



July 2016

# The Vine

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

## The Fear of God

**W**hat does it mean to fear God? Aren't we supposed to see Him as our loving Heavenly Father? Shouldn't children live free from fear of their earthly father and their Heavenly Father? So why would Holy Scripture repeatedly tell us to "fear God" and extoll "the fear of the Lord"? Here are four examples:

In Exodus 18:21 Jethro told Moses, "Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people ..."

In Psalm 111:10 David said, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!"

Acts 9:31 says, "... And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, [the church] multiplied."

The Apostle Peter said, "Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor." – 1 Peter 2:17

When Holy Scripture tells us to "fear" there definitely is a healthy element of fear, but the word also means "to reverence." To fear God is not to be constantly worried that God will smite you or to think that God is out to get you. If a child loves his father, he will respect him, fear disappointing him, and fear being disciplined for disobedience. The same is true in your relationship with your Heavenly Father. If you love Him, you will respect Him and His Word, fear disappointing Him, and fear being disciplined for disobedience. This type of healthy fear increases your love and respect of your Heavenly Father. As quoted above, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wis-

dom." It truly is wise to fear the Lord.

The opposite of fearing and respecting your earthly father is disrespect, disobedience, and defiance. It is being in a state of not caring what your father thinks of you, of not wanting to please your dad. The same is true for those who do not fear the Lord. When you don't fear the Lord, you are in a state of not caring what God thinks of you and not caring if God gets upset with you, which leads to disobedience to God and His Word.

Fearing God is a positive act of reverence to your Designer, Creator, Provider, and Savior. It is not cowering before an angry god. Fearing God protects you from succumbing to your destructive sinful desires. Often we fear what people will think of us, so we try to fit in, often in unholy ways. Yet, Jesus said, "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." – Matthew 10:28

### Our Path of Christian Maturity

Worship



Grow



Serve

### 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).

## Vacation Bible School: Deep Sea Discovery



God is with us where ever we go! This is what we will learn through VBS: Deep Sea Discovery! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us July 11th through the 14th. 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: Deep Sea Discovery!

## Worship Grow Serve Transitions

Over the past year our Parish Council and staff have spent many hours in prayer and discussion discerning God's specific Path of Christian Maturity for Faith Anglican Church, which is Worship Grow Serve. We believe this simple path will help us more effectively become mature disciples of Jesus, reduce redundancy, and increase clarity. It is less focused on special events and more focused on the daily Christian walk.

**Worship Transition** – This year we have transferred most of our weekday principal feast days to Sundays. Our seven principal feast days are Christmas Day, The Epiphany, Easter Day, Ascension Day, The Day of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and All Saints' Day. This simple transition will allow all of our members to experience on Sunday what the Church has said is vitally important. Our Celebration Teams no longer have any Sunday morning duties. Donuts are provided by Howard's Donuts and coffee is provided by your financial contributions. The Wardens are in charge of locking up.

**Grow Transition** – From the founding of Faith Anglican Church our Celebration Teams had been our expected monthly small group for all members and attendees, a place of fellowship, study, and prayer. Over the past few years our number of weekly small groups has increased, making people feel obligated to attend both a monthly and weekly meeting. For many, two sets of meetings are too much. While our number of Celebration Teams had been decreasing and our number of weekly Grow Groups was increasing, it became obvious that the Lord was leading us to make our weekly Grow Groups our expected small group meeting for our members and attendees. Therefore, as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, our weekly Grow Groups are replacing our Celebration Teams as our official expected small group meeting. We would love for you to participate in one of our Grow Groups. What do weekly Group Groups do? Study and discuss God's Word, pray, and engage in fellowship. Here are our current weekly Grow Groups:

- Adult Sunday School (Greg Follis) – 9:30 AM
- Children's Sunday School (Amy Trippel) – 9:30 AM
- Youth Sunday School (Peter Lutrick) – 9:30 AM
- Sunday Prayer Study (Rita Barnett) – 9:30 AM
- Sunday Awana (Jim & Jean Belles) – 4:00 PM
- Sunday Night Bible Study (Fr. Herb Hand) – 4:00 PM (Starts this fall.)
- Sunday Youth Crew (Fr. Cameron Scalera) – 4:00 PM
- Monday Night Bible Women's Bible Study (Sudy Fisher) – 7:00 PM
- Monday Men's Bible Study (Fr. Cameron Scalera) – 4:30 PM
- Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study (Bill Fisher) – 8:00 AM
- Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study (Pat Covington) – 10:30 AM
- Worship Team (Matthew Brewer) – Wed. 6:30 PM
- Thursday Business Owner's Study Luncheon (Kirk Tarver) – 11:30 AM

Please join one!!! If the times, location, or makeup of the existing groups do not fit your schedule or your needs talk to Sudy or Fr. Herb about forming one.

Sudy Fisher & Fr. Herb Hand

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

**Wednesday:**  
 Bible Study .....6:30pm

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

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

Dee Dee Ritchie	Maryjo Gresko
Mansell Lancaster	Larry Wilkes
Lauren Hintz	Audria Guess
Hallie Crawford	



**Wed. Night Pastor's Bible Study  
 Moving to Sunday Nights**

For years I have taught a weekly Bible study on Wednesday nights. As many other Grow Groups have emerged, the Wednesday night numbers have declined, leaving mostly those who already attend another weekly Grow Group. Therefore, I have decided to move the study to Sunday nights during Awana and Youth Crew to provide a Grow Group for parents (and others) who not currently have a weekly Grow Group.

Fr. Herb+

**Birthdays**

Chris Booth	07/09	Esco Satchfield	07/17
G McDowell	07/09	Ron Kirby	07/18
F Robertson	07/09	Don Tredway	07/20
Alexa Tutor	07/09	George Ellard	07/21
Joyce Hall	07/10	Chris Shields	07/21
Jim Johnson	07/12	Stephen Wolfe	07/26
R Graskey	07/15	Anita Harrison	07/30
John Scott	07/16	Danne Parham	07/30



**Anniversaries**

Herb and Mary Hand	07/03
Doug and Becky Conner	07/04
Jim and Emily Johnson	07/06
Gordon and Norma Pike	07/15
Charles and Barbara King	07/21
George and Betty Ellard	07/25