

cares about your purity that he's disciplining you, putting you on the spot? Hardly! It's because you're a first-class moral failure." (vv.4-5 The Message) I'm thankful for the book of Job for many reasons, one of which is its picture of how *not* to be a friend. It shows us how unhelpful we can be when we presume that we have a better idea of what God is doing in someone else's life than they do. But when we are willing to offer humility and support while also being certain of God's sovereignty and goodness, we just might get to witness that sweet moment when the one who is struggling is ready to accept God's hand in his or her life. I am always grateful for those who are willing to trust me to hear God's voice and are willing to be patient with me as I get to the place I can hear it, even when I get there at a different pace and by a different route than they would have. Psalms 30, 32; Acts 13:26-43; John 10:1-18

Today's Birthdays

Joe Howard; Bonnie Sheehan

Today's Anniversaries

Bruce & Carol Petit

Today's Calendar

4:30 pm Fellowship (Barber Hall)
5:30 pm First Saturday Eucharist (Barber Hall)

Calendar for Sunday, September 5, 2010

8:00 am Rite I Eucharist
9:15 am Family Eucharist
11:00 am Rite II Eucharist
12:30 pm Canterbury Lunch (Canterbury House)

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; Bobby; Carla; Calvin; Charlie; Christopher; Cija; **Craig**; Derek; Faye; Fran; Glenn; Jayme; John; Lionel; Liza; Mary; Matt; Michelle; Murray; Paul; Ray; Rich; Ronnie; Ruth; Ryan; Susan; Tammy; Tina; Tom; Vicky; Cathy Aberg; Peggy Allison; Carl Anderson; Tyler Anderson; Mary Banks; Don Bare; Nicole Baugher; Anne Blosser; Shari Bonnet; **Tom Bricken**; Luke Burrier; Billy Chaplin; Ethel Chaplin; Elizabeth Cook; Stephen D'Andrea; Jack de Raat; Roy Etter; Jean Farr; Ann Freeman Evans; May Garnett; Jan Gay; Wendy Gorrell; Joseph Gudyka; Reverend Constance Hammond; Laura Hawkins; Randy Howard; Frank Howerth; Jean Hunt; David Hunt; Jerry Jones; Beverly King; Alice Marshall; Joshua McDonald; 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; Jac Russler; Rose Schmid; Elizabeth Skinner; Dorothy Strafer; Jack Strafer; Dottie Taylor; Mary Ann Taylor; Stan Tetlow; Eleanor Thompson; Thomas Tinklepaugh; Kitty Vaden; Sonny Vaden; Terry Lynn Voss; Jacob Ward; Donna Wicker; A.G. Willis

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 or (540) 373-2996 x6.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Diocese of Argentina. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Lamb's Creek Church, King George; St. Paul's, King George; Immanuel, Old Church.



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Devotional readings for each day

*Parish birthdays; anniversaries; calendar; and
prayer list*

Sunday, August 29, 2010

Matthew 5:1-12 *"You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you."* (v.4 The Message) It's a delicate balance to live the Christian life. We want God to be the One most dear to us, but we frequently and effortlessly give other things or people that position. And before we realize it, God is no longer most important to us. God says to come to Him honestly, just as we are: desires, disappointments, and drifting included. But it can be difficult to be honest with God when we need to admit that we have something or someone more valuable to us than Him. Yet, this is exactly when we need to be the most honest with God so we can admit it and ask Him to once again be the One we treasure the most. Sometimes we get to that place because we have lost what we once considered more dear. Sometimes though, in His mercy, He uses situations or people in our lives to remind us that He is most beloved because He will always be the One who loves us best and is the only One worthy of our deepest affection. Job 11:1-9, 13-20; Psalms 148, 149, 150; Revelation 5:1-14

Today's Birthdays

Sharon Osmon

Today's Anniversaries

Tom & Kathy Hitt; Brian & Barbara Reed

Calendar for Sunday, August 29, 2010

8:00 am Rite I Eucharist
9:15 am Family Eucharist
10:00 am Youth Group Volunteer Meeting (Loft)
11:00 am Rite II Eucharist
6:00 pm Dinner's for Eight Picnic
(Home of Jan & Bob Savage)
6:00-8:00 pm Canterbury Club Welcome Cookout
(Canterbury House)

Monday, August 30, 2010

Psalm 25 *My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare.* (v.15 NIV) I am grateful that I have tangible places in my life where I can see God's immense kindness to me in sparing me from what would have been heartache upon heartache if I had followed my own wisdom instead of His. I remember a time I backed away from an opportunity that seemed like a solid, judicious move at the time. But as I kept asking God about it with an open heart, much to my surprise, I felt like God was directing me to let the opportunity pass. I did, and God graciously made it clear right away what He knew but what I couldn't have possibly known at the time. In my own wisdom, I would have pursued the opportunity and moved in a direction very different from where I wanted to be. In His wisdom, He graciously redirected me as I stayed connected to Him. Job 12:1-6, 13-25; Acts 11:19-30; John 8:21-32

Today's Birthdays

Barbara Broom; Louise King

Today's Calendar

6:00 pm Yoga (Loft)

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

John 8:33-47 *"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."* (v.36) All day long, we face countless opportunities to be imprisoned. Whether it comes in the form of guilt, shame, hurtful words against us, frustration, addiction, or selfishness, we have plenty of times in any given day to be enslaved to something or someone. When these moments arise in my daily existence, I have a decision to make. Will I let something or someone else determine how much grace and freedom I will receive in that moment, or will

I let Christ determine that? When I stay connected and in tune with Christ, I can be freed up to confess what I need to confess and enjoy His love. When I'm not so connected, it's usually a slippery slope to self-absorption and isolation. Job 12:1, 13:3-17, 21-27; Psalms 26, 28; Acts 12:1-17

Today's Birthdays

Robert Kenny

Today's Calendar

9:00 am-Noon Parish Nurse (Rm. 14)
2:00-4:00 pm Parish Nurse (Rm. 14)

Wednesday, September 1, 2010

Acts 12:18-25 *But the word of God continued to increase and spread.* (v.24) Lately it seems like I hear more about Christianity fizzling out than picking up steam. Someone claiming Christianity does this or that, and I'm saddened that what seems like an act of hypocrisy gets more airtime than all the tremendous good people are doing all around the world to proclaim Christ's love and forgiveness. God's word will go out. But at the end of the day, I want to ask myself whether or not I'm a conduit of the word increasing and spreading. I may never live internationally again, but I want my life to be one that promotes God's word. Job 12:1, 14:1-22; Psalm 38; John 8:47-59

Today's Birthdays

Randy Jones; Jan Savage

Today's Calendar

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

Thursday, September 2, 2010

Psalm 37:1-18 *Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.* (v.3) God's Word is always life-giving, no matter how well I'm doing or how hard life feels. But sometimes God speaks so directly through His Word to address a particular concern I have, that I can do nothing but sit in awe and gratitude. Psalm 37:3 will always take me back to when I was a young missionary and had an experience with God like

I'm describing. I was sitting at the base of the Swiss Alps and feeling trepidation about returning to the country in which I was living at the time. The country was replete with corruption and still some opposition to the Gospel, and I felt afraid to enter back into it. I opened my Bible to do my daily reading, and my eyes fell on this verse. I sat in awe. I could only pause and thank God for speaking so directly to the fear I had been hiding, and I returned to "the land" with a deeper confidence and trust than I had ever known. Job 16:16-22, 17:1, 13-16; Acts 13:1-12; John 9:1-17

Today's Birthdays

Chris Brantley; Anne Luehrs

Today's Anniversaries

Al & Frances Folden

Friday, September 3, 2010

John 9:18-41 *He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"* (v.25) I can't identify with being blind and then having my sight restored. I can't identify with being reduced to begging. I can only imagine what it must have been like for a man to go from no hope of anything different than what he's always known, to a life radically changed. I've been a Christian since my mother led Backyard Bible Clubs when I was 5 years old. I can, however, identify with knowing that without Christ, I would be blind and I would be begging. Instead, I get to daily enjoy the delight of experiencing Christ's presence. I get to know that he has already given me eyes to see his glory in the everyday and in the remarkable. I get to live with the certainty that he is intentionally bringing his glory in my life for my good. Job 19:1-7, 14-27; Psalm 31; Acts 13:13-25

Today's Birthdays

Rod Linares; Jac Russler

Today's Calendar

12:30 pm Warden's Luncheon

Saturday, September 4, 2010

Job 22:1-4, 21—23:7 *"Do you think it's because he*