



FEBRUARY 2023

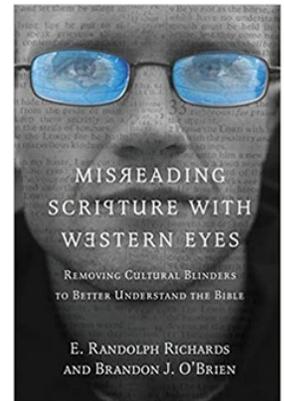
The Vine

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

Misreading Holy Scripture

Have you ever read a Bible passage, then years later realized you had totally missed the point? I know I have. One reason you can misunderstand the original meaning is because the Bible was written 2,000 to 4,000 years ago, and therefore some of the customs, phrases, or illustrations don't make immediate sense to moderns. In their book *Misreading Scripture With Western Eyes* Richards and O'Brien point out that the Bible was written in a collectivist culture, where today we are in an individualist culture.

For instance I had always heard that 1 Corinthians 6:19 was referring to individuals (which it is not). The King James Version says, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" The New Internal Version makes it even more individualistic: "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;" This passage has been used to encourage us individually to not harm our bodies with cigarettes, alcohol, too much food, unhealthy food, etc., since our personal bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Yet, this passage is not about individual bodies which are individual temples of the Holy Spirit.



First Corinthians 6:19 is about one temple (like the one temple in Jerusalem) of which you and I are part. The context of verses 12-19 is about individuals fleeing sexual immorality, so that their "bad behavior [not contaminate] the entire congregation" (Richards & O'Brien). The "you" is a plural "you." In our colloquial English it would be "ya'll" or "you guys."

Another problem is that we tend to read our culture into Scripture, instead of reading Scripture into our culture. For instance the so called Health and Wealth Gospel is an extreme case of reading our culture of greed, materialism, and too-much-stuff into Scripture without balancing it with generosity, sacrifice, and love, investing in the Kingdom of God and providing for those less fortunate than ourselves.

So what should you do? Give up on reading Scripture? Worry you might miss the point? Not at all! Continue to plow through Scripture, both at home and in church. What might help you not misread "Scripture with western eyes"? Buy and use a study Bible (Bible with explanatory notes), checking the notes as you read through the Bible. Both the ESV Study Bible and the Life Application Bible are excellent. Join a Bible study group, such as one of our Grow Groups or Bible Study Fellowship (a community Bible study). In a group you will learn from one another, gaining new and helpful insights.

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 and Youth Ministry News

- February 5 - AWANA
- February 12 - AWANA, "Soup" Er Bowl Night
- February 19 - AWANA
- February 26 - AWANA



Youth Group (7th - 12th Grade)

- February 5 - Sunday Funday
- February 12 - Youth Group
- February 19 - Youth Group
- February 26 - Youth Group

On Christian Nationalism

In a time when the term "Christian Nationalism" is used when anyone mentions God or Christianity in the public arena, "Christian nationalism" most commonly refers to an attempt to establish a Christian nation through political means and social coercion. Though there is diversity of thought among faithful Christians about the proper relationship between the church and the state, Christian nationalism is often entwined with dangerous forms of sin: Christian domination, Kinism (a false teaching that God inspires or sanctions racial segregation), nativism, racism, and antisemitism.

In Advent we await a Savior who is not forming a nation-state but is rather creating a multi-ethnic Kingdom from every tribe, nation, culture, and language. Seeking to be in harmony with Jesus, the Anglican Church in North America is committed first and foremost to God and his kingdom. We are dedicated to serving in the public square as disciples of Jesus and ambassadors of the kingdom, working for the good of all. Consistent with this vision, we denounce and condemn any form of nationalism that is inspired by, gives rise to, or even partially includes discrimination, white supremacy, or any form of bigotry.

The above article was developed by a team of ACNA Bishops (Foley Beach, John Guernsey, Todd Hunter, Derek Jones, and Andrew Williams) for the ACNA House of Bishops, and for the clergy and people of the ACNA.



World Mission Sunday in the Anglican Church in North America is the Sunday before the Last Sunday of Epiphany. The

Christian season of Epiphany is all about reaching the peoples of the world with the liberating Good News of Jesus Christ! Contrary to popular belief, it's not all about me (or you)! Our preacher for this year's World Mission Sunday is our own Fr. Herb, who spent seven weeks in Honduras (1992) and eight weeks in North Africa (2022) seeing, experiencing, and participating in World Mission.

Thank You!

Dear Faith Anglican Church,

Thank you so much for enabling me to pay \$1,000 for the first installment of the GAFCON registration.

Please, keep me in your prayers so that I get everything that I need to attend this GAFCON Conference in Rwanda in this April (soon).

Grace and Peace
Frederic+

Birthdays			
Mackenzie Hearne	01	Robin Richardson	14
Susan Fones	02	Sylvie Rosenberg	15
Annette Kersting	02	Norma Pike	16
Jerry Guess	10	Bob Bostick	19
Andrew Landgrebe	11	Mary Pipes	21
Deb Richardson	13	Margie Crocker	27
Anniversaries			
Karl & Janice Badgett	02		
Kevin & Margie Crocker	25		



Prayer Corner		
John White	Jim Lancaster	Lynn Whyte
Mansell Lancaster	Bill Walsh	Stan Bond
Bob Barnett	Janie Beth Covington	
Eli Ritchie	Jim Johnson	
Sherry Wilkes	Mary Ellen Bryan	

Need Prayer? Please Ask!

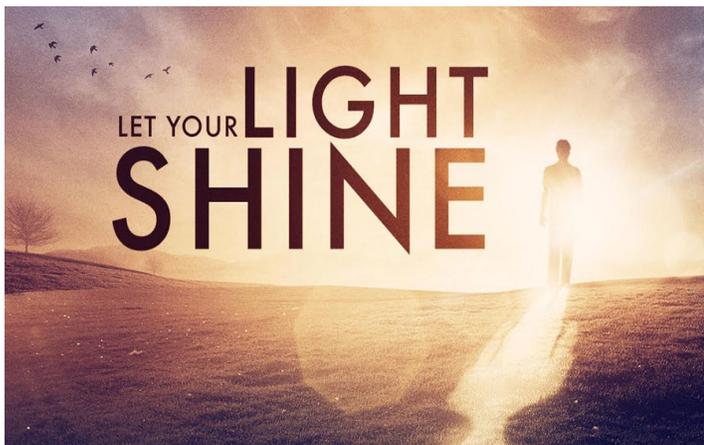
Prayer ministry is available every Sunday in our Prayer Corner. You may also contact Rita at rhwbarnett@bellsouth.net or Chris at inotterwords@yahoo.com to be

added to be prayed for on an ongoing basis. “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord” (James 5:14). “For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened” (Matthew 7:8).



Confirmation Classes for Adults and Teens: *A Mature Commitment*

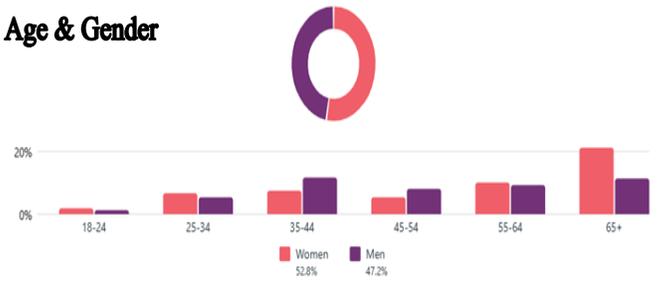
Confirmation classes are for those adults and teens (9th grade and older) who would like to go a step further in their walk with Christ and make – what the Catechism calls – “a mature commitment to [your] baptismal covenant with God” and become Confirmed members. Those wishing to reaffirm their faith are also encouraged to attend! **Confirmation classes begin February 19th.** To be confirmed, you will need to attend the nine week class on Sunday mornings in the Children’s Ministry Center at 8:50 a.m. (February 19 – April 23rd), meet with our bishop on Confirmation Sunday, May 28th 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. 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.



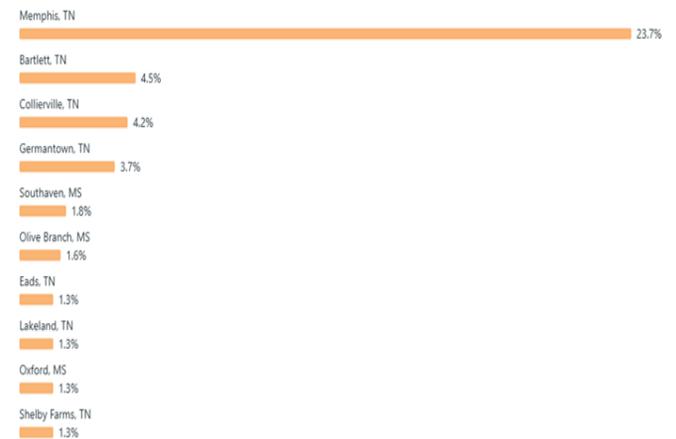
Look Who’s Watching Our Worship

Facebook Page likes 379

Age & Gender



Top cities



Top countries

United States	Nigeria	Kenya	Phillipines
Rwanda	South Africa	Brazil	India
Pakistan	Uganda		

What does the above table mean? We have a new tool on our Facebook page that tells us who is watching and from where. Faith has always been global mission-minded, but we are now reaching out to mission areas with our services. While we are attending in the building, someone in Pakistan is watching as well as someone in the Philippines. This was a “WOW” moment to me. We always hear the word Go when we recite Matthew 28:18-20 but I am amazed at the ways to go into the world. So, to all who serve the Lord in our services, know when you are singing, reading the scripture or prayers, bringing a testimony that you are going out into the world to share the Gospel of Jesus. “How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without someone preaching. And how are they to preach unless they are sent.” Romans 10:14

Candi Brown

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

9555 Walnut Grove Road
 Cordova, TN 38018
 901-755-4848
 www.faihanglicanchurch.org



Shrove Sunday Pancake Luncheon ~ February 19th after Worship

Before our Lenten fast begins on Ash Wednesday (February 22nd), enjoy a time of fellowship and feasting! Pancakes will be provided. Bring fruit toppings, drinks, and breakfast meat to share.

For the Children: The children will be invited to assist Fr. Herb in burning last year's palms to make this year's ashes for Ash Wednesday.

What is Shrove? The word shrove is a form of the English word shrive, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of Confession and doing penance. Thus Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the custom for Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent on the following day.



February 22nd (Noon and 7 pm)

The 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. Childcare is available at the evening service. The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and concludes on Good Friday, April 7th. Lent begins and ends with our only two official fast days of the year. Please plan on beginning and ending this Lent with fasting and prayer. If you have questions or concerns about fasting, please contact one of our priests.