



THE CROSSROADS

From the Desk of the Rector

Faithfully Doubting

There has been much ballyhoo over the recent publishing of "Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light" that compiles many years of personal correspondence regarding her doubt about Christ's presence in her life. It may seem shocking to discover that one of the most revered Christian figures of recent times could struggle with so much doubt, not just from time to time, but for decades on end. Such a revelation forces us to ask how a person with so much doubt could be such a shining example of Christian ministry to the poorest of the poor for a lifetime.

A popular religious tendency in our culture is to define faith as some sort of abiding positive feeling of the presence of God in our lives. However, let us not confuse feelings with faith. Feelings are only one aspect of faith. The experiences of feelings in people are far from static, rational or controllable. We may feel peace, sorrow, joy, frustration, happiness, despair and romance all in the course of a day. We may feel a comforting presence, a sense of impending doom, or nothing at all at any given moment. One thing is certain. At some point each one of us will have feelings of doubt about the presence of God in our lives.

Another religious assumption is that faith is something that is obtained by a person's own facility and volition. This theory is not based on any real biblical foundation or teaching of the Church, but rather on other cultural values and biases. Ultimately, the apostle Paul tells us, faith is a gift that is given to us by the Holy Spirit for the good of all. (I Corinthians 12:9). A gift is not something that we can work for; otherwise it would be something

owed to us and not really a gift.

A spiritual mentor of mine once compared the gift of faith to a barrel of water in which we try to grab and pull out the contents. We will come up empty-handed every time. Yet, if we cup the palms of our open, outstretched hands and wait for someone to pour, we may receive. There is no sin in a lack of faith. Faith is either something that is gifted to us by the Holy Spirit or not. Nonetheless, a gift is something that we may, pessimistically, choose not to accept. Therefore, our real downfall comes when we do not continually orient ourselves to receive the gift of faith. The sin comes in closing ourselves off to the possibility of the gift. Faith involves our ongoing willingness to receive.

The Bible is full of stories of faithful people filled with doubt. Perhaps the most profound example found in scripture is at the point during his crucifixion when Jesus cries out in doubt, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46) Since doubt was part of Christ's experience on the cross, doubt is sanctified. Doubt must therefore hold some holy purpose and place in our lives.

Our faith is greeted and supported when we are intentional in our actions. Real faith involves remaining open to receive by maintaining a discipline of worship and fellowship within the Body of Christ. It means continuing to give of one's time, ability and resources to the building up of God's Kingdom. It means making Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and other times when the Body of Christ gathers, a priority on our busy

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Fr. Kelley J. Lackey II, Rector of St. Andrew's

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UPTOWN

Hoedown



ST. ANDREW'S BENEFIT AUCTION

October 27, 2007

Tickets are \$12.50 and are on sale now. Stop by the office or see Lynn Bonney, Nancy Romine or Deborah Cotterman.

Looking ahead

Oct. 3 St. Francis Day celebration. St. Francis Day is the traditional time for the blessing of animals, so four-footed and feathered friends will be welcome at the 6 p.m. liturgy. Critters with gills and scales have also attended past celebrations. All pets should be leashed, crated or otherwise under the control of their human companions. A vegetarian supper will be served after the service.

Oct. 14 CROP Walk. St. Andrew's will be the kickoff point for the annual CROP Walk, which raises money to fight hunger in our community and around the world. Ann Jacob and June Hubert, co-chairs for the Emporia drive, will have sign-up sheets and more information to be announced shortly. In the meantime, parishioners can decide whether they'll be walkers or pledgers, promising a certain amount of money for each mile their walker walks.

Oct. 27 Uptown Hoedown. St. Andrew's first fund-raising auction and supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a social time before the fun ensues and the bidding gets wild. On the auction block will be many interesting and attractive items, including hand-crafted jewelry, gourmet dinners, art work, quilts and quilted items and even (we hear) an Arabian horse. Tickets are \$12.50.

Oct. 31 Halloween. St. Andrew's will have a holiday party for preschool and grade school children after the 6 p.m. Eucharist. Appropriately spooky foods will be on the menu and costumes are encouraged for children and adults.

Nov. 1 All Saints Day. The Eucharist will begin at 6 p.m. and will include the reading of names of those who have died. (A form for submitting names is included in this edition of Crossroads.)

Nov. 4 All Saints Sunday. Nolan Eugene Jacob, son of Nick and Ann Jacob and brother of Abigail Jacob, will be baptized at the 11 a.m. Eucharist.

Parish Life has new leader; committee's work continues

As of Oct. 1, Sue J. Mai is the head of the Parish Life Committee. Thanks to everyone who helped me during my term and, in turn, helped St. Andrew's enjoy coffee hours, suppers and special occasions.

Various members of Parish Life have each, generously, taken over a month of activities to chair. In addition, we still have other functions such as baptisms, funerals, special functions, confirmations and bishop's visits to cover and we are short of help.

Please lend a hand when Sue or a member of the committee calls on you.

Sue Wilson, Parish Life

Rummage sale a success *Items go out; cash comes in*

Thanks to everyone who helped with the rummage sale, part of the Great American Market: Pat Adams, Dobby Bailey, Bill Barnes, Lynn Bonney, Leigh Ann Crofoot, Elaine Edwards, Donna Eudaley, Eddie Gilpin, Ann Jacob, Bob and DeLores Johnson, Allison Keller, Sue McKinney, Susan and David Mai, Gary Mason, Mary Mingenback, Rick Mitchell, Barbara Pontius, Nancy Pontius, Nancy Romine, Clifford and Gloria Stewart, Trish Weidert and Sue Wilson. Thanks, too, to everyone who contributed items for the sale and to all those who bought items at the sale. The effort brought in about \$900.

Gay Barnes, Sale chair

Vestry meeting

The Vestry will hold its monthly meeting on October 11 at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Women meeting

The women of the parish will hold their monthly luncheon at Coburn's on October 30 beginning at 11:30. Come when you can and stay as long as you'd like for food and fellowship.



**We thank you
for the
blessing of
family and
friends, and
for the loving
care which
surrounds us
on every side.**

—From A General
Thanksgiving, BCP
p. 836.

Milestones

In our daily prayers we celebrate

Births

- Oct. 2 Janet Ayers
- Oct. 8 Kelley Fowler
Eddie Gilpin
- Oct. 9 Mark Harder
- Oct. 10 Larry DeBauge
- Oct. 11 June Hubert
- Oct. 13 Douglas Amend
- Oct. 14 Judy Calhoun
- Oct. 16 Jenny Harder
- Oct. 17 Dobby Bailey
DeLores Johnson
- Oct. 19 Brian McCracken
- Oct. 21 Nancy Cordill
- Oct. 23 Ben Harbaugh
John McCracken
Shirley Schoap
- Oct. 27 Nancy Wilhelmson
- Oct. 30 Patrick Davis
Jaimee Foster
Carolyn Martin
- Oct. 31 Jack Dougherty

Baptisms

- Oct. 7 Nancy Pontius
- Oct. 11 Terri Conger
- Oct. 13 Bob Basler
- Oct. 17 Ruthann Resch
- Oct. 28 Gloria Stewart

Confirmations

- Oct. 8 Shirley Glasgow Crist
- Oct. 20 Anna Basler
Bob Basler
- Oct. 21 Elaine Edwards
Mary Mingenback
Jim Resch
Tom North

Marriages

- Oct. 1 Eddie and Nancy
Gilpin

- Oct. 5 Clifford and Gloria
Stewart
- Oct. 8 Harry and Eleda Bird
- Oct. 15 Fred and Pat Adams
- Oct. 20 J.R. and Nancy
Wilhelmson

We remember

- Oct. 2 William Dreasher
- Oct. 3 Eddie Gray
Sarah Frances Price
Thomas
- Oct. 4 Rebecca Johnson
- Oct. 6 Jacob Rothfelder
Emma Stowe
- Oct. 9 Lena Hayes Jones
Gladys Tibbals Pantler
- Oct. 10 Marian Howard
- Oct. 11 Isabell Copeland
Gunkel
- Oct. 15 Benjamin Lincoln
Jones
Esther Margaret
Teichgraeber
- Oct. 18 Deanna Hawes
- Oct. 19 Mabel Olin
- Oct. 20 Marge Frick
- Oct. 22 Maggie Ackenhansen
Ruth Humble
- Oct. 25 Norma Jones
Sylvester William
Kufahl
- Oct. 26 Ruth Hazel Jensen
Patricia Jenuine
- Oct. 27 Catherine Austin
- Oct. 28 A.L. Lewis
- Oct. 29 Betty Russell
- Oct. 30 Francis Dotson
Lydia McCullough

Important date missing?

If a date that's important to you hasn't been included in this calendar, please notify the church office or send an e-mail to oread1978@yahoo.com.

October Server Schedule

	Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Oct. 28	Nov. 1 All Saint's Thurs 6 pm	Nov. 4
Chalice bearer	Gould Garcia	Allison Keller	Rick Mitchell	John Schwenn	Jenny Harder	Gary Mason
Priest server	Rick Mitchell	Justin Davis	Jenny Harder	Justin Davis	Rick Mitchell	Sue McKinney
Crucifer	Brian Dyer	Patrick Davis	Cody O'Mara	Brian Dyer	Gary Mason	Jordan Crofoot
Torch 1	Allie Mitchell	Will Dyer	Hannah Harder	Will Dyer	Allie Mitchell	Gladys Azzun
Torch 2	Cody O'Mara	Cody O'Mara	Allie Mitchell	Patrick Davis	Will Dyer	Brian Dyer
Reader	Sue McKinney	John Schwenn	Bill Clamurro	Marged Amend	Adam Rust	Lynn Bonney
Prayers of the People	Mary Mingenback	Millard Harrell	Marged Amend	Millard Harrell	June Hubert	Mary Mingenback
Nursery 1	Leigh Dyer	Ann Jacob	John Schwenn	Gladys Azzun	Ann Jacob	June Hubert
Nursery 2	Gladys Azzun	Nick Jacob	Judy Schwenn	Mary Halleran	Nick Jacob	Leigh Dyer
Greeter 1	Jean Runge	June Hubert	Mark Harder	Jean Runge	---none---	David Mai
Greeter 2	Nancy Romine	Julia Williams	Chase Harder	Nancy Romine	Mark Harder	Sue J Mai
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Millard Harrell	Bill Barnes	June Hubert	Lynn Bonney	---none---	Sue McKinney
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Patrick Kelley	Sue McKinney	Gary Mason	Patrick Kelley	---none---	Bill Barnes

**Please remember that if you are not able to serve you are responsible for finding your own substitute.
NOTE: Sundays at 11:00 a.m., unless noted otherwise.**

Rector's Column, *cont.*

calendars. It means being intentional in our daily prayer, especially when we do not feel particularly prayerful. Faith means giving when it seems more natural to take. It means exercising compassion toward others, even when we feel indifference. It means offering forgiveness rather than seeking vengeance. It involves taking a chance on something that we may not feel, indeed, that we may doubt. That is the true nature of the "leap of faith."

Perhaps in the years to come, Mother Teresa will not be marked as a saint for her example of uncompromising faith but for the more powerful example of a life lived faithfully in the face of considerable doubt.

Pax,
Kelley+

Narcotics Anonymous is now meeting every Tuesday and Thursday evening at St. Andrew's.

Sharing our space with this important group is one way St. Andrew's contributes to our community.

Inquiring minds want to know...

... Is it too late to become involved in Inquirers' Classes?

And the answer is no, it's not too late. Classes for anyone who's interested in baptism, confirmation or reception are meeting on Wednesday evenings. Fr. Kelley is willing to make arrangements to accommodate anyone whose schedule doesn't permit attending the Wednesday meetings.

The lawn is changing

St. Andrew's lawn space is moving toward a new look, as crews from South Winds work on a new landscaping plan. The project, approved by the Vestry, is being paid for with gifts that were designated for the beautification of the grounds.

Sam Mason to be installed as rector in Independence, Mo.

The Rev. Sam Mason, who spent part of his growing-up years at St. Andrew's, will be installed Oct. 10 as rector at Trinity Church in Independence, Mo., the parish attended by the family of Bess Wallace Truman and the site of her marriage to Harry Truman.

His parents, Gary Mason and the late Sally Price Mason, have long been a part of St. Andrew's and Sam is one of those relatively rare individuals: a cradle Episcopalian.

He has been at Trinity Church since July 1, serving as priest in charge.

In an interview with *West Missouri Spirit*, a diocesan publication, Mason said, "I am blessed to be here and in the Diocese of West Missouri."

His father, Gary, and Fr. Kelley plan to attend the installation service.

After earning a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Kansas, Sam entered the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, in 2001. He has served at Good Shepherd Church in Wichita and Trinity Church in Lawrence and has been a chaplain at St. Luke's Hospital and an assistant to the rector and in youth ministry at Good Shepherd, both in Kansas City.

Sam has joined his father in working with Mother Teresa in India, adding to his experience in serving those in need.

He is married and the father of four sons, Jason, Christopher, Sean and Robbie.

From the Senior Warden

As we enter the fall of the year, a special thanks to Gay Barnes and all the helpers at this year's Great American Market sale. The sale netted over \$900 for the church and allowed our members a chance to find a new home for some of their treasures.

As you can see, work has begun on the landscaping project.

Eddie Gilpin was elected by the Vestry to fill Josh Taylor's position until our next annual meeting.

It is almost time for our Every Member Drive, so be thinking about your pledge for the coming year. I encourage each of us to increase our financial support for our church.

Our receipts through August are ahead of budget, but our expenses are also exceeding what we had planned.

Financial update through August:

	Year-to-date	Variance
Pledge Receipts	\$74,698	\$5,365
Total Receipts	82,561	6,082
Total Expenses	101,872	(1,954)

Monthly Average Receipts -- \$10,320

Monthly Average Expenses -- \$12,734

Bill Barnes

Remembering our saints

All Saints Day will be celebrated at 6 p.m. on Nov. 1. Following tradition, the Mass will include a reading of names, especially the names of those who have helped us on our Christian journey and those who have died in the past year.

Please use this form to submit the names you wish to have read aloud on All Saints Day. We ask that you print the names and note any pronunciations that may be unfamiliar to a reader. We don't use titles (Rev. or Dr., for example, or even Mr. and Mrs.). Each person has a given name and a surname. Place your name at the bottom, so we can call if there are questions. Please get your list to Lynn Bonney by the end of coffee hour on Sunday, Oct. 28, and note if you will consider being a reader.

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Your name _____

Are you willing to be a reader? Yes No

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October 20 is the deadline for information to be included in the November Crossroads. Please drop off any information at the church office or e-mail it to oread1978@yahoo.com by noon that day.

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