



JUNE 2018

The Vine

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

Curiosity Killed the Christian

You've likely heard the saying, "Curiosity killed the cat." The same can be said for Christians. Certain types of curiosity are healthy and life-giving, but other types of curiosity can be deadly. What type of curiosity is deadly for Christians? The type of curiosity which delves into the dirty and demonic. It usually starts with a simple curiosity of what non-Christians do or believe. A simple curiosity can quickly turn into wondering what it would be like to do what they do. Wondering can quickly turn into unwholesome practice.



The Book of Deuteronomy is the book Jesus most often quoted. It is a book of sermons, designed to prepare the Israelites to enter the Promised Land. Before the Conquest, the land was filled with people who served other gods. Worship of these false gods included many immoral practices: child sacrifice, idol worship, and temple prostitution. These religions had very few moral boundaries, so oppression of the poor was common, as was adultery and homosexual practice. In Deuteronomy 12:30 God warned His people saying, "take care that you be not ensnared to follow them ... and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?'" Curious? Don't be! Don't inquire about false gods. Don't inquire about immoral practices that are rampant in our society. Don't go there. If curiosity killed the cat, then curiosity can kill the Christian as well.

How can you avoid unwholesome curiosity? 1. With God's help. 2. Your conscious decision, an act of your will. The Psalmist asked for God's help. He rightly prayed, "Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways" (Psalm 119:37). In John's first letter, he implored God's people to not love the things of this corrupt world system. He said, "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world" (1 John 2:15-16).

However, it is not enough to simply strive to avoid curiosity about the gods and practices of non-Christians. We must fill our minds with the things of God. We must be curious about the things of God. As Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matthew 5:6). The Apostle Paul said, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). As you meditate upon God's Word and God's ways, there will be less and less space to dwell with curiosity on those things which kill the Christian.

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 News

Summer is almost here & we will be doing a lot together! We will be hanging out both inside & outside of work, watching movies, playing games, eating great food, & even building a Gaga ball court! Keep an eye out for more details to come! If you have any thoughts or questions please let me know!

Chris Mark

Called to the Quiet Retreat Saturday, June 2nd, 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.



Welcome to Our New Minister of Music

Lana Marler has accepted the call to serve as our Minister of Music. She began May 13th. Lana is a singer/songwriter, poet, author, and leader of musicians. Most of all she leads the congregation into worship through song. Lana studied Sacred Music and Vocal Music Performance at the University of Memphis. She has extensive experience directing church music programs and choirs. Lana will be leading our music ministry, but not playing piano. Daryl Rojas will be our lead pianist. Please warmly welcome Lana and Daryl, and keep them in your prayers.



Father's Day June 17th

Faith Altar Guild

We would like to welcome Danne Parham to the altar guild and the service of the Lord. She will make a nice addition to our mission group.

What is "Tithing"?

Sometimes people call their offering their "tithe." This isn't always accurate. Tithing is acknowledging that God is your provider by returning 10% of your income to Him. Tithing levels the "giving field" for it is true proportional giving. When the one who makes \$500 a week gives the Lord \$50, in the Lord's eyes they are giving the same as the one who makes \$2,000 a week and gives the Lord \$200. Why give the Lord 10% of your income? God says, "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need" (Malachi 3:10). Tithing is how God expects us to show our trust in Him to provide for us abundantly, and He welcomes us to test His faithfulness!

June Birthdays

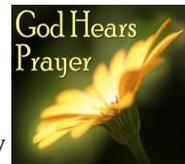
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Al Graskey	12	Michell Zulu	26
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John Evans	17	Ramona Hunt	30
Edith Langlois	21	Frederic Ndaruhutse	30

June Anniversaries

John and Jane Scott	06
Fred and Carol Robertson	10
Bill and Nancy Douglas	14
Peter and Laura Lutrick	18
Lance and Mary Forsdick	20
Fred and Tanya Ellrich	25

Prayer Corner

Nancy Ebbing	
Noland Pipes	
Mansell Lancaster	Robin McCray
Mr. Forsdick	Andy Chadwick





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Service Times:

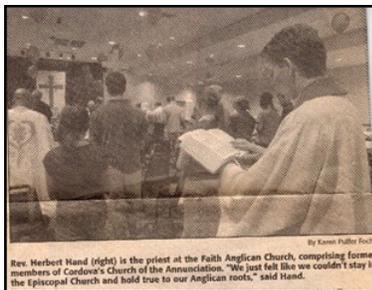
Sunday:

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

Celebrate the 15th Anniversary of Faith Anglican Church



June 3, 2018
One Service at 9:30 am
BBQ Lunch



On Sunday June 3rd we will celebrate the 15th anniversary of Faith Anglican Church. We will have one service at 9:30 am, followed by lunch and a special 15 year video presentation, showing the faces and places of Faith Anglican Church. BBQ, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. Bring a side or desert to share. Bring plenty for we are inviting those who formerly attended. Entertainment includes a bounce house, corn hole, and whatever games you bring. Indoor and outdoor seating will be available. Bring a lawn chair for outdoor seating under one of the tents. Bring a friend!