Sailing the Seven Cs, Not the Seven Seas

From an early age, we’ve all heard of the Seven Seas, but not all of us have heard of the Seven Cs. The Seven Cs is the meta-narrative (grand narrative) of salvation history, something each and every Christian must know to share the life-giving Gospel with our friends and family. The Seven Seas may be interesting trivia, but the Seven Cs are crucial for our family and friend’s eternal life. The Seven Cs (see Creation Museum) are:

1. **Creation** – God not only created the vast and microscopic universe, but human beings as the crown of His creation; we are made in His image. He has created each of us with a plan and a purpose. Jeremiah 29:11 says, “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

2. **Corruption** – Adam and Eve committed a willful act of disobedience against God. Immediately, they both pointed the finger of blame. Original sin has been handed down to every person on earth, bringing, pain, continued rebellion against God, and continued damage of relationships.

3. **Catastrophe** – Rebellion and sin grew and grew: “The LORD saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time” (Genesis 6:5). Therefore, the Lord flooded the earth, saving only Noah and his family. Though many wicked people were washed away in the great deluge, the flood did not do away with sin. God put the rainbow in the sky, promising to never again flood the whole earth.

4. **Confusion** – Again, evil multiplied upon the earth. This time, at the Tower of Babel, God confused their language. Today there are roughly 10,000 languages and dialects. Multiple languages slowed the growth of wickedness.

5. **Christ** – Jesus Christ was not God’s plan B because things had gone wrong. Jesus had existed eternally as a co-equal member of the Holy Trinity. Jesus was revealed in the fiery furnace with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. He was fully revealed at His incarnation as He took on flesh and dwelt among us: teaching, healing, making disciples.

6. **Cross** – Jesus knew that if He created us, He would have to die on the cross to save us. Before the creation of the world, Jesus chose to sacrifice Himself for us on the cross. That was the cost of creating us with the freedom to choose to love or hate. Alleluia! He is risen! He has defeated Satan! He has conquered death!

7. **Consummation** – In the Nicene Creed we proclaim, “He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.” After the great Day of the Lord, “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away” (Revelation 21:4). Come Lord Jesus!

Even if you never get to sail the Seven Seas, may you know and share the Seven Cs!!!
30 Hour Famine April 1st - 2nd

Love God. Fight hunger.
Join in with students from around the world as we learn about hunger, raise funds to help hungry children, and experience hunger for ourselves. Our time will be spent fasting, praying, listening, and doing a service project.

Be sure to bring your Parental Consent Form to Faith on Friday April 1 at 6:00pm. We will be breaking our fast on April 2 with a soup dinner and finishing around 6:00pm. Don't forget to bring sleeping bags and pillows!

Youth Crew Sunday Nights in April:
April 3rd – No Youth Crew
April 10th – @ Faith, Bring $5 for sandwiches
April 17th - @ Faith
April 24th – No Youth Crew (Easter)

Youth Crew Meets every Wed. night from 7-8

Summer Mission to New Orleans:
We will be having meetings regarding our summer mission trip both here at Faith and at All Saints in Jackson, TN. Please put the following dates on your calendar:
April 16: Cordova
April 30: Jackson
May 7: Jackson
May 21: Cordova

Easter Party
Saturday, April 23rd 10:00 to 12:00

Enter the story of Jesus’ mournful death and victorious resurrection. We will also enjoy some crafts together, have snacks, and play some fun and crazy games. The children will work in age groups to find eggs filled with candy and prizes. There will be activities for preschoolers 4 and under as well.

We want to share with as many people as possible the good news that Jesus is alive!

Coming Soon, VBS – July 17th-21st

Imagine living and working in the dusty town of Nazareth just before Jesus began his ministry. We will hear stories about Jesus told by his mother, Mary.

Bible Stories During VBS:
Day 1 – Mary is chosen to be Jesus’ mother
Day 2- Jesus is born and gets his name
Day 3 – Jesus’ family escapes to Egypt
Day 4 – Jesus goes to the temple
Day 5 – Jesus does a miracle in Cana

Lent From Our Children’s Perspective

On the first Sunday of Lent, our children discovered that Lent was NOT what was left in the clothes dryer, but 40 days not counting Sundays before Easter. We also learned it’s a time to draw closer to God by giving up something that is important to us like meat on Friday or candy or something that may keep us from loving God with all our heart. It’s a time for obeying His Commands and asking for forgiveness when we don’t.

It’s a time to study God’s Word so we can know how to obey Him; serve Him by serving others; and giving to Him by giving to others. The children asked if they could collect money to give to the victims in Japan after the terrible earthquake and Sunami. They prayed for the people in Japan and asked God to help them and protect them. We’ll be putting our coins and dollars in our “giving boxes” during Lent. (For me I plan to drink water when we eat out instead of ordering a beverage and put the money we save in my giving box) Then on Easter Sunday we will collect our “Giving Boxes” to send to the Anglican Relief and Development Fund to assist Christians in Japan and our suffering brothers and sisters affected by this tragedy. You can help, too, by going to anglicanaid.net or write a check to Faith Anglican Church for “Anglican Relief & Development Fund.” Helping others for the sake of the gospel is a good way to practice a holy Lenten Season.

The Rev. Dr. Herb Hand

On February 22 Fr. Herb successfully defended his doctoral thesis project on Parent-child Face-to-face Disciple-making at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. His graduation on May 14th concludes an eight year course of study. In March he was elected as chairman of the board of the Anglican School of Ministry. Congratulations!
STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

For those at Faith who may not be familiar with the areas over which the Stewardship Council has responsibility, we have oversight of the following:

- Finances/Investments/Bank Accounts/Mortgage
- Approving the Annual budget & Pensions/Salaries/Benefits
- Maintaining Property/Real Estate & Building/Grounds
- and making property improvements
- Equipment Rentals
- Taxes and Insurance
- Contractual/Legal Issues and maintaining the church bylaws

At our annual parish meeting in January, two new members were elected to the Stewardship Council, Chris Shields and Andy Huckstadt. On February 15th, the Council elected new officers to serve for 2011. The Stewardship Council members for 2011 are:

- Cathy Tenpenny, Chairman
- Bob Bostick, Vice Chairman
- Alexa Tutor, Treasurer
- Chris Shields, Secretary
- Tony Jordan, Mission Council Liaison
- Andy Huckstadt, Member at Large

A very special THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU goes out to John Scott and Peter Kersting for their outstanding service to Faith during their term on the Council and over the years. Their leadership has helped build a strong foundation for our Church.

There are several building/grounds/furnishing projects which the Council will introduce in the near future; of course, you already know about the new playground. Through these projects we will continue to “BUILD UP FAITH”.

Should there be any questions or concerns which should be addressed by the Stewardship Council, please contact me or any of the other Council Members. Our contact information is in the Church directory. Cathy Tenpenny

MISSION & OUTREACH

Thanks to all who donated items, bought tickets, made bids, and joined us in the fun on Shrove Tuesday. Mission and Outreach committee gives special thanks to Chris Shields who suggested new and fun ideas, to Fred Ellrich for auctioning the "surprise item" which greatly enlivened the crowd, and the cooking men, Bill Fisher, Bevo Covington and Peter Kersting. God always multiplies our blessings. By the time the money was counted on Sunday we had $2,500.00. Our goal is in sight!

Brother Kirt will be here to preach and tell the latest news about his mission the weekend of April 9 & 10. There will be a “wine & cheese sharing” event on April 9 at 5:30 providing a chance to visit with Br. Kirt.

Meanwhile, the crisis in Japan is really just beginning. To donate go to anglicanaid.net church in Japan.

Annette Kersting

INTIMACY WITH GOD

What's Going On? God is visiting His people here in the United States. When John the Baptist sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the one or should they look for another, Jesus answered, “Go your way, and tell John what things you have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in Me.” (Luke 7:22-23). Chuck and I visited the revival going on in Mobile, AL in March. We saw and heard just the things that Jesus told John's disciples to give testimony to.

Even with all the miracles God is doing in this revival, the evangelist, preached Saturday night about what he believed is the most important thing: Intimacy with God. God loves us so and He is blessing His children with salvation, deliverance from addictions, diseases, deafness, blindness, lameness, and death. All of God's miracles are special, but none compares to Him; knowing Him, loving Him, spending time with Him. The young evangelist was saying the same thing that Fr. Hand has been saying and teaching concerning the importance of intimacy with God. That is why Fr. Hand taught an excellent series on the Christian disciplines on Wednesday nights during Lent. That is why quarterly he has "Called to the Quiet" on Saturday mornings, a time for solitude and prayer. It is a time of getting quiet and hearing from your Father and communing with Him. Fr. Hand continues to call us away from the world and to God. We thank God for giving us a shepherd who loves God with all his heart, soul, and mind and desires to lead us into God's presence. From God's presence flows the salvations, healings, deliverances, and teachings that bless His children.

Let me leave you with His words ringing in your ears from Song of Solomon 2:10, "My beloved spoke, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Deb Glover

BAPTISMAL DATES

Baptism is for those adults and older children who have made a commitment to Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Baptism is also for infants and younger children of parents who intend to raise their children to serve Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Those who intend to be baptized need to attend worship regularly. If you or your child is ready for baptism, please plan to be baptized on one of the following dates: April 23rd (Easter Vigil) or June 12th (Pentecost Sunday). If you are interested please contact Fr. Herb (755-4848).
**VISITOR SUNDAY**

Very often, when a loved one dies, we cherish the last words that they say before they pass away. According to the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus’ last words before he ascended into heaven were, “Go and make disciples of the whole world.” These words are so important that we refer to them as the “Great Commandment,” but do our actions prove that these words are important to us?

Several months ago Father Herb encouraged us to pray that God will put people in our paths who we can talk to about Christ and invite them to come to church. But Christ didn’t tell us to pray about the Great Commandment, he said—Go. This may be people at work or in our neighborhoods whom we already know. But we also need to pray for God’s help to intentionally place ourselves in front of people whom we can get to know and begin talking to about Christ. For example, when you go to the grocery store, begin talking with clerks at the store and get to know them by name. If they ask you about how your week has been, talk to them about some activity that’s going on at Faith and how much you’ve enjoyed it. The fact is, God has been putting people into our paths all along, but we have been too rushed or too self-involved to realize it.

Circle your calendars for **Sunday, May 8th**, Mothers’ Day, which is the date of our next Visitor Sunday. Mothers’ Day is a time when people are interested in going to church, and if they don’t have a regular church that they attend, Faith Anglican Church is a great option. Are you going to invite people and have them decline—Yes! But Christ didn’t say to make disciples of people whom you know want to be discipled. He said—Go. Nancy Addcox

**Prayer Corner**  
Please keep the following persons in your daily prayers, asking God to heal, comfort, and protect them.

- Mansell Lancaster
- Mareva Foster
- Richard Ferrell
- John Cowan
- Minnie Parker
- George Narsico
- Kathleen Hurdle
- Mary Birkby
- Holly Naufel
- Holly Barcroft

**DID YOU KNOW THAT FAITH HAS A SOUND MEDIA DEPARTMENT?**

We are providing another opportunity to get involved and help in God’s Church. We are looking for individuals to volunteer in our Media Ministry. This is an important ministry in the church, and we need people who are willing to give a little of their time to make it a success. Media Ministry is not just about running sound. There are many different tasks that are involved in order to have an effective ministry. Please pray about this ministry, and consider helping us. We are in the process of revamping the Media Ministry, and you could be a pioneer with us. Please see Matthew Brewer if you are interested in learning how you can help in this Ministry.

**Christian Laughter**

Who was the greatest male financier in the Bible?

ANS: Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

**Birthdays**

- Herb Hand 01  
- Brian Ivey 01  
- Mary Birkby 04  
- Barbara King 07  
- Joshua Tarver 08  
- Peyton Tarver 08  
- Elkins Crawford 09  
- Vicki Deason 09  
- Samuel Main 13  
- Larry Wilkes 14  
- Charles Birkby 15  
- Savannah Lawson 16  
- John Tarver 16  
- Jessie Harrison 17  
- Hunter Harrison 18  
- Emily Johnson 18  
- Susan Parvey 20  
- John Lucas 23  
- Fred Ellrich 26  
- Minette Dyess 27  
- Madeline Turner 27  
- Elizabeth Milnor 28  
- Janice Badgett 29

**Anniversaries**

- Phil & Beth Laquinta 01  
- Bevo & Pat Covington 04  
- Larry & Sherry Wilkes 09  
- Rob & Donna Fredette 15  
- John & Maureen Howard 17  
- Tony & Sarah Jordan 23
Service Times:

**Sunday:**
- Holy Eucharist…………………………8:10/10:30am
- Sunday School ............................9:30am

**Wednesday:**
- Covered Dish Supper.......................6:30pm
- Adult Bible Study ..........................7:15pm

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*newsletter@faithanglicanchurch.org*

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**Holy Week Worship Schedule**

**Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)**
8:10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  April 17
At the 10:30 service we will gather outside for the *Liturgy of the Palms* and process into the church. At both services we will enjoy a dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel. The donkey will be here for the second service and will be available for rides after church. Palm Sunday is a designated visitor Sunday. Be sure to invite a guest for our “Passion Play”!

**Maundy Thursday**
7:00 p.m.  April 21
We will commemorate our Lord’s Last Supper through foot washing and Holy Communion. Foot washing is not required, but available to all who would like to participate. It is a powerful act of servanthood, which can have a powerful affect for your daily life as a believer. Childcare is available. An all night pray vigil will follow for those who would like to participate.

**Good Friday Worship and Stations of the Cross**
7:00 p.m.  April 22
We will meditate on the meaning of the cross of Christ, hear the Good Friday Good News proclaimed, and enjoy a special *Station of the Cross* presentation by our Youth Crew. Fasting and extended prayer is encouraged on Good Friday. Childcare is available.

**Easter Vigil**
7:30 p.m.  April 23
Easter Vigil begins outside at sundown around a bonfire. We will process in for our first celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. We will hear the great stories of God’s salvation, the climax of which is Jesus’ triumph over death. We will baptize those who are ready. Bring bells or keys to make “holy noise” and ring in Easter. A feast follows. Bring your portion to share with the community of faith. Childcare is available.

**Easter Sunday Celebration**
8:10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  April 24
Easter is our most important celebration of the year. We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus which is our hope of eternal life. This is the perfect Sunday to invite a friend! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!