



MAY 2019

The Vine

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

A Christian Code of Ethics for Using Social Media: Five Questions to Ask Before I Press Enter, Send, or Like

By Archbishop Foley Beach



Most of us have done it!! We have posted something on the Internet when we had thought, incorrectly, that we had heard all the facts. Or we have written something slamming a brother or sister in Christ personally without talking to them in person first. Or we have written something when we were in the flesh and not in the Holy Spirit that caused heartache and pain to some innocent victim of our written words. Or we have spoken prophetically only later to have wished we had shared the comments in person.

The following is a simple code of ethics (5 Questions) for the follower of Jesus to consider before one clicks the "enter" button. It is intended for the follower of Jesus to remember that even in cyber-space we are witnesses (either for good or for bad) for Jesus Christ modeling a life which is supposed to emulate him.

- 1. IS IT THE TRUTH?** Or is it gossip, slander, or unverified hearsay? Our responsibility is to speak truth, yet speak it in love (Ephesians 4:15). Why is it my responsibility to speak this truth, or to be judge and jury? What gives me the right to write this or post this?
- 2. Have I TALKED to THE PERSON BEFORE I TALK about THE PERSON?** There is a difference between writing about what someone has said or done and writing about the person. It is easy to speak out of our own anger and emotional needs without going to the person first. As followers of Jesus, it is not right to say anything about another person unless it is flowing from God's love within us, and he has given us a process to do this – Matthew 18:15-20.
- 3. WILL IT BENEFIT ALL CONCERNED?** This is what love does. Speaking truth to another can bring benefit and repentance, but slander, hatred, and meanness bring destruction, hurt, and divisiveness in the Body. The Scriptures exhort us to avoid these kinds of things. Colossians 4:6 – Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt; Ephesians 4:31 – Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other as God in Christ has forgiven you.
- 4. DO MY WORDS REFLECT WELL ON JESUS CHRIST?** As followers of his, this is what our mission is about – sharing Jesus Christ so that others may worship Him, too. Can people see Jesus in my comments, pictures, and online activity? Do they see the fruit of the Holy Spirit being manifest in my words? 1 Corinthians 5:14 - It is the love of Christ which compels us. Am I reflecting the aroma of Christ?
- 5. WILL I HAVE TO CONFESS WHAT I HAVE WRITTEN AS A SIN?** If so, then why write it or post it? Flee the temptation to sin.

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The Faith Flash

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Youth News

Last month of school before the SUMMER BREAK! Which means in May we will continue our Sunday Night series of looking for the Gospel in the midst of the current culture and how to apply it to our walk with Christ; hope to see you all there.

Mortgage Principal

In the first quarter of 2019, the unpaid mortgage balance was reduced from \$191,000 to \$179,000. Thank you to all the generous souls who made this happen.

Ron Kirby
Treasurer

Thank You

With sincere thanks to FAC, my Debbie, and family for making my 90th birthday a true blessing of God. To Him be the glory! The gifts, cards, and delicious food were also appreciated and very much enjoyed.

“Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come.” Psalm 71:18

Pat Covington

Operation Christmas Child

We received a phone call from an OCC leader in the Memphis area who expressed her many thanks to Faith for all that we do for OCC. She shared that the Memphis area sent 25,000 boxes and the USA sent 8.8 million boxes to children all over the world. Thank you Faith Anglican for your generosity!

Bishop Blesses

Daughters of the Holy Cross



On Sunday, April 7th, Bishop Frank blessed the Theotokos Chapter of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. Some of the Daughters were unable to be in the picture. They were praying

with members of the Congregation. A Daughter's work is never done!

Honoring Father Herb



On Sunday, March 31st, the congregation of FAC gathered to celebrate Father Herb's 60th Birthday with an ice cream social. Herb has taught us many things over the years, including that you are never too old for ice cream!

Annual Ladies Tea

The Annual Ladies Tea will be held Sunday, May 5, at 12:15 p.m. in the Children's Ministry Center. Faith Anglican ladies are invited to attend along with their daughters, granddaughters, and nieces. The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross will provide tea and treats. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex so we will have enough for everyone.



Look for the teacup!

Birthdays

Betty Ellard	05	Rhonda Follis	15
Jennifer Asimwe	06	Henry Booth	25
Ike Ifedili	06	Mary Forsdick	31
Kevin Crocker	11	Mary Hand	31
Julie Bourie	12	Andrew Ifedili	31

Anniversaries

John and Cathy Evans	01
Peter and Aphra Claverie	05
William and Lauren Hearne	16
Dale and Julie Bourie	25
Michael and Candi Brown	29
Ron and Patty Kirby	30
Bill and Lynda Zachry	30



Prayer Corner

Nancy Ebbing	Robin McCray
Mansell Lancaster	Andy Chadwick
Eli Ritchie	Sharon Ward
Erich Emison	

What is this "Re-Missioning" effort all about?

At the beginning of 2019, Father Herb told our Congregation that he wanted us to look forward: to set goals for the future. You were asked to be a key part of that effort by giving your feedback with the SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats) Survey. Thank you for your willingness to participate.

Since then, the leadership of FAC met with our outside consultant, The Rev. Dr. Tom Herrick of the Titus Institute, at the Parish Council's yearly Retreat in March. After reviewing your feedback, as well as feedback from families who have left FAC, they worked in teams to establish goals and specific areas to work on.

The goals they identified were:

Goal #1

In the next year, we will make the Sunday Worship Service so inspiring, that we encounter the Living God and we are on fire to share His love with others.

Goal #2

In the next year, we will provide more opportunities to connect and fellowship with each other.

Goal #3

In the next year, we will develop very relational ways to help us build bridges to those new in our circles and in our community. These bridges will lead to meaningful relationships and ultimately to faith in Jesus.

The initial focus will be to establish a Welcoming Process for Visitors and to create more opportunities for Connections/Fellowship for those inside and outside of our church. A team referred to as the Mission Focus Team was created to help walk with the PC through this effort. You will be hearing a lot more detail about what they are doing as the plan unfolds, and where you can help. If any of these initiatives is close to your heart or matches up with your Spiritual Gifts, contact any of the people below- love to have you!

Please feel free to ask questions about this initiative to any member of the Parish Council: Father Herb, James Zachary, David Hightower, Lauren Hearne, Bill Fisher, Daniel King, Amy Trippel, and Greg Follis. Also, any member of the Mission Focus Team is also available to speak with you as well: Jill Amos, Deb Jacobs, John Scott, Bill Zachry and Chris Shields. (Bill Fisher is a member of both of these teams.)

Your continued encouragement, support, and prayers are welcomed (and needed) as we embark on this journey together. We are creating our future together!



Creation Care

We hear a lot about saving the earth, some as an act of stewardship to God, some as an end in itself, bordering on earth worship. From the beginning, way before the modern environmental movement, God put Adam in the Garden of Eden to “work it and take care of it” (Genesis 2:15). Biblical creation care is not worshipping God’s creation (as some extreme environmentalists do); it is being a good steward of it. Creation care is taking care of God’s creation for the sake of this generation and generations to come. Ultimately, as Anglican author John Stott said, “God intends...our care of creation to reflect our love for our Creator” (*The Radical Disciple*). How might you care for God’s creation? Some ideas: reduce consumption and waste, properly dispose of chemicals, continually give thanks to God for “this fragile earth, our island home” (Book of Common Prayer).

<p>All articles for The Vine are due in the office the <i>second Monday</i> of the month, send to: laqueta@faithanglicanchurch.org</p>
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Bishop Emmanuel Ntazinda to Speak at Faith – May 12th

Bishop Emmanuel is the Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Kibungo in Rwanda. He is the bishop of Fr. Frederic Ndaruhutse’s home diocese. Frederic is so happy to share Bishop Emmanuel with us, his church family. Bishop Emmanuel will share with us God’s Word and what the Lord is doing in Rwanda. This will be a moving time, please be sure to be here and bring a friend.



Mother’s Day – May 12th



Mother’s Day in America was not invented by Hallmark. The modern Mother’s Day we celebrate had its origin in the Church, dating back to 1908. Anna Jarvis was its primary proponent. Her intention was not for Mother’s Day to become a commercial holiday, but a day to honor your mother (Exodus 20:12) in church. Honor your mother at Faith this Mother’s Day!

Bring her to church with you!