



JANUARY 2018

# The Vine

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

## Do You Have the Time?

We all long to be loved and to love, to have significant relationships with family and friends, yet much in our current culture is not conducive to building deep meaningful relationships. Building relationships takes time. A Ugandan once said, "White people have watches, but Africans have the time." Often our "relationships" are driven by our perceived limited time. One-way quick communication (texts, emails, and Facebook posts) can 1. Be misunderstood and bring division. 2. Don't have enough depth to forge deep meaningful relationships. Do you have the time? the time to invest in relationships?



Do you have the time? the time to build meaningful relationships? In our increasingly fragmented frenetic world, people long for meaningful relationships. Finding none, they fill their lives with all sorts of unhealthy and unbiblical behaviors, then wonder why their lives are so unfulfilled. As Christians, we need to live and model healthy biblical relationships in our families, in our church, and with those who are outside of God's church. Maybe this is part of what Jesus meant when He said, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13). By modeling healthy relationships, you give people a taste of how God designed us to live. Relationships take time: dinner, coffee, walks, etc. Relationship building may seem inefficient, yet over time, the time you invest produces lasting abundant fruit.

Nine years ago, when I served on our Standing Rock mission team, we hosted a "feed" in the village of Selfridge, North Dakota. Our mission team partnered with a mission team from Florida to prepare a delicious hot dinner. The group from Florida rushed to get there on time. Then we waited and waited and waited. Finally I told Lakota Deacon Terry Star, "Dinner's ready, should we have a prayer and get started." He said, "Not everyone is here. We will wait." We waited another 45 minutes. The dinner was cold. Our teams were hungry. It felt like a disaster. After the last native family arrived, we had dinner together. What seemed like a hospitality disaster to me was a great success to the Lakota-Dakota people. What was important to the people we were feeding was being together, including everyone, and valuing relationships over punctuality or culinary perfection.

This year, take the time to build deeper relationships with family members, friends, and acquaintances. Here are some biblical "One Anothers" to keep in mind:

- "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you" – Romans 15:7
- "Serve one another in love." – Galatians 5:13
- "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other." – Ephesians 4:32
- "Encourage one another daily." – Hebrews 3:13
- "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." – 1 Peter 4:9

It may mean putting down your cell phone and making eye contact, but it will be well worth it!!!

### 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).

## Epiphany Sunday ~ January 7<sup>th</sup>

Since Epiphany is one of the seven principal feast days of the Church, we have transferred our celebration from January 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> so everyone may participate. We celebrate the revealing of Christ to the Gentiles, which is most of us!

### Epiphany Breakfast

The Epiphany Kick-off breakfast is **January 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am**. Sunday School kicks off at 9:30 am. We will have waffles served by the returning one and only William Hearne! Please feel free to bring juice, fruit, and other breakfast treats to go along with the waffles.



### Kids Sunday School Update

New Year brings New Changes! The children's Sunday school class has switched from the Gospel Project to Bible in Life Sunday school study. It is an Anglican curriculum and we are very excited about it!

### Monday Night Ladies Bible Study

The Monday night ladies Bible study will resume on **January 8 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Bill and Sudy Fisher, 8824 Eatonwick Drive, Cordova, 38016. If you want to learn how to expand your joy threshold by awakening God's fierce love for you and how to rise above your circumstances to become more winsome, cheerful, and thankful, please join us as we study Margaret Feinberg's study entitled *Fight Back with Joy*. The cost for the book is \$13. All ladies are welcome. Please join us for prayer, study, fellowship, and a light meal. Sign up in the Narthex to reserve a book, or contact Sudy at 901-299-4341.

### Grow Group Leadership Meeting

The next Grow Group Leadership Meeting is Tuesday, **January 9, 2018, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** As we continue our study of the book *8 Habits of Effective Small Group Leaders*, our focus will be on Chapter 7 "Fellowship: Plan Group Fellowship Activities." Please read this chapter and bring your questions, comments, and ideas for discussion. If you have been mentoring someone to help lead your group, please invite that person to attend. A meal will be served. Please RSVP to Sherry Wilkes or Sudy Fisher. We look forward to this time of fellowship and sharing and hope to see all of you there.

## Annual Reader's Workshop

**January 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

### 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 14<sup>th</sup>** (Baptism of Our Lord) or **April 8<sup>th</sup>** (Sunday after Easter). If you are interested please contact Fr. Herb (755-4848).

### Youth Group News

Exciting News! Faith's youth group has just got an Instagram! It is a social media app that allows you to post pictures and videos. We will be using it to try and keep friends and family of the youth aware of what's going on as well as give them a look into what the youth group is up to. Follow the youth group on Instagram at [faithanglicanyouth](https://www.instagram.com/faithanglicanyouth) to see what's going on!

*Christmas Lock-in:* We had a blast at our lock-in!!! We stayed up for fun and games and adventure and THAT is what we got! We saw Star Wars, ate tons of snacks, played many great games, and opened tons of joke gifts.

Chris Mark



## 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, be more able to help those in need, and be more able to fulfill God's command to tithe.

### ***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 21<sup>st</sup>**, 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. 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, **January 28<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

## January Birthdays

Cathy Evans	01	Christina Zachary	29
Janie Adkins	10	Edward Amos	31
Mike Reese	11	Cathy Webb	31
Greg Follis	12		

## January Anniversaries

Esco and Ann Satchfield	03
Bob and Jennifer Bostick	05

## Prayer Corner

George Conner  
Noland Pipes  
Mansell Lancaster

Emily Dalke  
Nancy Ebbing



## Serving at Eighth Street Mission for Jesus Christ

Peter Claverie, Fred and Tanya Ellrich, Bill Fisher, Chuck and Deb Glover, and David Hightower served the meal and had fellowship with those who came to the Mission on November 27th. Leland, the new Kitchen Director, shared that we had 32 guests in attendance with enough for 2nds for all. A lower turnout was probably due to the holidays. We did serve 6 local children, hearty eaters all, up for extra cookies!

Thanks to all who participated in providing the food for the meal, commodities (coffee, sugar, toilet paper), dollars, and service! A good time was had by all.

The 8th Street Thanksgiving Meal Celebration was held on Wednesday, November 22. Reportedly 150 people in the community were served.

*Remember: eggs, toilet paper, and sugar are always needed.*

Consider joining us on one of our visits to serve. For more info contact Chuck at 674-0926 or cglover847@gmail.com. Chuck Glover

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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)

## One Service Sunday Annual Parish Meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 2017, receive the 2017 financial report and the 2018 budget, hear about our plans for 2018, 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 Bill Fisher and Rosemarie Graskey. Members of the congregation may make nominations from the floor. All are welcome and encouraged to attend! Childcare will be available.

## New Directory

We are updating our church directory to have it available for you at the annual parish meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have any corrections to your information (phone number, address, email, etc.), please contact the church office at 755-4848 or [laqueta@faithanglicanchurch.org](mailto:laqueta@faithanglicanchurch.org). We will be printing and assembling the week of January 14.

## Acolyte Training

Acolyte Training will be held on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:15. This training is for existing acolytes and those who may be interested in becoming acolytes.