

The Angel's Breath



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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1.

Summer is swiftly coming to an end. Many of you have had opportunities for travel, vacation, summer camps, etc. Summer usually contains many wonderful things that enrich our lives and the lives of our children. Thank God for all the opportunities that he has presented us this summer.

We can also look forward to fall as a season that is full of promise and opportunities to enrich our lives. It is time to start planning for the Christmas season. It will be here before we know it. So I urge you to start thinking about the months ahead. Think about what needs to be done, what you would like to see done, and most importantly, think about what you can do to help make those things happen. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

I thank you all in advance for whatever you do, and all that you do for our Church. Also remember Paul's words to the people of Colossus. Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. Colossians 3:23-24

Humbly yours in the service of God,
Vicar Dan Simmons



UGLY QUILTS: We are still on Summer Vacation but we will start meeting again Monday, September 10th at 7:00 pm.



BIBLE JOURNALING CLASS

Bible Journaling is held at AOJ on Thursdays, 4:00pm-5:30pm. We look at a different scripture each week. Some participants create their own interpretive artwork, while others try new projects and techniques as presented. Come join us for crafting, fun, and fellowship.

Charlotte Squyres



Fellowship on the Deck: July 15th, Sybil and Daniel treated all of us to ice cold watermelon and hot dogs picnic style on the deck. A good time was had by all who attended.



MISSION OUTREACH

Mosaic Center: For this quarter, we are providing essential supplies to the Mosaic Center. In the past, we have provided lunch for them, and those are covered by other groups until July. But they had a list of specific supplies that are always needed.

The list is as follows: Kleenex (long, rectangular boxes, Paper towels, Clorox wipes; Plain, white dinner size napkins, Coffee (Folger's medium classic roast) Powder creamer, Coffee stir sticks

These items may be brought to the church and placed on one of the tables at the back.

We also collected 7 pair of shoes and \$100 for the annual Buckner shoe drive (Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls). This shoe drive benefitted the Angelina Back to School Bonanza and helped those children who would not have had shoes for the new school year. Thank you, Angel of Joy.



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Your church council met July 22nd. All is well for a hot summer. Attendance is averaging in the mid 30's. We are happy to report that Tannah Colson will be confirmed August 12th and Vicar Dan starts his educational courses in August. All is good at AOJ. Repairs are being done as needed and progress is being made on the communion rails. Bob Brown is working on Sunday School. We are still focusing on the Mosaic Center and looking into other outreach projects. Autumn has been busy this summer and is now a Junior Councilor ready for next summer.

Sybil Gonzales

The August Council meeting will be on 8/19/2018 at 1:00 pm



Saturday, August 4th we will clean the church beginning about 9:00 AM.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

8/01 Tracy Mitchell
8/06 Andrea Barfield
8/14 Doug Jungmann
8/31 Joyce Trojan
8/31 Suzy Jungmann



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

8/5 Manuel & Sybil Gonzales
8/12 Tom & Elizabeth Lamb
8/28 Bill & Evelyn Berry

(We ask for your assistance: Please notify the church office of any incorrect or missing birthdays or anniversaries so we can keep our lists current.)

Busyness is the new black. It's stylish. We spend an inordinate amount of time comparing how busy we are with everyone else. We compare our schedules, our kid's schedules, how productive we are and how much we have because of it to everyone around us. And if we don't do or have what the next guy does or has, we just get busier and produce more so that we can.

This consumes our conversations and thoughts. And this should give us pause: Who is consuming whom, here? Are we the consumer or are we those consumed? It's no accident that our adversary the devil is described as a lion prowling around seeking to devour us, to consume us. He gives us the liturgy of this world, the liturgy of productivity and consumption. For if he can keep us busy in "muchness" and "manyness," he can be satisfied.

And this is why the Lord, after finishing all His work of creation, rested on the seventh day. This is why He established the Sabbath day—to give His people rest from all their work. As they rested, He continued to work for them, to satisfy them, to fill them with His gifts—food from heaven by His Word and Promise.

That day came when from our Lord's cross and in His death, He proclaimed, "It is finished" (John 19:30). And so His work of redemption was complete. And so His body rested in the tomb, the belly of the earth. Though He is the Lord God who always works, yet as the Lord rested on the original Sabbath, now Jesus kept the Sabbath by resting in the tomb and rising from the dead to live forever. For this is why He came. This is why He became man: to draw all to Himself so that He could give rest and refreshment to the weary and the heavy laden.

The Sabbath is a gift, not a burden. It is a gift of time free from the liturgy of this world, the liturgy of productivity and consumption. Sabbath is time for rest and refreshment, a time free from anxiety to enjoy the gifts God gives, all of them—His Word, His Promises, His Sacraments, His creation, everything. It is a foretaste of the rest we shall enjoy in heaven.

Sadly for many of us rest has become work. It's become drudgery. We long for it but we aren't able to do it because there's so much to be done and so little time to do it. But really what's the rush? Why are we so hurried and harried? Have we forgotten that Jesus is raised from the dead and lives forever?

Sabbath is God's gift of time free from all of the anxiety and hurry of this world so that we can rest, be refreshed by the gifts God gives. Society won't do it for us. They are addicted to the liturgy of productivity and consumption. Though we are in the world, we are not of it. We are the people of God, His own children by water and Word, joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus lives. And so shall we. So rest in the promise of our Savior that sin, death, and time have not hold on you because Jesus is raised from the dead. Jesus lives. And so shall we, forever.

RESPONSIBILITY LIST

Music: Jeff Perkins

Altar Guild: Sandy Noland, Brandi Simmons

Date	Assisting Minister	Acolyte	Ushers/Greeters	Host	Lector	Offering Counters
8/5	Autumn Greene	Ethan Hammond	Charlotte Squyres & Jim Noland	Jim & Sandy Noland	Tracy Mitchell	Elizabeth Lamb & Mark Greene
8/12		Quinn Garrison	Bill Berry & Mark Greene	Bob Brown	Mikie Greene	Bill Berry & Miranda Anderson
8/19	Louise Humes	Sawyer Simmons	Sybil Gonzales & Tom Lamb	Terry Mize	Terry Mize	Mark Greene & Tom Lamb
8/26		Sailor Simmons	Jim Noland & Diana Russell	Don & Yvonne Garrison	Louise Humes	Tracy Mitchell & Daniel Greene
9/2	Terry Mize	Ethan Hammond	Charlotte Squyres & Sawyer Simmons	Terry Mize	Mark Greene	Elizabeth Lamb & Louise Humes



THE PRAYER CHAIN

The prayer chain is being coordinated by Diana Russell. If you have a prayer request you can contact her at her home phone number 634-4272 (you can leave a message if she is not available to answer), text her on her cell phone 936-414-3944, or send her an email: dianarus1969@gmail.com.

Daisy Oehler, Elizabeth Lamb, Wendy Parrish, Melinda Greene, Andrea Barfield, Kathy Ivy, Ruth Martin, Judy Lemke, Marris Garrison & baby Bill Conrad, Tina and Don Beldon, Kaylin Dupree, Nancy Stephen

All those serving in the military: Bryan Weems (US Marines), Daniel Novak (US Navy), Blaine Berry (US Navy).

A thought for all you prayer warriors from Diana Russell: *"The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be is.....in the hands of God."*



Your service to this congregation is very important.

Thank you for your time, talents and treasures

JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 <i>Clean the church 9:00am</i> 
5 Pentecost 11 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Holy Communion	6	7	8	9 4:00 pm Bible Journaling Class	10	11
12 Pentecost 12 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship <i>Tannah Colson is confirmed</i>	13	14	15	16 4:00 pm Bible Journaling Class	17	18
19 Pentecost 13 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Holy Communion <i>Council meeting 1:00</i>	20	21	22	23 4:00 pm Bible Journaling Class	24	25
26 Pentecost 14 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	27	28	29	30 4:00 pm Bible Journaling Class	31	