



The Shepherd's Voice

July 2, 2013

By Fr. Joe Rees

“You Are The 72!”

“The harvest is plentiful, but laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”
Luke 10: 2 (Sunday's Gospel—Lk 10:1-20)

As I go on vacation, and what will be over the July 4th weekend, I'm reminded that no matter where we are we are the Lord's emissaries. We need to be ready to witness of the Love of Jesus to whomever the Lord calls us to and in any situation. Notice what is necessary though beforehand. Prayer. The Lord of the harvest needs our prayers, asking Him 'earnestly' to direct us to the people that He wants to hear the Gospel. 'Lord Jesus, Lord of the harvest, send me to the right people to engage them with Your Gospel message.' Pray that the Lord gives you direction from the Holy Spirit in the right moment to say what you believe...” I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior; and because of that I have eternal life, guaranteed.”

There might be gatherings of families and friends over this holiday weekend. Is there something you could do to make a witness to some of them? Ask the Lord which persons that you come in contact with are the right persons that He's been working on lately. His Spirit might have been working the message into their hearts due to some conflict or challenge that's going on with them. He might be getting them so ready that all you have to say is, “How may I pray for you?” And then the whole story emerges with them, they ask you to pray for them, and they receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior too!

This was the genesis of our Grace 72 program a few years ago. We set out in our new journey with the commandment of Matthew 28:19 as our key imperative to be people following Jesus Christ. He said, “Go and preach the Gospel!” His way is to proclaim the Good News. We must respond as His faithful ones to do what Jesus wants us to do! Are you then one of the 'Grace 72'...sure there can be many more! But this is the operative passage that is giving us the imperative to launch out in evangelism just as the disciples did for Jesus. And He said in simplicity, “whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' (that's the Lord's Peace). If someone of the Lord's preparation with peace is there, they will respond. Perhaps you might gather at someone's house or backyard for a BBQ this weekend. Might you say to them, “God's Peace be with you all!” Be bold!

Further, if someone wants to talk to you about Jesus, we have at the church these wonderful, easy to read, Gospel of John booklets that have at the end an easy asking for the people to receive Jesus into their hearts for eternal life. They are there for the taking by the front door of the church. Might you have one ready to give to someone in that moment when the Lord calls on you? Or another simple way is to take one of our church's “Jesus” cards that are also on the front table. Take a few and be ready to pass them on. It just might really save a life!

Thank you for the time away that you're giving to Lucy and I. We are at a family reunion of all of our children and theirs. It's a great 60th birthday party for me as well. I'm just so elated that each of our children and theirs are followers of Jesus Christ and are responding in their own ways to the calling of Jesus to use

them for His Kingdom's sake. We started with them when they were very young, telling them the Good News of Jesus' love for them. When they grew up they didn't forget and now are telling their children too. Lucy and I couldn't be happier. We feel it was our first priority and our

life mission to see them into the Kingdom. We pray for all of you and yours as well. May the Lord give you opportunity to be one of His 'Grace 72' this week. See you on the 7th.

Love in Christ,
Fr. Joe

Sunday Servers this week...

July 7, 2013		8:00 a.m. Service	10:15 a.m. Service
First Reader	Isaiah 66:1-16	Robbin Gates	Cline Handy
Psalm Reader	Psalm 66	Jean Hawk	Petey Seibold
Second Reader	Galatians 6;1-18	Doug Hall	Jani Dubski
Intercessor		Rob Ackerman	Frances Slaughter
Lay Euch. Ministers		Trish Stewart, Joan Jacobs	Cline Handy, Jani Dubski
Acolytes		Rob Ackerman	Frances S (C); Kai C (T1); Kalani C (T2)
Welcomers		Maureen Green, Paula Sholly	Cheryl Martel, Paula Sholly
Ushers		Dick Sholly, David Green	Dink Nash, Ted Vallas, Ray Seibold, April Knowles
Vestry Person of Day	William Culbreth		
Healing Ministers		Robbin Gates, Jane Rost	Connie Fowle, Donna Sandner
Announcer		Jerry Brown	Petey Seibold
Counters			Cline Handy & Michael Murphy

Vacation Bible Camp
God in Action
 Summer Adventure Bible camp for children just finishing k-grade 5.
 Tuesdays, from 6-8 p.m.
 July 9, 16, 23, 30, & Aug. 6
 It's a time to be creative, play games, and hear about a Big Story that you are part of. Bring your friends!
 Call the church office to register.
 Invite all the children of that age that you know.

Anglican Night at Petco Park.
 See the Padres play the Giants in the company of fellow Anglicans. Friday, July 12th.
 If you ordered tickets, please be sure we have your money for the tickets and the bus if you are taking the bus.

Sunday at Grace

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Prayer Minister Training
10:00 a.m. Nursery opens
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with
Worship Team

Soaking Prayer
July 10, 2013
Grace Anglican Church
Bring a friend.
Everyone is welcome!

Readings for Sunday

Isaiah 66:1-16
Psalm 66
Galatians 6:1-18
Luke 10:1-20

We are using the English Standard
Version of the Bible and the Lectionary
from the Book of Common Prayer
(Year C)

This Week at Grace – June July 2 – July 9, 2013

Tues. July 2

4:30 p.m. Healing Prayer & Eucharist at CHC
6-8p.m. Vacation Bible Camp Prep. for
“God in Action”

Wed. July 3

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. No Staff Meeting today

Thurs. July 4

Happy Independence Day!
Church office closed

Fri. July 5

6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Healing

Sat. July 6

8:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship Team rehearsal

Sun. July 7

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Food
We Celebrate Fr. Joe’s Birthday
10:00 a.m. Nursery opens
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Worship Team

Mon. July 8

6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer

Tues. July 9

4:30 p.m. Healing Prayer & Eucharist at CHC
6:00 p.m. God in Action Vacation Bible Camp

Rector’s Bible Study
Is on hiatus until mid-August

Fr. Joe and Lucy are away on vacation
this week. They will be back in church
on July 7th

Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer at Grace Anglican
All are welcome to attend.

Weekly – There are over 25 small groups meeting
during the week. Check our newsletter for a list of
all the groups or you can find the list on our website:
www.graceanglicanchurch.com.

Up-coming events

July 9 “God in Action” Bible Camp- 6-8 p.m.
July 10 Soaking Prayer
July 12 Anglican Night at the Padres
July 16 “God in Action” Bible Camp- 6-8 p.m.
July 23 “God in Action” Bible Camp- 6-8 p.m.
July 30 “God in Action” Bible Camp – 6-8 p.m.
Aug. 6 “God in Action” Bible Camp- 6-8 p.m.
Aug 11 All Parish Picnic & Celebration BBQ!

Have you registered your child for the
God in Action Vacation Bible Camp? It’s not
too late. Go to our website
www.graceanglicanchurch.com and download
the registration form. You can bring it with
you on Sunday or bring it to the church office.
The cost is only \$5 per child.