



St. Timothy's Gazette

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Our Vision:

St. Timothy's **Vision** is to be a nurturing, biblically-based community growing Christ's Kingdom.

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Gather all ages into Christian fellowship,
so that we may
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An Easter Message from the Rev. Ken Bell

"It only makes sense if you watch from the beginning"

Have you ever walked into a movie part way through? You have no idea who the characters are, how they connect, who's chasing after whom or why. All you do is annoy the people around asking questions that are obvious to any who have been paying attention from the beginning. You have missed all the character development, the background story, and the foreshadowing. But you sit down anyway, watch the rest of the movie and at the end decide it was a bit of a waste of time, because it did not seem to hold together, and too many seemingly random events happened to coincide. And you blame the film for your lack of understanding and entertainment.

The story of Easter plays like an epic film. It begins back before the foundations of the earth but starts in earnest with the birth of Christ. Main characters are introduced and beautifully developed. We learn who the antagonists are and why they don't like Jesus. The story moves on full of wonders, miracles, great action and wonderful short stories intertwined within the main story.

As the narrative unfolds we realize this is not a simple story. There are many twists and turns and several glances with death. The plot takes an unexpected and somewhat nasty turn in about the last third of the story. Everything slows down and, instead of covering weeks and months at a time, the narrator focuses our attention on what would be the final few days of Jesus' life. The story moves from wonder and adventure to one of tragedy and sorrow.

Because many of us are so familiar with the story we tend to miss the nuances and glance over the subtleties of the text. We know how the story ends so we avoid getting caught up in the catastrophe which unfolds.

When we began the Lenten season, we were invited "in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditation upon God's holy Word".

Now I offer a second invitation, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to the observance of Holy Week, by walking with Christ through the way of sorrow, by participating in the events of this holy time.

We will do this, beginning with the jubilant crowds welcoming Jesus into the city and into our lives. Then we will humble ourselves and take on the role of the servant, washing one another's feet and remembering together that "on the same night that he was betrayed Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, 'this is my body broken for you'."

Our next step will take us deep into the sorrows of that 'awe-filled' day we call Good Friday. The day eternity entered time, when rebellion was swallowed up in love and creation howled as her creator lay dead on a tree.

Our next step is not a step at all, but a pause along the way. For one day we stop. God is dead and lies in a cold tomb. Saturday is a day of numbness. We do not get together as with the other steps, this day we mourn alone.

Only when we walk the entire way, can we rightly take the final step into Sunday. It is only when we have witnessed the story from the beginning that we can truly appreciate and comprehend the beauty of its conclusion. Easter only makes sense in light of what has gone before it. Resurrection is only a benefit to the dead. If we do not die with him on Friday we cannot rise with him on Sunday. True joy arises only from the ashes of sorrow.

If you only watch the end of the story, you will conclude it was a bit of a waste of time, because it did not seem to hold together, and too many seemingly random events happened to coincide. And you will blame the author for your lack of understanding and entertainment. But if you watch and walk from the beginning, you will be made to see the wonder of the story, the beauty of the cross and the glory of the empty tomb.

Please accept this invitation to enter into the fullness of the Easter story. Join us this Holy Week.

Your Servant in Christ
Ken Bell+ Senior Priest

Update on Common Cause

First the background:

Since the summer of 2004, the ACiC and Anglican Mission in America have energetically partnered with other orthodox Anglican groups in this hemisphere in the Common Cause alliance. In a letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury, leaders of the Anglican Mission (AMiA) along with the leadership of the Anglican Communion Network (ACN), Reformed Episcopal Church (REC), Forward in Faith North America (FIFNA), Anglican Province in America (APA) and the American Anglican Council (AAC) affirmed a commitment “to make common cause for the gospel of Jesus Christ and common cause for a united, missionary and orthodox Anglicanism in North America.”

In September of 2007, Bishops and representatives from all Common Cause partners gathered in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania as a “College of Bishops” and formally ratified the creation of the federation of Common Cause Partnership. The Jurisdictions and Ministries of the Common Cause Partnership at the time of its inception are the American Anglican Council (AAC); the Anglican Coalition in Canada (ACiC); the Anglican Communion Network (ACN); the Anglican Mission in the Americas (AMiA); the Anglican Network in Canada (ANiC); the Convocation of Anglicans in North America (CANA); the Anglican Essentials Federation (AEF); Forward in Faith, North America (FIF/NA); and the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC).

This gathering served as another important step in the ultimate creation of a separate ecclesial structure for the orthodox Anglicans in North America. As the Common Cause Partnership enters this new phase of unity in faith and order, the Anglican Mission remains unwaveringly committed to its purpose, call, and mission – reaching the 150 million unchurched in the USA and Canada with the transforming power of Jesus Christ. We also rejoice in the possibility of a higher level of unity as we move forward with this vision.

Recent happenings:

March 2 & 3 represented the second Common Cause Celebration in the Pacific Northwest, (the first being September of 2006 with Archbishop Yong) beginning with a

celebration service followed by a day of prayer and meeting together. To date there are approximately 28 Common Cause partner churches in the Pacific Northwest. Many are old friends but some are new people that we are getting to know.

We are committed to working together for the sake of the kingdom in this area of our world. We will strive to support and encourage each other as each seeks to find its new place in global Anglicanism. We also desire to work together towards new works and new church plants. This may include sharing of resources, people, ideas and ministries to help the tender new shoots survive.

Where it is going:

Anyone who says with certainty that he or she knows how all this is going to play out and what the new North American Anglican expression will look like is at best expressing wishful thinking. We simply do not know how many churches and new works will emerge. We do not know what will happen this summer at Lambeth or at the Jerusalem conference. We do not know how many of the continuing Anglican churches in North American will be in the final work. We do not know how long it will take or what global Anglicanism will look like by year's end let alone 5-10 years from now.

But we are not to be discouraged. In the mid 16th Century, the likes of Cranmer, Latimer and Ridley had no idea what they were shaping up either. We can rest in the assurance that God is in charge and he knows what he is doing. God loves his church for we are his body and he went to the cross for us. As long as we always seek God and seek to know his ways, we submit to his authority, hold on to sound doctrine and act in obedience to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, he will lead us in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Ken Bell+

Wardens' Update – March 2008

Much has transpired at St Timothy's and in the Anglican Communion locally since our last Gazette was published! Here we are at Palm Sunday, 2008. Lent this year has been made special for those of us who have attended the weekly culminations of daily study of "Reliving the Passion: Meditations on the Suffering, Death and the Resurrection of Jesus as Recorded in Mark" by Walter Wangerin. Rev. Ken and Deacon Andy have led us in developing a closer appreciation of these 40 days of Lent. In a way we follow the disciples as the events unfold, to try to understand from their perspective what was happening and to see in reflection what was actually taking place. It is a thought-provoking exercise, and with biblically knowledgeable clergy in attendance, it is a great way to more fully appreciate the depths of our faith.

We have celebrated our fourth AGM and reported a very successful year in terms of the activities of St Timothy's and our financial situation. We were delighted to welcome four more covenanting members to our congregation, and more recently to add two new babies to our church family. As Rev. Ken points out, these new parents are doing their part in growing our congregation. That's one way. If having babies is not in your game plan to grow our church, invite someone to join us! Your Church Council is delighted at the growth in our membership and we are concerned that we do not limit new members joining us because of lack of facilities for all ages. At the AGM, we discussed at some length the possibility of moving to new facilities. We have become quite comfortable at

the Lynn Valley Community Centre but we are rapidly running out of space for our Youth and Sunday School programs on Sunday morning. We are most grateful to our church school leaders, including our youth who are tending to the development of the younger members of our growing congregation: our future. We ask that all members of the congregation be aware of any possibilities for new facilities, and bring any ideas to the attention of Church Council members.

Sunday evening, March 2, saw a very good representation of St Timothy's congregation at the Pacific Coast Anglican Awakening Service, which is the first formal gathering of disaffected Anglicans locally, as we come together under the Common Cause umbrella. With a number of Bishops, one Archbishop, a couple of dozen priests and a dozen deacons leading a congregation of almost five hundred, there was cause for celebration for the unifying forces at work. There were many well known faces in the assembled throng, and it was nice to see new faces from St John's Shaughnessy and St Matthew's Abbotsford (who organized a bus to have their members attend). These two churches only very recently have finally decided that they must part company with the Anglican Church of Canada, having tried for years to move that church from its very liberal leanings. These are the early days of a realigned Anglican Province of North America, which could well be our home in the future, in harmony with Anglicans worldwide who have remained true to our Anglican doctrines. It is exciting to see such positive action, to be joined by so many others and to know that we are not worshipping in isolation. No doubt these congregations are encouraged by the "terms of separation" laid out by the Bishop of Fort Worth for his diocese which includes arrangements for "transference" of property title once certain conditions are met.

Of interest in growing our youth is the possible mission trip to San Quintin, Mexico in conjunction with members of St Simon's Church. The first planning meeting has taken place. San Quintin is where St. Simon's missionary, Steve Monks, is hard at work running Clinica La Esperanza. Steve was kind enough to share some of his experience and enthusiasm with us during his last visit. Originally this trip was targeted for adults, but youth are signing up and contacting other youth groups to participate. Adults are still welcome of course. This will be a ten-day return trip (Aug 15 to 25) that will introduce our youth to a different culture and be a wonderful experience in Christian living and giving of time and talent. Steve voiced a need for a passenger van to transport children and this may come to be a giving of treasure. Do encourage your youth to consider participating in this worthwhile and hands-on outreach. Contact our Youth Pastor Eric Park or Ron Barrett for more information.

We are now approaching the most serious week in our annual Church Calendar and we hope you will join us for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services as we explore the gift and sacrifice our Lord made for us and also celebrating on Easter Day with us.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to fulfill our Mission at St Timothy's. We have a wonderful, positive basis to continue our efforts to GO out into the North Shore community, to GATHER all ages into Christian Fellowship, to GLORIFY God in worship, to GROW to become more like Jesus Christ and to continue GIVING of our time, talent and treasure to serve others.

Peter and Ron (*Peter Haigh and Ron Barrett*)

Reports from our "G"s

Go Report: St Timothy's Mission Church

How do you feel about belonging to a mission church? Missions are churches way out somewhere in Africa or beyond aren't they? Are missionaries not really devoted Christians who give their lives to working amongst non Christians? What do missionaries do? According to Luke 9:2-9, Jesus sent out his disciples to the towns and villages to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. So, seriously, I am not a preacher, nor am I a doctor and I am certainly not gifted as those disciples were. How can I be a missionary?

Well, the Anglican Mission in the Americas, of which St. Timothy's is a member, is a mission organization. We are charged by our Archbishop to do exactly what Jesus asked his disciples to do. Ironically, Archbishop Kolini is an African from Rwanda and he sees North America as the land that needs missionaries because of the reported 150 million unchurched people who live here. The harvest is indeed plentiful! And we don't need degrees in divinity and medicine. By our faith and through prayer we have all we need to be missionaries. As God told Moses from the burning bush (Exodus4: 1-17), "All you need is in your hand. Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say". Ancient words, yet they convey awesome expectations, don't they?

St. Timothy's supports AMiA's vision of a mission embracing Africa and the Americas and of worshiping in both contemporary and ancient traditions. The Go Team really needs more of our congregation to help us with our mission of bringing more people to the kingdom of God and especially more people to St. Timothy's Church.

The following are the matters on which the Go Committee are currently reflecting and acting. If any members of our church have ideas on any of these challenges, please let us know and even come to one of our meetings.

1. St Timothy's public image – how can we make ourselves more recognised in our North Shore community? Do we need a better logo? How can we develop this logo? How can we better publicize what defines "us".
2. How can we better get the message out that we are different with a different calling? If we are a mission church and not just a denominational church, how can we act out our calling?
3. St. Timothy's invitation – how can we make it easy for all our members to invite others to our church? What must we do to tell people about our non-threatening, welcoming and fulfilling meetings at St. Timothy's?
4. St. Timothy's brochure – how can we improve its look (smaller) and relevance to new and prospective members?
5. Poster campaign – we have distributed a number of St. Timothy's posters to libraries, recreational centres and hotels but does this bring in any new members?
6. AMiA has produced some excellent promotional literature on the Mission that we are ordering. Will you help us distribute this to promote St Timothy's?

Please pray for all of us at St. Timothy's that we might find strength in our mission calling. Pray for God's grace that each of us may find it in our hands to bring our friends and acquaintances to become a part of our wonderful church. *John Collings*

Gather Report

The Gather Committee has been very busy the last few months with events ranging from the Christmas Party to the many activities of the Ladies Group.

The annual potluck **Christmas Party** was held on Sunday, December 16. Myrna Teskey and John Farncomb very kindly arranged for St. Timothy's to have the use of the Lodge at Laura Lynn, an ideal place to hold the dinner. Special thanks to Audrey for co-ordinating the food and for supervising the many volunteers who helped. Thanks also to Ron Barrett for leading us in carols.

On Shrove Tuesday, February 5, forty-one people met at Sutherland Church for the traditional **Pancake Supper**. Leddy and Chris V. worked hard in the kitchen to provide us with pancakes and sausages. Thanks also go to Audrey for co-ordinating the supper and to all the people who helped, especially to Ken for shovelling the snow in the parking lot to improve access!

The Fellowship group provided refreshments at Joan Johnston's memorial service. Many ladies in the church kindly provided platters of sandwiches, squares, fruit and veggies. The family very much appreciated this.

Parishioners continue to enjoy **Coffee Hour** after each Sunday service. Hazel would like to thank all those who are on Coffee Teams and all those who bring us goodies to enjoy. If you are not already on a Team and would be interested in helping out when needed, even if only on an on-call basis, please contact Hazel at 604-985-9135.

We continue to enjoy treats provided by Dara for special church occasions. In early February, we celebrated the baptism of two children, Sidney and Andrew, with one of her wonderful cakes. Thank you, Dara! We also thank Matthew for his superb work as Webmaster, Florence W. and Matthew for their newsletter work and Florence W. for preparing and Nancy for printing the Sunday Service Leaflet each week.

Please see the report of the **Ladies' Group** below. The **Pastoral Care Team** A.G.M. will be held very soon. Look for a report in the June Gazette. These two groups within the Gather Committee are very active and both serve an important role in our parish life.

Daphne Martin

Ladies' Group

Our Ladies' Group meets on the second Monday of each month to organize fun, fundraising events for the benefit of local and international endeavours.

Here is our group:

Hazel Blacoe, Corinne Burns, Carolyn Edwards (Treasurer), Audrey Haigh, Ivy Harper, Joy Hopkins (Crafts), Margery Jacklin, Norma Johansen, Lois Knight, Daphne Martin, Vera McLoughlin, Muriel Newton, Daisy Scott, Kathleen Stewart, Linda Taunton (President), Myrna Teskey (Vice-President), Marion Van Dusen, Ursula Vondette (Secretary/Crafts), Florence Wilton and Martha Wright. Alice Helter may also be joining our group soon.

Here are a few fundraisers we are organizing between now and June of this year:

Lenten Awareness Program:

This has become a tradition for St. Timothy's to again help our Sister Diocese in Rwanda. Please bring your bags & envelopes filled with coins, a cheque or bills to the next Church Service (March 21 or 23) and give them to our Treasurer, Carolyn Edwards. (If you would like a receipt for coins, please put your name in the bag or write a cheque to St. Timothy's Church, marked for Lenten Awareness).

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner:

This is a Marathon Weekend being held April 11- 13 at three different homes at 6pm. Friday, April 11 will be hosted by Rev. Ken Bell, wife Sonya & father Bob. Young families are encouraged to attend and enjoy vegetarian & fish dishes with special "kid" favourites being served.

Saturday, April 12 Audrey & Peter Haigh would love to open their home for you to enjoy a delicious Roast Lamb Dinner & Audrey's famous Lemon Meringue Gateau.

Sunday April 13, Chef Gerry Taunton & wife Linda have plans to serve clams marinara & a tender, boneless chicken wok dish. We are hoping some guests will join us to sample fresh apple pie and a glass of port.

The cost will be "by donation" (minimum \$25.00 per adult). All monies raised during this weekend will go to our Vision Fund. Sign up on March 23 for one or all three nights!

Treasures & Craft Sale:

This will be held at the Delbrook Rec. Centre on May 7. We welcome donations of small treasures, jewelry and homemade crafts for this sale organized by Vera (Seniors' Hub).

Games Night:

This will be held this year at Churchill House on Friday, May 23. This is just a fun, social evening of playing your favourite board games. Pool tables will also be available.

As you can see, we are many hands wanting to serve and make a positive difference in the lives of other people. We thank you for your continued support this year.

Linda Taunton

Editors' Report

Our thanks go to all contributors. We invite everyone to be on the lookout for appropriate, inspiring topics for the next newsletter and to note the deadline, June 15.

Matthew Vondette and Florence Wilton

WISDOM FROM JOAN BUSS'S GRANDSON

Son: I know what I want for my birthday. Mom: What?
Son: I want a Diarrhea book, please. Mom: What's that?
Son: You know - a book with a lock on it, for secrets.
Mom: You mean a diary. But you can't write.
Son: But Daddy can write in it.
Mom: But they won't be secrets any more.
Son: That's O.K. because they are men secrets.

Glorify Report

Chancel Guild

The Chancel Guild sets the tone for our worship services by preparing our Sanctuary appropriately. We need and would be delighted to receive new members. The guild meets twice a year. This is not an onerous experience, but rather a privilege and honour to serve in such an important aspect of the service.

Four members are required for each service, two to prepare the Eucharist and two to set up the Altar and flowers. Normally the polishing and preparation of the Altar vessels would take place Saturday morning. At present it can only be done at 9am Sunday.

Our members are very dedicated and love our part in the service. Chancel Guild members are: Carol Anderson, Corinne Burns (President) Joan Buss (flowers), Norma Johansen, Jennifer Kincaid-Smith, Sarah Lucas (Vice-President), Bea Messinger, Myrna Teskey, Marion Van Dusen, Ursula Vondette (Secretary). Paddy Donaldson kindly substitutes - and we warmly welcome our new member, Katie Withrow.

If you are willing and able to assist in the preparation of the Altar at least one Sunday in the month, or if you are interested in finding out more about the role, please contact Sarah Lucas or me.

Corinne Burns

Grow Report

Nursery:

Sonya Bell reports:

Our young Sunday School has been learning about Creation and the Christmas story. Next, we will be learning about Easter, the Holy Spirit, Saul and Jonah. We thank God for the seven regular teachers that teach for two months at a time. Unfortunately, we lost teachers, Audrey Haigh and Patricia Young, who now bless us with their voices in the choir. God has blessed us with eight children in regular attendance; three children that will be old enough to stay in the Sunday School by the end of the year, and another six that come occasionally. In total, we can have 8-17 children on a Sunday. We send our blessings with the four children who are now attending other churches. We have tried to limit spending on crafts by planning ahead and using recycled materials with lots of foam stickers. We have made our own curriculum and schedule, which the children seem to enjoy. Thanks go to Carolyn Edwards, who has expanded our teaching tools and creative ideas. Thanks go to all the teachers who have helped prepare and give ideas for Sunday School.

Highlights of the year were making the Creation poster, singing at Christmas and having Katie Withrow speak to the children, on behalf of A Rocha. We look forward to another year of learning more about God together.

Sunday School and Youth:

Eric Park reports:

It was encouraging to see the youth take part in the early Christmas Eve service, as we performed a drama. A big thank you to Dara, Ryan and Emily Barrett, Ken, Sonya and Lillie Bell, Andrew Casanova, John Craver, Richard Taunton, Andy and Katie Withrow and Lili-Kayy Park, as they all took time to practice and put on a great performance,

We resumed our Wednesday youth meetings on January 9, when we played floor hockey at Lynn Valley School. Having the gym every couple of weeks works well, giving us the ability to play some sports and share in other activities. The sports activities have encouraged a couple of new faces, as it seems a gymnasium is a more comfortable place to bring friends to participate. On alternate Wednesdays, we meet in the Young's basement for spiritual instruction and fellowship. Our curriculum is based on "sharing the faith" – community service and prayer. Our practical application of community service continues with visits to Churchill House, where we interact with seniors' activities such as board games, pool and poker. We have completed three weeks of study and discussion on prayer.

Sunday School has been going well and from time to time, we see new faces. Lili-Kayy and I have been taking turns preparing lessons for the youth. However, sometimes, given the busy schedule of our youth members, there are only Senior High students in attendance. In this case, I am now encouraging them to participate in the service. I look forward to Blizzard, our joint ski retreat to Whistler with Lynn Valley Church, planned for February 29 weekend.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers.

Adult Education:

Sarah Lucas reports:

Four small groups are meeting weekly, with about 25 people involved in this ministry. Ken and Andy are leading a six week Lenten group study, based on the Walter Wangerin book, "Reliving the Passion", in preparation for Easter.

If you have any topic for small group discussion/Bible study that you would like to see explored, please let me know. We want to provide topics you feel would be helpful to your spiritual growth.

Film Ministry:

Patricia Young reports:

St Timothy's now has a film library! Every Sunday after church, is a chance to look through this small, but growing collection of films and find one that interests you. Each film includes a film summary and the film rating. There is also a collection of questions, which you can use to help you to further insight into the film. I encourage you to borrow a film, invite some friends over and have a movie night!

The Collection Includes:

Amazing Grace

The Girl in the Café

Lilies of the Field

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Hotel Rwanda

Babette's Feast

Pay it Forward

Soon to come:

The Hoosiers; The Mission; In the Name of the Father; Crossroads (St. John's Shaughnessy).

(Please tell Patricia if you have any suggestions!)

Church Library:

Monica Craver reports:

The Anglican Coalition in Canada/Anglican Mission in the Americas has been described as a "mission" church. It is the "Anglican Church" in a **new wineskin** (Mark 2: 22), according to the talks/sermons given at both the recent Anglican Renewal Mission and the Anglican Awakening.

Thus, ***The Book That Transforms Nations*** - by Loren Cunningham, was donated in a timely fashion by a member of St. Timothy's --- with a message for us all:

"No country is too poor, too filled with crime, too divided by war, or too dark to be changed. God has given us basic principles that are keys to every problem we face in the twenty-first century. The answers lie between the covers of one book - the Bible.

The Book That Transforms Nations demonstrates how, together, we can use the Bible to change the whole world. Loren Cunningham's fifty years of ministry have taken him to the world's poorest and neediest as well as to kings and presidents. Here he offers a solid reason to hope and work for a better future.

- See how God has already worked wonders in the nations.
- Meet heroes who have discipled countries in applying the Bible's transforming truths.
- **Learn about innovative methods for getting God's Word out to everyone.**

Loren Cunningham is the founder of **Youth With A Mission**. For decades, Loren has ministered and taught internationally, often going to thirty or forty countries each year. His missionary travels have taken him to every country on earth. ***The Book That Transforms Nations*** draws on a lifetime of observing the nations as they change and a lifelong pursuit of hearing God's word for the nations."

Check out this wonderful book, soon -- there is bound to be a waiting list!

Sarah Lucas

Under God's Wings

After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, Forest Rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage. One Ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree.

Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick. When he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise. She could have flown to safety, but had refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her small body, she had remained steadfast. She had been willing to die so that those under the cover of her wings would live.

"He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge". Psalm 91:4.

Being loved this much should make a difference in your life. Remember the One who loves you and be thankful.

Submitted by Daisy Scott (from "*The Chronicle*" of the Oratory of Our Lady of the Nativity, Summer 2007)

ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH
Statement of Operations
For the Two Months Ended February 29, 2008

	<u>Year to Date</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Year to Date</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2008</u>
Donations:			
Parochial	27,513	28,674	28,692
Less: Canonical Support	(2,751)	(2,867)	(2,869)
Extra Parochial & Other	205	2,132	0
Less: Outreach	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,520)</u>	<u>(2,869)</u>
	<u>24,967</u>	<u>25,419</u>	<u>22,954</u>
Expenditures:			
Salaries & Benefits	14,371	16,916	17,167
Training	634	484	833
Facilities Rental	2,778	2,688	3,333
Admin & Insurance	854	953	917
Church Ministries			
Go	187	753	700
Gather	482	226	333
Glorify	0	210	483
Grow	953	428	650
Give	0	0	17
Contingency	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>267</u>
	<u>20,259</u>	<u>22,658</u>	<u>24,700</u>
Operating Income Before:	4,708	2,761	(1,746)
Equipment	(1,517)	0	(167)
Vision Fund	(90)	(1,500)	0
Net Income for the Period	<u><u>3,101</u></u>	<u><u>1,261</u></u>	<u><u>(1,913)</u></u>

Treasurer's Report

Once again, we are starting the year on a positive note. Giving is on budget and expenditures slightly below, leaving us with a positive bottom line despite early distribution of international outreach to support earthquake relief and reconstruction in Rwanda. The budget column looks a little odd as the parochial donations are reflected on a weekly basis rather than monthly pro rata and do not anticipate any portion of those months with five weeks of giving; January and February this year and last had only four Sundays each. Expenditures, on the other hand, are prorated on a monthly basis, which tends to better reflect the actual spending. We were also blessed with an anonymous contribution for a building fund which has been allocated to the Vision Fund while we explore our options for the future.

Thank you all for your support.

L.G. Lilley Treasurer

Prayer Corner

PRAYER VIGIL 101

vigil [< Latin (= watchful, alert), < hypoth. IE *wegeli-* (lively, alert); akin to Eng. *watch*]

To be on a vigil is to be wakeful for a purpose.

A *prayer* vigil (or prayer watch) happens when someone is determined to stand guard and pray over something. It can be done individually, but it's usually done by a group of people who set it up to make sure there is always someone praying. The Moravians at Herrnhut were able to keep it up for over a hundred years. Most churches and ministries would have trouble doing it for a hundred hours. Today's vigils are done to hold a specific matter in prayer before God. Usually, it's to prepare for a specific action, such as reaching out in witness for Christ, asking for a healing, making a major decision, or supporting a broader Christian ministry or mission.

To start a vigil, someone has to want it passionately enough to get ideally 8 or more people to commit at the start. These early joiners help shape and lead the vigil. That group must decide what the vigil's focus will be, and stick to it. It's important to get the full support of the senior priest. Everyone involved needs to know what this vigil is being done for, how long it will run, and how they can take part in it. Usually there is one focal place for the vigil, where people know they can go to be part of it. This place can be in someone's home or in a church sanctuary. The place must be fairly quiet, worshipful, and easy to get to. Many can be there at any one time (in fact, plan that there would be times when many will be there), but there should always be someone there for the entire vigil. Encourage those who can't make it there to pray at home.

At St. Timothy's a 24-hour vigil or more is ideal as a two-hour event is **not** much of a vigil, but is instead a long prayer meeting. To state the obvious: a vigil takes *vigilance*. Ever since Paul Carter's heart attack, our church has joined with Immanuel Church, Vancouver in a 24-hour vigil, 8pm Sunday to 8pm Monday every week, praying for his healing and upholding the Carter family. Last Friday and Saturday, our church undertook a vigil for Naomi Seiki asking for her healing upholding Jonathan, Rita and Anna. A vigil is an ideal way to communicate our common urgent concerns to God.

I hope this answers a few of your questions. If you have any further enquiries, don't hesitate to contact Rev. Ken Bell or me. *Samantha MacDonald*

SAY A PRAYER

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. 'Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer.' said his mother. 'I don't need to,' the boy replied. 'Of course, you do,' his mother insisted. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.' 'That's at our house,' Johnny explained. 'But this is Grandma's and she knows how to cook!'

TAPS

We have all heard the haunting song, "Taps." It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings. Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" used at military funerals was born.

The words are:

Day is done.	Fading light	Thanks and praise
Gone the sun	Dims the sight	For our days
From the lakes	And a star	'Neath the sun.
From the hills	Gems the sky	'Neath the stars
From the sky.	Gleaming bright	'Neath the sky.
All is well.	From afar.	As we go
Safely rest.	Drawing nigh	This we know.
God is nigh.	Falls the night.	God is nigh

I too have felt the chills while listening to "Taps" but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either. I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

Remember Those Lost and Harmed While Serving Their Country.

Bill Heslop (Taken from the Internet)

Five Finger Prayer

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger - the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

ACTS: Adoration Confession Thanksgiving Supplication.

JOY means Jesus first, Others second, and Yourself last!!

These prayer formats were with Eric Radford's weekly Bible Lessons – Thank you, Eric.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Thursday, March 20, 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service at Sutherland.

Friday, March 21, 11am Good Friday Service at Lynn Valley Rec. Centre

Sunday March 23, 6am Easter Sunrise Service at Sutherland and Pier
10am Easter Celebration at Lynn Valley Rec. Centre.

Wednesday, March 26, 1.30pm Pastoral Care Team AGM at Myrna Teskey's

Sunday, March 30 (after the Service) **Go Team Meeting**

Fri-Sun April 11-13 Guess who's coming to dinner? at the Bells' the Haighs' and the Tauntons'

Saturday, May 7 Treasures and Craft Sale at Delbrook Centre

Friday, May 23 Games Night at Churchill House.

Ongoing Meetings

Mondays, 1.30pm Prayer Meeting at Vera McLoughlin's (except second Monday)

Second Monday 1.30pm Ladies' Meeting at members' homes.

Mondays, 7.30-9.30pm Choir Practice at the Haighs'

Tuesdays, 7.00-8.00am Small Group Meeting at Holiday Inn Restaurant

Tuesdays, 9.15-11am Small Group Meeting at the Youngs'

Tuesdays, 9.30-11am Small Group Meeting at Florence Wilton's

Thursdays, 7.00-9.00pm Small Group Meeting at the Edwards's

Second Thursdays Church Council Meeting (times vary) at members' homes

Easter Sermon
Attributed to St. John Chrysostom
Submitted by Rev. Ron Gibbs

If anyone is devout and loves God,
let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast.
If anyone is a wise servant,
let him rejoice and enter into the joy of his Lord.

If any has laboured long in fasting,
let him now receive his just reward.
If any have wrought from the first hour,
let him today receive his just reward.
If any has come at the third hour,
let him with thankfulness keep the feast.
If any has arrived at the sixth hour,
let him have no misgivings,
because he shall in nowise be deprived.
If any has delayed until the ninth hour,
let him draw near, fearing nothing.
If any has tarried even until the eleventh hour,
let him, also, not be alarmed at his tardiness;

For the Lord, who is jealous of his honour,
will accept the last even as the first.
He gives rest to him who comes at the eleventh hour,
even as to him who has worked from the first hour.
And he shows mercy upon the last,
and cares for the first;
and to the one he gives,
and upon the other he bestows gifts.
And he both accepts the deeds,
and welcomes the intention,
and honours the acts and praises the offering.

Let all then enter into the joy of your Lord;
and receive your reward,
both the first and like-wise the second.
You rich and poor together, keep the feast.
You sober and you heedless, celebrate the day.
Rejoice today, both you who have fasted
and you who have disregarded the fast.
The table is full-laden; let all feast sumptuously.
The calf is fattened; let no one go away hungry.
Let all enjoy the feast of faith.
Let all receive the riches of loving-kindness.

Let no one bewail his poverty,
for the universal kingdom has been revealed.
Let no one weep for his iniquities,
for pardon has shown forth from the grave.
Let no one fear death,
for the Saviour's death has set us free.
He who was held prisoner by it, has annihilated it.
By descending into Hades, he made Hades captive.
He angered it when it tasted of his flesh.
And Isaiah, foretelling this, cried out:
Hell, said he, was angered,
when it encountered Him in the lower regions.
It was angered, for it was abolished.
It was angered, for it was mocked.
It was angered, for it was slain.
It was angered, for it was overthrown.
It was angered, for it was fettered in chains.
It took a body, and met God face to face.
It took earth, and encountered heaven.
It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.
"O Death, where is thy sting?
O grave, where is thy victory?"
Christ is risen, and thou art overthrown!
Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen!
Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice!
Christ is risen, and life reigns!
Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead.
For Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
To him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages.
Amen.



This famous sermon is read as part of the Easter midnight service in the Eastern Orthodox liturgy. In recent years it has come to be similarly used in some Anglican churches, including Canterbury Cathedral. Based on our Lord's parable of the workers in the vineyard (St. Matthew 20:1-16), it has long been attributed to St. Chrysostom (c. 347-407).

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**Thanks go to Rev. Ron Gibbs for this Sermon,
which he first submitted to St. Simon's Easter Newsletter.**

New Glasses

I want to see him as he really is
but my eyes distort,
I'm too short-sighted,
focussed only on myself
and my small world.

I long to know him as a friend
but find no time to talk.
My days are vacuum-packed
with errands, chores and tasks.
Packed with ways of chilling out,
ways to escape the darkness
around me and within.

His written words are stale to me
stale as ginger ale gone flat.
I've heard them countless times before
My brain has lost their meaning.
I need to hear them told afresh
with love and urgency.

“If I really loved him, I would follow him”
he said. But I was too cosy
in my home with all my stuff,
too scared to leave my comfort-zone
and talk to strangers.
I was too anxious about security
and my retirement years to drop it all.

I get new glasses, now I see
beyond the crowd.
I see the homeless and the hungry
and the suffering world.
Now I see him.
His presence still is real,
as if there were no years between
his life on earth and mine.

***Thanks go to Gwyneth Bell of St. Paul's Parish, Edmonton for
permission to print her poem.***

Parishioner Profile: Olive Marten and Margery Jacklin

Olive and Margery Marten were born in Heaton Moor, Alberta, sixty miles north-west of Edmonton in 1920 and 1923 respectively. They walked two miles each way all year to one-room Brooklyn School in the small farming community. The family attended the tiny Heaton Moor Anglican Church which their father supported greatly (in fact the church closed when they left in 1935). The Minister travelled the 30 miles from Barrherd each Sunday, by car in summer and by sleigh in winter. There was no Sunday School, so Margery and Olive attended church services. Their father sometimes played the organ and one day when it wasn't performing properly, he banged on it and a family of mice ran out!

When their parents decided to come west, Olive was in Grade 8 and Margery in Grade 5. They travelled to North Vancouver by train and lived in a rented house on Tempe Crescent for a month or two. Then their father bought the house at 2621 Western Avenue. The house next door was rented by a family with two sons who fought frequently, so Mr. Marten, a peace-loving man, decided to buy the house. This was during the depression and the price was \$150. The house was torn down and the lot became part of their garden, except for the space taken up later by Olive's garage. In the combined garden were many fruit trees – three cherry, an apple, plum, greengage and pear. Their father began a productive vegetable garden and their mother had a profusion of flower beds. Over the years, more and more became lawn, but Margery ably kept up some of the fruit trees and many flowerbeds until the recent sale of the property when they moved to Churchill House. Florence Wilton, who lived three houses down the street in the 70s and 80s, remembers remarking with some pride to Margery that she had thirteen crocuses out on the boulevard. Margery remarked dryly that there must have been over two hundred on her back lawn!

The Marten girls in their youth did a great deal of walking and hiking with their father. In the summer they walked to Ambleside to swim and in the winter regularly climbed Grouse Mountain on the weekend. Sometimes they walked to Vancouver over Lion's Gate Bridge. Margery later became an active member of the North Shore Hikers and Olive enjoyed skiing on Grouse Mountain.

On their arrival in North Vancouver, Olive was enrolled in North Van. High and Margery in Lonsdale School. After graduation, they both went to Duffus School of Business in Vancouver. Olive's first job was for McLennon, McFeel and Prior on Powell Street, then, after a short time, she moved to the Plant Accounting Department of B.C. Telephone. Through Margery, she learned of an opening at the Northern Pacific Railway, got the job and worked in the building at the corner of Howe and Pender Street. Soon afterwards, that railway merged with two others, with the final very large company becoming the Burlington Northern Railway Inc. at the Great Northern Station on Main Street. Olive worked in the Traffic Department, Sales and Service, the only woman with fifteen men. Olive and two men were the Chief Clerks of the Traffic Department of the Burlington Northern Railway in Vancouver.

For forty years she found the job very interesting. She had to be very well dressed to wait on the public and she was hostess at many receptions and dinners. She has many interesting and often amusing stories of life in the office during her working years. On her retirement on December 31, 1983, there was a huge reception for her and a colleague who retired at the same time.

After leaving Duffus School of business, Margery worked for five years for Frank Waterhouse and Co., a subsidiary of Union Steamships. Then she married Howard Jacklin and moved to Hamilton, Ontario. Howard was brought up in Parry Sound, Ontario. He had joined the Canadian Fusiliers and was sent out to train on the West Coast. His company joined the Americans and he spent some time in the Aleutians before being overseas in England for three years. He was never sent to the battle lines because he was a barber and there was a great shortage of barbers in England. In 1946, he returned to Canada and came to Vancouver. He and Margery were married in 1946 in St. Martin's.

They travelled to Hamilton for his discharge and settled there, with Howard establishing a barbershop. In 1948, their daughter, Ada, was born. Sadly, in 1957 he had a heart attack at the age of 39; two years later he died of a second heart attack. Margery's mother came to help and comfort. She told Margery that she must do whatever she wanted, but that there was always a home for her with the family. In 1960 Margery sold the house and business in Hamilton and moved back with Ada to 2621 Western Avenue. She had a job with McMillan Bloedel for six months, and then applied for a job at the North Shore Health Department. She became the secretary in the Mental Health Clinic working for three psychologists (two of whom are still alive) and four sessional psychiatrists (she worked it out as 5.5 people). It was a very interesting and demanding job which Margery enjoyed for 28 years, retiring in 1987.

As soon as they were settled in North Vancouver in 1935, the Marten family joined St. Martin's Church. Mr. Marten was Rector's Warden at one point and also served as Treasurer. Mrs. Marten was very active in the W.A. of which she became president as well as holding other positions at different times. Ada went to the Sunday School and the Junior W.A. Margery followed in her mother's footsteps by being Treasurer of St. Martin's A.C.W. for ten years as well as doing a great deal of knitting for the Northern Bales. She also joined the Lion's Gate Hospital Auxiliary, has been a volunteer for forty-seven years and is a Life Member. Olive was a member, then President, of the North Shore Missions to Seamen through St. John's Church. About twenty friends who regularly attended social functions at the Missions to Seamen continued meeting after the Mission shut down and six of them still meet for a meal occasionally. Olive is also a member of the Eastern Star Order in North Vancouver, a member of the Amaranth Order in Vancouver and a Past President of the Vancouver Women's Transportation Club. Olive took up golf for pleasure when working and joined the Country Meadows Golf Club in Richmond. She gave up golfing six months ago because of a fractured hip, but is still a social member of the club. Margery always did lots of gardening. Their father died in 1943 and their mother lived to the great age of 98, crippled with arthritis, but with all her wits about her.

Margery's daughter, Ada, attended North Star School, Balmoral and Delbrook and then spent four years at U.B.C., graduating as an Art Teacher. She married Gary Prior in 1972. Gary was born in New Westminster, worked for a time at Cellwood of Canada, then for twenty-nine years at the Liquor Distribution board.

During the years when they looked after their mother, Olive and Margery took it in turn during vacation time to see the world. They both travelled extensively, with Los Angeles, where they visited an aunt, being a favoured destination. They have both also been to England where they have relatives, and to Europe many times and also to the Eastern Provinces of Canada. Olive has been to Australia four times and Mexico several times, while Margery has been through the Panama Canal, to China, India, Egypt, Russia and Turkey. Both have been to Alaska, with Margery also going through the North West Territories to the Bering Sea as well as to Churchill to see the polar bears.

They both enjoy attending St. Timothy's and find everyone very friendly. They join in all the activities they possibly can, and both serve in several areas. They appreciate greatly all the helpful work of sorting and pricing done in the house by members of the Ladies' Group and were glad to share the proceeds between St. Timothy's and Harvest Project. After seventy-two years in the same house, they are beginning to adapt to their new home in Churchill House. We wish them contentment in this new phase of their lives and are thankful for their cheerful dedication to St. Timothy's.

Florence Wilton

On a Lighter Note.....

LOT'S WIFE

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, 'Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?' 'No,' replied Johnny. 'How could he, with just two worms?'

HIGHER POWER

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, 'We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?'

One child blurted out, 'Aces!'

MOSES AND THE RED SEA

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School. 'Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.'

'Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his mother asked.

'Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!'

Overcoming the culture of fear

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend a conference held by some Anglican churches on the west coast and I heard a phrase there that resonated strongly with me. The phrase was “the culture of fear”. The speaker went on to comment about how fear has spread pervasively throughout our society. As an intercessor, this concept caused me deep concern as I began to ponder its veracity.

Since the horrific events of September 11th, 2001, our North American society has been deeply influenced by a media-driven culture built around growing apprehension and alarm. Think of the news items with which we are constantly bombarded that concern the latest studies showing threats to our health, home invasions, child abductions, plunging stock markets, soaring oil prices, terrorist plots, casualties in Afghanistan, and murders down the street. Sales of home alarm systems are growing rapidly. Parents are afraid to let their children play outside or walk half a block to school.

It could be argued that many of these things have always been with us. Perhaps that's true, but we are flooded with images, stats, and on-site reports through radio, TV, newspapers and the Internet in a totally unprecedented way. Short of becoming a hermit, there really is no escape. When I was a child, most radio or TV newscasts were 10 – 15 minutes maximum. Now we have channels and websites that provide news exclusively 24/7, many of which are in competition with each other and they will use graphic images and shocking headlines to capture our ever increasingly desensitized attention. Even standing in line at the bank, giant LCD screens pump out headline news, stock market results, and, if you live east of the Rockies, the latest winter storm warning

This atmosphere of anxiety even seeps into the Church, especially given the crisis we have been facing over the past number of years in the Anglican world:

“If we take a stand for the Gospel of Christ, what might happen to us?”

“Our numbers are dwindling. We don't have much money. What if we have to close the church doors?”

“If I tell someone I don't agree with same-sex blessings, will they hate me or think I'm homophobic?”

“We haven't paid our diocesan assessment in years. What if we make the bishop mad at us?”

The list could, and does, go on. So how do we combat this attitude in prayer? Is this an unfortunate reality of the times that we must simply get used to? As intercessors for the Church, once we've discerned this malaise, is there something that we can do? I believe the answer is an emphatic, “Yes”!

In one of St. Paul's exhortations to the young church on the topic of spiritual warfare, he uses military terminology to describe this phenomenon in individuals or social groupings. Look at his usage of the term “stronghold” in the scripture below:

*For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish **strongholds**. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and **we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ**. 2 Corinthians 10: 3-5 NIV*

A stronghold, in this sense, is any negative thought pattern that has taken control or has extraordinary and unwarranted influence on our life, our family, our church or society. St. Paul suggests that this kind of stronghold is built in our minds, and needs to be torn down - *we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ*. Concerted prayer is the greatest weapon that we have against such strongholds.

Is there an antidote to this poison of the mind? Is there a way that we can begin to dismantle this stronghold? Let's look at a scripture passage from St. John's first epistle:

*God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. **There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.***

1 John 4: 16-18 NIV

The place to begin is with ourselves. St. John makes it clear that the way to freedom from fear is to embrace God's perfect love and allow Him to drive fear from our thinking. Now that sounds simple enough, doesn't it . . . almost overly simplistic. We all know that God love us, right? But if this Divine Love is to demolish strongholds, then we need to have more than just a theology of God's love, we need an ongoing experience of God's love.

Let me share a personal experience with you. Several years ago, our youth pastor invited a worship band from another church to come and do an evening of praise and worship with our youth. The band sang mostly their own compositions, none of which I knew, but I was standing at the back of our auditorium seeking to enter into the worship. One of the songs had a chorus that included the phrase, "I will always let you love me, Lord". They sang it over enough times that I was picking it up, and I heard myself singing this phrase over and over; "I will always let you love me, Lord." Suddenly, I felt the Lord speak to my heart, "No, you don't, Garth. You keep me at arm's length. You're afraid to really let Me love you."

I began to weep in repentance, because I knew that He was right. If we ever really let the Lord pour His love into us; if we ever were totally convinced that loving us is His joy and delight, not something we somehow earn by doing good stuff or not doing bad stuff, the stronghold of fear would begin to crumble. We would be filled with an overwhelming joy in knowing we are truly loved, and that knowledge would be revolutionary!

There is no room for fear in the church. As you pray for your rector, your bishop, your lay leaders and your parish, ask the Holy Spirit to bring to them a fresh and deeper revelation of the love of God than they have ever had. This new freedom can only come by revelation, not by mere head knowledge. Pray for them on a daily basis, "**There is no fear in love. Perfect love drives out fear**". May we see the culture of fear in the church begin to crumble and be replaced by joy-filled, courageous leaders and parishioners who experience the love of God in an undeniable way, and who allow that love to vanquish any stronghold. Amen.

Garth V. Hunt

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