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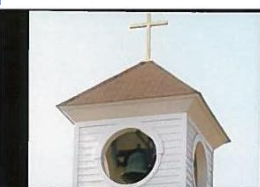
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How do we make sense of suffering?

By Fr. Tom Simmons

Paul wrestled mightily with this issue through his years as an apostle, spreading the good news about Jesus through the ancient Roman world. He suffered much in the service of others. Paul gives us a glimpse into the secret of his endurance, in his second letter to the church in Corinth.

In June our lectionary leads us through 2 Corinthians. We'll take advantage of that opportunity to explore this, the most intensely personal of all of Paul's letters. What follows is an introduction to Paul's letter, adapted from the ESV Study Bible. It will support our Sunday preaching series for the weeks ahead.

2 Corinthians Author and Date

The apostle Paul is the undisputed author of 2 Corinthians, which he wrote from Macedonia around A.D. 55/56, a year or so after writing 1 Corinthians, and a year before he wrote his letter to the Romans from Corinth (Acts 20:2-3). Despite its name, Second Corinthians is actually the fourth letter that Paul sent to the church he founded in Corinth (Acts 18:1-17), together with the house churches "in the whole province of Achaia," of which Corinth was the capital. The four letters are (1) the previous letter mentioned in 1 Corinthians 5:9; (2) our 1 Corinthians; (3) the tearful, severe letter mentioned in 2 Corinthians 2:3-4; and (4) our 2 Corinthians.

Theme

The central theme of 2 Corinthians is *the relationship between suffering and the power of the Spirit in Paul's life*. Paul's opponents in the church called into question his motives in organizing a collection for believers in Judea (8:20-21; cf. 2:17; 12:14-18), his personal courage (10:10-11; 11:21), and argued that *Paul suffered too much* to be a Spirit-filled apostle of the risen Christ. In response, Paul argues that his weakness as an apostle is the very means by which believers are comforted (1:3-11) and God in Christ is made known in the world (2:14-17; 4:7-12; 6:3-10; 11:23b-33). In fact, Paul's sufferings embody the cross of Christ, while his endurance amid adversity manifests the resurrection power of the Spirit (12:7-10). Paul's suffering as an apostle is thus the very means God uses to reveal his glory (1:3-4, 11, 20; 4:15; 9:11-15; 10:17-18).

Paul therefore sees a close tie between the Corinthians' acceptance of his ministry and the genuineness of their faith. To reject Paul and his proclamation is to reject Christ himself, since Paul's message, ministry, and manner of life are one. This explains why 2 Corinthians is the most personal of all of Paul's letters, filled with deep emotion.

Purpose, Occasion, and Background

Second Corinthians is a glimpse into the complicated history between Paul and the Corinthian church, which must be reconstructed from the evidence available today. Originally, Paul had planned to travel from Ephesus through Macedonia to Corinth (see map) on his way back to Jerusalem to deliver the money he had collected for the believers in Judea (1 Cor. 16:5-9). In the meantime, he sent Timothy to visit the Corinthians on his behalf (Acts 19:22; 1 Cor. 16:10-11). When Timothy arrived in Corinth, he found that the church was in turmoil, most likely in response to the arrival of Paul's opponents from the east. When Paul learned of this he decided to proceed immediately to Corinth to resolve the issues first, then travel on to Macedonia before returning to Corinth for a second visit on his way to Jerusalem.

Paul's visit, however, turned out to be very "painful" as a result of the church's open rebellion against him (2:1, 5-8; 7:8-13; 11:4). Paul decided it was best to suffer humiliation and leave, without retaliating, in order to extend mercy to the Corinthians (1:23-24). Once back in Ephesus, Paul sent Titus back to Corinth with a tearful and severe letter (now lost), warning the church of God's judgment if they did not repent (2:3-4; 7:8-16).

To Paul's great joy, the majority of the Corinthians did repent, which Paul discovered when he met Titus in Macedonia (7:5-16). But there was still a rebellious minority who, under the influence of Paul's opponents (11:12-21), continued to reject Paul and his gospel. In response, and as yet another act of mercy, Paul wrote 2 Corinthians from Macedonia in anticipation of his third, impending visit to Corinth before going on to Jerusalem (12:14; 13:1).

The mixed nature of the church in Corinth, not to mention the opponents whom Paul addresses indirectly throughout the letter, explains the complex nature of 2 Corinthians and its sometimes sudden shifts in focus and tone. Paul's letter is an extended defense of the legitimacy of his apostolic ministry. He seeks to accomplish three overlapping purposes: (1) to strengthen the faithful majority and the purity of the church (primarily chs. 1-7); (2) to complete the collection as the expression of their repentance (primarily chs. 8-9); and (3) to offer the rebellious minority one more chance to repent before Paul returns to judge those still rejecting him and his message (primarily chs. 10-13). Thus, chapters 1-7 focus primarily on the past track record of Paul's ministry, chapters 8-9 on the present responsibility of the repentant, and chapters 10-13 on the future judgment of those still in rebellion against the gospel.

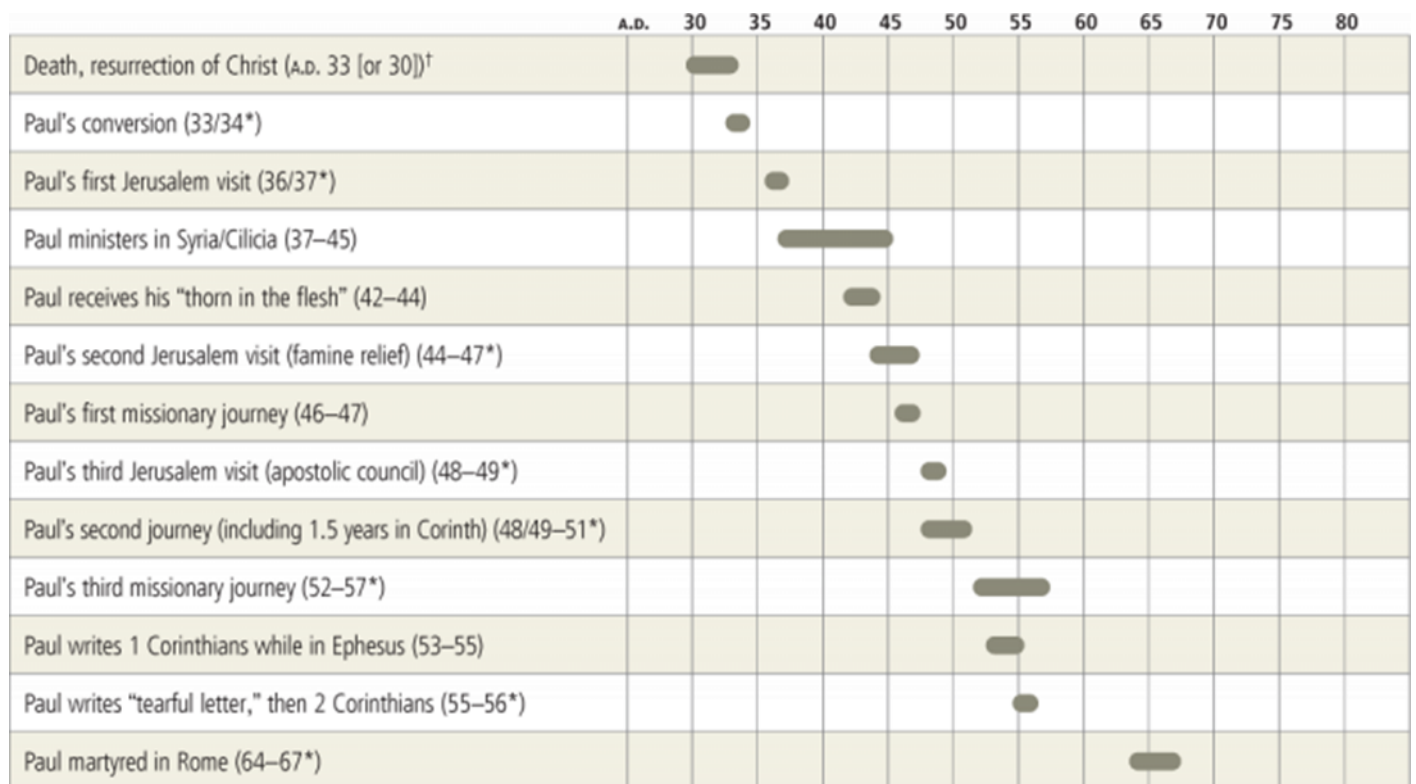
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Timeline of Paul's Ministry

Key Themes

1. The cross of Christ, embodied in the suffering of his apostle, unmasks the erroneous teaching of "false apostles" and "servants of Satan." (11:13-15)
2. In fulfillment of Jer. 31:31-34 and Ezek. 36:26-27, Paul is a servant of the new covenant (2 Cor. 3:6), whose ministry and message of the cross mediates God's Spirit and righteousness to believers. (3:3, 6-9; 5:14-15, 21)
3. Endurance amid adversity and Christ-like behavior, both made possible by the grace of God, are the greatest display of God's presence, power, and glory in this fallen world. (1:12-14; 6:1, 14-7:1; 9:13-15; 12:7-10; 13:4)
4. The presence and power of the Spirit transforms believers into the image of Christ, which is the dawning of the new creation characterized by the righteousness of God. Believers therefore embody the new creation of the new covenant by living for the sake of others. This is made possible by the reconciliation with God brought about by the cross. (3:18; 4:4, 6; 5:15, 17-21)
5. Repentance expresses itself in holiness, which is defined as a purity-producing love for God and his church and a unity-creating love for one's neighbor. (6:14-7:1; chs. 8-9)
6. Christ, as Savior, is also the universal Judge, who will one day pass judgment on all people according to their deeds. In anticipation of this day, the Spirit transforms those in whom he dwells as a guarantee of the "eternal weight of glory" to come for believers at the resurrection. (1:14, 22; 3:6, 8-9, 18; 5:5, 9-11)



* denotes approximate date; / signifies either/or; † see *The Date of Jesus' Crucifixion*, pp. 1809-1810

2015-2016 Vestry

On May 3, the congregation of St. Peter's elected Shane Ayers, Tom Coate, and Jon Corbett to serve three year terms on the Vestry. Please pray for our 2015-2016 Vestry:

Sr. Warden: Tom Coate
Register: Paul Donohue

Jr. Warden: Steve Schultz
Treasurer: Dave Tocki

Commission Ministry Area: Dave Tocki & Dan LaPre
Communion Ministry Area: Shane Ayers & Dan LaPre
Community Ministry Area: Jon Corbett & Peter Forbes

Shane Ayers

What passion and experience would you bring to the Vestry?

My education and passion largely deal with Christianity, education, and philosophy—so those are of particular interest to me. I love to plan and build visions, but I also believe in prudence and moderation.

What ministries or events have you been involved in since joining St. Peter's?

Sunday school, Youth Group, Acolytes, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Literary Guild, Thursday Night Men's Evening Prayer

What opportunities and challenges do you see for St. Peter's in the next few years?

Our opportunities are also our challenges: we are an orthodox church in a communion whose unorthodoxy is only topped by its banality. We are liturgical in an evangelical culture. As I see it, our opportunities and challenges are three-fold: 1. Bear witness to the Episcopal Church with the voice of historic Anglicanism; 2. Befriend and bear witness to our Evangelical brethren and offer them the liturgy and tradition of historic Christianity; and 3. Offer the good news of the Gospel to the unchurched.

How would you as a leader address those challenges and opportunities?

By encouraging others to look to the wisdom of the past for answers to our modern challenges; and by encouraging hope: as Christianity recedes from the common parlance of culture, we can entrench ourselves in a culture war mentality, or we can see the potential of being the odd-man out in society. We can offer something strange, rare, and beautiful to the world.



What are three areas of particular interest you would like to work on or lead?

1. Building a long-term vision for a St. Peter's School;
2. Building relationships with nearby college students;
3. Helping St. Peter's recognize its potential for adult and youth education.

Give a brief bio of you and your family.

A teacher by trade, I'm husband to Teresa (my better far better half—or third, rather) and father to Anna, Ellie, and Rob—all of whom (Teresa included) were baptized here at St. Peter's. Both of us are from a protestant background, but were attracted to the beauty and tradition of Anglicanism. We've been attending here since our years at college and have found a spiritual home within the walls of St. Peter's. We love to read, discuss, and have people over for drinks and dinner. ♦

Tom Coate

What passion and experience would you bring to the Vestry?

We have something very special here at St. Peter's, and I am passionate about seeing it continue to grow in depth and in breadth. I'm particularly eager to see how we can become more intentional and focused in taking what we have to the world around us, rather than waiting from them to drop in and discover us. I've been regularly involved in church leadership, including vestry leadership at St. Peter's and two previous churches. I particularly enjoy doing what I can to develop new leaders in the church.

What ministries or events have you been involved in since joining St. Peter's?

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Small group bible study, adult formation, LEM, acolytes, website design and upkeep, representative to Diocesan Council, Vestry – including vestry member, treasurer, Jr. Warden, and Sr. Warden.

What opportunities and challenges do you see for St. Peter's in the next few years?

We live in a world that is increasingly unfamiliar with the Christian tradition and so sees no reason to come to a church to find comfort, hope and joy. Instead, the church ignored as irrelevant, or even mocked and scorned. We're further challenged in this as the Episcopal Church as a whole continues to drift from proclaiming the Gospel to echoing what is in vogue in the world. At St. Peter's we do much to teach and live the Gospel. This is powerful stuff and we are in a great position to take it to the world around us.

On a more pragmatic note, St. Peter's continues to operate at a point where our desires for doing more in ministry exceed our financial means to implement them. Our opportunity here is the deep well of ministry ideas we have to draw on and the skills we've gained in being wise stewards of the resources that God does grant us.

How would you as a leader address those challenges and opportunities?

I would do all I can to help in setting a direction for increased and focused engagement with the community around us, looking to make St. Peter's known as a place where caring and growth take place. I'd also like to work with our ministry leaders to help them get the resources and support they need to continue to grow their ministries in excellence and in scope.

What are three areas of particular interest you would like to work on or lead?

1. Completing the next version of the strategic plan,
2. developing leaders,
3. improving communications within the church and with the community.

Give a brief bio of you and your family.

I am a cradle Episcopalian from a family with deep roots in the Episcopal and Anglican tradition. I grew up in Massachusetts with my parents and my two brothers. I drifted away from the church in my teens, and my college years at M.I.T., but returned in my 20s, when I moved to the Falls Church area to take my first job out of school. I have the great fortune of having been married for 35 years to Mary, who grew up in the same New England home town. We have three adult children, Emily, Jen and Jon. We've been thrilled that all three grew up here at St. Peter's, where they have been nourished and cared for by so many wonderful people. Now we're looking forward to expanding our family again as we welcome Jon's fiancée (and St. Peter's member)

Kristen English as our daughter in law this fall, and Emily's fiancée Preston Kodl as a son in law next autumn. ♦

Jon Corbett

What passion and experience would you bring to the Vestry?

I have a great amount of experience in ministry, having served in campus ministry to graduate students and faculty at the University of Chicago, a very



secularized environment, for 8 years prior to moving to Virginia. I have a Master's of Divinity and PhD level coursework on top of that in the field of New Testament. I have a great passion particularly for spiritual formation, study of scripture and theology, formation of Christian community, and adult education. For the last 17 years I have been involved in Adult education in the various churches that we have attended.

What ministries or events have you been involved in since joining St. Peter's?

Primarily, I have led several Adult Formation classes over the past year. Currently, I am beginning work in the position of Adult Formation coordinator. Also, outside of St. Peters, I have continued to work for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, typically leading and designing several retreats and training events for graduate students at DC and Baltimore area universities. Recently, I have reduced from paid staff to volunteer.

What opportunities and challenges do you see for St. Peter's in the next few years?

Thoughtful expansion of the church and church programs will both be an opportunity and challenge. I see the challenge being that we find and express our identity in our foci and in the types of programs that we offer, while not overextending ourselves into too many programs or emphases. I see a real opportunity to ask the questions of how does St. Peter's serve the greater Christian community in the area and how it serves the community of Purcellville. There is a great opportunity to be a people who strengthen the work and proclamation of God's kingdom here and the challenge have a big vision without making the vision too big, and sticking to that vision. I see an increasing challenge of secularization of this area and broadly in our culture,

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and St. Peter's cannot only serve to proclaim Christ in the midst of that and be faithful in this generation, but be faithful stewards of the Christian tradition for future generations. We are in an era of intense cultural changes on many levels, that even touch the question what it means to be human.

How would you as a leader address those challenges and opportunities?

Foundational to everything is prayer and reliance upon God. As a leader, I would endeavor to serve and seek to enable others to be their best and do their best. Leaders must be humble and want the best for others and other leaders as well. Leaders must invest in those they serve and also apprentice others to be leaders. I think as a leader, I must ask the necessary questions on top of prayer to help discern vision and expressed identity of the group. Leaders need to be able to invite all to feel a part of that vision and own that vision as their own, and again, I'd endeavor to do this. Leaders need to ask the hard questions about what good things need to be past up or cut back, in order to serve to create space for things that better serve the community based upon discerned vision. The whole of programs and activities offered and structure created serve to create a space for a culture to grow. The more cohesive the structure is to the vision, the more likely it is that the culture grows in accordance with that vision, like a trained vine growing on a trellis. Leaders can't make growth happen or the exact shape of that growth, but they determine how the trellis is shaped and its dimensions. In that sense as well leaders can marvel at what actually grows and fills the trellis. As the Apostle Paul says, it is God that causes the growth (1 Cor 3:6).

What are three areas of particular interest you would like to work on or lead?

1. Spiritual Formation (Discipleship, small group coordination, adult ed, prayer, teaching etc.)
2. Event planning (designing/planning outreach, training, or other special type of events)
3. Development of resources (theological, spaces/places, etc.)

Give a brief bio of you and your family.

Charlotte and I are Midwest transplants--moving here in 2012 a couple weeks before our daughter, Sarah-Jane was born. I became a Christian through the ministry of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship my freshman year (I doubled majored in Math and Physics). Charlotte and I met in graduate school, while I was studying mathematics and she was studying Physical Chemistry (We married 12/19/98). After graduating with a Masters, I worked as an actuary for a few years before part time seminary course work led me to go to seminary full time and then to ministry. Charlotte was born in Indiana and I was born in Ohio. We both spent a majority of our life in Illinois. Charlotte has her PhD in chemistry and works for the government, which led to our transfer from Chicago. We are pretty quiet introverted sort and both enjoy the outdoors. Outside work/church, cycling (I used to race), coin collecting, study, and metal detecting are major interests/hobbies of mine. We also like science fiction—even Sarah-Jane is getting into robots. She also likes giraffes, dinosaurs, and insects right now. ♦

NEW Church Family Photo Directory 2015— We Need YOU to Make It Complete!

Our last Church Picture Directory was five years ago and we've been receiving requests for a new one. **So on June 11, 12, & 13 you have an opportunity to have your photograph taken to be included in our new directory.** In thanks, you will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a new directory for participating. There is no cost involved—but if you like what you see and wish to purchase additional photos you can do so immediately after photography. (Because we scheduled for June, you get a 20% discount on orders!)

With St. Peter's four different services, you may see people at church events and wonder who they are. Or have a nice chat with someone and wish you could remember their name. Or heard a prayer for a member and wished you could put a face with a name. Or perhaps you're new to the church and wish you had something to help you put names with faces?

A Church Picture Directory helps solve those issues!

So if you would like to have a copy of our new photo directory—sign up for your photo session today. It's easy! Online at www.stpetes.net or call Wanda in the church office.



Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating

New Vestry “Kneading the Dough”

By Fr. Tom Simmons

The vestry took a full weekend in May to orient our three new members (Shane Ayers, Tom Coate, and Jon Corbett) to our vestry team and tasks. We travelled to Kent Island in the Chesapeake where we ate and drank and had a grand time together for two nights away. It is exciting to watch the sunset over water and to really get to know each other.

And we also did some work! We put sustained time into analyzing the data recently gathered in our hedgehog research. I want to say "Thank You!" on behalf of the vestry for the research you all gathered from our congregation, the "man on the street" and community stakeholders. And with all the time we had together we were also able to dedicate sustained time to spiritual discernment using the familiar "Listening Hearts" approach. It is really good to be able to listen to God together. What a rejuvenating and creative weekend!



In our research so far we've randomly interviewed 71 people in our community, talked to ... stakeholders and gathered survey input from 123 people at St. Peter's. That data gives us a lot of confidence as we move forward. We are now dealing with really real realities, rather than merely making our best guess. We can now integrate our "gut" AND data in a way that is clear and specific, coherent and concrete. It greatly increases the likelihood that "This might just work!"

When Jesus looked out at the crowds of people he felt compassion for them. They are like sheep without a shepherd. Seeing the need, he called his friends to work with him to make a difference. Our goal is to home in on a concrete "crying need" in our community. We want to feel what Jesus feels about it, to spur our passion and harness our competence as a congregation to serve these people in a way that will change their lives. It'll be our "Hedgehog Concept," the ONE thing we can do to make a difference for our neighbors.

Once we've discerned the need and articulated a strategy we'll develop a plan to make it happen. With the plan will come clarity about our future facilities expansion and renovation needs. Remember that discussion?! We hope to be able to put it all together in a coherent picture in October: a compelling vision, a concrete plan, and specifics about our future facilities.

Won't that be nice!?

What's next? The vestry will gather with the Hedgehog team again, on June 2, to further refine the idea we are developing and see if we can't get it ready to present to the congregation sometime in June. If you all like what we've got, then the hardcore strategic planning will begin in July and continue through summer into fall.

Calling All Canvassers

In my "stakeholder interview" with the Mayor Fraser, he asked if we could help him do research for the town, like we've been doing for our Hedgehog. The town council is planning a research effort in P'ville that will involve canvassing teams going door to door to 1800 residents within town. He asked if we could help. I told him I'd raise up 10 canvassers to be part of that effort in the first half of June.

Who is interested in hearing more?

Global Media Outreach—Part 1: The Mission

By Debby Caulfield

I would like to tell you about the missionary work I have been involved in for over a year now. My work takes me all over the world. I have traveled to almost every country in Africa and to the Middle East, including sensitive countries like Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan. I often get over to India, Southeast Asia and South Asia. Once I went to Mongolia. On occasion my work keeps me here in the US, but more often than not I am in Africa. In fact this morning I just returned from Nigeria.

I volunteer as an Online Missionary (OM) for an organization called Global Media Outreach (GMO). Let me tell you how it works.

First of all, just about every one in the world has a cell phone. Well, not everyone, but the numbers are greater than you'd think. Most middle class folks in developing countries have skipped over the landline links in favor of cell phone and smart phone technology. More and more people have access to computers and laptops through numerous initiatives to increase Internet access, and Internet cafes thrive in urban neighborhoods around the world. It is primarily young people who have this increased access to the World Wide Web.

Secondly, just about every one in the world has questions about the meaning of life. People everywhere wonder why they exist and why they suffer. Some people are facing loneliness, addictions, suicide, abuse, divorce and hopelessness.

When people need answers to the deep questions of life, we all know where to go - to the omniscient, omnipresent god in the sky - google.com. They type in questions like: Why am I sick? Is there a God? Are Jesus and Mohammed equals? Why did God allow my child to die? How can I stop sinning? Why is there evil? Every day millions of people do a search on the Internet for a spiritual term. People are seeking answers. Just this past January during the Paris terrorism incidents, hits on GMO sites in France alone were up 244%.

Through the magic of hyperlinking, these questioners often end up at one of GMO's many websites like godlife.com. If they stick with it they will read about the existence of God and the help and saving grace of Jesus Christ. GMO is dedicated to making sure people find the truth in Jesus. With nowhere to go, people are turning to the Internet in astonishing numbers trying to fill the emptiness inside. Christians need to be there to meet them at their crossroads when they are most ready to listen. The GMO websites invite browsers to connect with a Christian for further information or help.

This is where I step in. Every morning I open up an email from someone who is looking for something. My job is to respond to him and pray for him.

I get all manner of questions and requests. Why did Jesus have to die? How do you know there is a God? Aren't all religions the same? I can't believe in a God who sends people to hell. How can I stop masturbating? I'm a drug addict; can Jesus help me? How do I really know God has forgiven me? How can I grow in my faith? Please pray for my brother's village that was attacked by Boko Haram. In the past year I have received hundreds of questions and requests as varied as the number.

I know some of you are wondering, "How are you qualified to answer these kinds of questions? You didn't become a Christian until you were forty-eight years old. You didn't even own a Bible till then and haven't memorized many verses. What do you know about theology, sociology and psychology?"

You're right. I am not an expert on any of these things. I will explain in my next article how I am given the ability to respond to these questions. But I know what I am not to do, I am not to preach the Gospel of Debby, it's not in the Bible, I checked. On the GMO site from which I respond I am given many resources. I spend a minimum of an hour every day making sure that my responses are biblically correct. I have a mentor who checks on me to make sure I am responding appropriately.

My main mission is to communicate the love of Jesus. I always address my new contact's question or comment to the best of my ability. I ask open-ended questions that encourage them to write back. I encourage them to take the next step - salvation or recommitment, pray, read the Bible, and connect with other Christians in community. And always I pray for my new contacts and ongoing disciples.

I receive emails from people who communicate in English. GMO has many thousands of missionaries representing many languages so we can effectively reach the diverse range of Internet users. Sometimes I must reassign the emails to others in our group who are better equipped to respond to suicide, sexual issues, drug abuse and sometimes a theological issue just too complex for me.

GMO uses cutting edge technology to improve our communications with people around the globe and to increase our access to good resources. GMO adjusts quickly to new realities. They have just added SMS formatting for OMs ready to communicate with the

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millions of young folk who strictly text message. We receive regular training and are mentored by experienced OM's.

A friend encouraged me to get involved in GMO because my gifts match this ministry. I like to write and I have the time to write since I am retired. I also have a huge heart for the international community having lived and traveled all over the world and having had a career teaching English to speakers of other languages both abroad and here in the states.

I know some may claim that online evangelism, done in the safety of the home, is not 'real' evangelism. But anyone sharing the Gospel online has a very vital and real ministry.

In Matthew 24:1 we are called to preach the Gospel *to all the world*.

In today's world, preaching *to all the world* has become an electronic reality. Every desktop, cellphone, and iPad will enable the gospel to be available to the entire world.

Also, online evangelism allows us to meet seekers where they are. GMO's secure response system allows for communication between OM's and seekers to be safe and anonymous. People search anonymously and expect a safe and anonymous response. Some people are uncomfortable meeting with a Christian, or, for those in sensitive countries, they may even fear for their lives! The sites not only present the gospel, but also provide a direct connection with a Christian. That's what I give them.

A young woman from the UK who was in drug rehab wrote and asked how Jesus could help her recover. Danielle came to me anonymously, yet she was able to open up about her life and I was able to open up to her about Jesus.

These natural gifts of mine may be small, but I know I serve the larger purpose of getting the gospel to the ends of the earth.

I am privileged to work with a mission whose vision is to give everyone on earth multiple opportunities to know Jesus. In my next article I want to share with you what I have gained in the past year by serving with this ministry. ♦

St. Peter's Fourth Mission Trip to Guatemala

By Bob Loker

On June 20th St. Peter's is sending a seven person team to Guatemala to support Redeemer's House missionaries Todd and Maureen Erickson in their ministry in the village of Santiago Zamora. Three team members are from St. Peter's and four are from other churches. The St. Peter's group includes **Maggie Snyder, Bridget Wagstaff and Bob Loker**. This is the fourth St. Peter's trip in support of the Ericksons' ministry.



As in the past, we will be teaching and helping with an after school program now numbering about 60 kids. We will also be supporting other mercy ministries in the village and spending time at Casa de la Esperanza, a home for severely disabled children in a nearby town.

A special event this year will be a village photography project. Most village families have never had a family photograph taken. After village church services on Sunday our team will take family photographs and will print and frame the pictures on the spot to be given to the families. We expect to be photographing at least 50 families (but we will be prepared for 100). Can you imagine what a gift that will be for someone who has never had a framed family photo!

Redeemer's House receives monthly support from St. Peter's, and Casa de la Esperanza receives support from the Wednesday Night Bible Study. **We invite you to partner with us in providing extra support for this trip.** We are placing a collection box in McCray Hall for the Ericksons' "wish list". The list includes after school and craft supplies (markers, crayons, sparkles, pipe cleaners, jump ropes, washable kids paint, play-doh, miracle bubbles; and also vitamins; acid reducer tablets; and pain relievers and small bottles of children's shampoo. For a more complete "wish list" go to <http://amzn.com/w/2NO77X4LBF5YX>. Please donate and, if you provide cash, we will do the buying! Checks should be mailed or delivered to St. Peter's with the memo "Guatemala". Contributions must be received by June 17th.

Finally, please be praying that Christ would be evident to the villagers, Redeemer's House, and to our team during our time in Guatemala.

A Very Special Father's Day

By Dell Nunaley

The men of the Purcellville Men's Breakfast have collaborated with Fr. Tom to craft **a special Sunday service on June 21st at 8 and 10:30.** We will offer the congregation a chance to experience a bit of what this group enjoys each month.

This fellowship group meets regularly on the 1st Saturday of each month at 7 AM for breakfast, fellowship, and Christian formation. Our mission is "Becoming the men that God created us to be."

Our purpose on Father's Day is twofold, we certainly want to encourage men in the parish to become part of this fellowship group, and we want to serve the congregation that Sunday as capable men and fathers that we are.

Here's what you can look forward to.

We will integrate into the liturgy two main elements of the Saturday breakfast: a talk and a tool time. Tool time is a short application lesson for men using real manly tools! The talk will focus on "fatherhood."

Our men will also serve as Lectors, LEMs, Ushers, Acolytes, etc, and will provide a typical Saturday's full and satisfying breakfast between the services.


Come, let the men of St. Peter's serve you as we reach into the local community!



Planning for St. Pete's Parade and Party on the 4th of July

For the last two years our participation in the Independence Parade in Purcellville was a great success. Last year our float won second place prize! It raised our profile in the community and attracted a big crowd for our Community Bluegrass BBQ Dinner and Evening Prayer Service that evening. We served a packed house.

We seek to do even better this year, so I'd like to gather a team to do the 2015 parade in fine style. If you want to help make it happen and have some good ideas how to, please come to our first planning meeting on Sunday, June 14, at 12pm, in the chapel. We'll need three teams (1) for the Parade and (2) for the Party and (3) for the Publicity. How do we make this truly a "community" event?
- Fr. Tom



PSALM 22:4
IN GOD WE TRUST

Join us to pray for our nation and its leaders.

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
will host our 4th annual
Independence Day Prayer Service
at 7 pm on the 4th of July

Lt. Col. Oliver North will read the Declaration of Independence. We'll sing patriotic hymns and pray for our country.

Come early to enjoy a first-rate BBQ dinner at 5:30 hosted by Monk's BBQ

Donations will be accepted for food and live bluegrass music.

All are invited.



By Kathleen Voss,
Director of Youth & Children's Ministries

Sunday School

It has been a wonderful year for the Sunday School! We successfully completed year one of the *Weaving God's Promises* curriculum. This year, our theme was *Weaving Our Faith*, which covers the story of our salvation, from the fall of humankind to our redemption by Jesus Christ. The theme is God's love for us and how God stays with us no matter what!

We are so grateful for the hard work of all of our talented teachers; **Danielle Orender, Krista Winger, Cindy Trochlil, Tamara Tyler, Jane Navarro, Patti Flowers, Paul Miller, Laurraine Landolt and Kyle Voss.**

In addition we were so proud of the commitment of our students. This year we worked hard to master the books of the bible, The Lord's Prayer and Nicene Creed along with learning about our Episcopal Church.

Our closing program will be June 14th at 9:30 AM in the nave. All are welcome! Our Sunday School program will resume September 20. Have a happy and healthy summer!

Nursery News

Happily, we have filled our nursery positions. Please join me in welcoming **Ms. Madalyn, Ms. Ingrid and Ms. Leah.** All of these ladies will be onboard by June 1st.

Farewell—Danielle Orender has worked in our nursery for over a year and a half and will be leaving us on May 31st. Danielle has been a great asset to the Children's Ministry program at St. Pete's. In addition to her duties as nursery attendant, she graciously accepted the role of pre-school Sunday School teacher and ultimately became one of our K & 1 Sunday School teachers. Danielle is leaving St. Pete's to devote more time and attention to her Church and full-time job as a pre-school teacher here in town, where she will continue to work with many of our St. Pete's families. We will miss her warmth and cheerful personality!

CMC

With so many new families in the Church, we would welcome your input on the **Children's Ministry Committee!** We meet quarterly and discuss the vision for our children's programming at the Church. New members bring new ideas and energy! Contact me about joining.

Vacation Bible School

We are ready to go, are you? VBS is **July 6-10 from 9:00 AM– noon.**

Our safari theme this year is Kingdom of the Son! Kids will learn to talk to God as they explore the Lord's Prayer. Register your children at www.vbs.stpetes.net.



We are still in need of teens and adults to volunteer! There is a specific need for adult helpers in our snack center and teen helpers for our skit! Remember helping at VBS can count as community service hours for the schools. Please contact me at dcm@stpetes.net.



Congratulations to our Rite-13 Celebrities

The following young people will be honored on June 7th during our Rite-13 Ceremony!


Addison Baugh, Amelia Baugh, Joseph Burden, Megan Czaban, Colin Donohue, Alexis Eddinger, Eric Gibson, Mark Matthews, Henry Psaltos, Henry Simmons, Megan Smith, Henry Trochlil, Addie Winger.

As we celebrate this rite of passage, initiating these young people into the beginning of their life long journey to adulthood and maturity, please keep them in your prayers by name, and see them not as children but as youthful, fellow pilgrims on the path to knowing and serving Christ.

We deeply appreciate the dedication of **Carl Sheys & Tait Simmons** in instructing our Rite-13 youth. Thanks also go to **Nissa Clavelli, Dave Hunt, & Andrea Lee** for their instruction of our older youth.

Youth Skeet Shoot

Sunday, June 14th for our Youth... please plan to meet Father Tom at the Church by **2:45 PM** and then carpool to Skeet.



Written for our learning

Not only did God give us the Bible as his Word, but he also gives us many people to teach us his ways. Our greatest teacher is Jesus, God's Son.

Directions: Complete Matthew 19:16-17 by filling in the blanks (using words from the Word Bank) and then unscrambling the three words and writing them on the tablets.

WORD BANK	ask	do	eternal	If	good	good	Why
	good	Jesus	life	man	One	Teacher	

A _____ came up to _____ and asked,
 "_____, what _____ thing must I _____
 to get _____ life?" "_____ do you
 _____ me about what is _____?" Jesus replied.
 "There is only _____ who is _____.
 _____ you want to enter _____ ...

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Matthew 19:16-17, nv

Answers: A man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied, "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life ... obey the commandments."



SHOUT OUT

➡ To **Mack Ensor** for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout! Mack is a member of Troop 163. Mack designed, built and installed 3 benches for the Peace Trail at Camp Potomac Woods. *Great job, Mack!!!*

➡ To **Grace O'Hara** who has given up her recess once a week for the last 6 weeks to have a snack sale to raise money for a family in need. On the last day of her snack stand someone stole all of the cash from the stand. She didn't hesitate, she simply went to the bank and withdrew all of the money from her account. She said, "I won't let one selfish person undo what has been done to help another."

Let Your Light Shine!

Share your good news about
your kids with us!

Send your news to:

Kathleen Voss, Director

Youth & Children's Ministries

SHINE!

Let your light shine
before people, that they
will see the good things
you do and praise your
Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16





St. Peter's JUNE ROSTER 2015

		June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
		2 Pentecost	3 Pentecost	4 Pentecost	5 Pentecost
LECTORS	Early	Corinne Hegener	Mark Baker	Gail Donohue	Drew Lavan
	Late	Liz Tuohy	Mark McKinley	Kyle Voss	Jon Corbett
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Early	Peter Schellhase, Sophiann Nunaley	Judy Hall, Terry Duhring	Paul Donohue, Caitlin Donohue	Tanya Matthews, Sophiann Nunaley
	Late	Dave Grommons, Randy Stoutenburgh	Shane Ayers, Dave Tocki	Lauren Hunt, Dave Grommons	Dave Tocki, Randy Stoutenburgh
SUB DEACON	Early	Tim Hall	Buddy Andrews	John Burden	Tim Hall
	Late	Dave Hunt	Linda Stoutenburgh	Dave Hunt	Linda Stoutenburgh
INTERCESSOR	Early	Kelly Cockrill	Dell Nunaley	John Burden	HL
	Late	Patti Flowers	Marty Thompson	Bill Geiger n	HL
ACOLYTES	Early	Aubrey & Addie Winger, John Matthews, Isabella Tucker	Joshua & Megan Smith, Eric Gibson	Ciara, Kimberly & Colin Donohue	Adam Gibson, Mark Matthews, Hayes Baker
	Late	Dan LaPre, Shane Ayers, Lauren Hunt, Peter Forbes	Katya Clavelli, Jonathan LaPre, Henry Psaltos	Chris Hunt, George & Henry Simmons	Dan LaPre, Shane Ayers, Lauren Hunt, Peter Forbes
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Early	Todd & Pam Johnston, Bob Loker, Zan Shah	Eckard & Keri Holdorf, Judy Didoha, Alexis Didoha	Tanya Matthews, Jean Kuhns, Paul Miller & Laurraine Landolt	Jim & Wynnell Schatz, Peter & Erin Schellhase
	Late	Sven Johnson & Pat Long, Billy & Nancy Dillon	Bill & Renee Geiger, Ryan & Amanda Walsh	Liz Tuohy, Rick & Tamara Tyler	Steve & Deanna Czaban, Ben & Anna Curtis
USHERS	Early	Mark & Nancy Baker, John Sleeter, Mark Novak	Zan Shah, Dick Wilhelm, Paul Miller & Laurraine Landolt	Rick & Kelly Cockrill, Bill & Beth Gibson	Mark & Nancy Baker, Todd & Pam Johnston
	Late	Nick Psaltos, Tred Parry, Billy Dillon, Jimmy Eddinger	Steve & Anne Schultz, Susan Collins, Sandy Wehr	The Clavelli Family	Mark & Katie McKinley, Bill & Renee Geiger
GREETERS	Early	Corinne & Hank Hegener	Mark Baker	Dell Nunaley	Tim Hall
	Late	Jae & Andrea Lee	Dan LaPre	John Israel	Peter Forbes
TELLERS		Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Howard & Linda Evans	Joe Clavelli, Rick Tyler	Pat Long & Sven Johnson
ALTAR GUILD		Nancy Dillon, Judy Hall, Sandy Wehr, Una LaPre, Linda Turner	Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Anna Curtis	Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Anna Curtis	Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Anna Curtis

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry on a day you are assigned, please (1) find your replacement and (2) notify the church office of the change in schedule. Thank you for serving!

JUNE Anniversaries and Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES:

6-1 Bill & Renee Geiger
 6-5 John & Debby Caulfield
 6-9 Dan & Una LaPre
 6-20 Dave & Gail Hunt
 6-25 Joe & Rebecca Babb
 Carl & Nancy Sheys

BIRTHDAYS:

6-1 Steve Czaban
 6-2 Rick Cockrill
 6-5 Carrie Marie Burden
 6-7 Tait Simmons
 6-9 Andy Coy
 Beth Gibson
 Briana Tyler
 6-10 Amy Cassidy
 Terry Duhring
 Bryan Field
 Bob Loker
 Carl Sheys
 6-11 Julian Israel

6-12 Jane Navarro
 6-14 Danny Burden
 Judy Didoha
 Ryann Israel
 Rohan Shah
 6-15 Steve Schultz
 6-19 McKenzie Clark
 6-20 Sharon Purnell
 6-21 Rick Smith
 6-25 Nate Thompson
 6-27 Ricky Cockrill
 Kirsten Jenkins
 6-29 A. D. Bogle
 6-30 Drew Collins
 Dave Ramsey



Mark Your Calendar!

June 2 Hedgehog Mtg. 7pm
 June 3 Mission Team Mtg. 5:30pm
 June 6 Men's Breakfast 7am
 June 7 Youth Sunday & Rite-13 Liturgy (both services)
 Rite-13 Dinner 5pm
 June 9 Vestry Exec Mtg. 7pm
June 11 Picture Day! 2-9pm
June 12 Picture Day! 2-9pm
June 13 Picture Day! 10am-5pm
 June 14 End of Program Year
 Sunday School Closing Program 9:30am
 4th of July Planning Mtg. 12pm

June 15 Mt. Calvary Guild Mtg 10am
 June 16 Vestry Mtg. 7:15pm
 June 18 Kentucky Mission Departs
 Guatemala Mission Trip Packing Party 4pm
 TOL Dinner (hosted by Men's Breakfast) 5pm
 June 20 Guatemala Mission Departs
 Men's Leadership Mtg. 7am
 Literary Guild 5pm
 June 21 **Newsletter Deadline**
 June 23 Pastoral Care Team Mtg 5pm
 June 24 Friends Being Friends Cookout 6pm
 June 28 Healing Liturgy

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Revised Common Lectionary Readings for JUNE

Date	Sunday	First Lesson	Psalms	Second Lesson	Gospel
7	2 Pentecost	Genesis 3:8-15	130	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
14	3 Pentecost	Ezekiel 17:22-24	92:1-4, 11-14	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Mark 4:26-34
21	4 Pentecost	Job 38:1-11	107:1-3, 23-32	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
28	5 Pentecost	Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24	30	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43

JUNE 2015



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<i>Saturday</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i> <i>will resume</i> <i>September 12</i>	1 VBS Online Registration Begins!	2 Hedgehog Mtg.	3 HOLY EUCHARIST Mission Team Mtg MSSG Bible Study	4 Choir Living in Community	5	6 Men's Breakfast
	7 HOLY EUCHARIST & Rite-13 SS & SF Choristers & CS Bible Study Rite-13 Dinner	8	9 Vestry Exec Mtg.	10 HOLY EUCHARIST MSSG Bible Study	PICTURE DAYS AT ST. PETE'S	
11 Choir Living in Community	12	13	14 <i>End of Program Year</i> HOLY EUCHARIST SS Closing Program 4th Planning Mtg. Bible Study	15 Mt. Calvary Guild	16 Vestry Mtg.	17 HOLY EUCHARIST MSSG
18 Kentucky Mission Departs Guatemala Mission Packing Party TOL Dinner Living in Community	19	20 Men's Leadership Mtg Literary Guild Guatemala Mission Departs	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> HOLY EUCHARIST Bible Study	22	23 PC Team Mtg.	24 HOLY EUCHARIST FBF Cookout MSSG
25 Living in Community	26	27	PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES TO KENTUCKY & GUATEMALA			
28 HOLY EUCHARIST & Healing Liturgy Bible Study	29	30				

KEY: CS=Choral Scholars; FBF=Friends Being Friends; MSSG=Men's Spiritual Support Group; PC=Pastoral Care; SF=Spiritual Formation Classes; SS=Sunday School; TOL=Tree of Life



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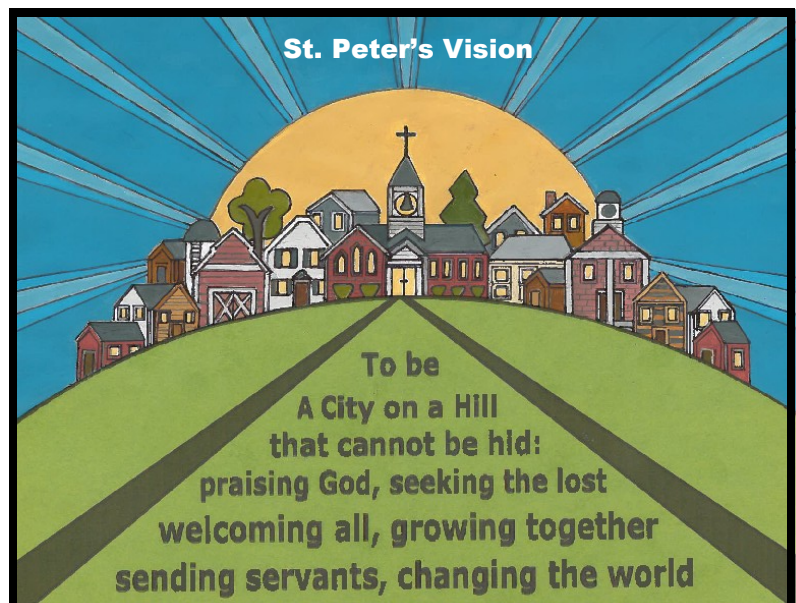
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