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THE FEEDING OF CHRISTIANS

I remember the most magnificent feast I ever ate. I was 12, accompanying my father on a ministerial trip and a parishioner of the church invited us for supper. It was an Italian home (need I say more!) and they had the gift of hospitality. The first course was the *aperitivo*, olives, nuts, cheese, and prosciutto. The second course was the antipasti salad and hot, crusty Italian bread. The third course was the pasta, and we heaped it up high and ate with gusto. This is where I made the mistake; I didn't know there were three more courses to come (and not to eat a generous helping was an insult to the host!) Italian pot roast came next with a platter of vegetables. And then fruit and cheese. And then the amazing rum cake. They almost had to roll me out the door!

How long did that delicious meal last? It lasted until breakfast, and then I was hungry again. That's the way God made us, we need to replenish ourselves with nutrients and foods that energize us. We need food-fuel. Did I ever forget that magnificent meal? No. But did I need more food to sustain me? Yes.

Let's look at this from a spiritual perspective. On Sunday mornings we come to the table

of the Lord and Mother Biggs provides us with a delicious and nutritious spiritual meal from the Word of God, breaking the Bread of Life to us. Her words are relevant, challenging, energizing; fuel for our soul. We are appreciative of the time she spent to prepare and deliver this feast and we enjoy every morsel. However, Monday morning comes, and the spiritual meal that we partook of yesterday needs to be replenished. Do we starve ourselves until Wednesday night Bible Study or the next Sunday morning comes around? How do we keep ourselves fed during the week, and what should we 'eat'?

There are several keys to making this happen; one is establishing a habit, another is finding the best way to fit this into your schedule, and finally obtaining the resources to use as your 'pantry'.

Habit: Most life coaches teach that the way to make a habit stick is to commit to it daily for a month, start simple, have a reminder or trigger in case you forget and most importantly, know the benefits of this good habit. A string around your finger probably won't work, but one lady wrote "Bible" on her daily prescription medicine as she knew she wouldn't forget to take that every day; it worked

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for her 'spiritual' prescription as well!

Find a Way to Fit Your Schedule: For the purpose of this article, I researched how others fit Scripture reading/study into their schedule. One comment that pinched my conscience was, "If God is a priority in your life, then it won't be hard to do!" Everyone agreed that the day went much better when God and His Word were put first. Personally, I like reading the Bible in a variety of ways and currently have "The Message" on CD and listen during my 40 minute drive time to Work every morning, saving time at the end for prayer.

Obtain a Resource: Many people 'nibble' at the Bible, reading their favorite passages, or books loosely based on it, but there is really no nutritional substitute for reading the Scripture itself. If you want a great place to start, look in your bulletin each Sunday – we are provided with the "Good News Daily" from the web site www.biblereading.org; look up the passage of Scripture that is listed under each day and read it, along with the devotional provided. Did you know Pinterest has hundreds of suggestions (for those of us who 'pin')? Biblegateway.com has reading plans that are

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chronological (time order), historical, the Gospel in 40 days, Old/New Testament (each day includes a passage from both), daily audio Bible, readings based on the Book of Common Prayer, daily reading for personal growth, verse of the day, and many more – a wide range to choose what you would enjoy for ‘feeding your soul.’ Billy Sunday was a baseball player for Chicago, Pittsburgh and Philly. In 1886 he stopped on a street corner to hear the gospel preaching team from the Pacific Garden Mission and gave his life to Christ. He became a well-known Presbyterian preacher and in the course of his ministry preached to more than one hundred million people face-to-face. After he died, the following was found in the flyleaf of his well-worn Bible:

“Twenty-nine years ago, with the Holy Spirit as my Guide, I entered at the por-

tico of Genesis, *and* walked down the corridor of the Old Testament art galleries, where pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Isaac, Jacob, and Daniel hung on the wall. I passed into the music room of Psalms where the Spirit sweeps the keyboard of nature until it seems that every reed and pipe in God’s great organ responds to the harp of David, the sweet singer of Israel. I entered the chamber of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher is heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley where sweet spices filled and perfumed my life. I entered the business office of Proverbs and on into the observatory of the prophets where I saw telescopes of various sizes pointing to far off events, concentrating on the bright and morning Star which was to rise above the

moonlit hills of Judea for our salvation and redemption. I entered the audience room of the King of Kings, catching a vision written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Thence into the correspondence room with Paul, Peter, James, and John writing the Epistles. I stepped into the throne room of Revelation where tower the glittering peaks, where sits the King of Kings upon His throne of glory with the healing of the nations in His hand, and I cried out:

‘All hail the power of Jesus name!
Let angels’ prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.’”

God’s great organ responds to the harp of David, the sweet singer of Israel.

The Bible

– food for the soul, let’s partake regularly and be vibrant and healthy Christians!

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Good Morning everyone, This publication is for your benefit and is created in love. If you have any suggestions of making it better, I want you to know I welcome your suggestions!! I hope you like the new section of the King’s Voice showing the income we received during the previous month.

As Mother’s Day approaches, I think about all the wonderful mothers and women we have here at Christ the King. We are so blessed! My thoughts and prayers goes out to Carmen Ready. Your mom Lucille is dearly missed. She was a WONDERFUL mother and lady.

It is my pleasure to be the Administrator of this wonderful church!!! If I can help you in any way, please don’t hesitate to call the office during the week.

Sincerely, Chris Benton

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE WORSHIP TOGETHER?

By: Dorene Royal

Every Sunday we hear these words during the Eucharistic Prayer, but for some reason this week they jumped out at me: “*Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name...*” Oh wow, we’re singing with the angels! And then I began to think about what happens in heavens when the angels worship...and what happens on earth as we begin to praise along with them.

Worship is a verb. Webster defines it as *showing honor with extravagant love and extreme submission* (Webster’s Dictionary, 1828).

What really happens when we enter in genuine worship as a church?

We become more than a collection of individuals. Deuteronomy 32:30 says that “one can put 1,000 to flight, but two can put 10,000 to flight” and this shows the valuable principle of synergism – the total effect is greater than the sum of the individual effect. There is an increase of strength, power of agreement, and He promised to show up where two or three have gathered together in His name (Matthew 18:20)! Worshiping together bonds us as the body of Christ with Him as the head; when we worship together we move in the same direction, for the same purpose, under His guidance.

We become aware of God’s Presence, power, eminence and transcendence. Our perspective is changed, our eyes come off of ourselves and focus on Him. God is enthroned, he is in authority, and our faith increases as we are aware that there is nothing impossible with Him!

He inhabits our praises. God promised to inhabit the praise of His people, and He makes his presence and glory known. We are drawn close to him through worship. Chains fall off and healing can occur. Think of Paul and Silas in jail, they began what I call the first ‘jailhouse rock’ singing praises to God in that dark and dismal situation, and God inhabited their praises and broke the power of their enemies. There is power for forgiveness, restoration, healing, and victory when He inhabits our praise!

We are in sync with the pattern of heaven. I have always been amused by those who look at their watches and grumble if the service lasts more than an hour; what are they going to do when they get to heaven...for eternity?! The pattern of heaven is enthroning worship coming forth, followed by tremendous acts of God. In Revelation 7 we see a ‘great multitude’ from every nation and tongue, joined by angels. In Revelation 11 another worship service occurs, the worshippers falling down before the throne in worship. In Revelation 15 those who overcame took up harps and worshipped before the throne singing. In Revelation 19 there is a thunderous worship service by a great multitude and after this worship Jesus comes forth on a white horse, leading the army of heaven in victory.

So the next time we hear those words, “joining with angels and archangels” and begin to sing “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,” let’s remember that we are worshipping “on earth as it is in heaven!” Because ‘worship’ is a verb, there is nothing wrong with showing our adoration for our Lord as we sing together in corporate praise. David encouraged us in Psalm 134:2 to “Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord.”

One of the visiting priests (Father Tom) said to me last year, “I always like to come and speak here because the people really SING. I can hear them enjoying the music. I go to a lot of places and most don’t sing with enthusiasm like you do at Christ the King.” Let’s continue with the tradition, because we are known as a place of family, a place of love and acceptance, and a place of enthusiastic praise!

CAMP WINGMANN NEWS

Since 1939, an Episcopal Church Camp where God changes young lives!

"A Fun Place for Kids to Know and Grow in Christ"

What is Camp Wingmann in the Summer?

It is young people having fun and learning how much Jesus loves them

It is children splashing in Trout Lake while sailboats drift by looking like giant, colorful butterflies

It is the sound of young voices loudly singing God's praises during worship in All Angel's Chapel

It is the sound of basketballs being dribbled and shot in the gym

It is boisterous conversations as campers stuff their faces with candy and ice cream during canteen

It is cheering and screaming as cabins compete in silly games and olympic competitions

It is smiling faces sitting down to home cooked, all-you-can-eat meals

It is clergy in shorts playing dodge ball with the kids

It is gorgeous sunsets of red and pink and blue

It is waking up and looking bleary eyed at a colorful sunrise over the lake as you lie in a top bunk

It is going down the zip line screaming your head off!

It is sharing your heart with cabin mates during devotions before bed

Camp Wingmann is all this and much more. Campers always have fun and grow in their faith while here. Encourage all the parents you know to send their kids to Camp Wingmann this summer. They will probably have the best week of their lives!

Father Deke Miller

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**Camp Wingmann Summer Camp
2015 Schedule**

**June 07 – 12 Camp St. Mark
Senior High Campers
Entering Grades 9 – 12**

**June 14 – 19 Camp St. Barnabas
Middle School Campers
Entering Grades 6 – 8**

**June 21 – 26 Camp Trinity
Elementary Campers
Entering Grades 3 – 5**

**July 05 – 10 Camp St. Peter
Senior High Campers
Entering Grades 9 – 12**

**July 12 – 17 Camp St. Francis
Middle School Campers
Entering Grades 6 – 8**

**July 19 – 24 Camp St. Mary
Elementary Campers
Entering Grades 3 – 5**

Check-in/Check-out

Check-in for each session begins at 4pm on Sunday. There will be a short program for parents at 7pm on Friday sharing the week's activities before checking-out.

Scholarship applications are in the box outside Chris's office.

Once completed, return them there.

Dear Christ the King Family,

Recently Christ the King has experienced some changes...some of them big, some of them not so much...

First, I'd like to welcome Bob Dinnerville back from his six months of field work. Bob was serving at Saint Stephen's in South Lakeland. He is still what is called a deacon in training, but he will be doing some of the serving that Deacon Kate has been doing. When she returns we will have two deacons in residence and can consider ourselves doubly blessed. Kate and Bob both have special characteristics and talents that are different, but they complement each other.

Second, June Raymond has moved north to be with her daughter. In talking to her I learned that she is equally saddened by moving, but excited about this new chapter in her life. I know everyone will miss her cheerful attitude around the kitchen. Rose Green, has asked to step down from director of the kitchen and I would like to personally thank her for her service and dedication these past years. Stacey May will be taking over the position, so everyone please welcome her and be sure to ask how you might help her out. I know we have many volunteers that have been helping in the kitchen and I'm so very grateful for each and every one that helps in this ministry.

Last, Claire Pechout has been the director of the Altar guild for many years. Claire has trained many others to do the very important work of attending to the altar. As she leaves this position I want to thank her for her many years of service to Christ the King and say relax Claire...you've left this ministry in good shape. Claire has asked Lisa Birkner to take her place and Lisa has graciously accepted the "call". Lisa is well versed in the ways of the Altar guild so I know she will enable a smooth transition.

If any person in this congregation sees themselves in any of these ministries, please be sure to contact either Stacey May, or Lisa Birkner and become a part of the life of Christ the King.

Blessings to all.

Martha W. Griggs

Senior Warden

Financials for March 2015

03/01/2015 - Sunday

General Fund	2,664.00
Flowers	60.00
Facilities Rental	24.00
Missions	25.00
Total for 03/01/2015	\$2,773.00

03/08/2015 - Sunday

General Fund	1,596.50
Flowers	330.00
Facilities Rental	205.00
Missions	115.96
Total for 03/08/2015	\$2,247.46

03/15/2015 - Sunday

General Fund	2,248.00
Diocese Assistance	1,250.00
Missions	30.00
Total for 03/15/2015	\$3,528.00

03/22/2015 - Sunday

General Fund	1,973.00
Missions	50.00
Total for 03/22/2015	\$2,023.00

03/29/2015 - Sunday

General Fund	1,128.00
Facilities Rental	30.00
Restricted payments	20.00
Total for 03/29/2015	\$1,178.00

GRAND TOTAL FOR MARCH

\$11,749.46

May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am			Bible Study 7pm A – Betty & John Constantino B – Claire Pechout			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am MOTHER'S DAY	B – Paige Sharrow		Bible Study 7pm	Ascension Day	B – Bob Spring- thorpe	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am CURSILLO Sunday B – Mitchell Parrish			Bible Study 7pm			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am PENTECOST	B – Nathaniel Heist		Bible Study 7pm			
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Christian Ed & Adult class 9am MEMORIAL Day						