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What Ever Happened to “Respect”?

Faith E-News

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OUR VISION:

A Christ Centered Community Growing in Faith.

OUR PURPOSE:

The purpose of Faith Anglican Church is to proclaim the Good News, make disciples, and serve our neighbors.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- We equip lay people for ministry
- We provide biblically centered instruction
- We minister to people where they are
- We welcome all God's children
- We are theologically traditional
- We provide meaningful worship services
- We lead others to Christ.

The late Rodney Dangerfield was well known for saying, “I get no respect!” Sadly, painfully, the truth is many of us today get no respect. In certain cultures and in certain eras respect was expected and required – not today, not now, not in our increasingly narcissistic culture. Teachers, police, clergy, parents, spouses often suffer from a lack of respect. God designed us to respect those in authority and God designed those in authority to receive respect. When you don't *receive* respect you suffer disorientation and deep pain, yet often feel it's somehow inappropriate to demand respect. When you don't *give* respect you drive a painful wedge between you and the one God designed you to respect.

As followers of Jesus, God expects us to show respect: 1. Children are to honor (respect) their parents (Exodus 20:12). Parents are to teach and require their children to respect them, their teachers, and all in authority. 2. Citizens are to respect those who enforce the laws of our land (Romans 13:1-3). 3. Parishioners are to respect their pastors (1 Timothy 5:17). 4. Wives are to respect their husbands (Ephesians 5:33).

Ephesians 5:33 tells husbands “to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.” Though men and women both have a need for love *and* respect, God designed women to have a greater need for love, and for men to have a greater need for respect. In our culture “love” is expected and demanded, but “respect” is rare. Therefore, what the husband most needs is contrary to our cultural expectations and demands, putting tremendous stress on most marriages.

Mary and I are currently reading Dr. Emerson Eggerichs' Love and Respect: The Love She Most Desires; The Respect He Most Needs. We are finding this book to be extremely helpful in strengthening our relationship! Others who have read it have told me the same thing.

When we think of R-E-S-P-E-C-T, we often think of Aretha Franklin's 1967 hit song. What most people don't realize is that two years earlier *Respect* was written by Otis Redding and recorded right here in Memphis in the Stax studios. *Respect* was written about Redding's desperate God-designed need for respect. He said, “All I'm askin' is for a little respect...Yeah, baby, when you get home, R-E-S-P-E-C-T, Find out what it means to me, R-E-S-P-E-C-T.” Can't you just hear the cry of his heart!?! Yet, it seems strange for a man to ask for or demand respect. For instance it seems normal for a man to say, “I love you,” to his wife, at least once a day, and to show unconditional love. But it may seem odd for a woman to regularly say to her husband, “I respect you,” and to show unconditional respect. Yet, this is God's design for marriage. Love brings great joy and peace to a woman. Respect brings great joy and peace to a man. When a man is shown respect, it should inspire him to show her more love. When a woman is shown love, it should inspire her to show him more respect.

May God grant us the strength, wisdom, and obedience to go against the flow, to live a counter-cultural life, to not cause parents, teachers, police, pastors, and husbands to say, “I get no respect!” R-E-S-P-E-C-T, it's God's way! Let it be your way as well!

“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.” Psalm 19:14. While we lived in Connecticut, our good friend Father Ron Gauss at Bishop Seabury used to start every sermon with these words, or a variation thereof. I always focused on the part about “the words of my mouth” being acceptable. I had stopped using foul language at that point in my life—even “mild” curse words vanished from my speech since God was in the process of changing me through His grace, into His daughter. Just recently, the second part hopped out at me: “AND the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.” We’ve been talking about thoughts and mind games among our students. How powerful our imagination is, how overwhelming our thoughts can be—worries, judgment, anger, agitation and frustration: self-centered things. What meditations ARE acceptable? Trust, love, obedience, reverence, mercy, wisdom. How can we achieve these thoughts? In Philippians 2:13, Paul says: “For it is God who is working in you (enabling you) both to will and to act for His good purpose.” Basically, our own willpower doesn’t work. It is only by the power of God working IN us, which enables us to will, act and meditate (think) for His purposes. Ask Him to be present and powerful in your thoughts and He will be faithful to do so.

Random stuff: Passion 2010 in Atlanta was incredible, though walking in wind chills near zero in downtown Atlanta was not.

Upcoming Events:

Every Sunday: Youth Crew Phenomenon 5-7:30 at Faith.
 Every Wednesday, D-Group at 6:30 at Faith.
Bring a side dish to share on Wednesdays.

February 7th : Youth Sunday (AM). Super Bowl party at Amos (5-7:30).

February 14th: Cordova Valentine Ball! At Advent Presbyterian (1879 G’town Pkwy.). Join Advent, Highland Presbyterian, St. Andrews Collierville and other local youth groups for a real good time. No dates, just dancing! \$5 admission. Sunday best dress! Photographer will be present.

February 17th: No D-Group (Ash Wednesday Service at 7PM).

February 26th – 27th: 30 Hour Famine at Church. Fasting begins at noon Friday. More information to come throughout the month.

February 28th: No Youth Crew.

In Jesus’ Love, Susan B.
 Philippians 2:14-15

The Good Samaritan Puzzle

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Words may run left, right, up, down, diagonally in all directions.



Prayer List

Please keep the following persons in your daily prayers, asking God to heal, comfort and protect.

Mansell Lancaster	George Narsico	Mareva Foster
Lynn Layton	Dot Little	Bob Barnett
Saundra Jirik	Selma Tate	Andy Gibson
Charles Strickland	Evelyn Ryan	James Burge
Kathleen Hurdle	Cherly Sims	John Roberts

The Prayer Ministry

"Holy Father, search us and know our hearts; try us, and know our thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen."
(adapted from the King James Version)

For His Sake, Deborah Glover

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 part of this dynamic and growing community of faith. You will also 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, **February 14th**, 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, 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, **February 21st**, 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 Mission in 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.

Fr. Herb Hand

Reader's Workshop – February 27th 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 a 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, February 27th at Faith. Regular readers are asked to attend. If you've never read a Bible reading in church before but would like to learn how, please come!

Special Thanks:

- To Deborah Glover for agreeing to serve on the Mission Council to oversee our prayer ministries at Faith.
- John Scott and Jim Johnson for crafting our new "Lamb of God" Altar-Table for Children's Worship. You will want to see this!

Worshipping Through The Book of Common Prayer

On one of our Wednesday nights in December Fr. Sam led us through a fascinating and comprehensive teaching on the Book of Common Prayer. It is a rich resource for Christian worship and spiritual growth. The first Anglican Book of Common Prayer was authored in 1549 by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer in England. Since then Prayer Books have been developed throughout the Anglican Communion. They are similar in form and substance, yet uniquely express keen theological insights.

In the summer of 2009 we introduced the Southeast Asian Prayer Book liturgy. During Advent we introduced the Kenyan Prayer Book liturgy. Of all the international Prayer Book liturgies, these two are the most similar to our American Prayer Book, yet add a certain richness and depth to our worship. During Lent we will worship through the more penitential words of the Kenyan Prayer Book, and then during the Easter season we will worship through the American Eucharistic Prayer A. As we worship God through the Kenyan, Southeast Asian, and American (Prayers A, B, & C) Prayer Books we experience a consistent Anglican form or worship, while experiencing a rich depth of biblical insights. Herb+

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation Classes for Adults and Teens:

A Mature Commitment to Christ

Confirmation classes are for those adult members and teens (9th grade and older) who would like to go a step further in their walk with Christ and make – what the Catechism calls – “a mature commitment to Christ.” Confirmation classes begin February 14th. To be confirmed, you will need to attend the six week class on Sunday mornings in the Narthex at 9:30 a.m. (February 14th - March 21st), meet with our bishop on Confirmation Sunday (date yet to be set), and be prayed for by the bishop in the Confirmation service. Students in ninth grade and older will also need to attend a Youth Confirmation Workshop on Sunday April 11th during the Sunday school hour and from noon until 3:00 PM. If you are interested, please call the church office (755-4848) to sign up or email Fr. Herb at herbhand@faithanglicanchurch.org. If you have questions please contact Fr. Herb.

Valentine Dinner – Saturday February 13th

Men and women: married, dating, or single, come enjoy an evening of fun, entertainment, and feasting! Our annual Valentines Dinner is a unique experience. The men gather at the church at 3:00 PM to “hunt and gather” – to plan a menu, shop, cook, and plan the entertainment. The women gather at Becky Conner’s (364 Mysen Drive, Cordova) at 5:30 PM to socialize and plan their entertainment—call for directions (757-7757). Dinner is served at 6:30 PM. This is the one adult-only event at Faith, a time of fun and even romance. No reservations necessary, just come! Though signing up on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex would be helpful. The cost is only \$15 for singles or \$30 couples (small price for a food, drinks, desserts, decorations and entertainment).

Shrove Tuesday Is Almost Here

February 16 is Shrove Tuesday. On that night we will have a pancake supper at 6:30 followed by a silent auction of various nifty baskets prepared by you, the people of Faith. We have learned some things from past auctions. Smaller baskets with a theme are the best. Some hits from the past include chocolate, gardening, fancy cheese and crackers, spices, bird items, toys for kids, cookbooks, cookout supplies, pet stuff, baby gifts and healthy snacks. Cute bags with wedding or shower gifts ready to go are great. Individual items such as jewelry or small antiques have been popular. The money raised at the auction is designated for Brother Kirt Gerber, a Benedictine brother who carries medical supplies to Kenya and Dinka language prayer books to Sudan. Brother Kirt usually comes to Faith during Lent to give us an up-date. This is a good time to invite friends who might like to visit church without actually attending a service. It's an evening of light fun with events for the kids as well.

Sam Murrell+

Mission & Outreach

Thanks to everyone who has donated food and magazines. Often the homeless are recipients of your food gifts, therefore we need you to look for things that can be eaten without preparation. Pop-top cans are helpful.

On February 7 the Standing Rock Mission Team will have a bake sale for the June mission to North Dakota. Various treats, cards, and small gifts will be there for you to find that just right little something for someone you love.

Remember, you don't have to be on a committee to reach out in the Lord's name. "The Christian who is pure and without fault, from God the Father's point of view, is the one who takes care of orphans and widows, and who remains true to the Lord." James 1:27

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Susan Fones	02	Deb Jacobs	13
Annette Kersting	02	Robert Bostick	19
Erich Emison	04	Mary Pipes	21
Jordan Hannah	04	Chris Birkby	24
Maureen Howard	07	Margie Crocker	27
Jerry Guess	10		



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Karl & Janice Badgett	02
Chris & Alexa Tutor	14
Walter & Ann Kemp	17
Kevin & Margie Crocker	25



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Service Times: Sunday: Holy Eucharist 8:10/10:30am Sunday School 9:30am Wednesday: Covered Dish Supper 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 7:15pm

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Address service requested.

Ash Wednesday Services – February 17th (Noon and 7 PM)

As our Ash Wednesday liturgy says, “I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word...” Please make plans to attend either our Noon or 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday service with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th and concludes on Good Friday, April 2nd. Lent begins and ends with our only two official fast days of the year. Please seriously consider beginning and ending this Lent with fasting and prayer. If you have questions or concerns about fasting, please contact Fr. Herb.



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