



MARCH 2018

The Vine

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

The Problem of Pain and How to Respond

Famed Anglican Author C. S. Lewis wrote *The Problem of Pain* to ponder why a good God allows evil and its accompanied pain in this world. Pain, I'm primarily speaking of emotional pain, is something we have all experienced and responded to. Sometimes we have responded well and sometimes not so well.



Where does inner pain come from? Disappointment. Unmet expectations. Betrayal. Assault of the body or soul. Slander. Gossip. Prejudice. Accusations. Abandonment. Injustice. Believing the lies of Satan. Unfortunately, in this fallen world we have unlimited opportunities to experience pain. Some of us get over pain quickly. Others take much longer to recover. For instance, when my daughter had a miscarriage many years ago, Mary and I grieved deeply and were concerned that Liz would be in deep pain. Yet, Liz seemed not to be fazed and cheerfully said, "At least I know I can get pregnant." Others who have experienced miscarriages have grieved for months if not years. We all handle pain differently and recover at different rates.

Pain in this world is a given. How you respond to pain is not. When someone wounds you, you have a choice. You can respond to pain with blame, blessing, or trying to escape.

Many try to escape their pain through drugs or

alcohol. In 2016 over 1,600 people in Tennessee died from drug overdoses, double what it was just five years earlier. So often people get drunk or high to try to dull the pain they feel in their soul. Does it help? Not really. Not only do their problems not go away, but new ones crop up: illness, loss of work, accidents, adultery, etc.

Blame is another prevalent way of dealing with pain. Blame results in accusations, gossip, more hurt feelings, lawsuits, and a sense of self-righteousness. If I can point the finger at you, then I can feel smug and right and better than you. When we blame, we don't turn the other cheek (Matt. 5:39); we strike back.

A third way of dealing with pain is blessing, blessing the one who has wounded you. Not easy! In fact impossible in my own strength. Jesus tells us to: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you," – Matthew 5:43-44

"Bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." – Luke 6:28
This is the only godly way of responding to pain. Blessing others in the midst of pain, stops the pain from becoming a cancer to your soul. What did Jesus say while hanging in agony on the cross at the hands of godless men? "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." – Luke 23:34

Ladies Retreat

Ladies, plan ahead! Our annual retreat will be Friday, April 6th ~ Saturday afternoon, April 7th. We will return to Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center. Any questions, contact Sudy Fisher.

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).

Youth Crew News

Winter Jam: Its time to jam out! It's a tour where Christian artists go from city to city putting on a concert for only \$15 but I suggest bringing \$20 or so in case you want a soda! Where? FedEx Forum! When? Sat, March 3! What time? Starts at 6 but doors open at 5! Meet at Faith at 3:00 so we can get good seats! Open to youth & families! Contact Chris for details!

SOS: Hey guys! Just a reminder that June 10-16 we have SOS (Service Over Self) & sign ups are open! Its gonna be a great inner city mission trip & we will spend the week really getting to do some hard work for the Lord! Any questions please let me know!

The Spiritual Discipline of Simplicity

In his book *The Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster said, "The Christian discipline of simplicity is an *inward* reality that results in an *outward* life-style." What does simplicity look like? Simplicity is living free from the lust of possessions or the need for possessions to find self-worth or happiness. Simplicity is reducing the clutter and complexity of your life, so you and your resources may be more devoted to God and his people. Simplicity includes reducing the clutter of your life, your mind, and your possessions, so more of your life, your mind, and your possessions may be devoted to God and His kingdom. It's time to do some spring cleaning! It's time to reduce the clutter!

March Birthdays

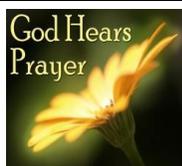
Phil Laquinta	03	Ann Satchfield	21
Harrison Bourie	05	Leah Trippel	25
Patty Kirby	10	Patricia King	29
Lynda Zachry	11	Bill Fisher	30
Pat Covington	17	Tyler Howard	30
Kevin Holland	18	Pamela Douglas	31
Pat Reese	20		

March Anniversaries

Bill & Sudy Fisher	01
Chuck & Deb Glover	13

Prayer Corner

Nancy Ebbing	
Noland Pipes	Emily Dalke
Mansell Lancaster	Matt Badgett
Robin McCray	Rev. Ben Badgett & family



Called to the Quiet Retreat Saturday, March 24th, 9-Noon

Do you want to grow in your prayer life? Then come spend some quiet time with your Lord, a time of prayer, meditation, reflection, and hearing from God. From nine until noon at our *Called to the Quiet Retreat*, we will begin with Morning Prayer, have a time of directed prayer, meditation, and reflection, and conclude with Noon Day Prayers. A booklet is provided to help guide your time of prayer. You may enjoy walking the grounds or sitting in a lawn chair for a portion of your personal time of prayer and meditation. You may want to bring your Bible as well. Spiritual Direction and Reconciliation (Confession) will be available.



David Hightower CTTQ Testimony

Let me take a moment and call your attention to something that you might be overlooking that can only be described as precious. This world, by its internet and 24 hour media, cell, phones, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and social media, has spun more out of control than any time in our human history. We barely have time to absorb the latest news of the hour before we are subjected to a new onslaught almost as it happens. This is a far cry from just a decade ago and sadly, it is not wholly vindicated or truthful. As I write this article, news comes with all new information of how these venues are being high-jacked and pirated from us by our greatest enemies. We are being slammed by "fake news" and by untruthful stories every day that cause us to have less faith and belief in the systems we have come to believe in and have established over time to guide us through these most treacherous waters. More than anytime I can remember, the Voice of the anti-Christ is being broadcast daily to our Nation and the world. What can we do?

Join me this coming March 24th at Called to the Quiet and spend some quality time with our God and our Savior to just listen and hear the pure message of our Lord just for you. Stop what you are doing and just come listen to what God wants you to know. There is no test, no preparation; it us just the opposite of what you are doing. Come, spend a few hours with the Lord and listen to what He wants you to know: He loves You. Give Him the time to tell you so.



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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

Palm Sunday Passion Gospel – March 25th

At the 10:30 service we will gather outside for the *Liturgy of the Palms* and process into the church. At both services we will enjoy a dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel. The donkey will be here for the second service, so come a little early with the kids to see him. Be sure to invite a guest for this moving service!

Maundy Thursday Seder Supper – March 29th at 7:00 pm

This year we will enjoy a Messianic Seder Supper. We will feast on authentic Jewish food, have a full service in which everyone will participate, and enjoy the richness of celebrating the historic feast of Passover with the promise and presence of fulfilled prophecy in Jesus. The whole family is invited and encouraged to attend. Childcare is available.

Good Friday Worship – March 30th at 7:00 pm

We will meditate on the meaning of the cross of Christ, hear the Good Friday Good News proclaimed, and enjoy a special outdoor *Station of the Cross* presentation. Bring a flashlight. Seating will be available for those unable to walk the path. Fasting and extended prayer is encouraged on Good Friday. Childcare is available.

Prayer Book Revisions Almost Done

The ACNA Prayer Book services we have been using are under trial use. The Liturgical Commission is receiving almost daily feedback on the services and is periodically making changes from that feedback.

They have agreed to certain changes for several of the services, including Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. For instance, in the *Ancient Text* Holy Communion service that we use, the response, “Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.” is being added, and the simpler “The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.” will be the official words used by the Chalice Bearer. I believe the changes are positive and look forward to us all experiencing them during our Sunday morning worship after Easter. Our new Prayer Book will be in final form and printed in 2019. Fr. Herb

