



AUGUST 2022

The Vine

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

God Made Us for Christian Fellowship

One of the key doctrines of the Christian faith is the Incarnation of Jesus. Jesus entered into our world with human flesh, blood, and soul. He met people face to face. He ate with people. He talked with people. He touched people. He healed people. He loved people.



Jesus' Church is also incarnational. Jesus is the head and we are the Body of Christ. Each part of His Body is needed and each part needs the other parts. God designed us to be interdependent with one another within His Church. When we isolate from one another we become disjointed from the Body. After two years of pandemic, coming out of isolation is harder for some than for others. For some, hurt feelings or embarrassment keeps them from wanting to interact with others. Yet, by God's design we all need Christian fellowship like dry land needs water. I encourage you to make room for Christian fellowship!

God made us for Christian fellowship within the Body of Christ. Here are some verses which speak to Christian fellowship:

Devotion to Christian Fellowship – "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." – Acts 2:42

Encourage One Another – "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Do Not Neglect to Meet Together – "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." – Hebrews 10:24-25

Christian Fellowship Invokes the Presence of Jesus – "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." – Matthew 18:20

Woe to the One Who Falls Alone – "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!" – Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

We're in This Together – "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." – Galatians 6:2

It is Not Good to be Alone – "Then the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." – Genesis 2:18

How might you engage in Christian fellowship? Attend in-person worship, preceded and followed by fellowship one with another. Participate in Awana either as a child or as an adult leader. Participate in our upcoming church fellowship meals this fall (September 11th – Fall Fellowship Breakfast and October 23rd – Chili Cook-off Lunch). Participate in one of our Grow Groups. I encourage you to make room for Christian fellowship in your life! Not only will Christian fellowship bless you, but you will be a blessing to others!

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).

Children's and Youth Ministry News

- August 21st - The Youth (rising 7th - 12th Grade) are going to Vantage Point for Putt Putt!
 Adults & Juniors (1 round) \$ 7.00 We will return to Faith Anglican for ice cream/cold treats.
- August 28th - Youth & Families leader/parent meeting after church in Children's Center.
ACOLYTE training at this time.

Grow Group Leaders Meeting

It is time for Grow Group leaders to gather again. Mark your calendars for August 23, at 6:15 P.M. We will come together to share successes and concerns, to support and pray for each other, and to fellowship and share a meal.

8th Street Mission

We will resume our monthly dinners in August with rotisserie chicken. As always, any dry goods: beans, rice etc. as well as toiletries are much appreciated. You can drop these items off in our church kitchen. I will send a more detailed plan in my text. Escó Satchfield

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 learn about membership in this community of faith. You will also get to know our pastor and others who are new to Faith. 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, **August 28th**, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. The second part is on Sunday, **September 11th** 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, our Anglican heritage, our church's path to Christian maturity, 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. The first meeting is held in our home (8293 Montego Pl N, Cordova). The second meeting is held in the church Narthex. Dinner is included and child-care is available upon advanced request. To sign-up e-mail Herb at herbhand@faithanglicanchurch.org.

New Wineskins

The **New Wineskins Global Mission Conference** is held once every three years with Anglican participants from all over the world and the United States. We will have over 18 plenary speakers and missionary testimonies, and 80 different presenters for our new Mission Awareness Presentations (MAP talks). Engage with over 60 ministries in the exhibit hall, starting with an ice cream social on Thursday night! Plan to join Fr. Herb and Mary in attending this year's New Wineskins, September 22-25, 2022.

See www.newwineskinsconference.org for all the details and how to register!



AUGUST Birthdays

Jennifer Bostick	02	Bill Zachry	12
Jessica Hearne	05	Amy Trippel	13
Bob Barnett	08	Kelly Shipman	14
Doug Conner	10	Jenny Ndaruhutse	20
Leandra Morgan	11	Daniel King	24

AUGUST Anniversaries

Frederic Ndaruhutse & Louise Mushimiyimana	9
Noland & Mary Pipes	15
Peter & Annette Kersting	31

Prayer Corner

Nancy Ebbing	John White	Steve Hand
Mansell Lancaster	Bill Walsh	
Jonathan Hays	Janie Beth Covington	
Eli Ritchie	Jim Lancaster	
Joyce Hall		

North Africa Mission – Fr. Herb and Mary

In Jesus' Great Commission He tells us to "go." Sometimes the Holy Spirit gives us crystal clear direction, but often He gives us a vague tug on our hearts to go, then gives us clarity as we venture forth. Before the pandemic hit, God gave me a vision of Northwest Africa, a vision of blacks and grays with tiny bright white dots. It became clear to me that the white dots were where God was stirring the hearts of the people.



I started praying for the people of North Africa. I started reading every book I could find on the history of Islam and ministry among Muslims. I started seeking counsel from those who serve God in this part of the world, including directors of missions agencies, cross culture workers, and bishops. It became clear that the Lord was leading us to "go" to Northwest Africa, to "come and see," and to find out what is our short- or long-term calling.

Mary was supportive of me going, but was more passionate about spending time with the grandchildren than spending time north of the Sahara. One Sunday – as our church Prayer Team was praying for my recovery from shoulder surgery – Mary joined in the prayers and laid hands on me. As she did, God made it crystal clear to her that she was going to North Africa with me.

We have been invited to spend a month or so in the new Diocese of North Africa, which is part of the Province of Alexandria. We will attend their first Synod meeting in early October and spend time serving and discovering how to do ministry Anglicanly in a North African country. Do I speak Arabic or French? No, though I am working on Arabic. Do I feel fully prepared and have a detailed "game plan" for our time there? No. Yet, we have said, "yes," to God and we are getting ready to "go!"

How can you partner with us? 1. Pray! Pray for the Lord to guide us every step of the way. 2. Give. You may write checks to Faith Anglican Church, for North Africa Mission Fund.

Called to the Quiet Prayer Retreat Saturday, August 20th, 9-Noon

Do you want to draw near to your Lord? Then escape the noise of this world; 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 Prayer 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.



Hug/Prayer Button Corner

Look for the Prayer Bear, **Pockets**, and his basket of **Hugs/Prayer buttons** in the Narthex. Like Pockets you can keep buttons handy to give a Hug/Prayer to friends, neighbors, servers, or even strangers. Grab a bag full or handful and be ready to share with anyone you meet who needs a hug or a prayer.

Blessing of the Backpacks



On **August 7th** we are asking every one returning to school (students, teachers, staff, administrators, preschool to college) to please bring your back pack, briefcase, or bag to church to be blessed and tagged for the coming school year.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BASE!

Building and Grounds activities have been light this summer. And boy has it been hot! But, that didn't stop the Landgrebe guys (Don, Andrew and Justin) from working alongside Bill Fisher to install our new basketball goal! Given the size of the hole and subsequent concrete, that goal isn't going ANYWHERE and should provide Faith kids of all ages many years of play!



Thanks guys and let's all have some fun!

All articles for The Vine are due in the office the *second Monday* of the month, send to: laqueta@faithanglicanchurch.org

Service Times:
Sunday:
 Sunday Worship 10:00am
 Holy Communion every Sunday

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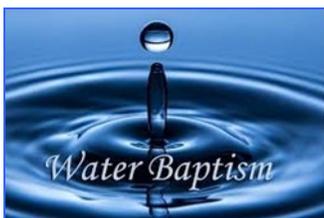


Seminarian Support Sunday is August 28th!

Raising up the next generation of Anglican priests and lay leaders is crucial for the expansion of God’s Kingdom here in America. The cost can be prohibitive for many. Therefore, on August 28th we will take a special offering to support Anglican seminary students. Please give generously! This year our preacher will be seminarian Jared Willet, who is originally from Loganville, GA and currently lives in Birmingham, AL with his wife Sarah. He is a final-year seminarian at Beeson Divinity School and is discerning ordination in the Anglican Diocese of the South. Please give Jared and Sarah a warm welcome!



BAPTISMAL DATES



Baptism is for those adults and older children who have made a commitment to Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Baptism is also for infants and younger children of parents who intend to raise their children to serve Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Those who intend to be baptized need to attend worship regularly. If you or your child is ready for baptism, please plan to be baptized on one of the following dates: **August 14th and**

November 6th (All Saints’ Sunday). If you are interested please contact Fr. Herb.