

# The Chant

## St. Gregory's Anglican Church

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World by Knowing, Loving and Serving God.*



This past month I've had two separate encounters with the Contagious Disciple Making (CDM) movement. The first was at a presentation given at our most recent diocesan clergy day. The second was during the New Wineskins Missions Conference that I attended. This was the same movement that we heard about at our diocesan Men's Conference earlier this year after which I wrote about what Fr. Kramer presented in my March Chant article. I have to admit that I am not completely sold on the methodology of the CDM, or some of the underlying assertions, but I do believe that the Discovery Bible Study (DBS) method, which is a large part of it, could be a very useful tool.

Again, I discussed this briefly in the previously mentioned article, but I want to take the space here to actually lay out the questions that are central to DBS. The questions are simple and straightforward, but if engaged honestly really do deepen our understanding and challenge us in ways that many Bible Study methods do not. The questions posed are as follows:

- What does this passage tell me about God?
- What does this passage tell me about mankind?
- If I see this as the Word of God for my life, how will I obey it?
- Who will I share this with this week?

The first two questions deal with our understanding. Every time we read scripture, there is something we can learn about God. It is, after all, his Word written for us. The Bible is God's self-revelation to mankind, and we come to understand his character through our study of it. The Bible also reveals a great deal about us. We see our fallenness, our helplessness, and our need for redemption that is beyond our ability. Not only does scripture provide us a window into the divine life, it also holds up a mirror for us to more clearly see ourselves.

With the first two questions having deepened our understanding, we then come to the last two questions that challenge us. Question 3 is all about being a disciple. The heart of discipleship is obedience to Christ. We can know everything that can be known about the nature of God and the human condition, but if we aren't ready to conform our lives to God's will, then we aren't truly followers of Jesus, we are simply students of religion. And while it isn't a bad thing to be students of the faith, that isn't what we are called to be.

Finally, as disciples, we are called to be obedient to the call to evangelism; to share what we have learned and how it has changed our lives. Maybe you share what you learned in Bible Study with a fellow Christian in need of support. Or perhaps you share with a non-believer who may be questioning their purpose in life or struggling with grief or hardship. The idea is that if we are going to share the Gospel, we must be intentional about it. We can't just wait for someone to walk up to us and ask us about Jesus, we have to have a plan and a strategy in place.

I would encourage everyone to consider these questions when you are reading the scriptures. I know that over the next few months our diocese will be exploring the possibility of joining the CDM movement and using the DBS method. So, start thinking about who you could invite to participate and how you might see St. Gregory's being more active in evangelizing and discipling our community.

**Fr. Alan Horton+**

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## Sr. Warden's Report



It's that time of year again. We are working on the budget for 2023. We have had a strong 2022 so far, thanks to all of our participation in the projects and outreach. I am looking forward to a good one next year as well. As always, when budgeting we try to predict the future based on the past. This can give us a good idea of what to expect but is in many cases not an exact prediction. One of the things we look at are items that have prices that fluctuate out of our control. For these items, we compare the planned cost to the actual cost and adjust our estimate for the next year. As for the income portion of the budget, we are completely reliant on our pledges to St. Gregory's. I will give an update in mid-October to give everyone an idea of how the 2023 budget will compare to the 2022 actuals.

Our men's group continues to meet regularly on the first and third Saturdays of each month. We often have a book study and always discuss our lives blessings and challenges. We also do a service project on the fifth Saturday. We attended a rangers game in late August to watch the Astros get 4 runs to our 2; we all had a good time of fellowship.

In Christ, *Tim*

## October Birthdays

03~ Linda Wirt  
05~ Addison Horton  
06~ Martha Turner  
09~ Father Alan Horton  
12~ Angela Katanic  
18~ Dan Lemser  
21~ Bill Griffin  
27~ Jeff Baldwin  
28~ Harriet Motter  
28~ Phil Grubenhoff  
29~ Terry Black  
29~ Fritz Barowsky

## October Anniversaries

6 ~ Jim & Jackie Rider – 67 years

## Mark Your October Calendar

01~ 8am Men's Group @ Rosa's  
02~ 9am Eucharist  
10am Sunday School  
04~ 9:30am Women's Bible Study  
05~ 6:30pm Eucharist followed by Bible Study  
08~ 9am St. Clara's Guild  
09~ 9am Eucharist  
10 Sunday Schl & Sunday Delights  
11~ 9:30am Women's Bible Study  
12~ 1pm Watercrest Eucharist  
6:30pm Eucharist followed by Bible Study  
15~ 8am Men's Group @ Rosa's  
9am Pet Partners  
16~ 9am Eucharist  
10am Sunday School  
18~ 9:30am Women's Bible Study  
19~ 6:30pm Eucharist followed by Bible Study  
22~ 10am DHC Meeting  
11am OSL Meeting  
23~ 9am Eucharist  
10am Sunday School  
25~ 9:30am Women's Bible Study  
26~ 1pm Watercrest Eucharist  
6:30pm Eucharist followed by Bible Study  
30~ 9am Eucharist  
10am Fall Festival



## "Wreaths across America Program"

Barbara and I, as members of the Arlington Genealogy Society have volunteered to be block *leaders* for the inaugural year of the Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter, NSDAR participating in "National Wreaths across America" day December 17, 2022, at Parkdale Cemetery in Arlington.

We have 57 veterans in our block and are looking for volunteers to place the wreaths on the veteran's graves. The plan is to start placing the wreaths about noon and shouldn't require more than about two hours.

There are 2 options available. The first is for volunteers to place the wreaths. We think about 8 people will cover our block. If we have more, I'm sure they can be used. The second option is to donate money to purchase wreaths. The signup sheet is located at the back of the church along with information about how to donate.

As we get closer to December 17<sup>th</sup> and the details are finalized, we will provide details to the volunteers.

*Trice*

## St. Clara's Guild

St. Clara's Guild will meet on Saturday, October 8, at 9:00 in the Parish Hall. We will baste a quilt top, and, batting, back so that the quilting can begin.

We will also put prayer knots into some of our existing quilts so that the next time we get a quilt blessed, we can have the parishioners say a prayer for the recipient of the quilt as they tie a knot. We have not been able to do this since before the Pandemic started.

Sewing machines will not be needed at this meeting, but a small pair of scissors would be helpful.

We recently presented a quilt to Colin Hiley and he was very pleased and thankful to receive it. Please keep Colin in your prayers.

*Barbara*





## Daughters of the Holy Cross

We held our monthly DHC meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Along with regular business, we updated the Prayer List. If you or a loved one needs our prayers, please let a Daughter know.

The book we are studying this year is Light of Assisi, the Story of St. Clare. St. Clare is the patron saint of our DHC chapter. Although lesser known than St. Francis, St. Clare was a major figure in the development of the Franciscans.

Kathy Walker talked about Safe Haven, a women's shelter in Arlington. They are in desperate need of essential items like toiletries (new) and gently used clothing, purses, and baby items. Donations can be taken to the Tarrant County location, Berry Good Buys, the Safe Haven resale shop, 1701 W. Berry St., Fort Worth, (817) 921-2793. Hours are M-F 9:30 am-5:30 pm & Saturday 10 am – 5 pm.

There was a DHC Regional Conference in Dallas on Friday September 23 and Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>. Kathy Walker, Susan McDuff and Theresa Brantley were in attendance. It was a very nice program, with Shelly Sorem, President of the DHC, as speaker. The focus of the program was “dressing” ourselves with love, kindness, patience, compassion, forgiveness, meekness and humility.

*Theresa*

## Parish Life

The parish life has had a great month. Our ladies and gentlemen have fed us several times with the Bishop's visit and the again when Father Acton visited our church. The Ladies social was exciting and fun. There were 24 women that came together for food and bingo. The ladies decided to meet once a quarter and will schedule another evening in January.



On Sunday, October 30 will be our Fall Festival. The men of the church are planning on cooking hamburgers and hotdogs. There will be a sign up sheet for people to bring side dishes. We will have games and pumpkin-decorating for the Kids.

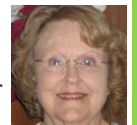
It is exciting to see our youth back in Sunday School. There are three classes- Littles (age 3 - 5), Elementary (1st - 4th) and Intermediates (grades 5th - 8th). Anne Bressert is our music teacher and works with all classes. Other classes are working on learning about the saints and learning bible verses. We are still looking for support teachers for all classes. If anyone would be willing to act as a substitute, please let Kathy or Anne know.

*Kathy Walker*



## St. Gregory's Genealogy Research Group

The Genealogy Group's next meeting will be Thursday, October 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parrish Hall. Bring your laptop if you have one.



We all struggle with how to keep up with all the information we find as we research our ancestors. Our topic this month will be on how to use Excel in our genealogy research. We will watch a short video and follow up with discussions.

We will all go to lunch at Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant, 2860 FM 157 #100, following the meeting.

Trice and Barbara are working on a field trip in November. Instead of our monthly meeting, we hope to go to the Arlington Public Library. They have a new Retro Technology Lab to digitize your video tapes, audio cassettes, 8mm film, photos, negatives, slides, and more to preserve them.

Hope to see you there!! Happy Hunting! *Gayle*



## *Order of St. Luke*



The Lord be with you.

Battling On

This is such an instant, quick grabbing, go getting world we have to live in today. If we want something then we expect to get it and not wait too long for it.

Shopping is a time consuming bug bear so we go online. Writing letters is a drag so we email. Even talking with people is a bit of a bind so we just text them. It's all quick and go get stuff. We just want to tick the box and jump onto the next thing. Life is all a zipper do-dar go go go!

Does the same apply to healing? We'd certainly like it if it did. After all, we say to ourselves, if God is all love and God is all power and Jesus never told anyone to wait weeks, months, years before he could heal them then why can't it all be instant stuff? Why can't we pray and see all heaven break loose around us?

The answer to that is that all things are possible for those who believe. But it often doesn't happen that way.

Why not? One thing I know; if we spend time wondering about the 'why not' then this is what happens - the doubt increases, the arial comes gliding down, we soon give up on God to heal altogether.

Be persistent! Read the story of the battle of Jericho again. Read about Naama the leper. See Jesus teaching it in his parables about the persistent widow and the man that kept knocking on the nextdood door in the middle of the night. And watch the Lord persisting in healing with the blind man who only got as far as seeing trees. Keep on going with the Lord, keep asking and, above all, keep telling him how wonderful he is to have organised the cross for us. It got our sinful covering out of the way. It means he can at last get to us and tell him, over and over again, every day, that your healing can get through to you from heaven and all because of what Jesus has done.

That's real thanksgiving. That's real glory giving. That's what brings the kingdom near.

Be loved - Mike Endicott

ALL OF GOD'S BLESSING, *Heinz Liedke*

John 14:12,13



# Our Clergy and Staff

“Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him”  
John 13:16

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