

## Saturday, August 7, 2010

Judges 9:22-25, 50-57 *Thus God repaid the wickedness that Abimelech had done to his father by murdering his seventy brothers.* (v.56) Abimelech most likely thought he could get away with the wickedness that he had done. Perhaps his heart was so hardened that he could no longer even discern right from wrong. Nevertheless, it did catch up to him. God saw to it that justice was done, although much time elapsed. If you are dealing with a matter of disobedience, seek the Lord while He may be found. Don't let disobedience in at all. If you have found yourself in a pattern that is destructive, go to God immediately. Seek Him while you can still hear His voice. If He leads you to make something right by going to a person, do it. If you need to make restitution, do it. Fortunately, God is merciful, and you can start anew. For Abimelech, it was too late. His heart was hardened early on and He never cared about getting right with God or his family. But it isn't too late for you. Psalms 87, 90; Acts 4:32—5:11; John 2:13-25

### Today's Calendar

4:30 pm Fellowship (Barber Hall)  
5:00 pm 1st Saturday Eucharist

### Today's Birthdays

Ruth Brancolini

### Calendar for Sunday, August 8, 2010

8:00 am Rite I Eucharist  
9:15 am Family Eucharist  
10:15 am Refreshments on the Lawn  
11:00 am Rite II Eucharist

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### OVERSEAS

SSgt Brian Bosworth; Pvt. John Brauer III; Col. Brian Campbell; SSgt Davis B. Miller, Jr.; Cpl. Zachary Navarre; Ann Marie Teets; Sgt. David G. Walick, Jr.

### PRAYER LIST

***Please remember in your daily prayers the following people who are sick or recuperating:***

### *New names this week are listed in bold*

Adam; Al; Alyssa; Betsy; Carla; Calvin; Charlie; Christopher; Cija; Derek; Faye; Fran; Glenn; Jayme; Lionel; Liza; Mary; Matt; Michelle; Murray; Paul; Ruth; Susan; Tammy; Tina; Tom; Cathy Aberg; Peggy Allison; Carl Anderson; Tyler Anderson; Mary Banks; Don Bare; Anne Blosser; Shari Bonnet; Luke Burrier; Billy Chaplin; Ethel Chaplin; Elizabeth Cook, Jack de Raat; Roy Etter; Jean Farr; Ann Freeman Evans; May Garnett; Jan Gay, Wendy Gorrell; Reverend Constance Hammond; Randy Howard, Frank Howerth; David Hunt; Jerry Jones; Alice Marshall; Nicole Miller; Ray Miller; Betty Nichols, Marsha Paller; Lois Patterson, Dianne Philipp; Amirah Powell; Javyn Powell; Shana Powell; Xanya Powell; Xayvion Powell; Rice Family; Vincent Richards; Kathy Rundman; Rose Schmid; Elizabeth Skinner; Dorothy Strafer; Jack Strafer; Dottie Taylor; Mary Ann Taylor; Robert Tetlow; Eleanor Thompson; Thomas Tinklepaugh; Kitty Vaden; Sonny Vaden; Terry Lynn Voss; Jacob Ward; Donna Wicker

***Please let Tammy, the Parish Secretary, know if you or a loved one need to be added to the prayer list and also call when that person has recovered so she can remove them from the list. You can email her at [tbarber@trinity-fredericksburg.org](mailto:tbarber@trinity-fredericksburg.org) or (540) 373-2996 x6.***

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Diocese of Scotland. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. John's, Centreville; Olivet, Franconia; St. John's, Warsaw and Farnham Parish and St. Paul's, Nomini Grove.



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### Sunday, August 1, 2010

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 *Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.* (v.6 NIV) Paul admonishes us to make use of what we have. Giving involves every aspect of our being, whether time, talent, treasure, works, or words. Whenever a farmer wants a crop, does he get it first and then do the work of sowing? Absolutely not. He must buy the seed, prepare the soil, and step out in faith and plant a harvest in great expectation that it will pay off. So many people want to get before they give, but it works just the opposite. Take giving financially for instance. Quite often the first response when finances go down is to tighten up and give less. However, that is the opposite way of Biblical truth. Give in faith, knowing that God will continue to supply all of your needs. When you see that there is an opportunity to help someone, help them out. When you see an opportunity to share your faith, do it. There will be a harvest. You might not be the one to see it, but there *will* be a harvest. Judges 6:1-24; Psalms 93, 96; Mark 3:20-30

### Today's Birthdays

James Adams; John Strafer; Marianne Strafer

### Calendar for Sunday, August 1, 2010

8:00 am Rite I Eucharist  
9:15 am Family Eucharist  
10:15 am Refreshments on the Lawn  
11:00 am Rite II Eucharist

### Monday, August 2, 2010

Judges 6:25-40 *"Look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said."* (v.37) Is it possible that Gideon

knew in his heart what to do when the Lord first showed him that Israel would be victorious? Yet he asked a second time. How often we want a sign of some sort, when we know full well that the Lord has spoken directly to our hearts about a matter of obedience to a particular thing. We find ourselves second guessing God's directives to us. Oh that we would be able to trust God the first time when He speaks to us. You can count on the fact that the task will most likely be too hard for us to do on our own. However, God specializes in God-sized tasks. Remember, He is the one who will provide and He is the one that will ultimately fight the battle to win the victory in the quest. Gideon found that out, and you can too. Psalm 80; Acts 2:37-47; John 1:1-18

#### Today's Birthdays

Edwin Sompayrac, Jr.

#### Today's Calendar

**Brian Turner's First Day**

6:00 pm Yoga (Loft)

#### Tuesday, August 3, 2010

Judges 7:1-18 *The Lord said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the other men go, each to his own place."* (v.7) Do you get the idea that God wants credit for the victory in this passage? Gideon found this out, and was willing to follow God's leadership. God also wants people that are fully committed and completely sold out. It's not that these 300 men were more talented than the rest, braver, or even better fighters. Perhaps the Lord wanted to use only men that were sold out for the task at hand. But regardless of the reason, having only three hundred men to fight, should victory be won, would settle in anyone's mind who *really* won the victory that day. Power does not mean might. Nor does looks, talent, money, or anything else our worldly-prone mind would want to point to as having what it takes to be successful for the Lord. Not even faith. Faith as small as a mustard seed can move a mountain. Ultimately, simple obedience to the Lord will bring about the victory that you so desire. Let God win the battles in your life, and be sure to give Him all of the credit. Psalm 78:1-39; Acts 3:1-11; John 1:19-28

#### Today's Birthdays

The Rev. Frank VanDevelder

#### Today's Anniversaries

Cookie & Joe Howard

#### Today's Calendar

9:00 am-Noon Parish Nurse (Rm. 14)  
2:00-4:00 pm Parish Nurse (Rm. 14)  
5:30-6:30 pm Outreach (Jamison Hall)

#### Wednesday, August 4, 2010

Psalm 119:97-120 *Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.* (v.97) The psalmist proclaims that God's laws are ever with him. He knows that having this makes him wiser than his enemies. How true it is. If you have meditated on God's Word and His precepts, then you have the wisdom you need to overcome your enemies. Our enemies are usually in the spirit-realm, for we fight spiritual battles. However, victory can be yours on a daily basis by allowing the Word to envelop you. As you read on, you see just how much the writer is engrossed in the Lord and His precepts, regardless of how bad things are around him. It's the theme of his life. He constantly abides within the knowledge and love of the Word of God. While God's laws should continue to surround our thinking and give boundaries to all we do, we now also have the mind of Christ, for he is the fulfillment of the law. Let's love Christ each and every day with our whole heart. Let's abide in his presence, and with that, we can indeed sustain any and every adversary. Judges 7:19—8:12; Acts 3:12-26; John 1:29-42

#### Today's Birthdays

Daniel Lombardo

#### Today's Anniversaries

Harvey & Carolyn Allen; Michael & Robin Barrett;  
Harry & Christine Tillman

#### Today's Calendar

9:30 am Staff Meeting  
Noon Eucharist w/Laying on of Hands

#### Thursday, August 5, 2010

Acts 4:1-12 *"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."* (v.12) Could there be any clearer passage in the Bible than this one which clearly speaks to the issue of salvation? So many well-intentioned Christians feel that they need to re-interpret or perhaps re-write the Bible when it

comes to the issue of a path to God. They might say there are many paths, perhaps that this is our path but not the only path. These people will try to be inclusive by reaching out to other faiths, yet carrying it to an extreme that is detrimental to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sadly, even church leaders have succumbed to this dangerous path with regard to salvation and Lordship. This story in Acts is true, and the disciples who were seeking to carry out the mission spoke the truth. There is indeed only one name under heaven by which we can be saved and have access to the Father: The precious name of Jesus, God's only Son, and the only means to eternal life through His precious blood that He shed for all who will believe. Judges 8:22-35; Psalm 145; John 1:43-51

#### Today's Birthdays

Amy Maclsaac

#### Today's Anniversaries

Wendell & Sandra Anderson;  
Kirk & Lorraine Richardson

#### Friday, August 6, 2010

Psalm 88 *For my soul is full of trouble and my life draws near the grave.* (v.3) Psalm 88 is a great look at how low an individual can get. We all have low moments in which we feel that God, as well as everyone else, has forsaken us. However, the psalmist has actually given us a jewel in and through all of this. He takes the time to articulate how he is feeling in great detail to the Lord. He is completely honest in his feelings. He even questions whether or not God is even interested. And he has most likely verbalized this out loud as well as written it. One of the biggest mistakes a child of God can do is to avoid coming to Him when they are low, and not talking it over with Him. Many times we will pay big money to share our problems with professionals, or we will share them with a friend or family member. Sometimes this can be good; however there is no one who cares more than God. Pour out your heart to Him. He will hear, He will love, and He will make Himself known to you. Judges 9:1-16, 19-21; Acts 4:13-31; John 2:2-12

#### Today's Calendar

10:00 am Spirituality Commission (Rm. 14)

#### Today's Birthdays

Kelly Carniol