



PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BIRTHDAYS: Sep 20, Mary Beth Hamm; Sep 21, Juli Valley; Sep 22, Emilia Oysel; Sep 23, Cyndy Taylor; Sep 24, Charlotte Hamm, Kaylor Baumgardner; Sep 25, Sabrina Hodges, Jenny Cordell

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Stacey Cordell, Gene Giannini, Teresa & Bob Forbis, Barbara Jones, Abbey Hale, Frannie Smith, Betty & Tom, The Lee Family, Susan, Jerry, Austin, Danielle, Andrew, Rebecca, Brandy, Pam B. & Family, Diana L., The Smith Family, Leonard Herron, The Tansil Family, Nat Baxter, Denise & Jim, Sherri Ligon, Rosemary Paden, The Brown Family, Digna & Family, Susan, Jerry, and Linda & Jim Cantrell

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST, REMEMBERING TODAY: OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAMS, ASHLEY STRANGE, T.I. DAVIS, NIKKI SKILES, BRIAN CLEMMER, STUART SKILES, JUNE MILLWOOD, BUTCH PORTER, DANA NELSON, ED, JAMES, KURT B., MARY STINNETT, KRISTIN DILL, CHIP HURDLE, HOOPER JONES, BRETT NICHOLSON, BILL NICHOLS, DAVID, BUCKY, BILL CORUM, PAUL HYDE, CHRIS, JOSH PARTLOW, JACK & GAIL BOBICZ, and MARILYN GRIVICH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OSL HEALING UNIVERSITY: Healing University will not meet on Thursday, Sept 23, but will resume next week on Sept 30.

2022 VESTRY ELECTION PROCESS: Three vestry positions for 2022, each for a 3-year term, will be elected by the parish at our annual meeting on Nov 30. The nominating committee (Laura Hall, Kent Thompson, and Davis Woods) is searching for volunteers willing to be nominees to serve Saint Andrew's in this very important capacity. If you are contacted by the committee about serving, we hope you will seriously consider it. Most of our present and past vestry members would affirm that taking this leadership role and being on the vestry is a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

INQUIRERS' CLASS FOR CONFIRMATION: Fr. Christian will begin the Inquirers' Class on Wednesday, **Sept 22**, at 10:30 AM in the conference room. If you are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church or in being confirmed or received during Bishop Phoebe's visit in January, please let Fr. Christian know so you can get in on the beginning class. Adults and youth are welcome, whether or not you decide to be confirmed or received.

MEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: The men have begun a new study, *The New Testament in Antiquity*, by Gary M. Burge and Gene L. Green (found at: <http://masterlectures.zondervanacademic.com/new-testament-in-antiquity>).

The New Testament in Antiquity skillfully develops how Jewish, Hellenistic, and Roman cultures formed the essential environment in which the New Testament authors wrote their books and letters. Throughout the video lectures, presenters Gary Burge and Gene Green provide windows into the first-century world and discuss issues of interpretation derived from cultural observations. You will learn how understanding the land, history, and culture of this world brings remarkable new insights into how we read the New Testament itself. All men are invited to attend on Mondays in the parish hall at 10:00 AM.

LADIES' TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: The ladies' study group has begun a new 12-week course on ***Slaying the Giants in Your Life***, by David Jeremiah. All ladies are welcome to attend the study on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in the parish hall. Sara Dobbs left books on the bookcase right outside the church office. If you want to attend, please pick up a book and sign the sheet.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY AT SAINT ANDREW'S: A new Bible study, hosted by Women Mentoring Women, began on Tuesday, **Sept 14**, at 5:45 PM and will run for 6 weeks. Saint Andrew's ladies are invited. It's a Priscilla Shirer video study called "Breathe: Making Room for Sabbath." With a jam-packed life, you need breathing room, a space for God to speak and room for you to hear. The books are \$13, and all attendees need one. You can order yours, or let Gina Harden know and she'll order for you (g_harden1@yahoo.com or 901-497-7877).

FR. JEFF'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Fr. Jeff has begun his new study on Wednesdays in the parish hall at 10:00 AM. The study is on Genesis and picks up with the materials posted on Facebook and the church website (look under Worship/Reflections), with additional insights from the Church Fathers of the Christian faith. It will be a slow-motion study, trying to honor the depth to be found therein. Study notes are provided on the church website for those who want to use them as a guide. Go to menu headings Parish Life/Adults/**Adult Formation** and you should find Bible Studies on that page. In the description of the Wednesday study is a link to the notes. They can also be found under Parish Life on the church's mobile app. Everyone is invited to join the class.

FR. CHRISTIAN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY – DANIEL & ESTHER: Daniel was among the first of the captives taken by the Babylonians. Although he lived in a culture opposed to God, he was always faithful to the Lord, even in the face of death, and ultimately was able to influence kings and rulers. Esther was in exile during the time of the Persian Empire. Like Daniel, the Lord also placed her in a position to influence those in power. God also called her to step out in faith and risk her life to foil a plot against her people. As a result of her bold actions, the entire Jewish race was saved from annihilation. We will explore *Life Lessons* with Max Lucado in a series of twelve lessons with intriguing questions, inspirational stories, and poignant reflections to take you deeper into God's Word. Like Daniel and Esther, Christians are also in exile in this world and need to stay faithful and true to their Heavenly Kingdom. Everyone is invited to attend on Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the parish hall.

SOLO: HOPE OF THE WORLD

(text by Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974; music by Taylor Davis)

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion,
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
still let thy Spirit unto us be given,
to heal earth's wounds and end all bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
showing to wand'ring souls the path of light,
walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways
lure us away from thee to endless night.

Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious;
thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

Daily Office, Year 1, Proper 20, September 19–25, BCP 984

Sun	AM Psalm 93, 96 2 Kings 4:8-37	PM Psalm 34 Acts 9:10-31	Luke 3:7-18
Mon	AM Psalm 80 2 Kings 5:1-19	PM Psalm 77, [79] 1 Cor. 4:8-21	Matt. 5:21-26
Tue	<i>Holy Day, St. Matthew, September 21, BCP 999</i>		
	AM Psalm 119:41-64	Isaiah 8:11-20	Rom. 10:1-15
	PM Psalm 19, 112	Job 28:12-28	Matt. 13:44-52
Tue	AM Psalm 78:1-39 2 Kings 5:19-27	PM Psalm 78:40-72 1 Cor. 5:1-8	Matt. 5:27-37
Wed	AM Psalm 119:97-120 2 Kings 6:1-23	PM Psalm 81, 82 1 Cor. 5:9—6:8	Matt. 5:38-48
Thu	AM Psalm [83] or 146, 147 2 Kings 9:1-16	PM Psalm 85, 86 1 Cor. 6:12-20	Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18
Fri	AM Psalm 88 2 Kings 9:17-37	PM Psalm 91, 92 1 Cor. 7:1-9	Matt. 6:7-15
Sat	AM Psalm 87, 90 2 Kings 11:1-20a	PM Psalm 136 1 Cor. 7:10-24	Matt. 6:19-24