



DECEMBER 2019

The Vine

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches..." John 15:5

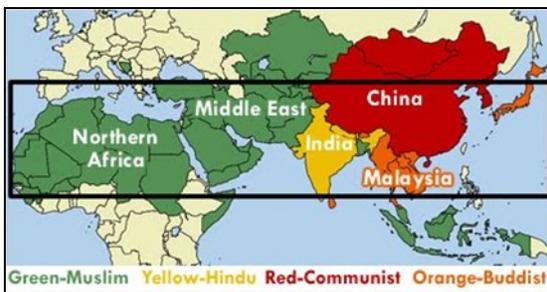
The Final Frontier



At the beginning of every episode of the original Star Trek series, William Shatner said, "Space: the final frontier. These are the voyages of the starship Enterprise. Its five-year mission: to explore strange new worlds. To seek out new life and new civilizations. To boldly go where no man has gone before!" From a science perspective, space is the final frontier, but what about from a faith perspective?

The Final Faith Frontier is the 10/40 Window, an area from 10 to 40 degrees north of the equator. Over 2,000,000,000 (that's two billion) in and near the 10/40 window have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The encouraging news is that there are now many church planting movements in China, Nepal, Iran and throughout the 10/40 Window. The discouraging news is that only 3% of Christian missionaries venture into frontier missions. Ninety-seven percent of Christian missionaries go to lands where the church is already established. Jesus said to "go." He didn't say to go only to the safe places. He said to "go!" Possibly God is calling you to go to these unreached people or possibly God is calling you to be a Sender, to provide funds for those who go. One way or another,

Jesus commands us to go! It is time to "boldly go where no man



has gone before!" It is time to boldly reach the 2,000,000,000 with the life giving Good News of Jesus Christ!

In September I attended New Wineskins for Global Missions, a once every three years gathering of Anglican missionaries and senders. I also participated in the Anglican Frontier Missions pre-conference. For two days we heard one Anglican frontier missionary after another tell their experience for 15 minutes, then we prayed over them. One night we didn't get done until 9:45. The map below shows the countries in which our Anglican Frontier Missions missionaries are serving. These are brave men and women who value the lost above their lives. Jim Elliot, martyred missionary to the Auca people in Ecuador, famously said, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." If we are to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission, we must boldly go where no man has gone before. We must do frontier missions! I am thrilled to report that our Parish Council has committed our church to be a Sender, to fund Anglican Frontier Missions in 2020! The Lord willing, next fall I will be spending a month assisting a frontier mission team within the 10/40 Window.



What can you do? Pray. Ask the Lord if He is calling you to go or to be a Sender of others. Pray for those within the 10/40 Window to hear and receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Path of Christian Maturity

Worship Grow Serve

The Faith Flash

Are you receiving our email newsletter, *The Faith Flash*? *The Faith Flash* comes out weekly with timely information and reminders. Sign up today by going to our website (www.faithanglicanchurch.org), or calling the church office (755-4848).

Year-end Giving

Keeping in mind the greatest gift ever given, the gift of Jesus, this is a great time of year to make plans in generosity. Give to help those in need: Operation Christmas Child, rescue missions, and those whom you personally know who are in need. Give to bless the ministry of your church: honor your pledge, reduce our building debt, and assist our missionaries. Often your year-end giving also carries an additional tax benefit come April 15th.

Advent Prayer Retreat at Faith Saturday, Dec. 7th, 9:00 to Noon

The month of December is a whirlwind: Christmas shopping, office parties, school programs, busy, busy, busy... Yet, Advent is supposed to be a time to prepare ourselves to celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus. On Saturday December 7th come spend some quiet time with your Lord, a time of prayer, meditation, reflection, and hearing from God. From nine until noon at our *Called to the Quiet* Advent Retreat, we will begin with Morning Prayer, have a time of directed prayer, meditation, and reflection, and conclude with Noon Day Prayers. You may enjoy walking the grounds or sitting in a lawn chair for a portion of your personal time of prayer and meditation. Spiritual Direction and Reconciliation (Confession) will be available.

FAC Chili Cook-off a Huge Success!

The crockpots were really "cookin" at the Chilifest on October 27th. Under the talented organization and hosting of Rhonda Follis and Laura Lutrick, the crowd was treated to many varieties of delicious chili, hot dogs, sides and scrumptious desserts. Congratulations to first prize- Candi Brown, second prize - Billy Schubert and third prize runoff winner- Peter Kersting. Each chili was delicious and very difficult to choose among. Thank you also to The hard work of Greg Follis and Peter Lutrick who reportedly just did what their wives pointed them to. A fun time was had by all!!



Conversion and Process

Reversal in one's life we call conversion can take place in different ways. Some conversions are dramatic and immediately powerful. Think about Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus or about Jacob at the river Jabok. The identity of each of these men was so extensively changed that even their names were changed; Saul to Paul and Jacob to Israel. I know of countless conversion events in other people's lives as well as my own life. However, I have also experienced conversion as a process. It is barely noticeable at the time or not even noticeable at all, until upon reflection one's eyes are opened to understand what has been happening to them ever so slowly.

Is God's will that all of humankind be converted? Our preferred destiny is to be "changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before Him." (Hymn 657). Our conversion comes as a surprise or a result of our intentional and regular exposure to God in prayer, holy scripture, and sacrament. It is always a case of God's working out our sanctification (made holy).

Let us pray that God will fill us with His Holy Spirit that we may be fully converted to His will and purpose. That He will finish His new creation in each of us.
Noland Pipes, Prayer Team

Poinsettias for Christmas... are on sale for \$20.00 for a large pot and \$15.00 for a small pot. Sign up in the narthex in thanksgiving for or in memory of a loved one. **Deadline to order is December 15.**

Birthdays

Karl Badgett	12	Madison Tutor	20
Bill Douglas	13	Dave Glover	29
Chris Tutor	13	Beth Laquinta	29
Karen Bowlin	18	Sherry Wilkes	29



Prayer Corner

Nancy Ebbing	Bill Walsh
Mansell Lancaster	Al Graskey
Eli Ritchie	Andy Chadwick
John White	Cathy Webb
Janie Beth Covington	Warner Anderson



Operation Christmas Child Box Packing Party

On Saturday, November 2nd, people brought many, many items they had purchased, pooled them together and packed 123 Operation Christmas Child boxes. They prayed for the recipients, worked hard and fellowshiped. A great time was had by all!

Chris Shields

Packers missing from picture- Missy Hartfiel, Diane Meese, Leasha Bailey, Carolyn Stein, June Reasons, Kaye Ragan and Brenda

A Christmas Invitation

Everyone is invited to the home of Jane and John Scott for a church Christmas party on Saturday, December 7th at 4 PM. Please bring an appetizer to share. The address is 3485 Sykes Grove Cove, Collierville TN. 38017.

John and Jane Scott

St. Nicholas Party Dec. 8th 4:00-6:00 for Children of All Ages

Meet St. Nicholas and learn how he came to love Jesus and share the gift of Christ's love with others. You too can share in St. Nick's ministry by **bringing a small gift, toy, book, or warm hat/gloves** for a child with needs. Make your own Christmas decoration to share with others. Enjoy a hot dog and cookies, play AWANA games, maybe even a photo-op with St. Nicholas



Youth Christmas Lock In

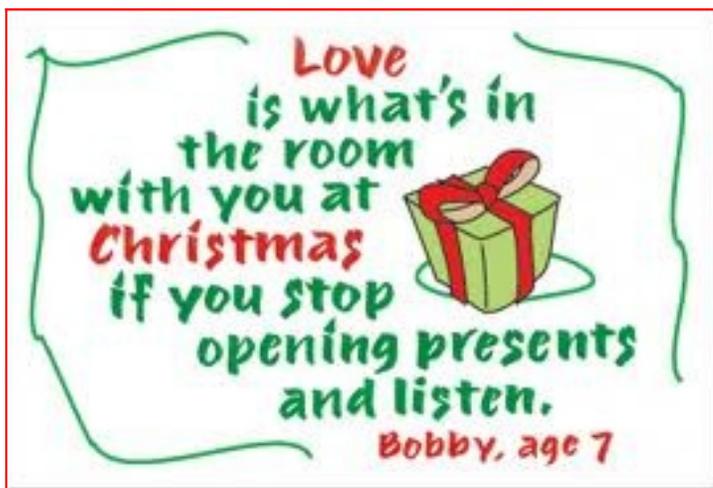
It's the most wonderful lock in of the year!

December 13-14 is the annual youth Christmas lock-in featuring the return of many classic games and tons of new ones! Best of all, the return of the shelves of presents; this year it will be bigger than ever! At 7pm on the 13th to 7am on the 14th! If you have any questions please reach out! And please be counted present for the event!

Chris Mark

Wednesday Ladies Bible Study

Would you like to host the Presence of God? Come learn how! Join the ladies as we study the book *Hosting the Presence of God*. by Bill Johnson. We will have prayer time every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 and from 11:00 to 12:00 is class time. Book cost is \$9.00. Call Christina Zachary at 337-2119 if you have questions. Begins January 8.



All articles for The Vine are due in the office the *second Monday* of the month, send to: laqueta@faithanglicanchurch.org

Service Times:
Sunday:
 Holy Eucharist 8:10/10:30am
 Sunday School 9:30am

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Christmas Eve Communion

Come celebrate the miracle of miracles – God come to earth – the Incarnation, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ! Come worship Jesus as we sing those powerful Christmas carols! Come with your family and friends! Come celebrate the true meaning of Christmas (literally the Christ-mass), the celebration of Holy Communion in remembrance of Jesus’ Incarnation. Make Christ the center of your Christmas!



- 5:00 pm** Christmas Pageant, Message, and Holy Communion (Childcare available)
- 10:30 pm** Christmas Message and Holy Communion

Christmas Eve Offering

You’ve heard it said, “Wise men still seek Him,” so true! The Wise Men also came bearing gifts for Jesus. With all the Christmas gifts you give, don’t forget your church! Your Christmas Eve offering is 100% dedicated to reducing our church mortgage. Our mortgage balance is currently \$150,000. Our bank requires an annual principle payment of \$25,000, so clearly our Christmas Eve goal is \$25,000!



Lessons and Carols ~ December 29th

On the Sunday morning following Christmas, December 29th, we will enjoy our annual Lessons and Carols services with Holy Communion at 8:10 and 10:30. “Lessons and Carols” is a powerful service which includes a series of Bible readings and the Carols we love, telling the full story of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. Come reflect on the true reason for the 12 day season of Christmas!