



A Can a Week!

Don't forget to keep bringing your canned goods and boxes for the Food Basket. The basket is brought up to the altar with the offering every Sunday to be blessed.

Bob and Sharon Neller are a blessing for all their hard work and dedication with this important ministry. They bag up the cans and boxes every week and bring them into Interfaith Ministry. *Keep up your faithful giving!*



Advice from Mother Teresa

"People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous,

Be honest anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway."

+ Christian Symbols +



Sevenfold Flame

Tongues of fire are a common symbol of the Holy Spirit, based on the Pentecost events of Acts 2. However, when seven flames are depicted together, they also represent the seven gifts of the Spirit as named in Isaiah 11:2-3: wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of the Lord and delight in the fear of the Lord (sometimes paraphrased "joy in the Lord's presence").

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Answer to Bible Quiz: C

(See Judges 16:17-19.)

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The Savior's Voice

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"A Swimming Pool in the ICU?"

From "Houses of Worship -The Wall Street Journal"

June 7, 2016 submitted by James O'Neill

"A swimming pool in the ICU? You must be nuts." The nurse's voice was almost lost amid the whooshing ventilator and infusion pumps.

Five days earlier, we had admitted Bennie, a Vietnam veteran, to the intensive care unit of our VA hospital in Nashville, Tenn. Frail and wrinkled, he had a look of utter confusion and a furrowed brow that would pluck the heartstrings of even the most calloused physician. Decades spent in Southern tobacco fields left him looking old enough to remember Hoover's presidency.

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Confirmation and Reaffirmations performed by Bishop



On June 5th, Bishop Eric Menees confirmed Teri Jebb and Mazekale Duncan. In addition, Gregory Matteson, Joan Court, Tom Jebb, Linda York, Liz Basham and Jim O'Neill reaffirmed their faith. It was a beautiful service and was followed by a brief legal update and question and answer session by the Bishop. Everyone also enjoyed a wonderful pot-luck.



From left: Gregory Matteson, Mazekale Duncan, Joan Court, Bishop Eric Menees, Teri Jebb, Linda York, Liz Basham and Jim O'Neill and kneeling in front, Tom Jebb.

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

—Mother Teresa

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The Bishop's Committee meets the second Sunday of every month following the Sunday service.

- ✚ Sunday School - Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- ✚ Nursery - Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- ✚ Church Service - Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

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*Welcome to Jesus,
 Our Savior*

**“Protected”
 Safe and Secure in God’s presence,
 I live each day to the fullest.**

Whether my loves ones and I are together or in different locations around the world, we are one in Spirit. Omnipresent God guides our steps, directs our way and bring us safely back together.

As the time for summer vacation approaches, I keep my thoughts positive and affirm that all who travel will safely reach their destinations. I see each one gently enfolded in God’s loving care. I pray for children who are out of school for the summer and for those attending summer classes.

I meet each day with confidence and in anticipation of good. Safe and secure in God’s presence, I live each day to the fullest.

“Like bird hovering overhead, so the Lord of hosts will protect Jerusalem: he will protect and deliver it, he will spare and rescue it.” Isaiah 31:5

*Sincerely with love,
 Beverly Burke
 Welcoming Committee*

We were saddened to hear of Deacon Hugh Cooke’s passing in July. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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2nd Chance Computer Program Update

The first Computer Give-Away of the 2016-17 school year is scheduled for Saturday, August 27th.

2nd Chance Computers was fortunate to receive a big donation of 180 computers and monitors from Modesto City Schools and Terry Scott has been working hard on scrubbing the drives and installing Linux software on them.

Since the first Give-Away will be big, we plan to have cookies, candy and punch available for the students and their families. Monetary donations or supplies would be very much appreciated for the first Give-Away. You are also invited to come and check it out and see how excited these students are to receive their first computer.

We appreciate your continued support and prayers for this ministry. To donate, call Terry at 402-8586 or the church at 551-5279. Thanks for all your help!

Families in Need

From January 1 to the present, the Families in Need category (Little White Church donations) accumulated \$60. The Bishop’s Committee voted to donate that \$60 to the Backpack and School Supplies Drive.

Answers to “A Tree Grows”

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| 1. Christmas | 6. Palm | 11. Hemlock |
| 2. Ash | 7. Apple | 12. Olive |
| 3. Weeping Willow | 8. Gum | 13. Cypress |
| 4. Laurel | 9. Locust | 14. Bay |
| 5. Elder | 10. Fir | |



Bible Quiz

Under what circumstances did strongman Samson become weak?

- A. When a curse was spoken against him.
- B. When he slacked off on his weight-lifting exercises.
- C. When his hair was cut.
- D. When he was bound with ropes that had never been used.

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| ➤ Karen T. | ➤ Pat N. |
| ➤ Maxine M. | ➤ Margie M. |
| ➤ Shirley E. | ➤ Corrie |
| ➤ Art E. | ➤ Corinne G. |
| ➤ Don & Ruby | ➤ Myles P. |
| ➤ JoAnne & Neal M. | ➤ Sandra B. |
| ➤ Jean & Velmer R. | ➤ Mary Lee |
| ➤ Janet M. | ➤ Paige |
| ➤ Genie B. | ➤ Tom K. |
| ➤ Eva B. | ➤ Ayden N. |
| ➤ Jay Marie & family | ➤ Isaac S. |
| ➤ Faye B. | ➤ Lois |
| ➤ Tom D. | ➤ Pamela J. |
| ➤ Tatum | ➤ Carol G. |

If you have a name to add to the prayer list, please fill out a Prayer Request card, located at the entrance table and also on the parish hall table and give to Fr. Jack.

Answers to Kid’s Page

“I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.”

Psalm 13:5 NIV



- ❖ Robby Beyers July 15
- ❖ Jordan Simas July 16
- ❖ Juanita Thorington July 20
- ❖ Larry Beyers August 5
- ❖ Tom Dimperio August 18
- ❖ Jeffrey Neller August 21
- ❖ Michael Simas August 30

✚ Tom & Teri Jebb August 22 29 years

If you are not on the Birthday & Anniversary chart located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, please let Mary Scott know.

The Kid's Page

TRUST POSTER

No matter what you face, God is with you. Make this poster as a reminder to always trust God.



What you need:

- Cardstock
- Glue
- Twigs (a 3" piece and a 2" piece)
- Pebbles
- Black paint
- Paintbrush
- Sand or glitter
- Broken crayons (2 or 3)

What you do:

1. On the left side of the cardstock, trace a 3"-high letter T with glue. Place twigs on the glue lines.
2. Trace an R of the same size. Place pebbles on that glue.
3. Use black paint to make a U.
4. Trace an S in glue. Pour sand (or glitter) on top.
5. Make another T with glue. Place the crayons on top.
6. After the poster dries, shake off the excess sand (or glitter) into a trash can.

NEVER FEAR!

The Psalms are full of inspiring prayers to God, who always looks after you.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in each missing letter. Then use those letters to complete Psalm 13:5, NIV.

What plants grow in DIR ₁

The opposite of play WO ₂ K

One-of-a-kind ₃ NI QUE

A hug and a KI ₄ S

Sour TAR ₅

To speak very loudly YE ₆ L

Immediately N ₇ W

Bees live in a HI ₈ E

A dandelion is this W ₉ ED

I ₁ ₂ ₃ ₄ ₅ in your unfailing ₆ ₇ ₈ ₉ ;
my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV

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The Vicar's Voice

Seek the blessings

The Month of July is almost a moment of recent history. We have had a lot of things occur during this time. From the lawsuit ending to several of our beloved brothers and sisters being physically encumbered. My vacation has come and gone, and we have lost a few long-standing members who have moved to other parts of the country from necessity.

But the miracle we see in Jesus our Savior, both the Risen Lord and our little namesake church lifts us up and we carry on. 1st Chronicles tells us: "O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name. Make it known His deeds among the people; sing to Him sing praises to His Holy Name remember to works He has done. His miracles He has shown us."

We continue to shed light and preach the Gospel. We are making a difference for our Savior Christ Jesus. We praise and give him thanks and we are so BLESSED.

AMEN
Blessings, Fr. Jack

FYI As of this date, Jesus Our Savior has contributed \$266.31 to the Diocesan Legal Fund. The monthly amount is based on 2% of the monthly pledges and open plate offerings. The Bishop has requested that all churches continue contributing to this fund at this time.



The Next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, August 6th.

We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. for Bible study, reflection and fellowship. The restaurant for breakfast is always selected by consensus.

Come join us for prayer, reflection and a good breakfast!

Can You Answer These? "A Tree Grows"

by Linda York



What tree is...

1. Put away in the summer
2. Remains after a fire
3. Always sad
4. The hero's tree
5. A good churchman
6. In your hand
7. The Garden of Eden's tree
8. Sticks together
9. Goes hopping about
10. Always well-dressed
11. Part of a dress and part of a door
12. We liked stuffed
13. A deep breath and a printing machine
14. A body of water

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Grace In, Grace Out

The computer acronym GIGO — "garbage in, garbage out" — describes how putting wrong code into a machine will lead to faulty output. Jesus offers a similar lesson in Matthew 15: "What comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person" (v. 18, ESV).

GIGO works the other way, too. If we put good things (including the good news of salvation) "in" our hearts, Jesus' goodness will shine "out" through our lives. And when God's grace enters and changes us, we'll also reach out and share that good news with others.

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Bishop's Note

July 28, 2016

The Lord's Prayer



This last Sunday the gospel lesson was taken from the eleventh chapter of Luke, which begins with the shortened version of the Lord's Prayer – or perhaps what should be called the "Disciple's Prayer" – Jesus said; "When you pray, say..."

"Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." (Luke 11:2-4 ESV) It is impossible for us to understand how outrageous this prayer would have sounded to first-century Jewish ears. To refer to Yahweh as Father – Abba – Papi would have presumed a familiarity that would have been offensive. But that is exactly what Jesus was saying – that we, the disciples of Jesus, are the adopted children of God (John 1:12). Let's examine this prayer:

ABBA. Father. You can guarantee that John the Baptist never prayed to God saying "ABBA." Too few of us accept our place as God's adopted children, choosing to keep our relationships formal and distant. But clearly Jesus is inviting us into a relationship that is both profoundly intimate and transcendent at the same time.

"...hallowed be your name." We must honor and give reverence to God's name! We must take this relationship seriously. However we must also remember that ours is not an unknowable Heavenly Father. But one whose name is holy as is His character – His attributes – His perfection. Jesus refers to this when he says in his prayer, "[28] Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." (John 12:28 ESV) It is not we who glorify or make holy God's name – God does it!

Your kingdom come! What does this mean - your kingdom come?

On the one hand - we're asking for God's rule and reign to continually advance in our hearts and lives here and now. On the other hand – we're asking for God's sovereign to break into a fallen world – not just the individual lives of believers but the lives of all people. Of course, God began to answer that prayer with Jesus' incarnation – His birth – and he will complete that prayer with Jesus' second coming! Ultimately this is where the trust starts coming in. If we are going to allow God to be our King we need to trust the king!

Give us each day our daily bread... God's perfect provision isn't simply for our stomachs, but for all the believers needs. Remembering that our needs and our desires are not the same.

We've discovered over and over again as people are preparing to step out of their properties at just the right moment God opens up the right place.

And you know what? God's provision is always perfect and sufficient.

I think of when I first stepped out of the Episcopal Church in San Diego. The Bishop of San Diego gave an interview to the newspaper.

The following week an anonymous check arrived for \$10,000 from someone in Maryland who read the article online and wanted to support us. A new person showed up the first Sunday – again based on the newspaper article – he was a retired sheriff's deputy and a wonderful wood worker. After the service he said, "hey if your interested I can build you an altar, lectern, credence table, tabernacle and processional cross! And he did! Could I have every guessed that things like that would happen? NO but when we Trust in the Lord he comes though.

And forgive us our sins... This prayer is not the initial forgiveness of sin that we receive in Salvation when we invite Christ into our lives and accept his love and forgiveness. This prayer recognizes our need for regular confession of the ways we've missed the mark and put ourselves before the Lord. Regularly asking for forgiveness is a very helpful reminder of our sinfulness and need for forgiveness. When we are aware of our sinfulness we stop making excuses for our selves and rely upon God's Grace and love.

This prayer is offered with a promise from scripture that God is good and forgiving... "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9 ESV)

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us... Oh that these words will come to fruition! That we, like Jesus, may have the grace and love to forgive those who have offended us. Oh that we may be released from the bondage of our lack of forgiveness – resentment that can cloud and cover all aspects of our lives.

And lead us not into temptation. This statement should not be interpreted as thinking – that God would lead us into temptation – in fact, scripture teaches the opposite... "Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death." (James 1:13-15 ESV)

We entreat God, who orders all things in heaven and on earth to guide us in such as way that our best selves come to the fore rather than our worst!

Ultimately what this prayer is asking is that God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, will so transform our hearts that our desire will be what God desires.

I pray you all a very blessed week.
Bishop Menees

"A Swimming Pool in the ICU?" continued from pg 1

Double pneumonia and too much sedation made him delirious.

As his attending physician, I was thankful for his family. His daughter and son, Laura and Len implored: "Take good care of Dad. He's all we have." Seeing him on a ventilator is terrifying, they said, but we believe in miracles. While loving, such a mind-set could become problematic since their father's situation had the makings of a fatal illness despite our best technology.

With antibiotics and fluids, Bennie improved dramatically and was taken off the ventilator several days later. That same night, though, a massive stroke paralyzed his entire left side, and he went back on life support. We quickly administered clot-busting medicine, and he rallied again, remarkably regaining movement of his left arm and leg. The following day, the intern reported, "His delirium has cleared, and he's mouthing words around the endo-tracheal tube despite his wicked aspiration pneumonia."

I sensed an unexpected window of opportunity. We revisited Bennie's life goals in light of what had happened and spoke directly about the big picture. With his children looking on, I held Bennie's hand and looked him in the eyes. Choosing my words based on what I knew about his background and the family's expectation of miracles, I said, "Bennie, just like tobacco plants eventually wither and wilt, so do we. You have improved in some ways, but overall you are very weak. How can we serve you best?"

The next morning, Laura and Len were upbeat, which confused me since Bennie looked weaker than ever. They pointed to words on a whiteboard in the room, explaining they were Bennie's goals, "Stable vital signs. Baptism."

I spotted Kelly, our charge nurse, smiling like a cat who'd swallowed a canary. In her arms she clutched a box containing a large vinyl swimming pool. First I made sure this was actually Bennie's request and not the family's. My next thought was that we'd have a chaplain anoint him with holy water in his bed, but Laura disagreed. "Jesus wasn't sprinkled, Doc, he was dunked." A senior physician protested that the patient was on a ventilator and said he's never seen a bedside baptism like this in 50 years of practice. There was no shortage of opinions about whether this was appropriate, safe, or even possible.

A large area next to Bennie's bed was cleared and an electric pump inflated the pool. When a multi-person bucket bri-

gade proved too difficult, an engineer rigged dialysis tubing to circulate the pool with a stream of warm water. Bennie was then hoisted high into the air via a patient-transfer lift, and the ventilator was unplugged before he was lowered into the pool.

Len gently took his father, the man who'd shown him how to farm, into his arms. Following the cherished Christian tradition, he slowly submerged Bennie's head completely under the water saying "Dad, I baptize you in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." On cue, the palliative-care social worker began belting out "Amazing Grace." The rest of us stood frozen in time.

First out of the water was blue corrugated ventilator tubing. Then his face appeared around the breathing tube. Bennie's huge smile seemed to say, "Better late than never."

When he died a week later, Laura implored me to tell other people about her Dad, hoping his experience would show them that "we can all become strong through our weakness." In fact, I have seen scores of patients and families use profound "outer wasting" as a catalyst for deep inner renewal. The two most important "frames" of our life are birth and death. We typically associate baptism with the former, yet Jesus spoke of his death as a baptism to indicate the formative next step that dying represents for our journey.

The ICU team's bold yet careful response to Bennie's unusual request taught me an enduring lesson regarding sympathy versus empathy. Sympathy is feeling sorry for someone; empathy is feeling "with" someone. In all the surrounding insanity of the hospital that day, diving deeply into Bennie's life through his baptism on the breathing machine allowed all of us to be reborn, too. Being "with" him in that pool, and rising with him out of it, we walked into others' lives better prepared to serve.

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