



September 2016

The Vine

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

The Indian and the Cowboy

Imagine being an Indian in the 1850s and finding a white man face down in the dust with several arrows sticking out of his back. He is probably dead, but you're not sure. What do you do? The safest



thing would be to get away from the body as fast as possible, for fear that someone would think you killed him. Instead, you kneel down and check his pulse. He is alive, but just barely. You carefully lay him across your horse and slowly take him to the nearest town, Dodge City. As you approach the city, you are keenly aware that you are a mistrusted Indian approaching a white city. You fear their hostility, yet you continue on. At the edge of the city, the safest thing to do would be to quietly leave the body, hoping someone else would care for him. Instead, you bring him right down the middle of the street, straight to the local physician's office. As the physician removes the arrows, you wait patiently. As people walk by, they give you dirty looks. Finally the man is released into your care. You take him to the local hotel and rent a room for his recovery. Not only did you have courage, but you showed love tangibly.

If Jesus earthly ministry had been in the American 19th century, His *Parable of the Good Samaritan* could have been the *Parable of the Good Indian*, about Cowboys and Indians instead of Jews and Samaritans. When Jesus told His parable, he was illustrating what loving your neighbor looks like. Biblical godly love is sacrificial, costly, and at times dangerous.

On July 10th Interim Police Director Michael Rallings walked and talked with a group of agitated Black Lives Matter protesters on the I-40 bridge. Though he is black, he is also blue. To some, Rallings looked like the enemy. He risked his life to avoid a violent confrontation that could have erupted into riots throughout Memphis. Though Rallings aided no wounded person, he is a Good Samaritan. Much like Jesus' Good Samaritan, Rallings is lauded by both black, white, and blue. Why? Because his actions were sacrificial, costly, and at times dangerous. He expressed tangible love, not only to the protesters, but to the entire city.

When you think of love, what comes to mind? Love songs? Family? Passion? Affection? Helping an enemy? Biblical godly love is more than our cultural understanding of love. Biblical godly love is sacrificial, costly, and at times dangerous. What would "love" look like in your relationships at work, home, and in the community if you were more like the Good Indian or the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)? Jesus gives us the greatest example. He loves sinners; that is, he loves those who have offended him by their transgressions against him. Not only did he like them and care for them, he voluntarily suffered and died for their forgiveness. In John 15:12 Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." To begin to truly love others as Jesus loved us, we must begin to embrace a biblical understanding of love: sacrificial, costly, and at times dangerous!

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), or calling the church office (755-4848).

Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast Sept. 11th @ 9:15 AM

Enjoy a brief time of fellowship over a covered-dish breakfast as we gear up for fall Sunday school. Bring fruit, milk, juice, breakfast casseroles, etc. Fresh pancakes will also be provided. Sunday school starts at 9:30. Our classes, which are part of our Grow Group ministry, include:

Children's Sunday School (Gospel Project) led by Amy Trippel

Youth Sunday School (Gospel Project) led by Peter Lutrick

Prayer and Prayer Study (in the Conference Room) led by Rita Barnett

Old Testament Survey led by Greg Follis

Please plan to join one of these groups!

Awana Kick-Off Scheduled for September 11th at 4:00 pm.

We are excited to get Awana at Faith started again this fall. Awana is an international children's Bible Club aimed for kids age 3 to 6th grade that meets weekly for a fun time filled with lively games, crafts, opportunities to serve, make friends. The strong emphasis on Scripture memorization help children learn the Bible and give them a biblical perspective as they live in a secular world. Children memorize verses during the week. Even Cubbies (3-5 years old) learn one verse and complete a lesson/Bible story each week. Sparks (K-2nd) and T&T (3rd-6th grades) are self-paced, using a handbook along with their own Bible, learning verses and how to apply them to their lives. Bring your child or grandchild this year!

The whole family will be blessed by this program and you will be amazed at how much your child learns this year. Proverbs 22:6 says "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." And Deuteronomy 6:4-9 tells us to impress God's commandments on our children, to talk about them throughout the day, wherever we are. You are your child's primary teacher and minister of the Word of God. We look forward to the opportunity to help you in this important task, so that your child may grow in faith and in the love of God.

If you have questions or need more information please call Mary Hand (901-299-8722) or Jean Belles (901-210-1065). We can't wait to get our Awana Club together again. See you September 11!

Sunday Nights Kick-Off @ Faith @ 4:00 PM on Sept 11th

Our Awana and Youth Crew ministries kickoff on September 11th at 4:00 PM. Please bring your children and grandchildren to grow in the Lord! This year we will also have an adult Grow Group meeting at the same time. On September 11th Katherine DeLoach will lead **Body and Soul Workshop** at 4:00 PM. Starting on September 18th Fr. Herb will lead a new **Adult Grow Group** on Sunday nights during Awana and Youth Crew. We will study God's Word, encourage one another, and spend some time in prayer. We will gain interesting insights into the Bible. If you are not currently in a weekly Grow Group, please join us. Questions? Contact Fr. Herb. Our Sunday Night Grow Groups include: Awana, Youth Crew, and the Adult Bible study group. All groups meet at 4:00 PM.

Ladies Monday Night Bible Study

Ladies, after a long and hopefully refreshing summer break, it is time to return to the well and drink deeply of God's Word. We will be doing a study by Jen Wilkin entitled *1 Peter, A Living Hope in Christ*. Whether you are new to Bible study or more familiar with Scripture, you will be blessed by this study. Peter challenges us to look beyond our current circumstances to a future inheritance.



Our first meeting will be Monday, **September 12, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at the Fisher's, 8824 Eatonwick Drive, Cordova, 38016. The cost for the book is \$13.00. Please sign up in the Narthex to reserve a book. If you have questions, call Sudy at 386-0398.

Yard Sale Mission Fundraiser Not This Year

Our Youth Ministry leadership has decided not to have the Countrywood Yard Sale fundraiser this year. Doing *Soul in the City* substantially reduced our expenses and we have some funds in our Youth Mission Fund. Therefore, this year the funds are not needed.



Autumn begins September 22
Pretty colors and cooler temps!

Birthdays

Jackson Tutor	9/02	Katherine DeLoach	9/17
Michaela Amos	9/04	Becky Conner	9/19
Peter Kersting	9/04	Nancy Douglas	9/19
Rita Barnett	9/07	Gage King	9/19
Lauren Hearne	9/08	Nate Mejia	9/22
Gabe Mejia	9/10	Jane Scott	9/22
Bonnie Mejia	9/11	Jennifer Brewer	9/24
Zach Amos	9/14	Deb Glover	9/26
William Carlton	9/17		

Anniversaries

Wayne and Vicki Deason	9/05
Andy and Ellen Kang	9/06
Don and Anita Harrison	9/20

Prayer Corner

Dee Dee Ritchie
Mansell Lancaster

Lauren Hintz Ken Webb
Hallie Crawford George Conner
Jack Childers Gail Hightower
Noland Pipes Delton



Remembering Your Provider

In the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." This prayer echoes back 1500 years, to God providing daily bread (Manna) from heaven in the Sinai Wilderness after the Exodus from Egypt. The Israelites tangibly knew that God was their provider! When they entered the Promised Land God continued to provide for His people, but not through raining down Manna. God provided fields, flocks, and vineyards, and the strength and intelligence to work. The Lord reminds us that, "it is he who gives you power to get wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:18). When you pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," you are: 1) Remembering that ultimately the Lord is your provider. 2) Actively asking Him for your provision.

The Scaleras Have Moved to Florida

August 10th was Cameron's last day serving at Faith. They have moved to Florida, where both their families reside, for Lindsey to become the Assistant Director of Housing at the University of Tampa. Cameron will be pursuing advanced studies and other avenues of ministry. Keep Cameron, Lindsey and the girls in your prayers for this time of transition for their family.



Lifeblood Donation

We hope so, and so do countless other mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Because with your help, all of their loved ones will have a second chance at life.

The Lifeblood van will be at Faith Anglican parking lot from **9:30 to 12:30 on September 18**; please sign up in the narthex to donate. Phil Laquinta

Children and Youth Ministry Transition

We are ready for the fall!!! Due to Cameron's departure, for the past month we have been scrambling to get ready. As you can imagine, it takes several months to do a thorough search for a Youth Minister, so we are not counting on a staff person to lead during the early fall. Our lay people have stepped forward to fill the void and help partner with the parents to bring their children to maturity in Christ through Children's Worship, Sunday school, Awana, Youth Crew, and our Acolyte Ministry. Here are our leaders who will be working with our children, youth, and their parents:

Mary Hand will oversee a team of Children's Worship leaders

Holly Naufel will lead our Acolyte ministry

Peter Lutrick will lead our Youth Sunday School

Amy Trippel will lead our Children's Sunday School

Jim Belles will oversee our Sunday Night Youth Crew

Mary Hand and Jean Belles will oversee our Awana ministry

Fr. Herb will oversee our Nursery Workers

Jill Amos will oversee our Ministry Safe compliance

Fr. Herb will chair our planning meetings

New Custodian – Robin McCray

In the past we have used a custodial service. Recently we hired Robin McCray to do our cleaning. She is doing a great job. If you see her, please give her a warm welcome!





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Service Times:

Sunday:

Holy Eucharist8:10/10:30am

Sunday School9:30am

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

New to Faith? Come to the Discovering Faith Workshop

Discovering Faith is a two part workshop designed to help you grow in your relationship with Christ and find out how you can become a part of this community of faith. You will also get to know our pastor and others who are new to Faith, and learn about membership. This workshop is offered two or three times a year. If you are new to Faith, we would love for you to attend our next ***Discovering Faith*** workshop. The first part is on Sunday, **September 25th**, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the home of our pastor and his wife, Herb and Mary Hand at 8293 Montego Place North, Cordova. Dinner is included and childcare is available upon advanced request. Sign-up is easy, you can call the Hands at 381-1172 or e-mailing Herb at herbhand@faithanglicanchurch.org. The second part is held one week later at the same location on Sunday, **October 2nd**, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Attending the workshop does not require a commitment to join, but will give you the opportunity to learn more about Faith and meet some wonderful people. At the first meeting we will explore Faith Anglican's history, an overview of the Anglican Communion, the focus of our parish, and God's gift of salvation. At the second meeting we will explore the importance of Holy Scripture, the basics of Anglican worship, and the ministries of Faith Anglican Church.

New Sidewalk

As many of you have noticed, a sidewalk has been installed to the Memorial Garden. This will make visiting the Memorial Garden much easier for everyone. The funding for this project was achieved through a generous, anonymous donation and construction was approved by the Parish Council. Jill Amos, Sr. Warden