



Making disciples who make disciples

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Next Parish Council Meeting
January 27, 2021 6:30 p.m.



GriefShare Class

The GriefShare program will begin Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 6:30 p.m. in our multipurpose room (library/classroom).

The 13-week program is for people who have lost a family member or friend. There is a \$20 cost for the workbook. Please contact the office if you will attend to ensure adequate supplies and set up.



Lenten Devotions

Thank you to those who selected a devotion (or two) for this year's Lenten Devotional. The deadline your submission is **February 4**.

Thank you for your contributions!



Sunday's Scripture Readings

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:6-14;
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20



Those Who Serve

Ushers- Randy & Patty Smith

Chalice- Sherri Wayman & Jeffrey Polston

Lessons- Al Manning

Prayers- Connie Whitener

In Word – Following the Call

This week's Old Testament passage is about the prophet Jonah's ministry and Nineveh's repentance.

And the word of Yahweh came to Jonah a second time, saying, ² "Get up! Go to Nineveh, the great city, and proclaim to it the message that I am telling you." ³ So Jonah got up and went to Nineveh according to the word of Yahweh. Now Nineveh was an extraordinarily great city—a journey of three days across. ⁴ And Jonah began to go into the city a journey of one day, and he cried out and said, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be demolished!" ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed in God, and they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth—from the greatest of them to the least important.... ¹⁰ And God saw their deeds—that they turned from their evil ways—and God changed his mind about the evil that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. — Jonah 3:1–5, 10 (LEB)

The lectionary, however, leaves out the description of the king's reaction and his command to his people regarding Jonah's warning in verses 6-9:

And the news reached the king of Nineveh, and he rose from his throne and removed his royal robe, put on sackcloth, and sat in the ashes. ⁷ And he had a proclamation made, and said, "In Nineveh, by a decree of the king and his nobles: "No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything! They must not eat, and they must not drink water! ⁸ And the human beings and the animals must be covered with sackcloth! And they must call forcefully to God, and each must turn

from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹ Who knows? God may relent and change his mind and turn from his blazing anger so that we will not perish." — Jonah 3:6-9

When Jonah followed God's call, he was able to be part of God's plan and experience God's love and mercy in action. And he hated it. The next (and final) chapter shows Jonah's displeasure with God's actions toward a group of people Jonah hated. He wanted them destroyed, not restored.

Are there any people we feel are beyond redemption? Any people we want God to destroy instead of change? Anyone we would be horrified, or at least disturbed, to think about seeing in Heaven? The answer for probably all of us is "yes." Murderers, rapists, child molesters, and the like, are typical examples of people we want removed from society permanently, both here and in the afterlife. But God continues to reach out, even to those we think aren't worth saving.

Read the final chapter of Jonah to see how God brings him around to kingdom thinking. While you're at it, read the preceding two chapters to see why Chapter 3 begins with the word of Yahweh coming to Jonah a second time. Jonah (unlike Nineveh's king) refused to follow God's call the first time, and it didn't work out very well for him. He tried traveling across the Mediterranean Sea beyond Yahweh's reach (gods were considered local entities in the Ancient Near East), but that had disastrous results.

How about us? Do we follow God's call in our lives the first time? Or do we ignore it until it becomes the only choice we seem to have left? Are we Jonah I or Jonah II?

God has a purpose for you and is calling you to do something that is specifically designed for you and the spiritual gifts he has provided to you. Some of you are already involved in various ministries (e. g., writing prayers each week, creating quilts for the

injured and infirm), and others are still discerning God's call. Four people agreed last week at our annual meeting to serve on our Parish Council, replacing members whose terms had expired. Frank Durham, Randy Smith, Eric Scherrer, and Connie Whitener have replaced Sherri Wayman, Jennifer Kircher, and Jo Towner. Frank is our new rector's warden and Randy is the new people's warden (the fourth position was a vacant one from early last year). We appreciate their dedication and service to God and us and pray for God's grace to continue blessing them.

The fancy theological term for whatever thing God is calling you to do is "ministry." A function of disciples is to train the saints for ministry:

*And he himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as pastors and teachers¹² for the equipping of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ...—
Ephesians 4:11–12.*

Saints, or "holy ones," are those people called by Jesus to follow him as his disciples. In other words, you are all saints. And you all have ministries. That means God is calling you.

Answer his call.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Austin



Accidentally omitted from the 2021 Annual Meeting report:

The Women's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. at Dorothy Warner's home. In addition to continuing our study of the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Stanley's 30 Life Principles in the Bible, we studied Jewish Marriage Customs and How They Pertain to the Marriage of the Lamb, and Messianic Prophecies pertaining to the Birth of Christ.
~ Dorothy Warner



Sunday, January 24

11:30a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, January 26

6:30 a.m. Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Prayers and Squares – CtR Library

1 – 3 p.m. Bible Study at Dorothy Warner's home

Wednesday, January 27

2:00 p.m. Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Eucharist Service

6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, January 28

11:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group

Sunday, January 31

11:30 a.m. Worship Service



Annual Giving Statements

2020 Giving Statements will be available this Sunday morning at church. Remaining statements will be mailed next week.



THERE IS *Nothing* TOO GREAT OR TOO SMALL
FOR PRAYER

Lord, we ask you to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in sickness, or any other adversity. Open the hearts to know your love and feel your presence.

We pray for Ann Traverso, Neil, Lauren, Marcela, Brenda and Lonnie, Fr. Austin, Pat Galloway, Dorothy Green, Linda Pruden, Denise, Connie, Sue, Scotty Haskell, St. Paul's Church (Payson, AZ), Christopher Randle, Diane Manning, Bishop Keith, Abbie Bundy, Betty (Bo Peep) Penny, Donna, Dcn. Linda, Lorraine Chavez, Steve Chacon, Merle Shyne, Laura, Darlene O., Maddy, Lauren, Steven, Elena, Officer Shay K. Mikalonis, Niki, Roni, Bob, Carol, Zachary, Kathy Watson, Tyler, and Pray for the World.

If you would like to submit prayer requests for this newsletter or if you have any updates, please contact the church office at 928-343-9551, or ctryuma@gmail.com



Prayers for the Deanery of AZ

The Rev. Ernest and Lalitha Victor, The Anglican Campus Fellowship, Arizona State University

The Rev. Peter and Kristie Smith, with their children Cohen, Hannah, and Ezra, Living Faith Anglican Church, Tempe

Deacon Matt and Tina Allen, with Tina, Brigid, and Aiden, Living Faith Anglican Church, Tempe



CtR Prayer Project

James 1:22-But prove yourselves doers of the Word, not merely hearers who delude themselves.

Several years ago, I had what I refer to as my "cockpit experience". I disagreed with our Parish Council, so attended their meeting to "set them straight". During the course of the meeting, I became so agitated that I had to excuse myself and leave; I was afraid I would say something I would later regret. I went home and spent

the rest of the evening trying to justify my statements. The next morning, during my quiet time with the Lord, He showed me a cockpit and asked me where I was sitting. I replied that I was in the Pilot's seat. He then asked me where He was sitting, and I told Him, "In the Co-Pilot's seat". He then said, "Let's trade places." That was about 15 years ago, and it's a spiritual lesson I've never forgotten. Jesus is my Lord, my Master. In fact, I surrender my life to Him fully every morning, and I honestly want to honor, obey, and respect Him. I thought I had passed that earlier test and moved beyond living in competition with God, but last week He tested me yet again on it. And to my horror, I discovered I had pushed Him out of the Pilot's seat once again. In case you haven't noticed, I tend to be legalistic, tend to speak my mind, tend to keep a very busy and hectic schedule, tend to despise chaos, and tend to expect as much of others as I demand of myself. These are all areas of weakness for me, and Satan knows it. He attacks me in these areas on a regular basis. I'm very familiar with God's Word, but so is Satan. He knows which buttons to push to get me to give in to his temptations to either ignore God or make Him my Assistant. (God tests me in my areas of strength, while Satan tempts in me in my areas of weakness.) I like hearing and studying God's Word, but where I fall short is failing to consult God before I step onto my "doer" stage. I can understand the difficulty Paul had---wanting to do good, but ending up missing the mark. Paul was used to being in control---sitting in the pilot's seat. It's pretty hard for the Light of Christ to shine through us when we've hidden it under a bushel. I read a prophecy yesterday that I'm pretty sure was written directly to me. Fortunately, the Holy Spirit helped me see myself in it, and the real test now comes in repenting and doing what He has shown me I need to do---trade places again.

Praying in One Accord-Our God is the Sovereign Ruler of the universe; in order to be in one accord with Him, we must get off His throne.

Accord Prayer-Lord Christ, we have made the decision to put You in control of our lives; please help us not just surrender control, but keep from taking it back. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving-Merciful Father, thank You for enlightening us when our hearing doesn't always lead to our doing; thank You for continually offering us opportunities to take the test again. Thank You for accepting our repentance and forgiving us. Amen.

The Annual Meeting January 17, 2021

Meet the new Parish Council Members!



**Connie Whitener, Randy Smith (Jr. Warden),
Frank Durham (Sr. Warden)
Eric Scherrer (not pictured)**



**Thank you to Sherri Wayman for her service
as Sr. Warden during 2020!**



Jesus Calls His First Disciples (Mark 1:14-20)

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BEGAN	BOAT	BROTHER
CALLED	CAPERNAUM	CASTING
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JAMES	JESUS	JOHN
LEFT	LITTLE	MAKE
MENDING	PASSING	PEOPLE
SABBATH	SAID	SIMON
SYNAGOGUE	TEACH	WENT