christ's death on that same Cross. Why were they so different? What had caused such a dramatic change?

Jesus' resurrection from the dead had filled them with joy and given them profound confidence. But what could have made these people turn from cowards to willing martyrs, so soon? The answer is: The Comforter: The Holy Ghost, sometimes called the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Ghost worked a miracle in each of the apostles, and through them, in the whole Church. As the apostles were huddled together with Mary in the Upper Room fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead, suddenly from heaven there was the sound like the rush of a driving wind that filled the entire upper room. Tongues of fire came down and rested upon each of them and all were filled with the Holy Ghost. This was the difference.

They received the Holy Ghost's help to boldly proclaim Jesus. The Holy Ghost came down upon them as tongues of fire, tongues because they were to speak, fire because they were to speak with the passion of burning love. And they responded. Jesus had promised that the Holy Ghost he would send; would teach them all things, lead them to all truth, remind them of everything he had taught them, and convict the world of their sin. Then, helped in this way by the Holy Ghost, the Apostles began to fulfill their mission to spread the Gospel. The Acts of the Apostles had begun. The Church was born. The Church is still alive, and the Acts of the Apostles continues down to our own day. God wants to write new chapters, with each of us, and that includes you and me, all of us playing an important role. The wind is still blowing. The fire of the Holy Ghost still burns. Each of us, however, needs to let the Holy Ghost in, to do his work. Each of us has to allow the Holy Ghost to bring about a similar miracle in us.

Too often we are more like the Apostles before they received the Holy Ghost than on Pentecost Sunday. We come to church, we pray, but when we leave the Upper Room, we basically leave Him behind, giving into various denials, perhaps for comfort like Peter, perhaps out of fear like the rest of the disciples.

We know what our mission is, to give witness to the whole world that Jesus is our Lord and Savior, that He is, the way, the truth, and the life, and worth dying for. But how many times have we failed in that mission, and how many times have we failed to even try? Proclaiming the Gospel today is surely not easy; so many reject Christ and his teachings and the Church He founded. But when we look back to what the first disciples encountered, when first the Jewish leaders and eventually the Roman authorities were trying to kill them for proclaiming the Gospel, we find great reason for hope. For if the Holy Ghost could work such wonders with those simple fishermen and tax collectors, and then surely he can do great things through us, if we allow him.

With the help of the Holy Ghost, we, too, can turn from cowards to heroes, from apostates to apostles, from sinners to saints. The key is allowing the Holy Ghost to act within us. To do so, we first have to get to know the Holy Ghost.

There's an episode in the life of St. Paul when he was at Ephesus and met some people who said they were disciples. Paul asked them: Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. (Acts 19:2). Many Anglicans today might well make that same statement.

What do we know about the Holy Ghost? We know much more than we think we do: But the Holy Ghost is not just someone we should know about, but someone we should know intimately and personally, as we know a friend. We encounter him first in prayer. We cannot even pray without his help. St. Paul tells us: Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. (1 Cor 12:3). Paul tells us that "the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, 26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. (Rom 8:26). The Holy Ghost blows within us, the Holy Ghost burns within us. But we have to let that flame grow until we are consumed.

The same Holy Ghost who filled the apostles on Pentecost has come down here at St. Peter's. We are all in the midst of the Upper Room, where Jesus himself gives us his body and blood, where the Holy Ghost himself comes down. If we wish to leave this Upper Room and carry out our mission as the Apostles of our own day, let us pray the Holy Ghost might fill us with tongues of fire, so that with passion, love and courage, we might bring the Gospel out into our world, which so desperately needs to embrace it. *Amen.*

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

We are fortunate to have Bryan's Sunday Sermon. If you want people to come to The



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

### **Pentecost, commonly called Whitsunday**

In the apostle Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, we read, But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are

foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned (2:14). The natural man is thus an apt description for a secular or worldly person. One bible commentator referred to them as “worldlings” on account of their great love for the things of this life. And another once said that, “The natural man may be learned, gentle, eloquent, [and] fascinating, but the spiritual content of Scripture is absolutely hidden from him...”

When things are hidden from us by government— such as the records of proceedings regarding matters of state— or by individuals— particularly those with whom we might be in conflict due to their malicious or negligent behavior— then we are being kept, as it were, in the dark which may work to their advantage and, by extension, to our disadvantage. Such sequestrations of information might prevent us from knowing the full extent to which they have harmed or deceived us. Sometimes, these withholdings are said to be for the benefit of justice, that is, under our legal system evidence presented in court is confined to the issue at hand and may not include those things that have been deemed immaterial to the case under consideration. Other times, the inner workings of government— in its particular plans and programs— are concealed from the general public so that the politicians can protect themselves and continue in their offices, or perchance, advance to a higher office to which they may aspire because the general public was unaware of the gravity of their schemes. I have heard it said that “knowledge is power” and he who has knowledge, has power over those who do not. That maxim finds itself clearly expressed within the system of “sharecropping” which developed in the years following “the Late Unpleasantness.”

Sharecropping, or the crop-lien system, came about because the Southern planters and landowners, following their failed war for independence, had no money and no means to pay their property taxes to the reconstruction governments set up by the Radical Republicans. So these landowners would permit both blacks and whites to lease their land and farm it with the proviso that they give them a portion of the crop produced on said land. Some sharecropping was done in an open and honest manner. Unfortunately, in many cases, it was done using subterfuge and deceit. A fair number of farmers both white and black were illiterate and were taken advantage of by those who owned the store that supplied their furnishings as well as the scale on which their produce was weighed. Illiterate people are by definition unlearned, unknowing, or ignorant of the true state of their situation. Only through education were those farmers able to break out of that new form of bondage.

The same is true for the natural man in relation to God. He cannot know the things of God because he does not have the Holy Ghost. And this is because his master the devil does his level best to keep the natural man or “worldling” from the truth of God so that he cannot know him and receive from him his Spirit. The French mathematician and philosopher Blaise Pascal once noted that, “In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't.” And for the “worldling” these shadows are very dark indeed.

Desire is a product of knowledge. If you do not know of a thing, you cannot desire it. For the natural man to desire God, he must first recognize that there is God. The atheist says that there is no God. The agnostic says that he or she has no knowledge of God. The pagan says that a god or gods exist but such a being's ways are esoteric, or mysterious, and cannot be known except through some elaborate ritual or study path. And so for “worldlings” to come to know the one true and living God, they must have some indication that God does in fact exist.

The Bible tells us in Hebrews 11:1-2 that, Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. We who have been regenerated in Christ have faith that God is. We also have the benefit of the Holy Ghost the Comforter to guide us. When we came to recognize the existence of God, we were then presented with who God is. If we had chosen to reject him, it would have been on account of our worldly natures influenced by Satan as he would likely have substituted some other explanation for us to believe, or, have faith in as truth. The apostle Paul noted in Romans 1:18- 20 that, ... the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness. Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them: for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.

Without excuse? Yes, my friends they are without excuse because no one on this earth is truly ignorant of God. They may not know his name or the fundamentals of the Christian faith, but they know he is there if they but look about them.

The problem is that the natural man will look at the creation and will see not the handiwork of God plain before his face. But such a person will see something else. And that "something else"— whatever it may be— will not point to God. Satan desires worship, and will use every opportunity to turn the gaze of mankind from his Creator to himself. Human wisdom rationalizes rather than accurately describes this earthly sphere. We can assume broadly or specifically, but we cannot discern the things of God when we use earthly wisdom as our guide. In the story series known as "The Shadow" one of the characters said, "The clouded mind sees nothing" and Satan has done just that. For once a person rejects the truth of God, then the open door to Satan worship will have been created for as the apostle Paul noted in Romans 1:21-23, Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful: but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

G. K. Chesterton, once said that, "When a man ceases to believe in God, he does not believe in nothing. He believes in anything." When the natural man rejects God, he will find some other source of perceived truth to believe in. That is the work of Satan who takes the seed of the word from the hearts of men so that they will then turn to him (St. Matthew 13:19). The darkened heart then cannot see through the veil which has descended over his soul. He cannot of his own efforts find the truth of God because he believes he has found it in the satanic rationale— the author of which is also hidden from his understanding— so that anything other than those things which point to the truth of God will be accepted and believed.

So what then can the natural man do to be saved? He is powerless to save himself, and if he will not believe and accept Jesus Christ, he will be lost forever in the fires of perdition. Only through an acceptance of Jesus Christ as his Saviour and Lord can the natural man obtain God's gracious favor. That is where our work as Christians comes into play. God did not put us here to hobble his message of salvation by being "tolerant" or "inclusive" with regard to false doctrines or false teachers. God has called us to proclaim the truth of his word written. He has called us to have an answer for the faith that we possess. He has sent us forth as his ambassadors to this sin-darkened

world that— through the shining light of our faith— others will see and then seek after God and his Christ to their eternal good.

Do not be deceived. You cannot expect to be received into God's kingdom if you are not willing to recognize him as your Creator, Redeemer and Friend. There is a day coming when God will finally bring an end to this time of sin and spiritual darkness. May it please our good and loving God to inspire you to go forth in his name and proclaim his word to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death that they too might come into light of his presence and be saved.

Let us pray,

**O** GRACIOUS Father, we thank you for your word written; that through thy might and power vested in us by the Holy Ghost, we might proclaim it unto all who would hear and receive it into their hearts; for this we ask in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Have a blessed week, Bryan+

*After Church Hospitality*

We need snack pictures! Come on, help us out!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**What should I ask for?**

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

## Updating the Team

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

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

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

## Travel

Bishop Jerry Ogles, Executive Secretary Betty Hoffman and Rev Jack Arnold begin travel to Kenya this Saturday to welcome the church there into the Anglican Orthodox Church Worldwide Communion. Please pray for a successful and safe trip for them.

Steve and his mother are traveling to California for her 65<sup>th</sup> High School reunion and returning on Sunday Evening.

Camilla has had a death in her family 7 May 2014, and is flying to be with her sister and other family members. Please keep her in your prayers as she travels and for the family as they accept the death of the twenty one year old man.

## Birthday

Terri Jennings celebrated her 58<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 26 April 2014.

## Anniversary

Rev Rick and Virginia Reid celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 7 April 2014.

## Move

The Thomas Family is now in 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. Give thanks the safe move and ask for continued good developments.

## Departed

Dennis left to be with our Lord and Savior on 30 May 2014, after a relatively brief struggle with cancer. . Please give thanks for His time here on earth and pray for comfort, strength and understanding for Linda his wife and their family. Please pray the family can let God carry their worry, fear and sorrow so that they can do their best.

Sherry Tester, mother in law of Stephen Cord (Rev Jack's mentor during his almost four years at WGU) passed away after a heart attack on 16 May 2014. Please give thanks for her time here on earth and pray for comfort, strength and understanding for Charles, her husband of 56 years, as well as her daughter Jennifer, Stephen and their family. Please pray the family can let God carry their worry, fear and sorrow so that they can do their best.

*Danahurt* passed away unexpectedly on or about 16 May 2014. Please pray for his Family and Friends as they adjust to this unexpected situation.

*George Knoop*, age 78, a Missionary Aviation Fellowship member was murdered by a Haitian with a knife on 13 May 2014 while trying to help the people of Haiti. Give thanks for his time here on earth and pray for comfort for his family who remain behind. Neither freedom nor faith are free, please remember that before you turn from either.

*Brian Smith* left for home on 21 April 2014, after a long battle with lung cancer; it cannot be said the cancer won, he is with the Lord in victory. He was able to do what he wanted and needed to do until two days before his death, for that we are all grateful. His only concern about leaving was for his wonderful wife Melany who of necessity remains behind. Please give thanks for his safe passage and pray that Mel will keep her trust in the Lord and let Him carry her worry. As a side note, today is Brian's birthday and we remember him the more.

*Three hundred Korean high school students* perished in the sinking of Korean passenger vessel, SEWOL, on 16 April 2014. Please pray for peace of mind, soul and heart for the families of those who perished. Please give thanks for the bravery and compassion of PARK Ji Young, aged 22 years, who remained on board to help rescue as many souls as possible. She even gave a student her own life vest. Her body was later found floating in the frigid waters of the sea. Ask God to help the families deal with their grief.

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

*Sasha* a young lady with a husband and two children has cancer for which all treatment has been tired and not been successful. Without a miracle from God she will be leaving soon. Her spirit is still strong and asks you continue to keep her in your prayers. Please pray for a miraculous remission; that her remaining time here on earth might be good, let her stay as long as is good and leave as quickly as possible thereafter. Help Sasha and her family, particularly her husband, put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry. Sasha is grateful for all who pray for her and asks you continue to pray for her remaining time here on earth.

*Alan* is a victim of metastasized colon cancer already destroying his liver. His youngest sister has put aside her hard-earned career to care for her brother in these days on earth. Please pray for him as he prepares to go home to be with his family who have gone before him. Please pray for comfort, understanding, strength and guidance for Alan and his family who will of necessity remain behind.

*Paul* has dementia but seems do be doing well in the Nursing Home today. Pray he will eat and that his family will be together in one accord as they take care of him

*Saundra* is in ICU with congestive heart failure after a heart operation. She is aged and frail. Saundra is near the end of her time here 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***

*Lily* is the caregiver of her elderly husband *Harold*; she fell down the stairs and has a break that will take six weeks before she can be on her feet again. Please pray for rapid healing for *Lily* and for a plan to form that will make things tolerable for both of them.

*Paul* has dementia but seems to be doing well in the Nursing Home today. Pray he will eat and that his family will be together in one accord as they take care of him

*Martha and Irene* both have Alzheimer's Disease. Pray that their hearts will stay close to Jesus.

*Walter* has many health issues and is growing weaker and weaker. Pray *Walter* will learn to be able to swallow correctly.

*Joan* has had serious medical problems that have kept her confined. On 26 September 2013, she took a fall. Please pray that in the weeks ahead her health will remain stable.

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

*Norma, Sara's mother* is in a state of deteriorating health, both physically and mentally, with both 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***

*Sarah*, wife of Rev *Geordie* (AOC – UK), has been treating for ovarian cancer. The treatment has not worked and she has been advised her time here on earth is short. Please pray for a miraculous remission; that *Sarah's* remaining time here on earth might be good. Help *Sarah, Geordie* and their family put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry.

*Leon McKay* suffered a stroke a few weeks back that has left him unable to speak and while undergoing evaluation the doctors also found he has a very aggressive cancer. Please pray for a miraculous remission; that *Leon's* remaining time here on earth might be good. Help *Leon* and his family put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry.

*Rev. Thomas Brooks* is not improving and being kept alive by artificial machines. Please pray for a miraculous recovery and if that not be God's Will, a rapid passing to home. Help *Thomas' family* put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry

*Ronnie* has kidney cancer that has spread and the surgeons are very concerned. Please pray the medical team to formulate a successful treatment plan and for a miraculous remission; that *Ronnie's* remaining time here on earth might be good. Help *Ronnie* and family put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry.

*Levi* was cancer free for 4 years and just discovered he has kidney cancer. *Levi* has a great deal of faith and said whether he is healed or God takes him home he will be fine. Please pray for the medical team to pay attention and to their best and for a good outcome. Pray also that *Levi* and family will be able to put their

worry on God's shoulders. In particular, please pray for pain relief; Levi is 22 years old.

*Ray Daley* is a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and served his country during the Korean War era. Ray is taking chemotherapy treatments for cancer. Meanwhile his son Trevor is in the hospital in a coma and seems to have lost the will to live.

*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.

*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.

*Jane* has fourth stage cancer and is not doing well. Please pray for Jane and her family 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.

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***

*Weir* is a survivor of two malignancies (prostrate and colon). Recently Weir underwent further tests and he will have to have almost all of his large intestine removed. His surgery was Friday 28 March 2014. All will appreciate your prayer.

*Timothy Howes*, age 90, is expected to undergo resection surgery for a twisted bowel on 16 March 2014, due to his age and other complications this is an extremely tense surgery. Please pray for the surgical team to pay attention and to their best and for a good outcome. Pray also Timothy and his family, in particular his son Rev Ken, to put their worry on God's shoulders.

*Melody Summers* of Gold Creek, Montana has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. She is a very special person in the Gregr family's lives. Please pray for the surgical team to pay attention and to their best and for a good outcome. Pray also Melody and her family will be able to put their worry on God's shoulders. Pray for a special miracle for her and her family.

*Mario* has early-diagnosed prostate cancer and had surgery. Pray for complete remission and that Mario and his family will be able to put their worry on God's shoulders.

*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.

*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***

*Paul* has been in and out of the hospital for several weeks. Pray that the Doctors will find out what is wrong with him and he will be healed.

*Dennis* had a stroke on 30 May 2014. Pray for his wife and family during this time of recovery Pray for strength, courage and understanding for Dennis and his family, most particularly his wife; as well as for God's guidance for the neurologists and other medical people treating him they might find the best course of treatment and allow Dennis to heal completely.

*Dennis*, nephew in law of Rev Rick Reid, had a seizure at work on 28 April 2014, and is hospitalized at the Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, TN. A brain scan there found a what they initially thought was a tumor, but turned out to be an abnormality of the vessels of the brain. He is awake, responding to treatment and may be released soon. There is much to be done. Pray for strength, courage and understanding for Dennis and his family; as well as for God's guidance for the neurologists and other medical people treating him they might find the best course of treatment and allow Dennis to heal completely.

*Liz Strauch* had a pineal cyst, which in the end responded well to a surgical draining last year. Since November 2013, similar symptoms have returned. A CT Scan turned up what is thought to be either a new cyst or an enlarged pineal gland. More testing, including an EEG is in the works. She can no longer work. Pray for strength, courage and understanding for Liz and her family, in particular her husband Ken and sons Caleb and Nathan; as well as for God's guidance for the medical people treating her that they might find the best course of treatment and allow Liz to heal completely.

*Steve* fell from a roof Saturday, 5 April 2014. His injuries were multiple, extensive, severe, and life threatening. He is slowly making improvements. He still has a long road to travel and is still in great need of prayers. Yours are very much appreciated. Pray for strength, courage and understanding for Steve and his family; as well as for God's guidance for the medical people treating him that they might find the best course of treatment and allow Steve to heal completely.

*Diane* was hospitalized 25 March 2014, with a serious gastrointestinal related. Pray for strength, courage and understanding for Diane and her family; as well as for God's guidance for the medical people treating her that they might find the best course of treatment and allow Diane to heal completely.

*Faye* is in the hospital because she is weak has been receiving blood transfusions. Pray for strength, courage and understanding for Faye and her family; as well as for God's guidance for the medical people treating her that they might find the best course of treatment and allow Faye to heal completely.

*Tom* has heart and kidney problems. Pray for strength, courage and understanding for Tom and his family; as well as for God's guidance for the medical people treating him that they might find the best course of treatment and allow Tom to heal completely.

*Harold* has had a severe stroke. He is now home, but his family is looking for a rehabilitation facility to help him recuperate. Pray for strength, courage and understanding for Harold and his family; as well as for God's guidance for the medical people caring for him that they might find the best treatment facility to allow Harold to heal completely.

*Nathan* has a tumor near his heart and had unsuccessful surgery. Please pray for strength, courage and understanding for Nathan and his family; as well as for God's guidance for the medical people treating him that they might find the best course of treatment.

*Joe* has had a preliminary ALS diagnosis. Pray the final diagnosis will something that will allow him to continue taking care of his devoted young family. Pray for strength, courage and understanding for Joe and his family; as well as for God's guidance for the medical people treating him that they might find the best course of treatment.

*Mark* had swelling and fluid buildup in his lungs. It appears things may be getting under control. He needs to use a Bi-Pap mask to breathe until his lungs clear and he hates it. Pray that he will be able to adapt so his lungs can clear. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for Mark, as well as for his family, and for God's guidance for the medical people treating him that they might find the best course of treatment.

*Preston* is reacting poorly to recent neck surgery and now has problems with his liver count; Physicians feel that dialysis will help. There may be a blockage in the bowel and an operation might be necessary. Please pray for the medical team to pay attention and to their best to determine how to help Preston and for a good outcome. Pray also that Preston and family will be able to put their worry on God's shoulders while Preston does his best to facilitate a return to good health.

*Marianne* is hospitalized with a perforated colon. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for Marianne, as well as for her family, and for God's guidance

for the medical people treating her that they might find the best course of treatment.

*Erica* has a non-malignant Brain Tumor which cannot be surgically removed due to the size and location. They are going to attempt chemotherapy. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for Erica, as well as for her family, and for God's guidance for the medical people treating her that they might find the best course of treatment.

*Brenda* is in the hospital because of bleeding on her brain. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for Brenda, as well as for her family, and for God's guidance for the medical people treating her that they might find the best course of treatment.

*Mackenzie* is a young girl with leukemia. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for Mackenzie, as well as for her family, and for God's guidance for the medical people treating her that they might find the best course of treatment.

*Mack* has had diabetes most of his adult life. Circulation in his legs is very bad and doctors are considering amputation. Please pray his medication will help and he will not face amputation. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for Mack and for God's guidance for the medical people treating him that they might find the best course of treatment.

*Michael* has been diagnosed with lung cancer recently after making it through gastro intestinal cancer last year. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for Michael and his wife Gayle; as well as for God's guidance for the medical people treating him that they might find the best course of treatment.

*Ken Strauch* has been tired and is anemic, he had a colonoscopy which found a pair of polyps which were removed and are being tested. Just for good measure they found he has a hiatal hernia with ulcers, basically part of his stomach is pushed up into his esophagus and is bleeding from there. Sounds there may be surgery involved. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for Ken and for God's guidance for the medical people treating him that they might find the best course of treatment.

*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.

*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.

## *Healing*

*Jere Wolf* (Melanie Zimmer's dad) is back in the hospital with a parotid gland swelling apparently due to an infection, he cannot swallow at all. He also has kidney problems, perhaps partly due to Congestive Heart Failure and a blocked aortic valve and partly due to only having one kidney. He is having a dialysis shunt placed on Sunday 8 June 2014. Please pray that goes well and the dialysis helps.

Please pray for Jere and his family, in particular his wife Doreen and daughters Cindy and Molly (or Melanie) to keep their faith strong in the Lord, as well as for guidance for the medical team treating him, as well as a strong recovery for Jere so that he and his family can enjoy his time here on earth.

*Meg* recently found out she had heart problems causing low blood oxygen levels, loss of focus resulting in an emergency room crisis. As a result of the symptoms she made errors on the job that caused her to lose her job. She is grateful for the excellent medical care she has received and optimistic, feeling with God's intervention in her life her health may be reversed and a new job will become available.

*Barbara* has serious problems with her Sciatic Nerve. Please pray for guidance for those treating her, for relief of the severe pain, for trust in our Lord for Barbara and her family, for healing.

*Donald* is in the hospital and had his leg amputated on 14 April 2014. Pray he will adjust and healing will begin.

*Dallmus* has lost 40 to 50 percent of his sight. Pray he will learn to cope with the situation and that he will trust in God to heal as He will.

*Lucius Dabney* (father of Rev Bryan Dabney) is now at home recovering from an infection. Please pray for a complete healing of the infection and return to health.

*David* has many concussions and unable to go to school, read books, watch TV and has headaches and migraines. He has trouble sleeping and his family will appreciate your prayers for this 10 year old young man.

*Barbara Apple* fell the week of 11 January 2014, in her home, breaking her right humerus (the large upper arm bone) in a spiral fracture, which cannot be set. Movement is very painful and due to a total lack of energy, she is more or less bedridden. Healing does not seem to be going well at this point. Pray for inspiration for those caring for her that they might find the appropriate treatment. Please pray for Barbara to put her trust in the Lord, look to Him for strength and for her to gain energy so she does not lose the mobility she has; pray for a full and rapid recovery. Please pray also for her husband Bob who is taking care of her that he might be comforted and strengthened in this time of stress.

*Gladys* has breast cancer and has had a lumpectomy. She needs to take a year off of her work to have chemo treatments.

*Alwin Jack* has had a stroke and recently has had a relapse. Please pray for those who treat Alwin that they might chose the best possible treatment and pray for peace of mind for Alwin during the recovery phase.

*Sylvia Lee*, Sandra Lee's mother, had been suffering from undiagnosed kidney failure;

doctors finally figured out what the problem was and offered her "hospice care", a second opinion suggested dialysis. She is now on dialysis. Please pray for strength and vitality to return to her and for peace of mind for Sylvia and her family, as well as their continued faith and in God as the Great Physician. They pray for help to listen to God's voice and guidance through this journey together.

*Carolyn* has Multiple Sclerosis with complications. Pray Carolyn and her children will be close to our Lord Jesus Christ as they and family members help to ease the problems.

*Jeong* was in an auto accident and sustained a serious back injury. Please pray for a full and rapid recovery.

*Dale* was hospitalized Sunday 25 August 2013, after a heart attack. Please pray for guidance for the medical team treating him and for peace of mind for Dale and his family.

*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.

*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!

*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.

*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.

*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 an 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 one more year. He has 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 16, came back with ZERO SCANS again in December 2013! Matt 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.

### ***Thanksgiving and Continued Healing***

*Mary Thornell* had surgery on 30 October 2013, at the Riverside Community Hospital to remove a huge mass along with about ½ her colon and part of her lower bowel. Mary finishes chemotherapy 17 June 2014. Tests the week of 2 June 2014 showed totally clear scans. For now, treatment is done after the last chemotherapy session. Please give thanks for the great result and also for the strength, guidance and peace of mind our Lord gave Mary and her husband Jim, as well as daughter Janice and son Jimmy, she underwent treatment. Please pray she will stay free of the cancer in the future.

*Eli* a two month baby is back home after going to the ER the night of 28 May 2014, not able to breathe. Please give thanks for her recovery and pray for strength, courage and understanding for Eli's family; as well as for God's guidance for the neurologists and other medical people treating Eli they might find the best course of treatment and allow Eli to heal completely, as well as for strength and understanding for the parents.

*Jim* has been hospitalized and had several operations for cancer the last few years. The physicians discovered a number of spots; but his exam was better than expected-prayer changes things and he thanks you for your prayers. Please continue him in prayer for he will have another scan in April.

*Al* had an abscess found on his liver for which he was hospitalized, it turned out to be benign and will not require surgery, he has been released from the hospital. Please give thanks for this good result and pray for continued healing.

*Elma* is suffering from cancer. She was taken home from the hospital on the advice of her Doctor. We were asked to pray that Elma's remaining time here on earth might be good and that Elma and family might put their trust in the Lord and let

Him carry their worry. Since then, Elma's Bishop told us a great Miracle of the Lord is working over Elma. Doctors sent her home to die, but now she seems to be doing all right. On behalf of her, thank you for all of your prayers. Please continue praying for her complete healing.

*Ian Allen* had back surgery on 5 February 2014, which went very very well. He is home and pain free. There is a recovery process ahead, but he has his daughter with him for the next week to help with that. Please give thanks for the surgical team paying close attention, doing their very best and for a good outcome. Pray for peace of mind for Ian and his family as healing continues.

*Erica* had surgery on 7 January 2014, for a non-malignant brain tumor. They got most, but not all of the tumor, things seem good for now. Please give thanks for the surgical team doing their very best and for a good outcome. Pray for peace of mind for Erica's family as healing and treatment continues.

*Jim Curl* had a stroke November 2013; he has recovered pretty well, but still has memory issues. Jim asks that you give thanks for his great recovery and pray that his memory will continue to improve.

Please join together in thanking the Lord for strengthening *Christopher*, a young man with psychological problems who departed meds to a bad effect, for his maintaining healthy discipline the last six months, and join together in praying that he continue to be infused with strength and rationality.

*Pat* underwent successful major heart surgery on 25 September 2013. Please give thanks for the successful outcome and pray for continued healing and a complete recovery for Pat.

*Dennis* has heart problems; now the medical people treating him discovered a large mass on his liver which turned out to be a cyst! 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.

*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.

*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. While the surgery 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, recovered far better than expected from a severe brain bleed, but fell recently and broke her hip. She still requires 24 hour care, which Mike provides with little help

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.

### ***Financial Guidance and Employment***

*Charlie* is in need of both financial guidance and employment. Charlie feels that he has no skills, which is clearly incorrect, but nonetheless he feels that way. While on the one hand, he knows that is not right, on the other hand, he cannot shake that belief. Ask that God send the Holy Ghost into his heart for guidance. In addition, Charlie needs God's guidance as to how to handle his life from this point forward. After many years in the aerospace industry, he is looking for a place to employ his talents to the mutual benefit of a company. He asks that you pray for God to guide him to a new place to allow him to gain an even financial keel.

*Tracey* is out of employment and has not received her unemployment compensation or found a new position; please pray these problems will be resolved.

*Carmine* is looking for employment. Pray God will guide her and she will accept his guidance; something she has not always done, so your prayers will be especially appreciated.

*Chris* and several others at his firm were let go after many years of faithful service. Please pray that they might find a company that can use their considerable skills and dedication to their mutual benefit. Pray also for those who remain behind that they might find peace in the confusion caused by the departures.

*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***

*Timothy and Sharon* had their home foreclosed the morning of 15 April 2014. They are experiencing spiritual, emotional and financial crisis at the current time. Please pray for God's guidance as to how they might handle the financial difficulties in which they have found themselves and more importantly have them draw closer to God and each other.

*Linda, Rick, Christian and Sawyer* are a family experiencing spiritual, emotional and financial crisis at the current time. Please pray for God's guidance as to how they might handle the financial difficulties in which they have found themselves and more importantly have them draw closer to God and each other.

*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***

*Marie* has suffered the loss of her husband, her job and her pet all in a short period of time. Please pray for peace of mind for *Marie*, as well as for trust in the Lord for her and those around her that she might adjust to the changes in her life and move forward to the honor and glory of our Lord with His Help. (140607)

*Mitten* has a Christian talking to him about Christ. *Mitten* does not believe and does not seem to care. Please pray *Mitten* will see the light.

*Luis Martinez* had a heart attack on 1 November 2013, and seems to have recovered fairly well. His wife *Selma* passed away on 12 April 2014. Please pray for peace of mind for *Luis*, as well as for trust in the Lord for him and the rest of the family.

*Kristen, Rickey and their two children* ask you to pray for grace, wisdom and understanding as they attempt to cope with infidelity, separation and possibly divorce as a result of backsliding from the Lord into the World.

*Erica* is having school exams for the next several weeks. Please pray her mind will be open to what she has learned and her heart opened more and more as the years go by to Jesus.

*Aaron* has a problem seeing is where his life should be leading him. Please pray that he can listen to his father *Paul* and those around him who want him to work hard and obtain a real education now rather than just coast towards oblivion.

*Danielle* has accepted Christ as her Saviour. Pray she will read the Bible and meditate on His Word so she can grow in him.

*Helene and her family* ask your prayers for them as they deal with the loss of Alan, husband and father.

*Stephanie* seems to be very deeply into post partum depression after her baby was born prematurely. Please pray for her Mother in Law who is going a great distance to help Stephanie and her new Grandson. Pray that Stephanie will be able to direct her attention outward, rather than inward.

*William* is an elderly man living with his Son and Daughter in-law. William is causing trouble in the family because of his demanding ways and continually using bad language. The family is at wit's end to know how to handle him and will appreciate your guidance and prayers.

*Caitlin* is in the grip of the Prince of Darkness; she thinks there is escape from reality in drugs. The saddest part is that reality is not as she sees it. Her family is despairing as they can do nothing to help her and ask that you pray for the Holy Ghost to enter into heart and show her the need for change before it is too late.

*Nathaniel* is in spiritual turmoil. His family 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 his heart.

*Sam* and her *two children* that have been living in a shelter and are to lose their place there. Please pray a place will be found they can stay in and recover.

Please pray *Darlene* will surrender her life to Christ.

*Norrie* is facing daily exams in the weeks ahead. Pray for calmness and concentration and to do the best possible.

*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 him 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.

*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.

*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 for her business so that she might remain gainfully employed 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.

### ***Anglican Orthodox Church***

*From Bishop John Nakka of our Church Family in South India. We must know, but by the grace of God, we could, and may, experience the same in our own land:*

Dear ALL,

I am so painfully writing this mail as we are very very suffering a lot politically and also due to separation of our State. No power for around 10 to 12 hours in the cities and more than 12 hours in the villages. No enough drinking water, very hot summer.... Politically we are now really afraid as the sectarian hindu religious background parties took over the Union and State Governments. We are a religious minority in India and now our hearts started beating fast and do not know what happened for us in the near future. WE ARE REALLY UNFORTUNATE. We may live like a second grade citizens and we need to face a very hard persecution as was the Hebrews in Egypt. The persecution was already started and around 05 issues were reported for abuse, warnings and stopping the conventions etc., during this week alone i.e., just within a week after Mr.Modi took over the charge.

PLEASE PRAY FOR CHRISTIANS IN INDIA.

yours fraternally in Christ,

+John.

*Christians in the Central African Republic* are experiencing the ravages of a war between the Muslim and Christians. We have both ministers and members of the Anglican Orthodox Church in Central African Republic. Please pray for God's guidance and protection for all persecuted Christians and those around them.

On 21 March 2014, *Faith Theological Seminary* in Gujranwala, Pakistan graduated a class. Please pray the Holy Ghost will fill the hearts of the graduates as they go forth to spread The Word of Jesus Christ our Saviour

*Rev Paul Thompson*, pastor of Christ Anglican Church (AOC) in Oakland, Iowa, asks you pray for the Holy Ghost to enter the hearts of their congregation that they might find better ways to serve our Lord and bring the Word to those around them.

*Rev Rick Reid* asks that you pray for Saint Andrews Anglican Church in Newton, North Carolina. They would like to see their congregation grow to the point is it self-sustaining and vibrant. The congregation asks that you pray for the Holy Ghost to enter into their hearts and inspire them to do their best to further His Will.

*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. 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.

#### ***Armed Forces & Contractors***

Airman Donny Patton (Hulbert Field, Florida), Jordan (USMC – Fleet Marine Force - Pacific), Trevor (USAF - KC-10 Boom Operator – New Jersey), Trevor (USN – Whidbey Island, EF-18 Pilot), Kurt Thomas (USN – Camp Foster, Okinawa)

#### ***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.

#### ***Thanksgiving***

*Otto* had massive blood clots in both lungs and a smaller one in one of his legs, treatment worked and he recovered further at home. As he regained strength, his work opportunities as a self-employed software and website designer were decreasing due to the economy and he was having trouble paying the bills and heating his dwelling. God provided a house-sitting job during some of the coldest winter days! Then when he went to talk with his landlady about the rent, she suggested he apply for a job at the company where she works. Several weeks later, he got full-time work there! Please give thanks to God for His providential hand and continue to pray *Otto* will see, know and respond to his loving Saviour! Thank you so much to *Otto's* sister Penny for updating us on *Otto's* progress.

#### ***Various Special Requests***

*Nathalie* is teaching English in a small western Ukrainian town where they are having so many problems. Pray for *Nathalie* and others around the world who are standing up for Christian principles in their countries.

This is a horrible time for the *people of India, Christians in particular*; they are having problems with Hunger, Bank Closings, Transportation and Schools not functioning. Pray for the Leaders and Members of our Church in Eluru Andhra Pradesh. Pray their basic needs will be met and God will be close to them in this time of need.

*Lisa* discovered her 9 year old daughter *Mariah* had been raped. This is in the court system now and we know that prayers are needed for this family. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" James 5:16 *Lisa* says she feels the power of your prayer in God's hand on her heart.

Please pray for *all the people of Egypt*; Bishop Mouner 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.

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.

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

15 June 2013 – 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**

22 June 2013 – First 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 June 2013 – Second Sunday after Trinity– Morning Prayer - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

4 July 2013 – Independence Day– Morning Prayer - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

6 July 2013 – Third 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**

13 July 2013 – Fourth Sunday after Trinity– Morning Prayer - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

20 July 2013 – Fifth 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**