



SEPTEMBER 2017

The Vine

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

Uniquely Anglican: Praying the Daily Office

The first Book of Common Prayer (Prayer Book) was authored by Anglican Archbishop Thomas Cranmer in 1549. Before the Prayer Book, the Sunday worship service was in Latin, which no one but a few of the priests understood. Having Sunday worship in the common language moved the people from a mysterious, superstitious, and often fearful activity to true biblical worship. Cranmer was sure to weave Holy Scripture throughout the Sunday and Daily worship services.

Throughout the week we have a uniquely Anglican way of drawing close to God through the Daily Office. What is the Daily Office? The Daily Office is a series of worship services appropriate for individual and family use at home. The services of the Daily Office are in the Book of Common Prayer. The Anglican Church in North America has published: Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Compline, and Family Prayer (to be published in Book form in 2019). An online version is available at legereme.com/office. In September, printed copies will be available for our congregation.

As you would expect, Morning Prayer is prayed in the morning and Evening Prayer is prayed in the early evening. Compline is designed to be prayed at the end of the day. Some Anglican Christians pray all three. Some pray one or two each day. Family Prayer provides a more concise version of the other Daily Office services, which is especially appropriate to use with young children.

Today, I would like to share my experience of praying Morning Prayer. Before I turn on the phone, TV, or radio,



I spend time leisurely praying Morning Prayer. Yes, I am tempted to rush, but I make myself slow down. Morning Prayer includes a brief sentence of Scripture, Confession, a time of praise, a Psalm or two, a Bible reading or two, the Lord's Prayer, and a time of personal prayer.

Unlike on Sundays, as I pray the confession, I linger over the various phrases, giving the Holy Spirit time to expose my sins so I may confess them. As I read Scripture, I take time to underline sections that speak powerfully to me. As I pray the Lord's Prayer, I take time to pray it slowly, prayerfully meditating on each phrase. I take time to intercede for others. All in all, Morning Prayer helps anchor me in the Lord in a balanced biblical way. Would you like to try Morning Prayer or one of the other Daily Office services? After each service on September 24th we will demonstrate how to use the Daily Office services for your personal and family use. Copies of the Daily Office services and the Daily Office Lectionary will be made available.

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).

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.

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 member of Faith. You will 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 24th**, 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-mail Herb at herbhand@faithanglicanchurch.org. The second part is held at the same location on Sunday, **October 1st** 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 and the Anglican Church in North America, our parish vision, purpose and core values, 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.

September 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	Riley Leet	9/19
Gabe Mejia	9/10	Jane Scott	9/22
Bonnie Mejia	9/11	Jennifer Brewer	9/24
Zach Amos	9/14	Deb Glover	9/26
Monk Carlton	9/17		

September Anniversaries

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

Prayer Corner

George Conner
Noland Pipes
Mansell Lancaster
Emily Dalke



Monday Night Ladies Bible Study Beginning September 11th

The Monday Night Ladies Bible Study will have our first meeting on September 11, at 7:00 p.m. at Bill and Sudy Fisher's. All ladies are invited to join us as we study the revised and expanded *Discerning the Voice of God* by Priscilla Shirer. We will explore a more intimate relationship with God and learn how to listen to Him with greater confidence, clarity, and discernment. The cost for the book is \$13.00. **Please sign up in the narthex to reserve a book.** Join us for a light meal, loving fellowship, an amazing study and prayer time. Contact Sudy for more information.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study Beginning September 12

Ladies, come and meet every Tuesday from 10:00 til 12:00 starting September 12 for prayer and an exciting new Bible study called *Lies Women Believe and the Truth That Sets Them Free* by Nancy DeMoss. Books with a companion guide are \$14.50. Call Pat Covington at 662-893-2266 for more information.

"If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31 Pat Covington

It's time to register for Awana.

AWANA (derived from the first letters of Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed as taken from 2 Timothy 2:15) is an international non-profit organization founded in 1950. The mission of AWANA is to help "churches and parents worldwide raise children and youth to know, love and serve Christ."



Our program meets on Sundays from 4:00 – 6:00 from September to May. The children pray, sing, learn about God, play games, and fellowship during supper. The Word of God is emphasized through lessons and Scripture memory work and incentives. AWANA provides an excellent opportunity to create a consistency between home, church, and school for our children. We offer 3 groups: Cubbies (Grades K3-K4), Sparks (Grades K5-2), and Truth & Training (Grades 3-6).



To learn more about AWANA and to register, please join us for a luau party on Sunday **August 27th** at 4:00. We'll have an information meeting for parents while the kids have fun playing AWANA games and activities. Our first regular meeting is **September 10th**.

A Little Whale Humor

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah."

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you ask him."

All Church Work Day Saturday, September 9th

A sign-up sheet will be offered closer to the date. See Ron Kirby if you have items that you feel need to be addressed.

God is Good!

Jennifer Bostick wishes to thank God for sending Faith Anglican Church a new Altar Guild servant? *Becky Conner* has answered the call and is our newest member at the 10:30 service.

Get Your Copy of the Daily Office

On Sunday September 24th printed copies of the new ACNA Daily Office (Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Compline, and Family Prayer) will be available to the congregation. After each service we will provide a brief demonstration on how to pray the services.

The Ten Commandments

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds.

After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not murder."



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

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

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Kick-Off Sunday! – September 10th

Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast @ 9:10 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, so come on time!

Sunday School Classes @ 9:30 am

Our classes, which are part of our Grow Group, ministry include:

- Children’s Sunday School (Gospel Project) led by Annette Kersting & Jill Amos
- Youth Sunday School (Gospel Project) led by Chris Mark
- Prayer and Prayer Study (in the Conference Room) led by Rita Barnett
- Adult Class (Gospel Project) by Greg Follis & Peter Lutrick



Sunday Night Groups @ 4:00 pm

- Awana (ages 3 to 6th grade) led by Mary Hand, Jean Belles, & many others
- Youth Crew (7-12 grades) led by Chris Mark
- Adult Grow Group (Kerygma study) led by Fr. Herb & David Hightower