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Saint Bartholomew the Apostle



superseding the

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Report



Today we celebrated the feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle superseding the Tenth Sunday after Trinity.

*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 –

*Past, Present, Future*

[The demon Screwtape writes:] The humans live in time but our Enemy destines them to eternity. He therefore, I believe, wants them to attend chiefly to two things, to eternity itself, and to that point of time which they call the Present. For the Present is the point at which time touches eternity. Of the present moment, and of it only, humans have an experience analogous to the experience which our Enemy has of reality as a whole; in it alone freedom and actuality are offered them. He would therefore have them continually concerned either with eternity (which means being concerned with Him) or with the Present—either meditating on their eternal union with, or separation from, Himself, or else obeying the present voice of conscience, bearing the present cross, receiving the present grace, giving thanks for the present pleasure.

Our business is to get them away from the eternal, and from the Present. With this in view, we sometimes tempt a human (say a widow or a scholar) to live in the Past. But this is of limited value, for they have some real knowledge of the past and it has a determinate nature and, to that extent, resembles eternity. It is far better to make them live in the Future. Biological necessity makes all their passions point in that direction already, so that thought about the Future inflames hope and fear. Also, it is unknown to them, so that in making them think about it we make them think of unrealities. In a word, the Future is, of all things, the thing least like eternity. It is the most completely temporal part of time—for the Past is frozen and no longer flows, and the Present is all lit up with eternal rays.

*Jack Lewis*  
The Screwtape Letters

*Fairness*

For about a hundred years we have so concentrated on one of the virtues—'kindness' or mercy—that most of us do not feel anything except kindness to be really good or

anything but cruelty to be really bad. Such lopsided ethical developments are not uncommon, and other ages too have had their pet virtues and curious insensibilities. And if one virtue must be cultivated at the expense of all the rest, none has a higher claim than mercy—for every Christian must reject with detestation that covert propaganda for cruelty which tries to drive mercy out of the world by calling it names such as 'Humanitarianism' and 'Sentimentality'. The real trouble is that 'kindness' is a quality fatally easy to attribute to ourselves on quite inadequate grounds. Everyone feels benevolent if nothing happens to be annoying him at the moment. Thus a man easily comes to console himself for all his other vices by a conviction that 'his heart's in the right place' and 'he wouldn't hurt a fly', though in fact he has never made the slightest sacrifice for a fellow creature. We think we are kind when we are only happy: it is not so easy, on the same grounds, to imagine oneself temperate, chaste, or humble.

*Jack Lewis*  
The Problem of Pain

The word FAIRNESS is not in the Bible and the word FAIR is used only in the sense of beautiful, ie, fair young maiden. Fairness is not the goal, right is. Think about that.

*Rev LTC Hap Arnold*

*What about me?*

From the place of His habitation He looks on all the inhabitants of the earth; He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works.

*Psalms 33:14-15*

...Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

*St. Mark 5:19*

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

*St. John 14:2-3*

For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

*Galatians 5:17*

As the principle of grace in us will not [allow] us to do all the evil which our corrupt nature would prompt us to do, so neither can we do all the good that we would.

*Matthew Henry*

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

Egalitarianism is simply equalism... Biblical justice requires the same standard be applied equitably to very different men. Humanistic egalitarianism insists that a multitude of standards be applied to men who are assumed by faith to be the same... Egalitarianism demands equality of result, equality of outcome. Because this is not the way God made the world, the world must be rigged if these egalitarian results are to be realized... the tendency of egalitarian dogma is always down. In a world of inequalities, if educational standards are constant, then the students will achieve very different results. And if the students must be the same, then the standards will have to be constantly adjusted.

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<sup>1</sup> One of my very favorite, inspiring and comforting texts in the entire Bible - Hap

*Douglas Wilson*  
20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century American theologian and Christian Classical educator

When a man ceases to believe in God, he does not believe in nothing. He believes in anything.

*GK Chesterton*  
19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century English writer and commentator

Beware of antichrist; for unhappily a love of walls has seized you; unhappily the church of God which you venerate exists in houses and buildings; unhappily under these you find the name peace. Is it doubtful that in these antichrist will have his seat? Safer to me are the mountains and the woods.

*Hilary*  
Bishop of Poitiers, 4<sup>th</sup> century AD French theologian

Idolatry came to Israel when she refused to be patient with God, when she removed her expectant gaze from the mountain of God and looked instead to her own self made religion. When human invention replaces divine revelation in our priorities, idolatry invariably results. Certainly, we are not immune in today's Church with so much emphasis placed on community centredness, sociological and psychological usurpation of scriptural authority, and politically correct secularization of the Christian moral vision.

*Lewis How*  
20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century Anglican Orthodox minister

The man who has the clearest view of God's requirements will have the highest sense of the value of Christ's atoning blood.

*JC Ryle*  
19<sup>th</sup> century Anglican bishop and author

It is a contradiction to say that a man is like God, or is a partaker of his nature, who does not love what God loves, and avoid what he hates.

*Charles Hodge*  
19<sup>th</sup> century American theologian and author

Someone should tell [the president] that 1984 is not an instruction manual.

*Steve Stockman*  
21<sup>st</sup> century American congressman

Television is altering the meaning of 'being informed' by creating a species of information that might properly be called disinformation. Disinformation does not mean false information. It means misleading information— misplaced, irrelevant, fragmented or superficial information— information that creates the illusion of knowing something, but which in fact leads one away from knowing.

*Neil Postman*  
20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century American author and critic

### *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 249-250, with the Collect first:

**Saint Bartholomew the Apostle.**

**[August 24.]**

*The Collect.*

**O** ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word; Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

And, as this Red Letter Day falls on a Sunday, we read the Collect for the Sunday also, which can be found on Page 203:

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The scripture for Epistle comes from the Fifth Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles beginning at the Twelfth Verse:

**B**Y the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

Today's Holy Gospel comes from the Twenty-Second Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the Twenty-Fourth Verse:

**A**ND there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth. Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

### *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.

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It is often said, and I believe it to be true, there is greater strife in the House of God than in the local cocktail lounge. There is constantly a struggle of the spirit of man

against his neighbor who seems to be getting above him in the offices and functions of the Church. A far greater number of churches in our day have split up over the interior décor of the Church than over more serious matters of doctrine and practice. It is in the nature of man (and unfortunately in the Christian as well) to assert SELF over his fellows. We must constantly strive to put our selfish pride and interest beneath those of the greater Church and people – especially so if we are ministers of God. Paul strove constantly to subdue his own desires for the greater good: *“But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.”* (1 Cor 9:27) Paul tells us that it is possible for the preacher to preach, and not abide by his own words. *18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. 19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.”* (Romans 7:18-19)

Now, unless we ministers and laity are far better than Paul, we must admit that we often strive for those things that bring shame upon ourselves, the Church, and the ministry itself. We take umbrage at trifles and let the weightier matters go unaddressed. We argue and complain because we are not admired and respected enough by inferiors, or even superiors. We desire the uppermost seats in the fellowship of the Church and to be addressed with deference. I am a bishop by the calling of God. I am by no means worthy to be called a bishop, but God has called me; and that to which God calls us, He will make us worthy to perform. It matters not to me if others call me bishop. It is enough for me that I can be called a brother in Christ by those who know me. I deserve no higher honor among the brethren than that which they recognize. We are all in that category whether vestryman, committee member, treasurer, grounds keeper, or whatever. We are all One in Christ Jesus and no lines of trivial authority can divide us as being One in Him. Certainly, our positions as teachers and preachers of the Word are vitally important, but that calling is important because of the Word Itself and not because of any personal merit in our own souls.

Let us observe how Jesus handled this strife that came among His disciples: *“And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.”* If there was unbounded strife among the disciples of Christ, surely there must be the same in our midst to a greater or lesser extent (depending on our sanctification in Christ). It is important to remember that, if we are One in Christ, we shall be One with each other. Strife’s and differences disappear when we all share that same faith in Christ. But the disciples are concerned with SELF! Jesus addresses the matter as a serious one.

*“The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.”* Yes, the world loves titles, power, and pelf, but not so with God. The princes of old loved to be called ‘benefactors of the poor’ and so do many who perform works of charity in our day. It is the invisible had that gives which is rewarded in heaven and not the one which is clad in scarlet silk. In the time of the Reformation, clergy were not addressed as “Father” or “Reverend” but as Mister So-and-so. The point was to remind those of us in the ministry that we are not above the flock of which we are only under-shepherds and not the Good Shepherd. *“But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.”* No, we shall not hold rank or title above the people to whom we are supposed to be servant unless it be “SERVANT.” The chief among us should be willing to do his part in cleaning the floors, emptying the trash, and doing all such chores for which he may have the time. Often, it is an utter necessity. For fifteen years, I was forced to serve – not only as bishop and priest at St. Andrews,

but also as janitor, secretary, and babysitter. I wish I had done so willingly, but there was no choice. I grew into the position of janitor and came to like it. The young people also saw when I was working to clean the church and they chipped in and wound up doing most of the work – VOLUNTARILY. I love them! If we put ourselves down, and others up, we will find that we, too, may GROW into the role.

A great Anglican priest and poet of the 17<sup>th</sup> century wrote a series of tracts to clergy on how they should treat their flock. Mr. Herbert was noted for his humility and love for the brethren. I quote the introduction to his book below:

*I, BEING desirous, through the mercy of God, to please him, for whom I am and live, and who giveth me my desires and per formances ; and considering with myself that the way to please him is to feed my flock diligently and faithfully, since our Saviour hath made that the argument of a pastor s love ; I have resolved to set down the form and character of a true pastor, that I may have a mark to aim at ; which also I will set as high as I can, since he shoots higher that threatens the moon, than he that aims at a tree. Not that I think, if a man do not all which is here expressed, he presently sins, and displeases God ; but that it is a good strife to go as far as we can in pleasing of him, who hath done so much for us. The Lord prosper the intention to myself and others, who may not despise my poor labours, but add to those points, which I have observed, until the book grow to a complete pastoral. GEORGE HERBERT.*

***“For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.”*** Jesus came among His disciples as a servant. They SAT, and He SERVED. Which do you think the greater of the two? His entire ministry was one of sacrifice and humble teaching and preaching. He only took umbrage with one class of people – the proud ministers of His day (Scribes, Pharisees, and priests of the Temple). There are times when I believe that I have accomplished some great objective in preaching, but the Lord always brings my infantile understanding back to the truth of WHO He is and who I am. The contrast is stark to say the least. I pray always that I never attempt to exalt myself above those to whom God has given me to teach. If we believe we are brother, sister, mother, or father to those in the family of God, how dare we place our own interest above any of them, or feel better or more holy? Jesus makes this very clear.

In all our works of piety and humility, do we believe God is unseeing? He watches and knows all. He sees our secret acts of mercy, but disregards our public show of the same. ***“Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.”*** He knows that His disciples have followed close on for the years of His ministry. But He does not desire them to take that as a source of pride, but of unbounded love. When we suffer for Christ, the more we keep it private, the more He notices. Jesus did give us a new Commandment that entails adherence to the other Ten: ***“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”*** (John 13:34-35) Who do you suppose Christ is addressing with this new commandment? Was this addressed only to those who call themselves Christians? No, it is addressed to the clergy and laity alike with equal emphasis. We cannot scream at, or curse, someone who is at the center of our affection, can we? Love across the whole spectrum of the Church eliminates discord and disunion. If we are not loved, perhaps it is because we have not loved enough. Love is a magnet that draws love to itself. Have you known this?

Do you recall the hymn, ***“What a Friend We Have in Jesus?”*** The author of that hymn was a man named Joseph Scriven of Port Hope, Canada. He lost those he loved

the most to tragedy and death and moved from Ireland to Canada to get away from the sad memories. There at Port Hope, he became known as the *Good Samaritan of Port Hope*. He chopped fire-wood, mended fences, and did general repair work for the widows and orphans of the city. He could not be hired for he did all of his work at no cost. The love he had shared with those he lost was transferred to those who needed it most while alive.

The reward of the saint is not in this worldly theater, but in the coming Kingdom – that Kingdom of which Christ is Lord and Sovereign. *“And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”* If we are to drink and eat at the Table of the Lord, we must serve the tables of the socially downcast or lowest member of the church – whether we are a pillar of the Church, a vestryman, or especially a clergyman. For all are One in Christ Jesus.

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

Today’s sermon tied the Collect, Epistle and Gospel together and talked, as is oft the case, of the need for action, not simply diction.



But, before we start, who was this Bartholomew?

Bartholomew (Greek: Βαρθολομαῖος) was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus, and is also referred to as Nathanael or Nathaniel. He was introduced to Jesus by the Apostle Philip.

Bartholomew meaning son of Tolmay or son of the furrows (perhaps a ploughman). Bartholomew is listed among the Twelve Apostles of Jesus in: Matthew,[10:1–4] Mark,[3:13–19] and Luke,[6:12–16] and also appears as one of the witnesses of the Ascension[Acts 1:4,12,13].

As Nathanael, Bartolomew is introduced as a friend of Philip. He is described as initially being skeptical about the Messiah coming from Nazareth, saying: " Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" (John 1.46). Jesus immediately appraises him as, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" (John 1.47) He reappears at the end of John's gospel [21:2] as one of the disciples to whom Jesus appeared at the Sea of Galilee after the Resurrection.

After the Ascension, Bartholomew went on a missionary tour to India, where he left behind a copy of the Gospel of Matthew. He continued serving as a missionary in Ethiopia, Mesopotamia, Parthia, and Lycaonia, then on to preach the Gospel in India, and Greater Armenia. Along with his fellow apostle Jude Thaddeus, Bartholomew brought Christianity to Armenia in the 1<sup>st</sup> century. He converted Polymius, the king of Armenia, to Christianity. Astyages, Polymius' brother, consequently ordered Bartholomew's execution He is said to have been martyred in Albanopolis in Armenia, perhaps beheaded, or flayed alive and crucified, head downward.

He took his faith seriously, to the point of death.

Consider the words from the Collect, wherein we ask God to give us ... didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word; Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach

and receive the same ...

Even though this is a special day, dedicated to the Apostle Bartholomew, this is kind of a follow-on to last week's Collect. In this case, we acknowledge that God (through the Holy Ghost) gave Bartholomew the full belief in Him and thus the inspiration to preach His Word. We go on to ask for that same inspiration to be delivered to the Church today and to each of us that we might effectually spread God's Word, first to our own hearts, then to others. We must take care of the beams in our own eyes and hearts, before we go on to treat others with the same problems as us.

Without God's entering into our hearts in the form of the Holy Ghost, we will never be able to do what must be done. With His Help, there is nothing that needs be done that cannot be done. With His Help great things can be accomplished, so great that until we have Him within us, we cannot conceive of these marvelous wonders.

When Luke writes his account of the Acts of the Apostles, he tells of the apostles performing "many signs and miracles." Unfortunately, the power to perform earthly miracles was left to the apostles only and not passed on. They were apparently given this special power that the Word of God as given by our Lord and Savior might spread quickly, effectively and attain critical mass as soon as possible. This was done so that the fact that is Christianity, the Word Incarnate, would be a self-sustaining chain reaction. There are no longer designated "miracle dispensers" regardless of what you might see or hear on television. By the way, you note that no one was ever charged for a miracle, so if someone asks for money to pray for you, you know they are not of God.

But, on to the miracle issue. Does that mean there are no more miracles? Yes and no. If you mean the kind where Jesus said, "Arise and walk." Or, perhaps similar miracles done by the apostles? No, those are gone until He returns.

So, miracles are over, done with?

No, not at all. We have the miracle of salvation, the miracle of the change in each of our lives, the miracle of the Peace of our Lord. This is the biggest miracle of them all, and the most important one. Salvation will change our hearts into something they were not before, something pure. This pureness comes from God alone, and only with Him abiding in us, can our hearts remain pure. This is all foolishness to those who will not open their hearts to the Holy Ghost and so obvious to those who will let Him in. Open your heart to God, let Him in to your heart, let Him carry your worry and give you guidance and inspiration. He will help you get that miracle across to others. But, it has to happen in you first.

Before we go on, look what earthly miracles can breed, "...they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them." A shadow is a thing, it can do nothing beyond provide shade from the sun. Yet, people would worship it and give it power, if given half a chance. Perhaps that is why earthly miracles were of one generation. So that people would not worship the act, but worship the origin of the act, Our Heavenly Father.

That brings us to the next point; again, that of Saint Luke. Credit. First, debt is not your friend, nor for that matter is credit. As William Shakespeare wrote in *Hamlet*:

Neither a borrower nor a lender be;  
For loan oft loses both itself and friend,  
And borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry.

This above all: to thine own self be true,  
And it must follow, as the night the day,  
Thou canst not then be false to any man.

While that is really not the kind of credit Luke was talking about, it is a very interesting point. What we are talking about is the sign that was on the desk of both President Truman and Reagan:

It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.

Jesus is cautioning against wanting to get credit for what is being done, rather He suggests getting it done and let the credit fall to the side. The most amazing portion is the part where He says, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors." We often think of benefactors as someone who "gives" us things. Jesus points out that those who "give" you things often turn out to be tyrannical rulers when in the end payment is due. Remember there is no real free lunch.

Let us go forth today and ACT on the Word of God. Make His Word REAL in our lives, by our actions. TODAY!

How about tomorrow?

Tomorrow is not good enough.

Time stretches from the far forgotten past to the unknowable future. The present is where the Finger of God touches the Line of Time. We live in the present, we can never re-live the past and for us the future will never come. We live and act only in the present. To do something tomorrow is not possible. If it will be done, it must be done now, that is today.

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

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

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

It is by our actions we are known.

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

#### *Bishop 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:



Christ in Psalm 25  
Psalm 25  
Feast of Saint Bartholomew  
August 24, 2014

The average reader looks at the Psalms and sees accounts of people facing the various situations of

human existence. To these readers, the Psalms are lessons in living from which they draw strength and faith, for they face the same human situations, and experience the same frustrations and fears and faith expressed in the Psalms. This is a good and proper way to read the Psalms. Let's look at Psalm 25:

*Psalm 25*  
King James Version (KJV)

**U**NTO thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

4 Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.

5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

6 Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

8 Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

10 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

11 For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

12 What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

14 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

15 Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

19 Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.

20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Some readers attempt to read the Psalms in light of their original settings. In Psalm 25, for example, these readers attempt to discover what enemies David faced, and to see his prayers and faith in the face of his troubles. This, too, is a good and legitimate way to read the Psalms. In fact, I heartily recommend it when reading any kind of literature. Who were its original readers? What was its message to them? What is the original intent of the author? These are important questions, and you cannot understand any document until you know the answers to these questions.

Some readers look for Christ in the Psalms, and, indeed, throughout the Old Testament. I remember the words of a well-known minister who was asked about his method of preaching from the Old Testament. He said, "I choose a text, and make a bee-line for the cross." This, too, is legitimate. Jesus said, "Moses wrote of me" (Jn. 5:46). When Jesus appeared to the disciples on the Emmaus Road, "beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself" (Lk. 24:27). The Apostles taught Christ from the Old Testament. Thus, the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:3, "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures," meaning in accordance with what is taught in the Old Testament. The New Testament book of Hebrews is about how Christ fulfills the meaning and promises of the Old Testament. So this, too, is a legitimate way to read the Psalms.

Psalm 25 is a good example of how we can see Christ in the Psalms. Take the words of verse 1: "neither let mine enemies triumph over me," and verse 18: "Consider mine enemies, how many there are; and they bear a tyrannous hate against me." No one has ever had more enemies than Christ. They were everywhere, always looking for some way to twist His words in order to accuse Him of heresy. When Christ healed the man with the withered hand, the Pharisees "took counsel with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him" (Mk. 3:6). In John 8 the leaders of the Jews accuse Jesus of being demon possessed. In John 8: 59 we read, "Then took they up stones to cast at Him:" In His phony "trial" the chief priests and elders, "spit in His face, and buffeted Him; and others smote Him with the palm of their hands" (Mt. 26:67). In Matthew 27:22 we see Pilate ask the Jews, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?" Their answer was the angry chant of mob violence, shouting over and over, becoming louder and angrier with each chant; "Staurwson, staurwson." "Crucify him, crucify him."

It is hard to imagine a person more surrounded by enemies than Christ on the cross. The hardened Roman soldiers cast lots for His garment. The Jews gathered to watch Him die, and to taunt Him as He suffered. Even one of the thieves being crucified "railed on him" (Lk. 23:39). Since that day, billions have hated, and continue to hate Christ. Whenever I read, "Consider mine enemies, how many they are; and they bear a tyrannous hate against me," I think the words have never had more meaning than in the opposition of the world to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse 16 says, "The sorrows of my heart are enlarged." Again I say no mere man has ever known sorrow like Christ. We behold Him in the Bible as the Man of Sorrows, acquainted with grief. John 11:35 says pointedly, "Jesus wept." John 13:21 tells us Jesus "was troubled in spirit." In the Garden Jesus says, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death" (Mt. 26:38). Christ was in agony, and His sweat was as "great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Lk. 22:44). Certainly He writhed in pain under the scourge and the nails and the cross. But more devastating than the physical pain was the pain of bearing the wrath of God for our sins. It was that pain that burst His heart and killed His body. We cannot begin to imagine the inner agony that caused the One who is called, "God With Us," to cry out, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsake Me?" (Mk. 15:34).

Psalm 25:3 says "Show me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy paths. Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me." I remember childhood schoolmates who used the word "learn" as a synonym for "teach." The teacher always corrected them, but that is exactly the way "learn" is used in this Psalm, and it was the proper English of the educated people when the Psalm was translated into English. Obviously the teacher had never read Psalm 25 in the Prayer Book.

Jesus was/is God's Great Teacher. When Nicodemus came to Christ at night he called Christ, "Rabbi," meaning, "teacher." "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher sent from God." When the disciples heard Christ in prayer they were moved in their souls, and begged Him, "Lord, teach us to pray." In the Bible we see Christ teaching beside the sea (Mk. 4:1) and teaching in the synagogues (Mk. 6:2). Acts 1:1 refers to the Gospel of Luke as what Jesus "began both to do and to teach." Psalm 25:8 says God will "learn" the gentle in His way. And, if you look at John 14:6 you will read the words of Christ, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." Jesus shows us God's way, He is God's way, and He is the way to God. Good English, or bad English, let us pray with David, "Show me thy ways Lord, and teach me thy paths. Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me."

Psalm 25 is a song of forgiveness. "Be merciful unto my sin; for it is great" says verse 10. "Forgive me all my sin," repeats verse 17. The entire Psalm echoes with the consequences of sin. It is because of sin that David's sorrows are enlarged. It is because of sin that he is in adversity and misery. Do not misunderstand me. I am not saying every mishap and sorrow of life is God's punishment for your sins. I am saying that all the miseries of life are due to living in a world that has essentially rejected God. Sickness, war, crime, death, loneliness, and pain, became part of human existence when sin became part of human existence. They are part of the misery of sin. But the real misery of sin is far deeper than the sorrows of life in this world. The real sorrows of sin are the alienation from God that naturally happens when we intentionally choose sin over God. The real miseries of sin are living under the wrath and curse of God, now and forever. That misery never ends.

Thanks be to God, there is forgiveness in Christ. The forgiveness spoken of in the Psalm is accomplished by God on the cross. On the cross, He who was without sin became sin for you. We often talk about criminals paying their debt to society. By your sin you became a debtor to God. Christ paid that debt by dying on the cross. In Him your sins have been paid for.

Psalm 25 is alive with the ministry of Christ. He faced His enemies, and ours, and they will never triumph over us. He faced sorrows greater than those of any mere human, and, facing them, He delivered us from the sorrows of our hearts. He is the Great Teacher who leads us forth in His truth and learns us. Because of Christ, we can say with Psalm 25:4, "thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long."

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**St. Bartholomew the Apostle**

24 August 2014

Ps 91 • Gen. 28:10-12,16-17 • John 1:43-51

- 43 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.
- 44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.
- 45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.
- 46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.
- 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!
- 48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.
- 49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.
- 50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.
- 51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.



**Bartholomew, aka Nathanael\***

Son of Tolmai, one of the twelve apostles (Matt. 10:3; Acts 1:13); generally supposed to have been the same as Nathanael. In the synoptic gospels Philip and Bartholomew are always mentioned together, while Nathanael is never mentioned; in the fourth gospel, on the other hand, Philip and Nathanael are similarly mentioned together, but nothing is said of Bartholomew. He was one of the disciples to whom our Lord appeared at the Sea of Tiberias after his resurrection (John 21:2). He was also a witness of the Ascension (Acts 1:4, 12, 13). He was an "Israelite indeed" (John 1:47).

I have discussed with fellow clergy over the years, the importance of biographies and even auto-biographies as an integral part of learning, especially when it comes to our spiritual journey. After all, isn't the Bible filled with many biographies? We can read about Adam, David, Jonah, Jesus, Paul and many others in our daily reading of the Bible, the Word of God. What can we make of this? Well in the short term, we can learn by example. In the long term we can learn by example. Wait, didn't you just repeat yourself? Yes. A godly example can teach us many things about living in a godless world. And for that matter, a godless example can teach us what NOT to do in a godless world. There are a few godless examples shown in the Word of God. What not to follow, so in both senses a good example, all coming from the Word of God.

Examples; a blueprint or template for daily living.

So let us look at this fellow named Bartholomew or Nathanael.\* At first we get an idea that he may be somewhat sarcastic. "...can there any good come out of Nazareth?" This is Bartholomew's response to Philip telling him about this Jesus. This region of occupied Palestine, Nazareth, wasn't known for much good or for that matter bad, maybe just blasé. Philip, his friend then entreats Bartholomew to come see about these fellow Jesus of Nazareth. Something to remember, Jesus is the Greek name for the Hebrew Joshua. So when Philip says come see this Jesus that would not have been an uncommon name. What gives significance to Philip's statement, he says "...in whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write...". Now Philip is giving Bartholomew a reason to come see this Jesus guy.

It is Jesus turn to show Bartholomew who he, Jesus is. Bartholomew asks Jesus how he knows him, Jesus answers '...I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you...' Notice Bartholomew's response. He acknowledges Jesus as a teacher {rabbi}, and more especially, the Son of God and King of Israel. Jesus now foretells much more than just seeing Bartholomew under the fig tree, he tell the future apostle that he will see many greater things including the heavens opening up with angels ascending and descending on earth. Here Jesus makes a direct reference to Jacob's dream, the so called 'Jacob's ladder'.

I look at this reference to Jacob as Jesus showing the disciples that in the same way Jacob was the start of the twelve tribes i.e. physical Israel, these fellows now being called would be the physical/spiritual founders of the church on earth. The twelve would be the extension in taking the mission started by Jesus to the utmost parts of the earth. How you say? Well other than with the possibility of Mark or Thomas going to Egypt or India, most of the other apostles will remain in the area where Jesus taught. It would be the second and third generations of Christians, the followers of Christ who would spread the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. And as with Israel they started out with twelve, but through the process of leading others to Christ, both by example and by the Word, the church would continue to grow to this day.

As modern day Christians essentially living in a 'post-modern' world, we need to live our lives as a 'living' biography. Just recently I read of a nineteenth century evangelist who made a comment about Christians during his day. "...many people know the four gospels but have never read them, instead they read the fifth gospel. The fifth gospel is the daily life of a Christian that is 'read' by non-believers. These non-believers may never have read the four Gospels, but they certainly read the fifth one..." What are non-believers reading in that fifth gospel? Are we showing by example, by biographic nature a gospel that is not parallel to the Gospel of Jesus?

As followers of Jesus Christ the Son of God, we need to display by our lives, our actions, our very being the true Gospel of Jesus. We need to show by example, we need to show by our biographies, that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no one comes to the Father but by Him.

Folks, let us live our lives for Jesus. He gave his life for us.

Let us pray:

**O** ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word; Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**O** ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we give most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all his saints, who have been the choice vessels of his grace and the lights of the world in their several generations; and pray unto God, that we may have grace to direct our lives after their good examples; that, this life ended, we may be made partakers with them of the glorious resurrection, and the life everlasting. *Amen*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the supreme Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to those who truly repent; Save and deliver us, we humbly beseech thee, from the hands of our enemies; that we, being armed with thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify thee, who art the only giver of all victory; through the merits of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.



**Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

Saint Paul's first epistle to the Corinthian church (12:4-11) reminds us: ... there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit... dividing to every man severally as he will. And St. Peter noted in his first epistle (4:10) that: As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. The Rev. Matthew Henry once noted, "...that whatever gift, ordinary or extraordinary, whatever power, ability, or capacity of doing good is given to us, we should minister or do service with the same one to another. The talents we are entrusted with are our Lord's goods... It is required in a steward that he be found faithful." In our epistle lesson for today ( I Corinthians 12:11; and see also Romans 12:6) the apostle Paul informs us that our spiritual gifts are to be used for edifying those within the body of Christ, while serving as a beacon to those without that they too might be motivated to enter into the fold of Christ.

Consider also the variety of spiritual gifts which the Holy Ghost imparts to believers as noted in I Corinthians 12. We have, the word of wisdom, and the word of knowledge, (v.8); faith, and the gifts of healing,; (v.9); the working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, divers kinds of tongues, and the interpretation of tongues (v.10). It is not uncommon for some Christians to have more than one of these gifts. Likewise, it is not uncommon for some to receive only one. However, whether a Christian has been given one or all nine, the purpose of these gifts is furtherance of the gospel of truth in this sin-darkened world. The Rev. Matthew Henry carefully examined each one, so let us look at them in the light of his study.

The word of wisdom refers to “a knowledge of the mysteries of the gospel and [the] ability to explain them, an exact understanding of the design, nature, and doctrines of the Christian faith.” Pastor Dave Guzik said of this gift that it, “...is the unique ability to speak forth the wisdom of God, especially in an important situation, as shown in Stephen (Acts 7)...” St. Stephen was given to proclaim the truth of Christ Jesus to the temple authorities who were cut to the heart (Acts 7:54) on account of the words which the Holy Ghost gave to him. It does not take a seminary-trained leader to receive such from God. The Holy Spirit puts a zeal for the study of God’s word into select believers for the express purpose of teaching others.

The word of knowledge has to do with the “knowledge of mysteries wrapped up in the prophecies, types, and histories of the Old Testament. Others say [it is] a readiness to give advice and counsel in perplexed cases.” Pastor Dave Guzik has supplied us with a good example of this gift. “When Charles Spurgeon was saved, it was at the preaching of a man who directed a portion of his sermon right to young Spurgeon, and who supernaturally spoke right to where Spurgeon’s heart was.” While this gift is similar to the previous one, there is a difference in application. This one seems to focus on the implementation rather than instruction. In order to be wise in the faith, one must possess a knowledge of it.

The third is faith which refers to “the faith of miracles, or... in divine power and promise by which they were enabled to trust God in any emergency, go on in the way of their duty, and acknowledge and profess the truths of Christ [regardless of] the difficulty or danger.” This is the one gift which all born-again Christians must have because without faith we cannot come to that saving understanding of Christ. We must believe that God can work miracles, that he can exercise his divine sovereignty in matters related to this world because he is the Creator and Maker of all things both visible and invisible. St. Paul noted in Hebrews 11:1, Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. To quote Matthew Henry another time with regard to this passage: “Faith demonstrates to the eye of the mind the reality of those things that cannot be discerned by the eye of the body.” To be a Christian— a true and faithful Christian— you must have the gift of faith.

The fourth, the gifts of healing has to do with “the healing of the sick, either by laying on of hands, anointing with oil, or with a word.” St. James noted in his epistle that Is there any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he hath committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. How often this gift has been misused and in turn been made a mock of by “worldlings” who see the hocus- pocus show of charlatans, who pass themselves off as servants of the Most High. They promise healing to broad gatherings and then because no one is healed the unbelieving critics heap ridicule on all believers. Yes, healing is possible. We know that because we have faith in God’s word written wherein it says healings can be had. But all has to conform to God’s plan and purpose. There were many righteous people in the Bible who never were healed of their ailments. But this does not disqualify the gift of healing, rendering it fraudulent. We ought to follow the directions as found in St. James’ epistle, then leave the rest to God in the firm belief that God can heal if he so wills to do.

The fifth, the working of miracles refers to “the efficacies of powers, such as raising the dead, restoring the blind to sight, giving speech to the dumb, hearing to the deaf, and use of limbs to the lame.” We know that at any time, God can do these sorts of things for it is part and parcel of his sovereign authority in all areas of life and death. If he

should so empower one or more members of the church to carry out such works, then those thus empowered ought to exercise that gift with much reverence and humility: not for gain or for fulfilling the desires of flesh, but for the glory of God.

The sixth is prophecy and is described as “the ability to foretell future events... or to explain scripture...” Prophecy remains a controversial subject. Still, nothing in any prophecy offered by one supposedly under the influence of the Holy Ghost will be at variance with Scripture. This will require discernment on the part of the one uttering the prophecy, as well as on the part of the listener. God calls his own in different ways and we must not discount any prophetic communication without first being Bereans in our studies of the word. But study we must, for if we will not, we may end up being taken in by one the Devil’s minions whom he has sent our way.

The seventh is the discerning of spirits which refers to “the power to distinguish between true and false prophets, or to discern the real and internal qualifications of any person for an office, or to discover the inward workings of the mind by the Holy Ghost...” St. Peter was given this in his dealing with Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11) and with Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8:5-25). Consider what Pastor Dave Guzik once wrote concerning this gift. “... Sometimes people who seem to say the right things are really from the devil (Acts 13:6-12; 16:16-18) [so it] is important to test the word of anyone who claims to speak from God (1 John 4:1-3) [as] Satan can work deceiving miracles (2 Thessalonians 2:9-10, Revelation 13:11-14).”

The eighth and ninth, which are divers kinds of tongues, and the interpretation of tongues must be exercised together. In the exercise of the former, the latter is absolutely essential. While the gospel does contain elements that are enigmatic; nevertheless, its presentation is to be plainly spoken and in a language that all can understand. If the use of tongues is carried out otherwise, the words of God will be rendered of no effect. Ergo, those who do not speak the language being uttered must have an interpreter present to translate. While certain charismatics will use Acts 2:1-11 as the proof text for their practice of speaking in tongues, such is clearly not in line with what took place at Pentecost as there were people from different countries present in Jerusalem to worship, and they each heard the wonderful words of God in their native languages.

Therefore, speaking in an unknown tongue has been and remains largely for the benefit of the unregenerate whom God is calling to himself. That is why in St. Paul in I Corinthians 14:1-40 set the specific requirements for speaking in tongues. Matthew Henry once noted that, “The Christian religion is a sober and reasonable thing in itself... and should not be made to look wild or senseless. Those [who do so] disgrace their religion and vilify their own character who do anything that has this aspect... Religious exercises in Christian assemblies should be such as are fit to edify the faithful, and convince, affect, and convert unbelievers. The ministry was not instituted to make ostentation of gifts and parts, but to save souls.” If we are not about that last point, then all else is show and spectacle.

We must remember that these spiritual gifts were designed to render glory unto God. Therefore a proper exercise of these gifts will be to our eternal good. Likewise, we should be cautious in our assumptions of these gifts, especially if we are doing so without godly permission. God will not bless our presumed efforts, and we will find that our exercise of them will be for naught on that day when we will have to give an account to our Lord Jesus Christ regarding those gifts (St. Matthew 25:14-30). St. Paul’s admonition to the Galatians (6:7) still stands: Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for

whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap... Let us therefore live in obedience to his word written in all things.

Let us pray,

**F**ATHER, impart to us a proper knowledge of those spiritual gifts which thou hast given unto us, and then assist us as we utilize them in thy service; for this we ask in the name of him who is giver of every good and perfect gift, even Jesus Christ our Lord. 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*

None reported

### *Birthday*

*Bob Smouse* celebrated his 53<sup>rd</sup> on 6 July 2014.

### *Anniversary*

*Rev. Don and Ruth Fultz* celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 15 August 2014. An early celebration dinner was given by St. Peter's Anglican Church on 3 August 2014, as they will be on travel at the closest Sunday.

### *Marriage*

*James*, the grandson of the AOC founder Bishop James P. Dees, and *Sarah* were joined together in marriage on 5 July 2014. Please give thanks for the wedding and pray that the two will become one in the Lord.

### *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*

*James Foley* murdered by muslims in Syria on 19 August 2104. Please pray for James' family who remain behind and for the American government to recognize the threat from islam, the religion of Satan, and stop financing, arming and training those who would drive us from this earth.

*Sylvia Lee* (Sandra Lee's mother) passed away the evening of 15 August 2014, after a very hard last couple of years, with kidney failure and other difficulties. Her family is very close and wonderful followers of our Lord. Please join them in giving thanks for Sylvia's time here on earth and the wonderful children, family and friends she left behind. You are known for what you do and her family tells the real story of her life. Please pray for her family who of necessity remain behind, that they might put their sorrow at the temporary separation on God's back, while they look forward, not back.

*Rede Acker* (mother of REC minister Keith Acker) passed away the night of 12 August 2014, after an extended battle with a drug resistant infection and recent kidney stone surgery. Please pray for her family who of necessity remain behind, in particular her husband Jack, sons Scott and Keith, as well as the rest of the family, that they might put their sorrow at the temporary separation on God's back. Pray in particular for Jack to look forward, not back.

*Eugene Lockwood Coffee* (father of Terri Jennings) passed away at 0030 6 August 2014, after a long downhill slide, from which his return home is a release. A fine man, a great American and father of some really great children, a reminder we are in a

sense who we leave behind. Please pray for his lovely wife of 62 years, Terri and the rest of the family as they adjust to the temporary separation. Please give thanks for Gene's time here on earth and for the family to put their sorrow on God's back as they move forward to Him.

*Laurie and Chris* were newly rejoicing in the recent news they were going to have a baby, when yesterday they lost the baby they were expecting. Pray the Lord will comfort them and heal their hearts from the loss of their baby.

*Jere Wolf* (Melanie Zimmer's dad) left for home at 0315 Sunday 3 August 2014, after a hard well fought fight with Congestive Heart Failure and all that it entails. He and his family have been a true blessing to those around them. Please give thanks for Jere's time here on earth and pray that his family, in particular his wife Doreen and daughters Cindy and Molly (or Melanie) will let God carry their sorrow at this temporary separation until they leave the Shadowlands to join him at home.

*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*

*Maggie* is nearing the end of her time here on earth. Please pray for Maggie and her husband Dub 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.

*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.

*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*

*Mary* is an elderly woman who has fallen four times in the last couple of days. Please pray the doctors find a reason for her falling and that God will stabilize, comfort and heal her.

*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***

*Lloyds' mother* is in the hospital because of heart failure. Please pray for a miraculous remission of the heart failure; that his mother's remaining time here on earth might be good. Help Lloyd and his mother and their family put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry.

*Dennis*, nephew in law of Rev Rick Reid, had a seizure at work on 28 April 2014, after a couple of hospitalizations, he is back home. It seems he has a mass of veins enlarged on right side of brain called arteriovenous malformation (AVM). This is an abnormal connection between arteries and veins. An AVM is usually dates to birth. It can develop anywhere in the body but occurs most often in the brain or spine. A brain AVM, which appears as a tangle of abnormal arteries and veins, can occur in any part of your brain. Blood vessels rupture, causing bleeding in the brain. It is possible for a brain AVM to be treated successfully. The real problem right now is no one wants to treat Dennis. Please pray that one of the doctors he sees will be willing to try to help him, not to push him out to die. Pray also for trust in the Lord for Dennis and his family that they might find peace and strength in Him.

*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.

### *Need of Transplant*

*Jennifer's Father* who has diabetes and is on daily dialysis. Please pray he receives a kidney in the next few weeks.

### *Surgery*

*Albert* had a pacemaker installed recently. He will require surgery soon for a leaking heart valve and has just been told he has esophageal cancer. Pray he will turn to God and come to know Him on a more personal basis as the days go by.

*Jane* underwent heart valve repair surgery on 3 July 2014. Please pray for full recovery. Pray also *Jane* and her family to put their worry on God's shoulders.

*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.

*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*

*Garth Neel's* cancer turns out to be lymphoma. This seems to be positive in that it not require surgery; but he will have chemo and radiation therapy. There is some concern about the perforation of the bowel as the tumor shrinks and presently they are not sure if the biopsy taken will provide the oncologist with enough tissue to determine which type of lymphoma he has. He starts his tests the week of 18 August 2014. Please continue to pray and pray that he will be able to have things determined soon so he will be able to start treatments. *Garth* is the AOC Bishop of Canada with oversight of South America and a really both good and nice fellow. Pray for medical team contemplating and evaluating the treatment that they might be guided to the correct choice and do their very best. Pray also for peace of mind and trust in God for *Garth* and his family.

### *23 August 2014 – From Bishop Garth*

On Monday, August 18, I was admitted (somewhat unexpectedly) to Pascua Hospital in Regina, Saskatchewan. I spent several days undergoing various tests and analyses and then received my first chemotherapy treatment yesterday. It lasted 9 hours. There are 5 more treatments planned (at three week intervals) and then some concluding radiation. I had no adverse reaction to the various drugs injected and returned home today, August 23, with various medications to take.

The oncologist thinks that the prognosis is good as the cancer (called Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma) is a low grade b-cell type rather than an aggressive and is found in only one place in my body (in a large tumor in the small intestine). Even after just this first treatment, I sense that the tumor has receded, although it will be some time (several years) before we can say that the cancer has been cured. As

the treatments proceed more tests will be undergone. The oncologist is very thorough and wants to make sure that he has done all that is possible to ensure that the cancer is defeated. He has been very kind, is intelligent, and informative.

I have some time now to recuperate at home and will not need to return to work until it is safe to do so. Needless to say, I want to say thanks to you all for your love, concern, and prayers. I feel sure that your intervention has been instrumental in speeding along this process and bringing me to the place where I have been able to start getting the treatment I need. I feel confident that all will be well. I am reminded of the words of St. Paul in 2 Corinthians 1 10-11 where he says that he trusts in God

Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us; Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons, thanks may be given by many on our behalf ...

So, thanks for your ministry, I have felt your love. I also had the opportunity while in the hospital, by the grace of God, to speak to the Vice-President of the Cancer Centre and inform him of some of the delays that I experienced in the first part of this process. He listened intently, made note of the information, and promised to raise the issue with those concerned. May God grant that this will help others involved now in the same process. *Garth*

*Jenniffer* has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Surgery is contemplated. Pray for guidance for the medical people treating her that they might pay attention, do their very best and make the right recommendations regarding treatment. Pray for help for Jenniffer to keep her trust in the Lord and let Him carry her worry.

*Jennifer* has some lumps on the right side of her neck; they have grown and multiplied. In the last few months she has been having problems swallowing. Jennifer has an appointment with specialist in several weeks to try and discover what it is. She is having a great deal of anxiety as she waits for her Doctors appointment and will appreciate your prayer for anxiety and health.

*Rick* has heart problems. Please pray for guidance for the medical people treating him that they might pay attention, do their very best and make the right recommendations regarding treatment. Pray for help for Rick and his wife Wanda to keep their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry.

*Clay* has melanoma. Please pray for guidance for the medical people treating him that they might pay attention, do their very best and make the right recommendations regarding treatment. Pray for help for Rick and his wife Pam to keep their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry.

*Tom* is battling cancer. Please pray for guidance for the medical people treating him that they might pay attention, do their very best and make the right recommendations regarding treatment. Pray for help for Tom to keep his trust in the Lord and let Him carry his worry.

*Atina* has been diagnosed with skin cancer. Pray for guidance for the medical people treating her that they might pay attention, do their very best and make the right recommendations regarding treatment. Pray for help for Atina to keep her trust in the Lord and let Him carry her worry.

*Evelyn* has been diagnosed with bone cancer. Pray for guidance for the medical people treating her that they might pay attention, do their very best and make the right recommendations regarding treatment. Pray for help for Evelyn to keep her trust in the Lord and let Him carry her worry.

*Stacy* has Multiple Sclerosis and was hospitalized for what turned out to be food poisoning. Pray for trust in God for Stacy and Chris as they deal with Stacy's illness.

*Dick Gray* had developed a Merkle Cell carcinoma just under his sternum carcinoma which is considered a stage four carcinoma since it has 'metastasized'. He traveled to Seattle, Washington where he was examined and considered for a new type of treatment. That treatment will not begin for at least three months, so they referred him to the Rutgers University Cancer Institute, New Brunswick, New Jersey. They have accepted him into the evaluation process, which will begin on Monday 11 August 2014. Rutgers started with monkeys and had good results, so now they are working with humans, Dick is hopeful as he has oft been referred to as an "Old Monkey." Please pray for peace of mind and safe travel for Dick and his lovely wife Jennifer as they travel to New Jersey this weekend. Pray for those contemplating the treatment that they might be guided to the correct choice and do their very best. Pray also for peace of mind and trust in God for Dick and his wife Jennifer. Dick is the Treasurer and a Vestryman at Saint Paul's AOC in Missouri.

*Janet Jessup* had a stroke on 3 July 2014. She has made some progress and is now out of the stroke unit and in the General Surgery and Care Unit. Please pray for those treating her to find the appropriate treatment and for trust in God and peace of mind for Name and her family, in particular her husband of 43 years, Rev Roger Jessup, minister of Saint Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Orthodox Church.

*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.

*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.

*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.

*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 like 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 appreciates 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**

*Ebick* is suffering from a severe ulcer but the Doctors cannot give her the proper dosage of the medicine due to her six month pregnancy. Please pray doctors will find an alternative avenue for treatment or that God will provide.

*Stan* is going through chemotherapy and radiation treatments for cancer. He is elderly and the treatments are tiring him. Please pray for his wife *Marvelene* as they do this together.

*Casey* has strep throat along with her mother *Deanna* and Grandmother *Virginia*. Please pray that the other members of the family may stay healthy while those with strep throat recover quickly and rapidly.

*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.

*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 August 2014! 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*

*Nathan* had successful surgery on 4 August 2014, to remove a tumor near his heart; he is home from the hospital. They think they got it all but he will continue on chemotherapy for a little while. Nathan and his family thank you for your prayers.

*John Evetts* had successful extensive heart surgery; he is still in the hospital and recovering. He is in good spirits. John and his family thank God for the answer to many prayers on his behalf. John is a minister in the Anglican Episcopal Church which has a relationship with the AOC. We look forward to his return to his ministerial duties at St. George's Anglican Church in Ventura in the near future.

John Evetts entered the ministry after a lifetime of work in industry and business as well as service in the Armed Forces in Vietnam. Like the Apostles, he came to the ministry from the secular world of work. Rev. Evetts is married and has two daughters and two grandchildren.

We thank the Rev. Evetts for his service to our country and his continuing service to God and His people.

*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 finished 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.

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.

*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 ago. 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.

*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.

### **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 coming along in his need of both spiritual and financial. *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 is having a problem shaking 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.

*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***

*Clark* is in need of salvation; for God's Will to be done in his life. Pray his family will be blessed with the financial miracles that come from doing His Will.

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

### ***Guidance***

*Elizabeth and Gunner* need your prayers for their general well being. Pray that they might see the Light of the Lord and let Him guide their lives. Pray they might

open their hearts not only to the Lord, but to each other to become one in Him and happiness.

*Eric and Betty* need your prayers for their general well being. Pray that they might see the Light of the Lord and let Him guide their lives. Pray they might open their hearts not only to the Lord, but to each other to become one in Him and happiness.

*Eli* has lost his way both spiritually and mentally, please pray for him and his parents Ed and Barb, who are having great struggles seeing their son, go through these afflictions having brought up in a Christian home. Please pray his parents can find a way to help Eli.

*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 his family. As a result he has had a serious problem with keeping the civil law. Please pray for Brandon that he will return to the Lord and the many problems will be eventually settled. Pray the hurt he has caused so many will be helped with our Lord's care and love.

*Dennis* has some decisions to make and will appreciate our Lord's guidance.

*Earl* to read and understand Scriptures he has been given.

*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.

*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.

### *School Challenges*

Destiny, Blake and Janet

### *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.

The *Anglican Orthodox Church in Narowal, Pakistan* had its wall boundary collapse due to heavy rain on 5 July 2014. Water from the street is entering into the church compound which may damage the church building. Please pray for our priest and his wife as they try to reconstruct the wall boundary as soon as possible in order to prevent further damage.

*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 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 Paul's, Moberly, Missouri* would like your prayers that the Holy Ghost might enter more fully into their hearts so that they might be more effective in spreading the Word of God.

*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)

### ***For Our Country***

Our country has lost its way. Over half the people that vote, voted for a government that promises them things it cannot deliver in return for their souls which it can, will and does take. Our foreign policy backs the rise of Islam, we turn our backs on those who would follow God and arm those who murder them. Pray that God will raise up a leader from among the people who can turn the country's course 180° and attempt to come back to God. Pray the people will recognize that they are headed down a smooth wide road into the pit, a road that will get smoother and smoother, steeper and steeper until the only possible way is down. Down, into the depths of the pit. Pray people will recognize there is:

- One True and Triune God who is goodness in and of Himself
- All religions are not equal
- All ways of life are not equal;
- The Bible holds the Key to Life;
- All rights come from God, not the State;
- Good;
- Bad;
- Evil;
- Right;
- Wrong;
- Allah is the Devil;
- Abortion is no more than sacrifice of children to Baal.

Pray this recognition will not come too late. Pray we will, each of us, do our duty to God, Country and Family, putting His Honor above all.

### ***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***

The *Thomas Family* and *Scott Potter* give thanks for safe travels around the Western

United States for almost all of July.

*Rachel Lilly* gives thanks for a safe and successful short-term mission trip to India 6 - 29 July 2014. She and her team arrived safely back in Calgary after presenting the gospel to hundreds of children in India. On one occasion she shared her testimony with 600 children. Thanks for all the prayers from our AOC family.

*Melody Summers* of Gold Creek, Montana was diagnosed with a brain tumor, which was operated on and turned out to be benign. Please give thanks for the great result and the special miracle for her and her family.

*Tracey* found employment as a nurse in a local hospital; please give thanks for the job.

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

*Liberia* is experiencing an outbreak of the Ebola Virus; causing sickness and many deaths. Please pray for people of Liberia and for their Health Providers.

The *Anglican Orthodox Church in Peshawar, Pakistan* sustained damage to their building as the result of heavy rains. At present the roof is being rebuilt and they have not been able to hold services. Pray it will be fixed very soon and a new place might be found until the church is restored.

*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.

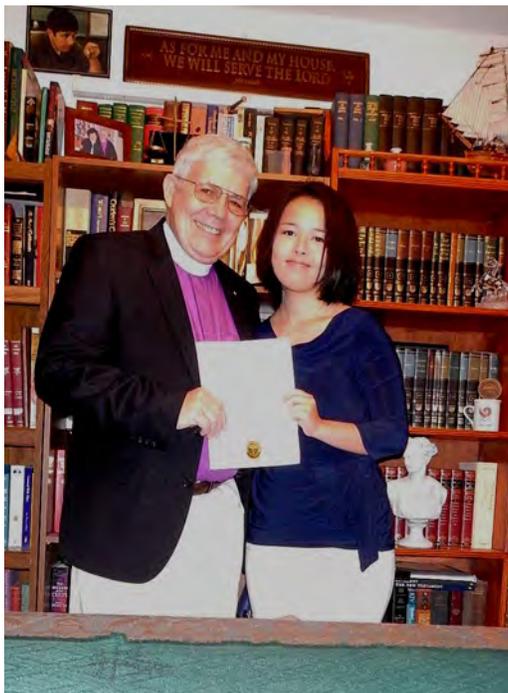
Please pray for *all the people of Egypt*; Bishop Mouneer Anis of Egypt is asking your prayer as the supporters of the deposed Mursi government, with the support of the United States government, have been attacking Christian churches--Anglican, Catholic and Orthodox. They destroyed the car of Anglican priest Rev. Ehab Ayoub. The people of Egypt, the people of the United States need our prayers, even more so the people of the Muslim Brotherhood that they might repent of their evil and know God so the rest of the people may live in peace.

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.

### *Members in the News!*

Miss Gina Myles of St Andrews Anglican Orthodox Parish receives the annual Arwyn Dallis Scholarship award (\$2,500.00) for moral character, academic achievement, and practice of the Christian Faith.



Certificate presented by Bishop Jerry Ogles.

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

31 August 2014 – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity – Morning Prayer - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

7 September 2014 – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity – Morning Prayer - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

14 September 2014 – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity – Morning Prayer - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

21 September 2014 – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

28 September 2014 – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity – Morning Prayer - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**