

understand. So, what sign is the fig tree trying to show us? Isaiah, in chapter 66, asks "Can a nation be born in a day?" The answer to that question is yes. Israel was established as a nation on May 14, 1948. This and many more Bible prophecies have been and are being fulfilled. Is it possible that the time is near? I count six times in Matthew where Jesus uses the phrase, "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." In every instance he is speaking about those who are not prepared for his coming. We cannot predict the time or date, but we can be ready by accepting his offer of salvation now. I don't want to be among those who guess wrong on this one. For your children's sake, learn the lesson from the fig tree! Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalms 20, 21; Romans 10:14-21

Today's Calendar

Shrine Mont Weekend Continues

Wedding of Rev. Brian Turner &
Rev. Amy Porterfield

8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew (Barber Hall)

9:30 am Pastoral Care Commission (Lounge)

Today's Birthdays

Ali Brace; Megan Hollister; Kaela McCrossin

Calendar for Sunday, July 11, 2010

Parish Weekend Concludes

8:00 am Rite I Eucharist

9:15 am Family Eucharist

10:15 am Refreshments on the Lawn

11:00 am Rite II Eucharist



OVERSEAS

Pvt. John Brauer III; Col. Brian Campbell; 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

Betsy; Calvin; Charlie; Christopher; Cija; Faye; Glenn; **Junior**; Lionel; Liza; Mary; Paul; Ruth; Susan; **Tammy**; Tina; Tom; Cathy Aberg; Peggy Allison; Carl Anderson; Tyler Anderson; **Ryan Baker**; **Don Bare**; Anne Blosser; Shari Bonnet; Luke Burrier, Billy Chaplin; Ethel Chaplin; Elizabeth Cook, Jack de Raat; Roy Etter; Ann Freeman Evans; Carolyn Frye; Jan Gay, Wendy Gorrell; Reverend Constance Hammond; Randy Howard, David Hunt; Jerry Jones; Alice Marshall; Betty Nichols, Marsha Paller; Lois Patterson, **Dianne Philipp**; Amirah Powell; Javyn Powell; Shana Powell; Xanya Powell; Xayvion Powell; Kristine Pruitt; Rice Family; Vincent Richards; Rose Schmid; Elizabeth Skinner; Dorothy Strafer; Jack Strafer; Dottie Taylor; Mary Ann Taylor; Robert Tetlow; Eleanor Thompson; Kitty Vaden; Sonny Vaden; Terry Lynn Voss; Trent Walradt; 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 or (540) 373-2996 x6.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Diocese of Northern India. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul's, Hanover & St. Martin's, Doswell.



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Devotional readings for each day

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

Sunday, July 4, 2010

Psalm 146 *Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—the Lord, who remains faithful forever.* (vv.5-6 NIV) God is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them. He alone is our hope for help, salvation, healing, and for all that we will ever need. The writer of this psalm emphasizes that we cannot depend upon man or upon governments, but only on our mighty Lord. He will sustain the fatherless and the widow as He frustrates the wicked and protects His people from the forces of evil that try to destroy us. God will remain faithful forever and ever. Therefore, I will praise the Lord as long as I live. I will praise and thank Him for who He is and for all He has done for me and for all mankind! Oh that I could hear His voice and know how I might please Him in this life here and now. Open my ears, Lord, that I might be your instrument of peace and love. Numbers 27:12-23; Psalm 147; Acts 19:11-20; Mark 1:14-20

Calendar for Sunday, July 4, 2010

Independence Day

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, July 5, 2010

Romans 8:26-30 *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.* (v.28) Most of us can look back at a time when some apparent misfortune turned out for the best. I remember when our primary source of income

canceled the contract for representing them in our state. How in the world would we survive? Well, we continued to tithe, our cost of operations went down and we prospered more than before. It turned out to be a good thing, not a disaster. The enemy meant this for harm, but God used it for our good. Jacob's son, Joseph, had taunted his brothers, revealing dreams wherein they would bow before him. So, when the opportunity came they sold him into slavery. His owner had him thrown into prison on a trumped up charge, but despite all of this he became the supreme ruler of Egypt. His brothers were terrified when in the midst of a severe famine they learned that it was Joseph who would decide their fate. But he reassured them "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27; Psalms 1, 2, 3; Matthew 23:1-12

Birthdays

John Henze; Karen Rice; Cathy Smith

Today's Calendar

Office Closed

6:00 pm Yoga (Loft)

Tuesday, July 6, 2010

Romans 8:31-39 *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.* (v.37) Our pastor told us that Paul's Letter to the Romans is the *Himalayas* of his writing and chapter 8 is *Mount Everest*. This whole chapter is certainly worth reading. Is it hard for you to imagine yourself as a conqueror, much less *more than a conqueror*? It is for me; yet it is said that on the cross a divinely ordained exchange took place. Jesus, as the sinless perfect Lamb of God, took upon himself every curse and all of our sin while God made the righteousness of Jesus available to us. In short, the evil due us came upon Jesus that the good due to him might be offered to us. This was God's plan from before the foundation of the world because He knew that the only way humans could be conquerors would be if they had a Savior/Redeemer. Now we are to put on the full armor of God so that we can stand against the devil's plans to undo all of what God has done for us (Ephesians 6:11). Numbers 35:1-3, 9-15, 30-34; Psalms 5, 6; Matthew 23:13-26

Today's Birthdays

Chris Mell

Today's Calendar

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

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

Romans 9:1-18 *It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy.* (v.16) As I write this, businesses are failing, the stock market has plummeted, and people are losing their jobs along with their homes and savings. We are reminded that terrorism is a heart beat away. Iran and North Korea are developing nuclear capability and Israel could be wiped off the map at any time. Christianity is being questioned if not actually threatened by our society and our government. However, the Bible tells us that God is in control. His justice is perfect and His mercy is everlasting. He holds our future in His Hands and is never surprised by the headlines. It is He who elects presidents and crowns kings. He knows what He is doing and has a plan for our Nation and for each of us. Question: Why, then, are we concerned? Answer: We shouldn't be! Worry is a sin simply because it is a symptom of our lack of faith in our omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, and most high God who loves us more than we love our own children. Let us pray! Deuteronomy 1:1-18; Psalm 119:1-24; Matthew 23:27-39

Today's Calendar

9:30 am Staff Meeting
Noon Eucharist

Thursday, July 8, 2010

Matthew 24:1-14 *And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.* (v.14) There, on the Mount of Olives, Jesus was speaking to the disciples, telling them about the end times: "You will be handed over to be persecuted and you will be hated by all nations because of me." He says that nation will rise against nation, there will be wars and rumors of wars, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. False prophets will rise up and deceive many. But *you* must not be deceived or alarmed, because he who stands firm to the end will be saved! Hallelujah! Yes, we who believe will be saved, but beyond that we must insure that our families and other close friends know the truth and go on to Heaven with us. We must also support those special ministries that preach this gospel

in prisons and around our Nation and the world. Then, as our text says, the end will come and our Savior shall return for his final victory over Satan. Can you not see these things happening right now? Deuteronomy 3:18-28; Psalm 18:1-20; Romans 9:19-33

Today's Birthdays

Randall Clingenpeel

Friday, July 9, 2010

Romans 10:1-13 *But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.* (vv.8-9) They say that if it sounds too good to be true, then it probably isn't true. If it isn't a difficult process, then it probably is not the right way. Surely becoming a Believer must be some sort of complicated business where one must learn Scripture and pass certain tests. And, of course, every person who wants to be successful in obeying the great Commission must have all the answers and be prepared for anything. Not so, says Paul. All a person has to do is believe down in his heart (truly believe) that God raised Jesus from the dead and then say with his mouth (and mean it) that Jesus is Lord. It is a wonderful thing to see someone accept Christ in this way. But before we put a mark on the wall or a notch in our belt we must remember that none of us is able to "talk a person into the kingdom." It is the work of the Holy Spirit to convict and bring in those who are called. Deuteronomy 31:7-13, 24—32:4; Psalms 16, 17; Matthew 24:15-31

Today's Birthdays

Christopher Maloney

Today's Calendar

Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont Begins

Saturday, July 10, 2010

Matthew 24:32-51 *"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near."* (v.32) Matthew takes up two chapters, 24 and 25, wherein he has Jesus speaking about his return, the last days, and the final judgment. God apparently knows that this is an important area for us to