

Christ the King Episcopal Church
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The **Whisper**

July 29th, 2021

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PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Are you Serving this Sunday? Please check the listing below:

Serving SUNDAY 8/1

Acolyte—Patrick Biggs
OT— Cassandra Dansby
NT— Colleen Parrish
POP—Jo Ann Tatlian
Ushers— Jessica Beck, JoAnn Tatlian, Jason Biggs, Donovan Biggs
Altar Guild— Debbie Greene, Jo Ann Tatlian

Jim Aldridge, Francine Anforth, Ginny Bagge, Josh Beck, Jessie Beck, Joey Beck, John Beck, Mother Carolyn Biggs, David Biggs, Jason Biggs, Angela Biggs Patrick Biggs, Donovan Biggs, Kaylee Biggs, Jenna Biggs, Lisa Birkner, Carolyn Bonzack, Dwain Borden, Andrea Borden, Liam Borden, Clive Borden, Alice Bradshaw, Bob Bradshaw, Karen Brown, Paul Brown.

Our **Prayer Team** continues to pray for the needs of our church. Please be in touch with Joy Parker should you, a friend or family member need to have prayers during this time of pandemic. Please feel free to send an email to Dr. Joy Parker at: greatgg26@gmail.com. OR 863-712-5594

People on Christ the Kings prayer list:

Chris, Christina, Brian, Joyce, Sharon, Mike, Susan, Betty, Ginny, Debbie, Arron, Connie, Carolyn, and the family of Shana Blair, Anna and family, Nick, Aiden, Brandon, Joy, Kim, David, and the Elliott family and Joshua. All those effected by Covid 19, those who have committed suicide and the families they have left behind, and those who have been affected by disasters.



The Daughters of the King have scheduled a meeting for this Sunday, August 1st at 2:00 p.m. Please let Sarah Williams know if you will be able to attend.



If you have or would like to serve as an acolyte you are invited to a Pool Party on August 14th from 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. You will be hosted by Philip and Sarah Williams at their home at 9441 Readhawk Bend Lane, Lakeland, FL. 33810. Please call them (863) 863 712 3169, or email pwilli@tampabay.rr.com, to let them know you will be there!! Don't forget your bathing suit!!!



Ladies Night Out has been scheduled for August 19th, 6:00 p.m. we will be going to Smokey Bones, 3901 U.S. Highway 98 North, Lakeland, FL. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway. All of our Ladies are invited!



All GUYS, any age! **Guy's Night Out.** Deacon Ed has made arrangements for the men of the congregation to gather at **The End Zone**, 6206 U.S. Highway 98 North, Lakeland On **August 19th, at 6:00 p.m.** Since the ladies will be out, he thought it would be a good idea to have the guys go out too, and the benefit would be your not worrying about dinner!! It is Deacon Ed's hope that this will give the guys the opportunity to get to know each other. He's hoping that conversations will not include health issues or church stuff. A sign--up sheet has been prepared and is in the hallway at church. Deacon Ed looks forward to seeing you guys for dinner.



Stewardship Committee—will meet on August 22nd, following the service. If you would like to serve or attend, please talk to David Biggs or Carmen Ready



Scooter—one of our members has a scooter that they would like to get rid of. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested, please talk to Jo Ann

SUNDAY—AUGUST 1ST, 2021
MISSION SUNDAY—EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

Bible Study—9:00 a.m.
 Worship—10:00 a.m.
 Coffee Hour following the service
 Daughter's of the King—2:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 8th – Blessing of the Back Packs*
- August 14th— NEW DATE for Acolyte Pool Party*
- August 15th – Vestry Meeting – Following the service*
- August 19th— Ladies Night Out— Smokey Bones—6:00 p.m.*
- Guy's Night Out—End Zone—6:00 p.m.*
- August 22nd— Birthday and Anniversary Celebration*
- Stewardship Meeting—following the service*
- August 29th – 5th Sunday Dinner—Fish Fry—more information to follow*

Monthly Activities-

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND
 Study Groups—

Sunday Morning Bible Study—9:00 a.m.

Saturday Study Group
 this group resumes meetings on the
 August 15th at 8:30 a.m.
 1st and 3rd Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Study—Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

*Please note the loose Sunday Offering is designated for
 1st Sunday Mission;*

This week's
 Anniversaries
 or
 Birthday's

Mother Carolyn & David Biggs, 8/6
 Jessica Beck, 8/1; David Biggs, 8/1;
 Linda Toalster, 8/2; Beryl Lemmond, 8/5

Given to the Glory of God—
 General Fund Offering
 last week was—**\$2,317.50**
 Expenses— **\$3,965.82**

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

CHURCH ADDRESS UPDATE—If you send anything
 to church via the mail, please use the following address:
 P.O. Box 1176, Kathleen, FL 33849-1176



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Back to School Supplies

- One-Subject spiral notebooks, wide rule
- Glue sticks
- 16 count pack of crayons
- Jumbo pink erasers
- Packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- Box gallon-size freezer bags
- Box quart-size freezer bags
- #2 yellow pencils (non-mechanical)
- Hand sanitizer.



Blessing of the Backpacks—

will take place on Sunday, August 8th at our 10:00 a.m. Service.

Please bring your backpacks to church!!

First Sunday is MISSION SUNDAY –

The Loose Cash and Change as well as special donations
from our Offering today go to:



Episcopal Relief & Development works with church partners and other local organizations to help people have healthier, more fulfilling lives in communities that are struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease. They also work around the world and here in the US responding to and rebuilding after disasters.

Their programs impact the lives of over 3 million people annually. They respect the dignity of all people and view them as our neighbors, working alongside participants regardless of religious affiliation or background.

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For more information, here's their website:

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/who-we-are/>

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Pray for the people around the world who are helped with these programs and the men and women who administer them

Make a financial donation If you would like to make a financial donation, make your check out to Christ the King with a note on your check in the Memo line:

EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT or you can send a check directly to them at: **Episcopal Relief & Development P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058**

or donate online: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/give/donate-now/individual-donation/>.

[IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS please contact our church office.](#)

The Readings for Transfiguration Sundy/10th Sunday in Pentecost, August 1st, 2021

Old Testament—Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Psalm 99 or 99:5-9—*Dominus regnavit*

- 1 [The LORD is King; let the people tremble; * he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; * he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; * he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; * you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."]
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; * he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, * they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; * you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

The Epistle—2 Peter 1:13-21

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Gospel—Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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Sunday, August 1—Psalm 96 *Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods.* (v.4 NLT)

I once read a quote that said, “Where you stare, you steer.” It means where I fix my gaze, that is the direction my mind, thoughts, and life will go. I asked myself, “What are my thoughts and mind staring at?”

In 2020 we had a worldwide pandemic. There was much cultural unrest about minority group oppression and violence related to protesting. The political fervor was one of almost polar opposition on every issue. My gaze—my thoughts and emotions were definitely on worldly matters and issues. I was a jumbled mess at times!

This verse brought to focus that world events can often turn into a “god” and an unhealthy mind set. It is God Himself I need to fix my gaze on. He is the one to be feared and respected. He is the one I choose to stare at. He will steer me in right and peaceful paths. Where is your gaze today?

2 Samuel 6:12-23; Psalm 93; Romans 4:7-12; John 1:43-51

Monday, August 2—Mark 8:11-21 *But the disciples had forgotten to bring any food. They had only one loaf of bread with them in the boat. As they were crossing the lake, Jesus warned them, “Watch out! Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and of Herod.” At this they began to argue with each other because they hadn’t brought any bread.* (vv.14-16)

Whenever I read this passage, I actually chuckle! I can picture these grown men, arguing over who forgot to bring the food and whose fault it was that they only had one loaf of bread! And then I envision the frustration on Jesus’ face as he listens to them arguing like children.

The disciples were missing the whole point. Jesus was trying to impart a spiritual truth, not chastise them about food. But his friends were entirely focused on physical food and bread.

How often I can be focused on what I think God is saying to me, rather than what He is truly trying to teach me. I’m thankful God is patient with me. Like Jesus did for the disciples, He shifts my understanding and hearing to spiritual truths He wants me to learn. May I have ears to hear.

2 Samuel 7:1-17; Psalm 80; Acts 18:1-11

Tuesday, August 3—Psalm 78:1-39 *For they did not believe God or trust him to care for them.* (v.22)

Sometimes when I read the Bible, I think to myself, “How could the people think like that?” How could the Israelites experience God’s miraculous deliverance from Egypt but not believe he could provide them bread or meat?

And then quietly, the Holy Spirit taps me on the shoulder and says, “You do that too.” *What? Me?* Sure enough, I can think back to prayers or expectations. God has answered hundreds of my personal prayers. But then some days I pray and speak to God like He hasn’t answered the way I wanted or expected. Or even answered my prayer at all.

This is a crafty tactic of the enemy: “Don’t believe God. He can’t be trusted. He might have cared in the past, but He doesn’t now.” All lies of Satan.

Believe God, not the enemy. God can be trusted. He is able and He cares. Who will you choose to listen to?

2 Samuel 7:18-29; Acts 18:12-28; Mark 8:22-33

Wednesday, August 4—Mark 8:34—9:1 *“Is anything worth more than your soul?”* (v.37)

In my opinion, I would love to have a chronological book of just the words that Jesus spoke. He was a man a few words, but the ones he spoke were powerful and life giving. That is how I feel about this short passage here in Mark.

Reading just verse 37, and answering it honestly, could change my life and yours dramatically. If I began my day with this thought and acted accordingly to put this verse into action, how would my day look? How would your day look? Would you and I need to change anything? Possibly everything?

What is more important than my soul? Breakfast, schedule, work? Errands? Do I put my family before my own soul? On some days, one would wonder if the importance of my soul mattered at all to me. Jesus is asking again this day, “Is there anything worth more than your own soul?”

2 Samuel 9:1-13; Psalm 119:97-120; Acts 19:1-10

Thursday, August 5—2 Samuel 11:1-27 *In the spring of the year, when kings normally go out to war, David sent Joab and the Israelite army to fight the Ammonites. They destroyed the Ammonite army and laid siege to the city of Rabbah. However, David stayed behind in Jerusalem.* (v.1)

A while ago, I volunteered as a helper once a week in a kindergarten classroom. It amazed me that the teacher always knew where each of the sixteen students was and what they were doing.

The children were quite young and were easily distracted. It was common for them not to listen to directions. Often, I would find them wandering off and doing something they shouldn't have been doing.

Several times I would hear the wise teacher ask them, "What are you supposed to be doing?" Or, "Where are you supposed to be?"

This is the question I hear God asking in this passage. David was not where he was supposed to be. He was not doing what God had intended. It caused him great trouble and others suffered because of his sin.

Are you where God wants you to be?

Psalms 83, 145; Acts 19:11-20; Mark 9:2-13

Friday, August 6—Mark 9:14-29 *So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."* (v.29 NKJV)

In my opinion, fasting is a spiritual discipline many people are not particularly fond of. Who wants to purposely make themselves feel hunger? It is physically uncomfortable and unpleasant. Yet, I have personally experienced strongholds in my life that were torn down only after a time of prayer and fasting. Uncomfortable? Yes. Necessary? Absolutely.

Jesus speaks about fasting not as *if* we should fast but *when* we should fast. I believe fasting is a scriptural discipline that has spiritual benefits and power. Jesus is revealing the truth of this power in these verses in Mark.

Don't let your stomach rule your spiritual life. Let the power of God rest on you as you yield to His power available through fasting along with prayer. You may be surprised by the results.

2 Samuel 12:1-14; Psalm 88; Acts 19:21-41

Saturday, August 7—Psalm 90 *Let us, your servants, see you work again; let our children see your glory.* (v.16 NLT)

One of my recurrent prayers is that God would give me eyes to see. Eyes to see Him, where He is working in my life, and to keep my eyes focused on Him.

I want to be a person who can look and see the hand of God more than the works of the devil. I need supernatural power to do this! How easy it is to see with human eyes and all that is wrong with myself and the world.

These verses are going to be a prayer of mine. That God will enable me to see Him at work in my life and my family's lives. I want my children and grandchildren to have eyes of faith too. Lord, may it be so according to Your word: "Let us, your servants, see you work again; let our children see your glory." Praise be to You, our Heavenly Father.

2 Samuel 12:15-31; Psalm 87; Acts 20:1-16; Mark 9:30-41

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