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Relational Evangelism

The Rev. Rob Hartley

My hope is that I do not scare anyone away from this article by using the “E” word. “Evangelism” has a way of pulling us out of our comfortable Christianity, which is focused on our needs, toward the challenging and less comfortable Christianity focused other’s needs- specifically the need for Christ.

“Relational Evangelism” is about coming alongside someone in life, being their friend, discovering their needs, and meeting those needs as the Lord directs you. As Christians, we understand that the greatest of all needs for any of us is a saving and healing relationship with the God who created us. Relational Evangelism, therefore, can also be called friendship Evangelism- making a friend, being a friend, and introducing your friend to Christ (this should sound familiar to all those who have been involved in a Cursillo Retreat Weekend).

What we often settle for in fulfilling Jesus’ mandate to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19) is Passive Evangelism. Displaying a church sign or running a church website are forms of Passive Evangelism. This newsletter is Passive Evangelism. These are necessary things, but growing relationships, personal witness and personal invitations to “Come and See” are how the Lord really grows His church. This makes perfect sense in that the Kingdom of God is all about relationships.

This means for us here at Holy Trinity that there is no substitute for building relationships and for Relational Evangelism. Those who come to us on Sunday morning through our Passive Evangelism efforts (our website, for instance) will typically come back only if the relational component is quickly added. The ministry of our ushers is crucial because they are the first among us with the opportunity to make new friends; however, we should all seek to make new friends on Sunday morning and to make the stranger among us less a stranger in this place.

Nancy and I happened to be in Virginia Beach on a Sunday morning long years ago, and we sought out an Anglican Church. We were greeted in the parking lot. The door was held open for us. A friendly lady took the time to find out all about us and introduce us to others. We never had the chance to feel like strangers. It was the relational component of this experience- not the liturgy, not the music, not the sermon, that I remember, and this is what would have drawn us back to that church if we lived in that area.

Relational Evangelism also involves intentionality in building relationships with people in the community around us. As a pastor I can become consumed by the relationships inside the congregation, so much so that I miss my call to build relationships and meet needs outside the parish. I am intentional about not letting this happen. I have a prayer list of un-churched people the Lord has placed in my path, and these are friends with whom I desire to develop relationships, discover their needs, be Christ to them, and introduce them to our Lord and His Church. That is Matthew 28 Christianity.

So, make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ. Who has the Lord placed on your list of friends to be made?

Father Rob

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First Tuesday Prayer was launched in April... and will be held the First Tuesday of every month after the Ladies' Bible Study lesson concludes. We look forward to our monthly prayer gathering when we join together in agreeing worship, confession, and intercession before the Throne of Grace to lift up our Church and all of its needs before our Great Intercessor Jesus Christ. Join us in praying for the lost, for prodigals, for the sick, for our Pastors and those who serve us, for our missionaries and any need you might have. Everyone is welcome to partake in this call to tarry in the presence of Jesus for an hour at the Cross of Love. Prayer is "love on its knees" and the golden key to growing in our love relationship with Jesus. Please join us each month as we come faithfully to meet with our King of Love and love one another in intercessory prayer.

Jackie Fekula

The Religious and Moral Foundations of Our Nation

The Rev. Rob Hartley



James Garfield

There is a movement afoot in this country to define America as a nation in which there is no place for religious ideas or influences in the public square. This has become the new definition of the separation of Church and State. In this Movement, religion (particularly Christianity), if it must be exercised at all, is to be a private matter kept out of all public discourse and decision-making. But my life, and I suspect your life also, is governed by a relationship with God and by the moral and ethical implications of that. As citizens of this great and democratic nation, it is surely appropriate for us to overtly project our Christian Worldview into influencing the public and political direction of this country.



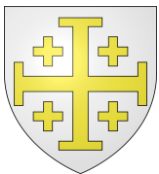
So, who is making up this new rule? The desire to ban religion from the public discourse is part of a movement called Progressivism. Progressivism seeks to re-write, eliminate, or re-shape issues and institutions judged to be a detriment to its objectives. Among other things, it preaches that religion is a drag on progress, at least progress as Progressivism defines it. Historical revisionism coming out of the Progressive Movement suggests that the separation of church and state has always been defined as keeping religion out of public discourse, but this is not our Founding Fathers' concept of freedom of religion. As is codified in the First Amendment of the Constitution, Our Founding Fathers established freedom of religion, not freedom from religion. The First Amendment prohibits the state from creating a state religion (favoring one religion over another) or interfering with the free exercise of religion in any way.

The great harm of the Progressive Movement, particularly from a Christian perspective, is the jettisoning of things that have made our country uniquely and highly successful among the nations of the world. Chief among them is the religious, moral, and ethical underpinning of our democracy and economic system.

The expression of religious convictions was the practice of the vast majority of the founders of this nation. They did not hide their light under a bushel when it came to the influence of Christianity in their lives. George Washington said, "The propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation which disregards the eternal rules of order and right which heaven itself has ordained." And in Washington's famous farewell address he said, "Of all the habits and dispositions which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports."

Christians should strive to assure the ethical character of their leaders as judged from their Christian Worldview. U.S. President and minister of the Gospel James A. Garfield stated, "Now, more than ever, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress... If the next centennial [century] does not find us a great nation. . . . it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces." George Washington and James Garfield are not isolated examples of the "Faith of Our Fathers." **Father Rob**

Study Tour to the Holy Land

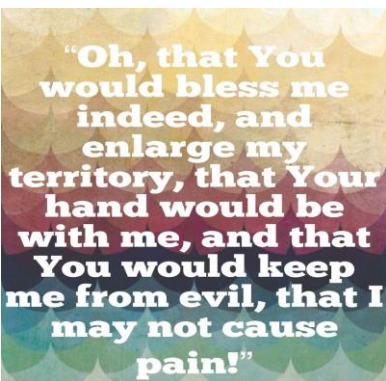


All who are interested and are able to do so, I would like to invite you to join Nancy and me on a study tour of the Holy Land. The planning is in the early stages, but plans are to make this pilgrimage September 9-20, 2019. That may seem like a long way out, but I would like to assess the interest of people in the congregation. Let me know. **Fr. Rob**

"Prayer of Jabez" Study Has Begun

A few weeks ago, during our Wednesday night study of the gospel of Mark, our reading ended with Jesus' admonition that demons such as those encountered in a certain young man could "come out only by prayer." (9:29 NIV) This led to a lively discussion of when, how, and how often we as individuals pray. Some of us pray at set times, some with formulaic prayers, others with "arrow" prayers (aimed at heaven frequently throughout the day as needs arise or blessings are evident).

On May 30, we begin a five-week study of the prayer of Jabez (I Chronicles 4:10). First prayed by an obscure Israelite in the lineage of the kings' tribe of Judah 3000 years ago, this prayer asks for blessing, enlargement, strength, and protection. Come grow with us in our understanding of claiming God's promises in His Word.



Sunday Morning Worship



Sunday Morning Worship has both an ancient and future dimension to it. Our ancient liturgy connects us with the saints who have gone before us and places us in continuity with the universal church and the historic Apostolic Faith. The liturgy also has a future dimension in that it propels us forward into the future God has for us. Our worship lifts us heavenward and becomes for us a dress rehearsal for that time when all the saints will gather around the Lord's Banquet Table forever.

More Catechesis, Please!

from the Living Church Magazine, William Murchison, February 7, 2010



The Rev. Dr. J.I. Packer, who is with the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA), is one of the leading evangelical theologians of our time. He was the chief editor in the production of the English Standard Version (ESV) of the Bible.

Dr. Packer said at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Dallas on Jan. 9, 2010 that he yearns for the return of catechesis, "Bible-based, Christ-centered, declarative in style," at a time when "the Christian value system is virtually disappearing from schools." "We are drifting back into paganism..."

"Ongoing learning is part of the calling of the Church," he said. "It has to be taught in all churches at all times," he said. "We shall be challenging the dominant trends in our culture, and it won't be easy..."

"Teaching the catechism should be a regular, continuing project for churches," Dr. Packer said. "Crucial topics include the authorship of Scripture; the reality of God's being; the holiness of God's law; the centrality of Jesus Christ; the graciousness of salvation; the power of the Holy Spirit; and the praiseworthiness of God."

Dr. Packer urged Christians, "Pray for your clergy, stand behind them as they seek to adjust congregational patterns to the need for intensive grounding in the Christian essentials. Every parish priest should be — among other things — a catechist."

Celebration of the new road- Ribbon-cutting and Community Party

Saturday, June 23, 5:00 to 7:30 PM

Come celebrate the new road connecting us with the Walnut lane communities. We will have a ribbon-cutting at 5 pm followed by free hot dogs, snow cones, drinks, sweets, jump house for the kids, and more. Not so free (in many ways) will be a Dunking Booth featuring "Dunk the Preacher." For those who want pay-back for either long, boring or deeply convicting sermons, here is your chance.

June Lay Ministry Chart

2018	June 3 2 Pentecost	June 10 3 Pentecost	June 17 4 Pentecost	June 24 5 Pentecost	July 1 6 Pentecost
Euch. Min.	Mike S	Paula W	Sandra S	Jerry N	Rosemarie M
Ushers / Greeters	Jason N Monte S Joseph A	Bill B Deborah K Donna L	Richard M Joseph A Jason N	Mike S Monte S Bill B	Margaret W Deborah K Donna L
Presenting Bread/Wine	Mike & Amber H	Bob & Sue J	Lisa J Phyllis K	Deborah K Donna L	Wayne & Lora L
Prayer Team	TBD Margaret W	Ginger H Monique T	Nancy H Wayne L	Rosemarie M Margaret W	Ginger H Monique T
Lector-OT	Sue J	Daniel H	Wayne L	Annette M	Avery S
Lector-NT	Jason N	Mike P	Jennifer P	Sandra S	Mike S
Altar Guild [week of]	Annette M Donna L	Rosemarie M JoEllen B	Virginia F Marguerite P	Ginger H Monique T Terry N	Annette M Donna L
Acolyte Guild	Jada T	Jackie F	Oke I	Avery S	Sandra S

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry obligations please find a replacement and let Fr. Rob know.

June, 2018

Upcoming Events!

Sun, June 3-Covered-Dish Luncheon honoring our graduates: Avery, Daniel & Kate!

Sun, June 10-Daughters Gathering

Sat, June 16 (2-4 pm) Baby Shower for Linden & Caleb

Sun, June 17 Father's Day!

Sat, June 23 (5-7:30 pm) Neighborhood Cut-Through Party & Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony!

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
2nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist No Christian ed. this day <i>Covered-Dish Luncheon honoring our Graduates!</i> <i>Nursery available</i>		10:00-11:30 am Women's Bible Study <i>First Tuesday Prayer</i> 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper <i>Nursery available</i>		7:00 pm Friday Night Movie!	9:00 to 10:30am Men's fellowship & Bible Study	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
3rd Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i> <i>Daughters Gathering</i>	<i>St. Barnabas, Apostle</i>	10:00-11:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper <i>Nursery available</i>		7:00 pm Friday Night Movie!	9:00 to 10:30am Men's fellowship & Bible Study 2-4 pm <i>Baby Shower for Linden & Caleb</i>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
4th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Father's Day</i> 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>		10:00-11:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper <i>Nursery available</i>		7:00 pm Friday Night Movie!	9:00 to 10:30am Men's fellowship & Bible Study 5-7:30 pm <i>Neighborhood Cut-Through Party & Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony</i>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
5th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>	<i>Nativity of St John, the Baptist</i>	10:00-11:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper <i>Nursery available</i>		<i>St Peter and St Paul, Apostles</i> 7:00 pm Friday Night Movie!	9:00 to 10:30am Men's fellowship & Bible Study	

Links to the ways we communicate

- Parish Website: <http://www.achtna.org>
- Monthly Newsletters (web + mailed): <http://www.achtna.org/newsletters>
- Sunday Bulletin & Announcement Pg.: http://docs.wixsttic.com/ugd/4a5efa_d2f2833708fd4cb786e26341d2b7e364.pdf
- Holy Trinity Mobile App: http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4a5efa_80ea18e8be5a4eb69541c319aa89a00f.pdf
- Email Distr. News & messages (If you are not receiving HT emails, please provide your email address to robhartley@comcast.net)
- Prayer List (Sun. Bulletin & Web): <http://www.achtna.org/parish-prayer-list>
- Rector's Blog (North Augusta Anglican): <http://holyltrinityna.blogspot.com/>

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