



FEBRUARY 2015

# The Vine

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. . ." John

## Bend the Knee Before the Awesomeness of God

In ancient times, people understood the awesomeness, power, and majesty of the king. Right or wrong, the king was all powerful. His word was law. His power was absolute. Similarly, Lords and Ladies wielded the same type of power over their Manors. If the Lord was a good and godly Lord, the people were treated fairly, made a decent living, and were cared for by the Lord of the Manor (Think *Downton Abbey*). If the Lord was a harsh brute of a man, the people suffered greatly.

Today, as a society, we've lost our awe, respect, and fear of our leaders. Both on the left and the right the talking heads on radio and TV disembowel our political leaders for both major and minor concerns. The same happens at the proverbial water cooler. Do I want King George to rule America? No thank you! Yet, by losing kings and queens we have lost something invaluable. We have lost an image of how we should relate to the Lord God, the King of the universe. Know it or not, acknowledge it or not, He is our absolute Sovereign.

What would your Sunday worship look like if you saw the Lord God as King of Kings? What would your prayer life look like if you visualized the Lord God as King of Kings? Possibly you'd be kneeling before your Lord or laying prostrate before Him. For sure your heart would be bowed before Him. As the people of Israel followed the Lord out of Egypt, through the Red Sea, and into the Sinai Wilderness, they saw the awesomeness of God. They saw the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. In Exodus

chapter 19, the chapter before the giving of the Ten Commandments, God's people came to Mount Sinai and saw the power of God displayed upon the mountain. Verse 18 says, "Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the Lord had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly." The Lord told Moses to set limits that the people not approach Him casually or out of curiosity.



What would your work day look like if you bowed before the awesomeness of God? College football star Tim Tebow is largely out of the news today, yet tebowing has made it into the vernacular

and even some dictionaries. Tebowing is bending the knee to the Lord God Almighty, to acknowledge the Lord God as the source of your provision. How might you bend the knee to the Lord in your workday? How might you acknowledge the Lord as your provider and protector?

What does the King tell his faithful subjects when they bend the knee before him? Shakespeare put it this way, "Rise up a knight." St. James put it this way, "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you." (James 4:10). Jesus said, "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." (Matthew 23:12).

### The Faith Flash

Are you receiving our email newsletter, *The Faith Flash*? *The Faith Flash* comes out weekly with timely information and reminders. Sign up today by going to our website ([www.faithanglicanchurch.org](http://www.faithanglicanchurch.org)), or calling the church office (755-4848).



### OUR VISION:

A Christ Centered Community Growing in Faith.

### OUR PURPOSE:

The purpose of Faith Anglican Church is to proclaim the Good News, make disciples, and serve our neighbors.

### OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

We equip lay people for ministry  
We provide biblically centered instruction  
We minister to people where they are  
We welcome all God's children  
We are theologically traditional  
We provide meaningful worship services  
We lead others to Christ.

## Youth Crew Retreat to the Lake

Every Spring the Youth retreat to the Lake at Pickwick. We will enjoy God's creation, spend time with one another, and have a time of study to learn more about Jesus. We will depart from the church at 3:30pm on Friday March 20th, and return to the church Sunday March 22nd at 12:30pm. The cost for this event is \$25 per student. Please make checks payable to Faith Anglican Church with "Spring Break Retreat" in the memo and place them in the offering plate. This retreat is designed for Middle and High School Students. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Cameron.

## February 18<sup>th</sup> Noon & 7 PM



Ash Wednesday liturgy says, "I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance;

by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word..." Please make plans to attend either our Noon or 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday service with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Childcare is available at the evening service. The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and concludes on Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lent begins and ends with our only two official fast days of the year. Please plan beginning and ending this Lent with fasting and prayer. If you have questions or concerns about fasting, please contact one of our priests.

## Called to the Quiet Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 9-Noon

Lent is here. With God's help have you finished the Spring Cleaning of your soul? On **Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>** come spend some quiet time with your Lord, a time of prayer, meditation, reflection, and hearing from God. From nine until noon at our *Called to the Quiet* retreat, we will begin with Morning Prayer, have a time of directed prayer, meditation, and reflection, and conclude with Noon Day Prayers. Bring your Bible and an open heart. You may enjoy walking the grounds or sitting in a lawn chair for a portion of your personal time of prayer and meditation. Spiritual Direction and Reconciliation of a Penitent (Confession) will be available.



## Shrove Tuesday Silent Auction & Pancake Supper Tuesday, February 17

### *How can you participate?*

Buy tickets for yourself and *all your friends!* on sale 2/8 & 2/15

Think of really great items you can donate to be auctioned.

Enjoy the dinner and auction with all *your invited friends.*

Come Monday and /or Tuesday (2/16 & 17) to help set up.

### *Ideas for selecting auction items:*

They may be new or *gently* used. Any items not sold will be donated to God's Way Thrift Store.

Baby or wedding shower gifts, hostess gifts, etc., complete with a cute bag and card have been popular.

Offers to bake for special occasions were a hit last year.

Nicely potted plants, bird houses, yard art etc.

Jewelry and accessories Small antiques.

Decorator and seasonal items, also kitchen equipment

*Ask your favorite business to donate an item or service.*

### THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS!!

Laura Lutrick has agreed to help with donations. Discuss ideas with her after church!

Al and Rosemarie Grasky have volunteered to do the supper. Offer your help to them !

Help is still needed for setting up and putting up tables and chairs on Monday and Tuesday.

If you wish to get a receipt for generous items or for a donation of several items talk to Peter Claverie about a receipt for "in kind" donations.

***Donations are presented to Brother Kirt Gerber of Benedictines of Christ the King for medical missions in east Africa. He will be here on March 8 to meet, preach, teach, and answer questions.***



## Prayer Corner

Please keep the following persons in your daily prayers, asking God to heal, comfort, and protect them.

Dee Dee Ritchie	Lance Forsdick, Sr.
Mansell Lancaster	Faye Holder
Kathleen Hurdle	Ann Reynolds
Lauren Hintz	Carlton Fuller
Hallie Crawford	
Dawne Ellard	



## Birthdays

Susan Fones	02	October Taylor	13
Annette Kersting	02	Zoey Scalery	14
Hannah Jordan	04	Norma Pike	16
Dawn Messer	05	Ellen Kang	17
Maureen Howard	07	Bob Bostick	19
Jerry Guess	10	Mary Pipes	21
Joseph Nowag	11	Darryl Nowag	23
Ashton King	12	Margie Crocker	27
Deb Jacobs	13	Kiera King	28

## Anniversaries

Karl and Janice Badgett	02
Chris and Alexa Tutor	14
Kevin and Margie Crocker	25

## Oh, Those Beautiful Floors!

Everyone agrees--the new flooring is beautiful, new paint makes the walls look great, and the new furniture makes the whole room seem friendly and inviting. While we are enjoying the new floors, please remember that you will scrape them if you drag chairs, tables, etc, across them. Please pick up all chairs and tables when you move them, including the dining chairs and the chairs in the sanctuary. Let's keep the new flooring looking beautiful for years to come.



## Become Part of a Ministry Team

Sunday worship at Faith Anglican Churches gives us the opportunity to come together to both thank God for his blessings and to draw nearer to Him through praise, prayer and preaching. Each week during worship, we follow the liturgy—did you know that that word liturgy means “of the people”.

For many years, our Celebration Teams have been responsible for providing liturgy participants. For some time, the conveners of our Celebration Teams have been recommending that we detach that responsibility from the team and move to a “ministry team” model. The Celebration Teams will concentrate on fellowship and Bible study.

We encourage everyone to consider becoming a part of a ministry team. We are taking a fresh approach to including as many people as possible on ministry teams in 2015 and hope that each person will consider how you can use your talents and gifts to help others in worship.

Ministry teams to consider are:

**Ushers**—Ushers assist those coming to worship by passing out bulletins, helping people find a seat and directing traffic flow during Communion.

Ushers need to arrive at church at least 15 minutes before the service begins. We need two to three ushers for each service

**Oblationists** – Oblationists carry the elements to the Communion table. Two are needed for each service

**Readers** – Readers read the Word of God and lead prayers. A reader will be a member who has a strong reading voice and can arrive at church at least 15 minutes before the service begins.

Two to four are needed for each service.

**Greeters** – Greeters welcome members and guests alike as they arrive at church. Greeters should arrive at least 15 minutes before the service begins. Two are needed for each service

If you are interested in becoming a part of a ministry team, please contact either Sudy Fisher or Nancy Addcox.

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**Service Times:**  
**Sunday:** 8:10/10:30am Holy Eucharist  
9:30am Sunday School  
**Wednesday:** 6:30pm Supper  
7:15pm Programs

All articles for The Vine are due in the office the *second Monday* of the month, send to: [newsletter@faihanglicanchurch.org](mailto:newsletter@faihanglicanchurch.org)



## Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Come enjoy an evening of fellowship and spiritual nurture. Our February schedule includes:

4 <sup>th</sup>	That the World May Know: Language of Culture	<i>That the World May Know</i> is a powerful teaching series of faith lessons with video teachings from the Holy Land by Biblical Archeologist Ray Vander Laan. Each session has a 18-31 minute video and time for teaching and discussion. This faith lesson shows how Jesus taught within his cultural context and how we can share the timeless truths of Scripture within our cultural context.
11 <sup>th</sup>	That the World May Know: Mis-guided Faith	We are to be “salt and light” in this world. This faith lesson shows how misguided faith can cause others to reject Jesus. In particular, this lesson focuses on the Crusades.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday worship. <b>(Fast Day)</b> <b>Noon and 7:00PM</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Study: The Spiritual Disciplines	Our five-week Lenten study will focus on the centuries proven spiritual disciplines which will draw you into a deeper relationship with your Lord. We will learn about 1. Meditation & Study 2. Prayer & Fasting 3. Simplicity 4. Solitude and 5. Confession In this first Wednesday night study, we will focus on Meditation and Study.