



JUNE 2015

The Vine

Jesus said, "I am the vine;
you are the branches..."
John 15:5

Should You Really Pray for the Lost?

Recently I asked some of our leaders at Faith what they do when a friend or family member is without Christ. Their knee-jerk reaction was much like mine has been over the years: pray for them. Pray for their salvation. The Apostle Paul echoes this sentiment in Romans 10:1: "Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved." As important as prayer is, in verse two, Paul goes on to say, "For I bear them witness..." Here praying for those without Christ is linked with bearing witness to our experience of God. Praying for the lost is simply not enough.

So what should we do? I've found that praying for the lost is much less common in Holy Scripture than praying for those who will share the Gospel with the lost. /The Apostle Paul asked the Colossian Christians to, "...pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ..." (Colossians 4:3). He asked the Ephesian Christians to, "also [pray] for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak" (Ephesians 6:19-20).

In the fourth chapter of the Book of Acts the believers didn't pray for the salvation of those without Christ. Rather, they prayed for boldness. Peter and John had been imprisoned by members of the Sanhedrin for preaching Jesus' bodily resurrection and then before letting them go warned them not to preach about Jesus. "But Peter and John answered [the Jews],

'Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard' (Acts 4:19-20). After being threatened by the Sanhedrin, they returned to their other disciples. As they gathered for prayer, they prayed: "And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus" (Acts 4:29-30).

Jesus said basically the same thing in Matthew chapter nine when he said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38). It's not wrong to pray for the salvation of those without Christ, but it is more right to pray for yourself and others to have boldness to go out into the vast harvest fields of souls.



Walking among the grain is not the same as harvesting the grain and bringing it into the barn. Walking among the lost and interacting with the lost is a good thing, but it is not the same thing as bringing them to Christ and His church. Do you have a family member or friend who is outside of God's church, who is currently without Christ in their lives? Then pray. Pray that you will have boldness to share the love and truth of Jesus with them. Pray that the Lord will bring another godly person into their lives to share the Gospel with them.

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), 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

Mission Trip to Gallup, NM

On June 6th we will depart for our mission trip to Gallup, NM! We will provide a Vacation Bible School for the Navajo children of the Ianbito Chapter, and we will feed the homeless in downtown Gallup. The members of the mission team include Fr. Cameron, Peter Lutrick, Holly Naufel, Samantha Wolfe, Stephen Wolfe, Gracie Wolfe, and Nathaniel Mejia. Please pray for us to have safe travels, and pray for the Holy Spirit to go before us as we seek to expand God's Kingdom.

July Lock In Retreat

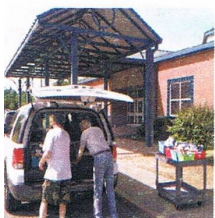
The Youth will gear up for back to school with an end of summer Lock In! Beginning at 4 PM on July 31st, Middle and High School Students are invited to bring an overnight bag, air mattress, and sleeping bag to spend the night at the church. We will play games, watch movies, and eat plenty of food! We will end the evening Friday with Evening Prayer, begin Saturday morning with Morning Prayer and breakfast. The Youth will be dismissed at 8 AM on Saturday morning.

Teacher Appreciation

Thank you to all of you who sponsored a gift box and helped to assemble the gift boxes for the teachers at Cordova Elementary School. Here are a few pictures of us delivering the gift boxes, and a sampling of a few of the emails I received from teachers at the school: "This was the nicest assortment ever received! Each item was appropriate and very useful! And it was a BIG surprise which is always nice. It really let us know how much you care about our teachers and students."



"THANK YOU so much for thinking of me at CES for teacher appreciation week! The bucket of supplies and gift cards was an awesome surprise! Your support of our school is wonderful, and your kindness is appreciated."



"I just wanted to send a note to say thank you FOR THE GIFT BASKET THE CHURCH PROVIDED AS PART OF Teacher Appreciation Week! It makes my heart smile to know that your church is a part of our school community!"

+Fr. Cameron

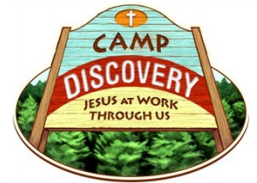
Children's Ministry

Summer Sunday School Offerings

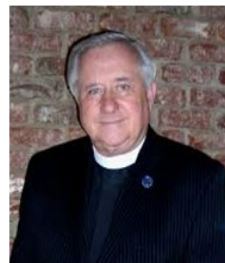
Beginning July 12th we will have a six week Summer Sunday School session. Children K through 5th Grade will meet in the Children's Sunday School room and will continue in the Gospel Project curriculum. They will begin a new study that will examine the birth of the church in the Acts of the Apostles. The Youth, 6th through 12th Grade will meet in the Youth Sunday School Space in the Ministry Center and will begin a yearlong study of the Catechism. Young Adults will meet in the Youth Room and will study The Parable of the Prodigal Son as taught by Timothy Keller in his book *The Prodigal God*.

Vacation Bible School: Camp Discovery

The theme for VBS this year is Jesus at work through us, and the Key Bible Verse is "We love because He first loved us (1 John 4.19)." Invite your friends to join us July 13th through the 16th. On Monday through Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 8:15 PM we will be at Faith Anglican Church hearing Bible Stories, playing games, making crafts, singing songs, and eating delicious snacks! We will then conclude VBS on Thursday night at the Mandarin Baptist Church across the street for a celebratory dinner from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Invite your friends to join us for Vacation Bible School: Camp Discovery! **Monday July 13th through Thursday July 16th from 6:30 PM to 8:15 PM.**



Evangelism in the Local Church With Canon George Ivey



On June 2 at 7:00 PM the Rev. Canon George Ivey will present a workshop on *Evangelism in the Local Church* at Faith. His one hour presentation will include information on: Alpha, My Hope Billy Graham, Inductive Bible Study, Water/Prayer Ministry, and Catechism Ministry. If you would like to help fulfill Jesus' Great Commission through evangelistic outreach, [please plan to attend.

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
Lauren Hintz	Dale Deason
Hallie Crawford	Carlton Fuller
Dawne Ellard	Sloan Craig
Sharon Mahaffey	



Birthdays

Barbara Howell	01	Nicholas Taylor	20
Aphra Claverie	07	Edith Langlois	21
Tony Pike	10	Keith Snider	23
Al Graskey	12	Laura Lutrick	25
John Evans	18	Peter Lutrick	28
Eve Settles	19	Ramona Hunt	30

Anniversaries

John and Jane Scott	06
Fred and Carol Robertson	10
Frank and Tricia King	11
Matthew and Jennifer Brewer	14
Bill and Nancy Douglas	14
Peter and Laura Lutrick	18
Wes and Charlotte Brown	19
Cameron and Lindsey Scalera	19
Lance and Mary Forsdick	20
Louis and Susan Parvey	22
Fred and Tanya Ellrich	25



What is "Tithing" ?

Sometimes people call their offering their "tithe." This isn't always accurate. Tithing is acknowledging that God is your provider by returning 10% of your income to Him. Tithing levels the "giving field" for it is true proportional giving. When the one who makes \$500 a week gives the Lord \$50, in the Lord's eyes they are giving the same as the one who makes \$2,000 a week and gives the Lord \$200. Why give the Lord 10% of your income? God says, "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts., if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need": (Malachi 3:10). Tithing is how God expects us to show our trust in him to provide for us abundantly, and He welcomes us to test His faithfulness!

Called to the Quiet Retreat Saturday, June 6th, 9—Noon

Do you want to grow in your prayer life? Then 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. A booklet is provided to help guide your time of prayer. Bring your Bible. 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 (Confession) will be available.



"As I spend time with Jesus at "Called to Quiet" it helps me remember we are called human beings to human doers." Peter Lutrick

Adult Summer Sunday School

Keep your faith strong and your Christian walk steady during the hot summer months. Take a vacation from work, but don't take a vacation from God. Join Greg Follis as he leads the adult Sunday School this summer beginning June 7, at 9:30 a.m. Greg will be teaching about various topics that will deepen your relationship with Christ.

Sudy Fisher



It is not too late to join the current training sessions for the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. If you would like more information about this wonderful prayer and service group of Anglican women, please contact Cathy Tenpenny at 831-6298 or cathytenpenny@yahoo.com

Our Theotokos Chapter meetings are scheduled the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 AM. Please feel free to join us.

Cathy Tenpenny
Chapter President

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Sunday:
Holy Eucharist 8:10/10:30am
Sunday School 9:30am

Wednesday:
Supper 6:30pm
Programs 7:15pm

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second Monday of the month, send to:
newsletter@faihanglicanchurch.org



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

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

3 rd	<i>God Heard Their Cry Watch with Me: Israel Leaves Egypt</i>	God displayed judgment against the false gods of Egypt through the ten plagues. Though Pharaoh let God’s people go, he changed his mind with fury. God shows Himself powerful to save. Our study includes a video presentation by Ray Vander Laan and time for teaching and discussion.
10 th	<i>Praise and Worship Through the Years</i>	Come and join us as we Celebrate Praise and Worship Music through the decades. We will begin with the 60s and moved into the current era of Praise and Worship Music. We will have an interactive discussion as to how the music has changed or evolved over the years. Come and bring a friend!
17 th	Testimony of Doug Conner	Throughout Doug’s faith journey, he will attest how God has used others, including his wife and children in powerful ways in the process of his own sanctification. Doug’s Christian character has been built on the relationships that he has made over the years especially with his Savior, Jesus Christ.
24 th	<i>God Heard Their Cry The Lord Reigns: The Red Sea</i>	It appeared that Pharaoh’s army would destroy God’s people on the shores of the Red Sea, yet God made a way through what appeared to be waters of death. The same is true today, for God often helps us through our problems, not around them. Our study includes a video presentation by Ray Vander Laan and time for teaching and discussion.