



MAY 2017

# The Vine

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

## One Good Apple ...

You've heard it said, "One bad apple spoils the bunch." We've all see it and experienced it. Yet, sometimes it's the other way around. One godly person can make an eternally positive difference in those around them. This was certainly true for King Joash.

Ahaziah, the father of Joash, was an ungodly man who brought ruin upon the southern Kingdom of Judah, a truly bad apple. His mother, Athaliah, "was his counselor in doing wickedly." When King Ahaziah died, his mother Athaliah murdered all Joash's many brothers and took the throne.

Fortunately, Joash was hidden in the house of God where he was trained in the Holy Scriptures by the Levitical priests under the leadership of Jehoiada. Jehoiada was one good apple, one good influence over Joash. Joash was seven years old when he was made king and wicked Queen Athaliah was removed. Under the constant godly influence of Jehoiada the priest, "Joash did what was right in the eyes of the Lord..." (2 Chron. 24:2). Joash had the Levites raise funds throughout the Kingdom of Judah to restore the House of the Lord. "And all the princes and all the people rejoiced and brought their tax," to restore the House of the Lord to its former glory. The people more regularly offered sacrifices to the Lord. The

people returned to the Lord. Irish Philosopher Edmund Burke once said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." The converse was true for the Kingdom of Judah under the "good man" Jehoiada and his godly influence over king Joash.

But when Jehoiada was 130 years old he died and unfortunately his godly influence over Joash died as well. Without Jehoiada's godly counsel, Joash began listening to the ungodly leaders who flattered him. He abandoned the House of the Lord and began worshipping the false gods of the Canaanites. Though the Lord sent prophets to Joash, he refused to listen. Tragically he refused to return to the Lord. Very very sad.

Never underestimate your godly influence over a child, grandchild, family member, or friend! Like me, maybe you have a hard time pronouncing Jehoiada, but let's strive to be like him! Be that good apple! Instead of doing "nothing" and allowing evil to triumph, do something! Be that godly influence!



## Mother's Day – May 14<sup>th</sup>

Mother's Day in America was not invented by Hallmark. The modern Mother's Day we celebrate had its origin in the Church, dating back to 1908. Anna Jarvis was its primary proponent. Her intention was not for Mother's Day to become a commercial holiday, but a day to honor your mother (Exodus 20:12) in church. Honor your mother at Faith this Mother's Day!

### 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).

## Grow Group Leadership Meeting

The next Grow Group Leaders' Meeting is Tuesday, May 2, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Your Grow Group Leaders are studying the book *8 Habits of Effective Small Group Leaders*. Their focus at this meeting will be on Chapter 6, "Mentor an Apprentice Leader." They will read this chapter and bring their questions, comments, and ideas for discussion. At the last meeting they were asked to identify someone that they could mentor to take over the leadership of their group in their absence and to invite that person to this meeting. A meal will be served.

### LIFEBLOOD At FAITH



Be a Hero and donate on **21 May 2017** at Faith. The Lifeblood vehicle will be at the church parking lot from **9:30 to 12:30**.

Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex and for more information contact Phil Laquinta at 901-647-8293.

## Youth News

We will continue to dive deep into scripture with our Sunday School teachings. And Youth Crew will be playing some awesome games as well as getting into Biblical topics that we will talk about together. And of course we'll have time to talk & get to know each other!

*Chris Mark*

## Prayer Ministry

When people come to the prayer corner during the 10:30 services, the prayer team and the person being prayed for are sometimes aware that more time is needed to address their concern. Due to this, the prayer team would like to offer times of extended ministry. These times will be offered on arranged Sunday's immediately following the **10:30** service.



If you find yourself in need of a quieter, more comprehensive time of prayer, please contact Rita Barnett at **482-9856** or any other member of the team.

## Creation Care

We hear a lot about saving the earth, some as an act of stewardship to God, some as an end in itself, bordering on earth worship. From the beginning, way before the modern environmental movement, God put Adam in the Garden of Eden to "work it and take care of it" (Genesis 2:15). Biblical creation care is not worshipping God's creation (as some extreme environmentalists do); it is being a good steward of it. Creation care is taking care of God's creation for the sake of this generation and generations to come. Ultimately, as Anglican author John Stott said, "God intends...our care of creation to reflect our love for our Creator" (*The Radical Disciple*). How might you care for God's creation? Some ideas: reduce consumption and waste, properly dispose of chemicals, continually give thanks to God for "this fragile earth, our island home."

### Scripture Prayers

Do you have family or friends who do not yet know the Lord? I do, so please allow me to share with you a scriptural prayer I pray daily for them. 2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some count slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

Dear Father in heaven, in accordance with Your powerful, life-giving Word, I ask You to please bring \_\_\_ to salvation in You. Please surround \_\_\_ with mature, godly people who will love and point \_\_\_ to you.

Together let's be faithful to pray for and believe that God will hear and answer our prayers.

*Norma Pike*

## National Day of Prayer Sunday at Faith Anglican Church is May 7th



## May Birthdays

Jeremy Franks	5/02	Henry Booth	5/25
Betty Ellard	5/05	Don Harrison	5/29
Kevin Crocker	5/11	Mary Forsdick	5/31
Julie Bourie	5/12	Mary Hand	5/31
Rhonda Follis	5/15	Zach Naufel	5/31
Matthew Brewer	5/18		

## Anniversaries

John & Cathy Evans	5/01
Peter & Aphra Claverie	5/05
William & Lauren Hearne	5/16
Al & Rosemarie Graskey	5/23
Dale & Julie Bourie	5/25
Ron & Patty Kirby	5/30
Bill & Lynda Zachry	5/30

## Prayer Corner

George Conner  
Noland Pipes  
Mansell Lancaster  
Emily Dalke  
Fr. Victor Van Pelt  
Sherry Wilkes



## Happenings in June

June 3	Called to the Quiet
June 4	Pentecost Sunday
June 11	Trinity Sunday
June 18-23	Soul in the City
June 28-30	Assembly 2017 (Mission on Our Doorstep)

## Save the Date

July 17-20 Vacation Bible School

## Br. Kirt's Visit Informative

Once again I am overwhelmed at the generosity and charity of the congregation of Faith Anglican Church. In April we were visited by Bro. Kirt Gerber of the Benedictines of Christ the King (Chicago, Illinois), for the medical clinic that they support in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya. A wine and cheese reception was held in the Narthex on Saturday, 4-1-17 and attended by 23 members and guests from other parishes. Bro. Kirt provided a lecture on the work that is ongoing and the changes that have transpired in the past year. He presented some photographs of the area and the building housing the clinic. It was evident that this is an area far poorer than anything we have witnessed here in Memphis or the Mid-South. Bro Kirt shared with us the costs to run the clinic and the charges they make to provide services. The clinic charges 30 Shillings per visit to see the doctor or Nurse Practitioner on staff. In American terms, that is around 30 cents. RN's are paid about 60 shillings an hour. The clinic also collaborates with a hospital outside of town to provide surgeries for those who are in need. Most surgeries run \$250 and are needed to get the patient back to work to earn a living for their family. Members of the Parish Council and some other members went to dinner afterwards and learned more about the extraordinary work being accomplished at these two facilities. I hope you will be as proud as I am to know that Faith Anglican Church raised more than **\$3865.00** for this very worthy purpose.

*David Hightower*

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.” Exodus 20:12





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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](mailto:laqueta@faithanglicanchurch.org)

## Ladies Retreat

The Faith Anglican Ladies Retreat will be held, once again, at the beautiful Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat



Center in Stanton, TN. Mark your calendars for Friday **May 12, at 6:00 p.m.**

**through Saturday, May 13, 4:00 p.m.** The cost is \$80 and includes one night's

lodging (double occupancy) and 3 meals. Our theme this year is The Fruit of the

Spirit. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. If you are interested, please sign the

sheet so that we can plan and make reservations. The deadline to sign up and pay is

Sunday, April 30. Make your checks payable to Faith Anglican Church, but give

them to Sudy Fisher. Prayerfully consider joining us as we draw close to our Lord and bond with one another.

If you have questions, contact the Retreat Committee (*Sudy Fisher, Chris Shields, Alexa Tutor, Sherry Wilkes*).

## Ascension Sunday – May 28<sup>th</sup>



In the Christian year we have seven principal feast days: Christmas, Epiphany, Easter Sunday, Ascension, Pentecost Sunday, Trinity Sunday, and All Saints'. All seven are crucial to our understanding of God and shape our worship. These are Sundays you should not miss! This year Ascension Sunday is on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Jesus' ascension into heaven and the Trinitarian Godhead with his human body and soul affects how we understand God. Come! Come and worship.