

Saturday, September 18, 2010

Acts 17:16-34 *Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious... I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.* (vv.22-23) I think Paul gives a great example here of how to reach those of a different culture, faith and background for the cause of Christ. He chooses not to offend them by exposing everything they are doing/believing that is heretical or in error, but builds on what truth there is in their belief system. For example, Paul builds on the truth of what they were familiar with in the saying, "as some of your own poets said, 'we are his offspring'" (Acts 17:28). One thing I've learned over the years is that in *all* religions, even cults, there are elements of truth. That is what makes some so hard to speak against or criticize because the lies are so close to the truth. There is a saying, "the closer to the truth a lie is, the harder it is to discern." I've also learned that the *one* starting point in all discussions of truth is Jesus. It is with him that truth begins and ends. It is with him that we stand or fall. It is with him that others will be drawn to the truth. May we all reflect him to the lost and deceived of this world. Esther 2:5-8, 15-23; Psalms 75, 76; Acts 17:16-34; John 12:44-50

Today's Birthdays

Hannah MacIsaac; Mike Wolfer

Calendar for Sunday, September 19, 2010

Brown Bag Sunday

Blood Pressure Screening after

All three services (Rm. 14)

- 8:00 am Rite I Eucharist
- 9:00 am Café Trinity
- 9:15 am Family Eucharist
- 10:00 am Fellowship Commission Mtg. (Barber Hall)
- 10:15 am Sunday School Begins
- 11:00 am Rite II Eucharist
- 12:30 pm Canterbury Lunch (Canterbury House)
- 4:00-5:30 pm Junior Youth Group
- 5:30-6:00 pm Youth Dinner (Barber Hall)
- 6:00-7:30 pm Senior Youth Group

OVERSEAS

SSgt Brian Bosworth; Pvt. John Brauer III; Col. Brian Campbell; PFC Kevin Harrison; 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; Ambia; 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; John A.; Cathy Aberg; **Anne R. Adams**; Peggy Allison; **Candace Allshouse**; Carl Anderson; Tyler Anderson; Carlene B; Mary Banks; Don Bare; Nicole Baugher; Anne Blosser; Shari Bonnet; Tom Bricken; **Henry Brodt**; Luke Burrier, **Katie C.**; Billy Chaplin; **Bobby Chaplin**; **Christopher Chaplin**; Ethel Chaplin; Elizabeth Cook, Stephen D'Andrea; Jack de Raat; Abram E.; Cheryl E.; Roy Etter; Ann Freeman Evans; Jean Farr; May Garnett; Jan Gay, Wendy Gorrell; Joseph Gudyka; Reverend Constance Hammond; 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; Kent Rahm; 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; **Dwayne W.**; 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 Tanzania. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Francis', Great Falls; St. Luke's, Remington & Emmanuel, Harrisonburg.



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Devotional readings for each day

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

Sunday, September 12, 2010

Job 38:1, 18-41 *"Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth? Tell me if you know all this."* (v.18 NIV) When "the Lord answered Job out of the storm," His words never struck me as particularly comforting. My Bible commentary to the string of questions the Lord poses to Job says it is a form of rhetoric. I, personally, had always sensed sarcasm in these refrains. According to Webster's Dictionary, the former is "a question that doesn't need an answer"—true. The latter is an "ironic utterance designed to cut or give pain." In my opinion, also true. Why would a *good and loving* God want to cause Job more pain? The answer lies in the question. Who is your God? What might His purposes be? Psalm 24, 29; Revelation 18:1-8; Matthew 5:21-26

Today's Birthdays

Adam Anderson; Judi Blalock; Susan Caple

Calendar for Sunday, September 12, 2010

Grandparent's Day

*Grand Opening - Celebration of Renovations at the
8, 9:15 and 11:00 Eucharists*

- 8:00 am Rite I Eucharist
- 9:00 am Café Trinity (Barber Hall)
- 9:15 am Family Eucharist & Baptism
(Reception following in Barber Hall)
- 11:00 am Rite II Eucharist
- 12:30 pm Canterbury Lunch (Canterbury House)
- 12:30 pm Unfinished Projects Group (Lounge)
- 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Group Kick-off Celebration (Loft)

Monday, September 13, 2010

Psalm 57 *I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings*

until the disaster has passed. (v.1b) When do we turn to God? When all is well or when trouble comes our way? When do we admit we have need for him? Apathy and complacency are the enemies of my soul. A favorite analogy of mine is the way we grow stronger and the way a tree grows stronger. When a tree is stressed, needing water during the drought or dry season, its root system goes deep into the soil to find its source of water (life). It is therefore able to withstand the dry seasons much better and longer in the future. We can all learn from this example. When we are stressed or when disaster is upon us, we can also go “deeper” into our connectedness to the Lord as our source of life. Sometimes the “soil” is hard. Sometimes we will “wilt” for awhile. But by seeking Him through His Word and fellowship with His people, our “roots” will be stronger once the “pruning” process is complete. Job 40:1-24; Psalms 56, 58; Acts 15:36—16:5; John 11:55—12:8

Today's Birthdays

Linda Thomas

Today's Anniversaries

Val & Brenda Folden

Today's Calendar

10:30 am ECW (Lounge)
6:00 pm Yoga (Loft)

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

John 12:9-19 *They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!"* (v.13) Who doesn't remember being part of a procession like this as a child? The feel of carrying a palm branch (heavier than you think), walking single file through the sanctuary and chanting Hosanna all made it so real. The tradition continues today with our own children and grand-children. Hosanna is a “cry of acclamation and adoration.” As children, we cry Hosanna to the Jesus who “...loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.” I don't know about you, but as an adult, I still cry Hosanna for the same reason. Job 40:1, 41:1-11; Psalms 61, 62; Acts 16:6-15

Today's Birthdays

Harvey Allen; Juanita Linares;
Andrew Maloney; Eric Pomroy

Today's Calendar

9:00 am-Noon Parish Nurse (Rm. 14)
10:30 am Book Group (Lounge)
2:00-4:00 pm Parish Nurse (Rm. 14)
5:30 pm Canterbury Worship & Dinner (Canterbury House)

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Job 42:1-17 *"My ears had heard of you, but now my eyes have seen you."* (v.5) How big the difference between hearing of the Lord and “seeing” Him! Job had spent his life hearing of the Lord and His commandments, following those commandments, and being blessed for doing so. There comes a time in each of our lives when we have to question what we *really* believe. Job encountered this soul searching question when, in the midst of his obedience, tragedy struck and the blessings were removed. He still believed that God was essentially good, loved him, and that His ways were best. During his long conversation with God, Job found validation for his faith in the *presence* of God. This took his relationship to a new and higher level. In discovering the difference between hearing of the Lord and being in His presence, our relationship with Him will go to a higher level as well. Pray for “seeing” His presence every day. Psalm 72; Acts 16:16-24; John 12:20-26

Today's Calendar

9:30 am Staff Meeting
Noon Eucharist w/Laying on of Hands
7:30 pm Christian Education (J13)
7:00 pm Servant Commission Mtg. (Rm. 14)
7:30 pm Visitation & Training Mtg. (Lounge)

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Job 28:1-28 *"He searches in the farthest recesses for ore in the blackest darkness. The earth, from which food comes, is transformed below as by fire."* (vv.3b, 5) I was struck with a new insight to some of these verses when reading them this morning. The primary meaning from the whole chapter is about how man relies on himself so much of the time to pierce the darkness in the earth's mines to bring forth treasure. How “wisdom” is the greatest treasure, which all other treasures cannot compare and are not worthy of mention. How wisdom is hidden from man, concealed from our eyes. How only God knows the way to wisdom and how to acquire it. Fear of the Lord is wisdom. In verses 2-6, however, I was struck with a deeper, more spiritualized sense of where “treasure” is found and the processes used to form it. It is out of the “*blackest darkness*,” the “earth is transformed below as by fire.” Isn't this the same process for

how we are transformed? And, once we have emerged from the darkness and been refined by the fire, precious eternal jewels come forth? Isn't it in these dark places where “*no other man has set foot*” that we meet the God that is Wisdom, the greatest Jewel of all? Psalms 70, 71; Acts 16:25-40; John 12:27-36a

Today's Birthdays

Anne Adams; Kimberly Swaim; Kathleen Williams

Today's Anniversaries

Tom Wilson & Nancy Breaux

Today's Calendar

11:00 am Communion @ Chancellor's Village
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Friday, September 17, 2010

Acts 17:1-15 *But the Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city.* (v.5) “What's old is new again.” “There is nothing new under the sun.” These same clichés can be applied to the tactics used today to hinder the spread of the Gospel and the ways of God! There is just no telling what some people will resort to in attempting to prevent the Word of God from being shared. Perversion and distortion of the truth, all kinds of arguments, and deceptions are employed to justify positions of unbelief and damage the cause of Christ. Jealousy was the primary motivation two thousand years ago. This remains an ongoing motivator in contemporary society. Jealousy is just another form of anger. Anger about what's “rightfully mine.” Jealousy desires the trappings of this life's position and possessions above the wealth available to all who would *just believe*. Only God can unblock the view to the eternal for those who are lost, but He asks us to pray for this to happen. *We* are His chosen channel of operation to effect change in this world and the hearts of men. Pray for those in your circle who need Him. Esther 1:1-4, 10-19; Psalm 69; John 12:36b-43

Today's Birthdays

Paul Delagrance; Anne Geyer

Today's Calendar

7:00 pm Faith in Fiction Book Group (Hyperion Espresso)