



JANUARY 2017

The Vine

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

Missional Living

In 1975 Trinity School for Ministry was founded in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. At that time Ambridge was an impoverished, rundown, and somewhat dangerous former steel town on the banks of the Ohio River. Over the past 42 years Trinity has become internationally recognized as an Anglican center of theological education and training for lay and ordained ministers. The students didn't just come for training, however. They were missional from the start. Here's an excerpt from local Ambridge resident Paul Hertenky's *Rust Belt Boy*:

"Students and faculty of the Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry brought fresh energy and optimism to town, counseling families, helping the poor, the sick, the dying, the mentally ill, and the lonely. Seminarians bought houses within the safer neighborhoods and Ambridge, sharing their backyards and gardens with older Bridgers and the young, struggling families. They began to look after children, mow lawns, and shovel sidewalks for those who otherwise shuffled to the pharmacy. They may have an evangelical agenda, but they remain gentle and genuine compared to the economic and political hooligans that once ruled the streets."

Now that's missional living!

Jesus sees all his followers as missional. Jesus said you are (not supposed to be) salt and light (Matthew 5:13-14). Jesus gave us His Great Commandment (to love God and others) and His Great Commission (to make disciples of all people groups). Throughout the pages of both the Old and New Tes-

taments, God is a missional God, seeking to restore the lost. As His children He expects us to be like Him, to be missional.

Sadly in many churches the people sit, soak, and sour. They have lost their missional spirit. They see the church as an institution who serves them – hatch, match, and dispatch. They ignore the groans and cries of the lost. As in Casting Crown's song *If We are the Body*, they "... pick and choose who should come." That is not missional living. It is me living.

What does a missional Christian look like?

A missional Christian is looking outward, constantly asking: Who might I help? Who might I serve? Who might I befriend? Who might I invite to my Grow Group? Who might I invite into my life and mentor them in the faith?



Over the past 50 years the American church has experimented with the Church Growth Movement, hoping to bring people to Christ without actually doing it themselves:

advertisement, mailings, signs, festivals, etc. None of these things in themselves are bad, but when Christians avoid missional living, the long-term result is the decline of the church.

If we want the next generation to know Jesus and to spend eternity with Him, the American church (including you and me) must learn to live missionally, to be salt and light, to live the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. That is how the early church exploded in growth when their only tool for evangelism was to live missionally, to invite the lost into their lives, their homes, and their church.

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).

Epiphany Sunday ~ January 1st

Since Epiphany is one of the seven principal feast days of the Church, we have transferred our celebration from January 6th to Sunday January 1st so everyone may participate. We celebrate the revealing of Christ to the Gentiles, which is most of us!



Grow Group Leadership Meeting January 5th

Please mark your calendars for our next Grow Group Leadership Meeting which will be held at the church on Thursday, January 5, 2017. If you are currently leading a small group (Sunday School Class, AWANA, Bible study, etc.) or if you are interested in forming a small group, please plan to attend this meeting. A meal will be provided.

Sunday School New Year Breakfast Jan. 8th @ 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*

The Attributes of God video series led by
Greg Follis

Please plan to join one of these Grow Groups!

Monday Night Ladies Bible Study

The Monday Night Ladies Bible Study will resume on **January 9, 2017, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at the home of Bill and Sudy Fisher. We will be doing a study by Priscilla Shirer entitled *The Armor of God*. In this study Priscilla gives us an action plan for putting on the armor and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory against the enemy. The cost for the book is \$13.00. Either sign up in the narthex or contact Sudy to reserve a book. Join us for prayer, fellowship, study, and a light meal. Invite a friend.

Annual Reader's Workshop January 14th at 10:00 AM

The Word of God is a great gift from God to His people. It is indeed a holy privilege to read it aloud in church. It is indeed a great joy to hear it read, and to hear it read in a way that helps us understand it. To help us all receive the Word of God more fully on Sunday mornings, we will have a Reader's Workshop on Saturday, January 14th at Faith. Regular readers are required to attend. If you've never read a Bible reading in church before but would like to learn how, please come!

Quarterly Parish Work Day January 21st from 9:00 to Noon

- Remove Debris from along Walnut Grove
- Sanitize Nursery Toys
- Clean out Concrete Cracks in bathrooms
- Clean Freezer & Refrigerator Coils
- Kitchen Deep Cleaning
- Clean Florescent light fixtures (bugs & debris)
- Clean Gutters

Sign up in the narthex closer to the date!

Acolyte Training ~ January 22nd

All present acolytes and those who would like to be acolytes are encouraged to attend training at 12:00 on January 22 for a brief session. All children/youth who are physically strong enough and mature enough to serve are welcome. Holly Naufel is Acolyte Master.

One Service Sunday Annual Parish Meeting – January 29th

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th, immediately after our single service at **9:30** and brunch at **10:45**. The meeting should start around **11:15**. We will enjoy a heavy hors d'oeuvre luncheon, see our annual parish video, reflect on our life together in 2015, receive the 2015 financial report and the 2016 budget, hear about our plans for 2016, and our members in good standing will elect new Parish Council Members. As required by our bylaws, the Parish Council is providing a slate of nominees; this year's nominees are Joseph Atem, Peter Claverie, and David Hightower. Members of the congregation may make nominations from the floor. All are welcome and encouraged to attend! Childcare will be available.

Birthdays

Joseph Atem	1/01	Greg Follis	1/12
Cathy Evans	1/01	Christian Zachary	1/29
Janie Adkins	1/10	Edward Amos	1/31
Mike Reese	1/11	Cathy Webb	1/31

Anniversaries

Esco & Ann Satchfield	1/03
Bob & Jennifer Bostick	1/05

Prayer Corner

George Conner
Noland Pipes
Ed and Nancy Ebbing



Freedom from the Bondage of Debt

In American culture we tend to see debt as helpful, a way to get more goods and services more quickly, and a way to get ahead. However, biblically, we must remember that debt can be dangerous. More often than not, debt becomes a cruel task master, which begins to slow us down. What's the solution? Simply put, reduce spending and/or increase income. Some simple ways to cut expenses and eliminate debt are: replace your car less frequently, be satisfied with a smaller house, eat out less, and pay cash instead of using a credit card. Both Dave Ramsey (www.daveramsey.com) and Crown Financial Ministries (www.crown.org) offer proven plans on getting out of oppressive debt. When you are free from the bondage of debt, you will be more at peace, have less marital tension, more able to help those in need, and more able to fulfill God's command to tithe.

BAPTISMAL DATES

Baptism is for those adults and older children who have made a commitment to Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Baptism is also for infants and younger children of parents who intend to raise their children to serve Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Those who intend to be baptized need to attend worship regularly. If you or your child is ready for baptism, please plan to be baptized on one of the following dates: **January 8th** (Baptism of Our Lord) or **April 23rd** (Sunday after Easter). If you are interested please contact Fr. Herb (755-4848).



Confirmation Classes for Adults and Teens: *A Mature Commitment*

Confirmation classes are for those adult members and teens (9th grade and older) who would like to go a step further in their walk with Christ and make – what the Catechism calls – “a mature commitment to [your] baptismal covenant with God” and become Confirmed members. Confirmation goes a step further than the Discovering Faith membership process. Those wishing to reaffirm their faith are also encouraged to attend. **Confirmation classes begin January 15th**. To be confirmed, you will need to attend the nine week class on Sunday mornings in the Cameron's Office at 9:25 a.m. (January 15th – March 19th), meet with our bishop on Confirmation Sunday, March 26th, and be prayed for by him in the Confirmation service. Students in ninth grade and older will also need to attend a Youth Confirmation Workshop. If you are interested, please call the church office (755-4848) to sign up or email Fr. Herb at herbhand@faithanglicanchurch.org. If you have questions please contact Fr. Herb.

Discovering Faith Workshop: For Those Considering Membership

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 member of this community of faith. You will also get to know our pastor and others who are new to Faith. 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, **January 22nd**, 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, 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, **January 29th**, 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.



9555 Walnut Grove Road
Cordova, TN 38018

901-755-4848

www.faithanglicanchurch.org

Service Times:

Sunday:

Holy Eucharist 8:10/10:30am

Sunday School 9:30am

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

Minister to Families and Youth Search Update

As you know, our Parish Council approved plans to search for a half-time lay Minister to Families and Youth back in October. Our Search Committee (Jill Amos, Fr. Herb Hand, and Alexa Tutor) have been meeting and receiving resumes. We intend to call and hire by January 15th. Please keep our Search Committee and candidates in your prayers as they prayerfully seek the one whom God is calling to serve.



Our Seminarian Fred Ellrich



Fred Ellrich has been approved by your Pastor, Parish Council, and Bishop to pursue ordination. Fred is currently attending Trinity School for Ministry (online) and hopes to be ordained a permanent Deacon in the spring of 2017. As part of Fred's training, you will begin to see him occasionally preach, lead worship, and vest on Sunday mornings.

Lifblood Mobile Unit at Faith

Can we count on you? We hope so, and so do countless other mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren! Because with your help, all of their loves ones will have a second chance at life!!

The van will be in the Faith parking lot from **9:30 to 12:30 on January 22nd**. Please sign up in the narthex to donate.
Phil Laquinta