



MARCH 2015

The Vine

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

Meeting with God

If God called you up and asked you to come and meet with him, what would you do in preparation? Would you be ready? Would you be at peace?

Years ago Carl Pfountz worked for Coca Cola. Periodically the Board of Directors in Atlanta would ask him to make a presentation before the board. They expected his presentation to last no more than 10 minutes. They also expected him to be fully prepared to answer any questions they might have. "I'm not sure," or "I don't know," were not an option. Carl spent weeks preparing for his 10 minute presentations. When he arrived in the palatial board room in front of those high-powered important people Carl was fully prepared, a little nervous, but at peace.

What if God asked you to come before him into his palatial throne room? Well...he has. Each week God calls you to come before him in worship. As you do, you are both transported spiritually into his heavenly throne room and he meets you here on earth. Hebrews chapter four implores us to "...with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).



Jesus also reminds us, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them" (Matthew 18:20). Make no mistake, when you come for corporate worship, Jesus is in our midst; you are in the very real presence of God.

How do you prepare for meeting with Him who is far greater than any CEO, far greater than any earthly king or president? Do you rush in to worship at the last minute unprepared? Do you approach God casually? Do you take your relationship with God for granted? There is a better way. What might you do to be prepared to meet with God on Sunday mornings? As the Apostle Paul speaks of the Lord's Supper, he reminds us to prepare ourselves by healing the divisions within the community of faith (reconciliation and forgiveness). He reminds us to show compassion upon the poor within the church. He reminds us to examine ourselves before receiving the Lord's Supper, "For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged" (1 Corinthians 11:18-31).

My preparation for Sunday worship includes daily prayer and Bible study, but it also includes at least weekly self examination, what is classically called an "Examination of Conscience." Often on Saturday or early Sunday morning I'll examine myself. How do I do it? I slowly read through the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20), pausing after each one. At each commandment I ask the Holy Spirit to expose my sins. This is a prayer God is very willing to answer! I confess my sins. If I have sinned against others, I seek reconciliation. Jesus washes my sins away with his precious blood. Finally! Finally, I'm ready to come before the one who is Holy Holy Holy. God is summoning you to meet with him this Sunday. When you come to meet with him, come prepared!

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 Spring Break Retreat

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 3:30 pm on Friday March 20th, and return to the church Sunday March 22nd at 12:30 pm. 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.



Good Friday Stations of the Cross Practice on Palm Sunday D-Group

Friday April 3rd at 7 PM will be our worship in observance of Good Friday. Middle School and High School Students at Faith sponsor and lead Stations of the Cross. We will have practice and rehearsal for Good Friday during our Sunday Night Discipleship Group on March 29th from 4-6pm. We will also meet at Faith at 6:30 pm before the Good Friday service for a quick practice. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Cameron.

Mission Trip to Gallup, NM

Mark your calendars because the Youth Crew Mission Trip to Gallup, NM is scheduled for June 6th through the 14th! This trip is designed for Senior High School Students (9th-12th Grade), as well as College Students. We will be hosting a Vacation Bible School for the children of the Ianbito Chapter of the Navajo Nation, and we will be feeding the homeless in downtown Gallup. The cost for the Mission Trip will be \$200 per person. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Cameron.



Children's Easter Program on Holy Saturday

On Holy Saturday April 4th from 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM we will host our annual Children's Easter Program. We will have an age appropriate lesson about the death and resurrection of Jesus, crafts, snacks, games, and of course an egg hunt! Easter comes early this year so don't forget to bring in your non-chocolate candy and egg donations for the program. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Cameron.

Prayer Ministry



The prayer team moved forward in 2014 with consistency. Many testimonies of God's intervention in the lives and circumstances of people in and out of our congregation have been shared. People from other churches have come to Faith Anglican to receive prayer, and though they did not all come to seek membership, we held out the Kingdom of God to them. The body of Christ is one.

The decision to open up a 9:30 prayer hour has been successful. There are prayer issues that require more time, or more privacy than can be given in the prayer corner after communion. When not praying for individuals that are present, the time is spent praying for known needs in the church, individuals and the world.

Pat Covington's ladies bible class starts at 10:30 each Tuesday morning at Faith Anglican, but the 30 minutes prior to that from 10:00-10:30 is open for anyone needing prayer. This makes a midweek, daytime slot available for prayer ministry for anyone unavailable for other options.

The church's monthly prayer meeting is held at Bob and Rita Barnett's home on the second Tuesday of each month. The hour from 7-8 PM is dedicated to prayer, and at 8:00 the time is opened up for personal prayer ministry, including the laying on of Hands. This time may include people from outside our church who come through word of mouth or invitation. This time is not only for our benefit, but for our service to the world that surrounds us.

In conclusion, the goal for 2015 is to see the ministry expand into more lives within and without the church walls than we saw in 2014. It is also a goal to see more of the congregation praying for each other when and wherever the needs arise. A church that is alive and functioning in a biblical manner as the body of Christ, is equipped to pray powerfully for one another from afar, and face to face. Two other goals is to see younger men and women consider coming along side those of us who serve as prayer ministers, and to see men of the church consider joining the team for the sake of balance and perspective. We pray to see the Holy Spirit call to those He has chosen. Prayer ministers are facilitators, and it is a deep privilege to serve The body of Christ through Faith Anglican Church in that capacity.

Rita Barnett

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

Phil Laquinta	03	Pat Reese	20
Brynn Messer	03	Ann Satchfield	21
Harrison Bourie	05	Leah Trippel	25
Patty Kirby	10	Tricia King	29
Lynda Zachry	11	Bill Fisher	30
Jason Lurry	15	Tyler Howard	30
Pat Covington	17		

Anniversaries

Bill & Sudy Fisher	01
Chuck & Deborah Glover	13
Jim & Holly Naufel	21

The Spiritual Discipline of Simplicity

In his book *The Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster said, "The Christian discipline of simplicity is an *inward* reality that results in an *outward* life-style." What does simplicity look like? Simplicity is living free from the lust of possessions or the need for possessions to find self worth or happiness. Simplicity is reducing the clutter and complexity of your life, so you and your resources may be more devoted to God and his people. Simplicity includes reducing the clutter of your life, your mind, and your possessions, so more of your life, your mind, and your possessions may be devoted to God and His kingdom. It's time to do some spring cleaning! It's time to reduce the clutter! To learn more attend the Wednesday night teaching on Simplicity on March 11th.

Lifblood Mobile Unit at Faith

Every **three seconds**, someone needs BLOOD; Daughters, fathers, cousins, neighbors. Their need is usually unexpected and life-threatening. Lifblood's sole mission is to provide a safe supply for these patients by engaging volunteer donors like the ones at Faith. Without your help, patients in need wouldn't stand a chance.

Save this Date! March 22, 2015

The blood drive will be held on Sunday morning in the Faith Anglican Church Parking lot. The blood mobile will be here and the first appointment will be at 9:00 am and will run through 12:30 pm. A signup sheet will be available in our newly renovated Narthex so start looking for it while you enjoy our new surroundings. Look also for the announcements plus more information in our further correspondence.

If you have any questions direct them to **Phillip Laquinta** or call the office for more details.

Palm Sunday Passion Play - Sunday MARCH 29th

The Passion Play will be performed at both Sunday services on Palm Sunday. At the 10:30 am service, we will gather outside for the *Liturgy of the Palms* and process into the church. Children and adults are invited to dress as Jerusalem villagers. The pony will be here for the second service. Palm Sunday is a designated visitor Sunday. Be sure to invite a guest for our "Passion Play"!



Mission News

Join us at the home of Lance and Mary Forsdick on March 7 at 5:30 pm to talk with Br.Kirt Gerber about his ministry in the Sudan. (33 Waring Rd, 38117)

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

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

4 th	Lenten Study: The Spiritual Disciplines	Our Lenten study of the spiritual disciples continues with a study on prayer and fasting.
11 th	Lenten Study: The Spiritual Disciplines	Our topic for tonight is simplicity.
18 th	Lenten Study: The Spiritual Disciplines	Our topic for tonight is solitude.
25 th	Lenten Study: The Spiritual Disciplines	Our final topic is confession.

All articles for The Vine are due in the office the *second Monday* of the month, send to: newsletter@faithanglicanchurch.org

Service Times:

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

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

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Archbishop Foley Defends Marriage in DC

At the last minute Archbishop Foley has been asked to attend a meeting of Catholic bishops in Washington DC in the defense of marriage on the weekend of March 15th. He will be there for meetings Friday night and Sunday night. He was torn and was willing to come to Faith even though it would cause him to fly to DC twice. If it didn't offend us, however, he asked if he could postpone his visit to Faith. He definitely will be visiting us this year.



Bishop Frank Lyons to Confirm

Bishop Frank Lyons, our diocesan Assisting Bishop, will be with us March 15th at 6:00 PM for Confirmation and the Clergy Renewal of Ordination Vows. Bishop Frank is a graduate of Wheaton College and holds four graduate degrees from Wheaton Graduate School, Nashotah Theological Seminary, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Carey Theological College. He and his wife served as overseas missionaries with Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders (SAMS) for 25 years. He began serving in the Anglican Diocese of the South in January 2015. Please come support our Confirmands and meet Bishop Frank!!!

Parish Council News

- Special thank to Nancy Addcox and Henry Booth for serving on our Parish Council for the past several years. Please welcome Jill Amos, Doug Conner, and Sudy Fisher as they serve three year terms.
- Our new Parish Council officers are: Fred Ellrich (Senior Warden), Lance Forsdick (Junior Warden), Doug Conner, (Treasurer), and Sudy Fisher (Secretary).