



### ***TAC Times – August 2020***

Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”



### **Current Status of TAC Worship Opportunities**

In these changing times, various opportunities are currently available and/or in progress for study and worship at Transformation Anglican Church:

- On Thursdays, Fr. Bob continues to offer Morning and Evening Prayer at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. through Zoom.
- On Saturdays at 7:30 a.m., the Men’s Bible Fellowship meets in the parish hall.
- On Sundays, we have two worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. which can be accessed by:
  - a) Live attendance in the sanctuary
  - b) FM radio listening (98.1) in the church parking lot during either service followed by an opportunity for communion
  - c) Listening to audio recordings of the sermon or the whole service following the 8:30 a.m. worship

### **TAC Video Equipment and Lighting**

For those of you who may not have gotten the word, we wanted to make sure all were aware that we are currently in the process of purchasing,

installing, and training on new video and lighting equipment. These acquisitions will provide TAC with so many possibilities for recording and live-streaming all of our services and special events, as well as help with our glare situation in the altar area. Some of these things have been on our wish list since we moved into this building, and the current health situation has brought them to the top of that list. Hopefully, in a few weeks, we will be able to see the fruit of this endeavor. Many of you have already donated to this effort, and we greatly appreciate it. If others are able to help offset these expenses with an offering above and beyond, please mark your gift as "Video".

### **Message from Fr. Bob**



He that keeps Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. (*Psalms* 121:4)

"God never hurries. There are no deadlines against which he must work. Only to know this is to quiet our spirits and relax our nerves."

--- A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God: The Human Thirst for the Divine*

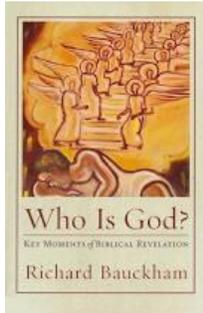
All too often, our human tendency is to be impatient with God. Perhaps, when we feel God is not acting fast enough, we are tempted to think that the Lord is distracted, or not attentive to our situation. Yet nothing could be further from the truth. God watches over us and knows our every need. His eye is on the sparrow! However, as A.W. Tozer points out, God is not constrained by our human time tables! In fact, one of the goals of discipleship is to conform ourselves to the Lord's agenda and timing. To make His plans our plans, His thoughts our thoughts. May the Lord give us grace to conform our expectations to the Mind of Christ!

I have described the time immediately ahead of us as "the slow march towards normal." We anticipate restoring more and more aspects of our Church life as we receive clearance from the Bishop. Each step will require patience and grace from each one as we "wait for one another" and move together as one Body in Christ.

How I love and appreciate each and every one of you! May the Lord pour out his abundant grace, mercy and peace on you all!

Fr. Bob

## A Book for August (from Fr. Bob)



For this month, I am encouraging you to pick up a copy of *Who is God?* by Richard Bauckham. This book examines God's self-revelation in Scripture. Bauckham examines three Old Testament accounts---Jacob's dream at Bethel (the Divine Presence), Moses' encounter with the burning bush (the Divine Name), and the Lord's interaction with Moses on Mount Sinai (the Divine Character). Following these themes throughout the Bible, he then approaches moments of Trinitarian self-revelation present in Jesus' baptism, transfiguration, and crucifixion. All in all, this is a profound yet readable book that will take you all over the Word and deeply into what we can know about the character of God.

## Restart of Saturday Sisters

GET READY! GET SET! COME!

The Saturday Sisters will begin meeting again on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

(SECOND AND FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH)

10 AM-NOON IN THE PARISH HALL

Book: His Name is Jesus: A Study of Matthew, Mark and Luke

Dr. Jack Hayford, Editor

Available from CBD.org for \$7.49 (sale item now) and Prime for \$9.99

BRING STUDY BOOK, A NOTEBOOK AND YOUR BIBLE

ALL WOMEN WELCOME!!

Early last spring we conducted a survey of the women of the church, seeking to know their desires for our group. The results were very helpful. The survey revealed that most of the women liked the twice-monthly Saturday morning time-frame, but wanted to study the Bible and learn how to study the Bible. (We had previously read a faith-related book and discussed it.) Therefore, Mary Frank will facilitate our discussion of an introduction to the first three Gospels in the New Testament (Matthew, Mark and Luke – the “synoptic” Gospels). Along with that, Betty Spillman has graciously agreed to teach us various study



methods and much more. We are excited about this new direction for the Saturday Sisters and warmly invite all women of the parish and their guests to join us.

As with any other small group meeting at the church, masks and social distancing will be required. No group food or drinks will be possible, but bottled water will be provided.

### **TAC Virtual VBS 2020**



Efforts are underway to prepare videos and supply boxes for our families with children so we can all participate in a virtual Vacation Bible School together! In mid-August, we will have 5 days in a row where videos are sent to go along with crafts and other activities in the supply boxes. Then we will have video offerings 1 day per week through the week of Labor Day.

### **TAC Christian Education**

As fall approaches, we will provide details on the beginning of our live Christian Education classes for children and adults for the new school year!

### **TAC Survey 2020**

Members were emailed a survey which will help staff and leadership serve you better. Please take the time to complete and return this information. Talk to Anne if you have questions or if you need the survey resent. Thank you!



### **Austin Street Center Ministry**

*by Sharon Parker*



*Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them – the Lord, who remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. Psalm 146: 5-7*

You will agree, I know, it has been terribly hot these last few weeks. Thank the Lord that we have air-conditioned houses, cars, offices and places of entertainment. Have you thought how the homeless get out of the heat to avoid heat stroke or heart attack? If they are lucky, perhaps 250 of them can get a place to sleep at Austin Street Center right now, or a similar shelter. We know that at ASC they will be fed an evening meal and perhaps have a leftover sandwich or boiled egg and a granola bar when they have to leave the shelter at 6:00 am. Hopefully, they will find a cooler spot to stay during the horrible heat of the day. We can't do everything for all poor, but we feel we can help some of them when we go to feed them four times a year. We know this pleases the Lord.

The Coronavirus has caused us to do things differently than we were doing. Until it is safe, we are not going to the shelter to serve but we can take lasagna and chicken alfredo to the people and just drop it off and the kitchen staff at Austin Street Center will do the serving. We also are not gathering at TAC to make sandwiches, but we pray that we can return to this method we have always used to serve God's children someday soon. When we reach that point, we will let you all know.

Thank you for your donations and continued prayer support!

### **Order of St. Luke**

*by Tom Ryan*

#### **GOD'S NATURE IS TO HEAL:**

When Jesus walked on earth most of His miracles were in the area of healing; that's because His nature is to heal. Yes, we all need to eat well and exercise, but my trust is in God to keep me healthy.

God has left to us a powerful tool for us to be healed, and that power is Holy Communion. I believe that over time the devil has convinced many good Christians that Holy Communion is but a mere ritual. I believe Holy Communion will add years to our lives and life to our years. Holy Communion is God's channel of health and wholeness for His people. Through this Holy Sacrament we receive forgiveness of our sins as well as physical healing. His body was broken and striped so that healing might be ours. When you eat of His body, believe that Jesus' body was broken so that wholeness can be yours.



Disease and poor health are due to the devil's oppression. We need to take advantage of Christ's Holy Communion to begin receiving wholeness. Healing, like forgiveness, is not an empty promise. It is the blood-bought right of Christians.

You will experience miraculous healings and wholeness when you take Holy Communion. As a matter of fact, we should be seeking to take Holy Communion as often as we can. Jesus has left us with a most powerful healing tool. God wants us well and whole, so why would we not want to take advantage of the power associated with Holy Communion, and take it as often as we can.

### **Excerpt from *Jesus Calling*, 7-29-2020**



Come to Me continually. I am meant to be the Center of your consciousness, the *Anchor of your soul*. Your mind will wander from Me, but the question is how far you allow it to wander. An anchor on a short rope lets a boat drift only slightly before the taut line tugs the boat back toward the center. Similarly, as you drift away from Me, My Spirit within you gives a tug, prompting you to return to Me. As you become increasingly attuned to My presence, the length of rope on your soul's Anchor is shortened. You wander only a short distance before feeling that inner tug – telling you to return to your true center in Me.

### **Proper's for Sundays in August**

Aug. 2: Nehemiah 9:16-21; Psalm 78:1-26; Romans 8:35-39; Matthew 14:13-21

Aug. 9: Jonah 2:1-10; Psalm 29; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

Aug. 16: Isaiah 56:1-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:13-24; Matthew 15:21-28

Aug. 23: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 11:25-36; Matthew 16:13-20

Aug. 30: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:21-27

## Acolyte Schedule for August 2020



### Sunday, August 2

8:30am - Pete Howk AA1  
11:00am - Pete Howk AA1

### Sunday, August 9

8:30am - Brandon Wallace AA1  
11:00am - Brandon Wallace AA1

### Sunday, August 16

8:30am - Don Lennert AA1  
11:00am - Don Lennert AA1

### Sunday, August 23

8:30am - Pete Howk AA1  
11:00am - Pete Howk AA1

### Sunday, August 30

8:30am - Don Lennert AA1  
11:00am - Don Lennert AA1

Readers for August 2020 – TBD/communicated through Bill Thorogood



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## A NOTE FROM BISHOP BILL

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will renew you in his love; He will exult over you with loud singing. Zephaniah 3:17



We are in the midst of one of the most trying times in human history. Never before has one crisis assaulted literally *every nation and every person* in the entire world...and, in the midst of that, what is the Lord's hope for us? **Joy!**

Joy is actually different from happiness, which is dependent on circumstances. Real joy is the connection with someone else--whether another "regular" human or with Jesus, in which the relationship is greater than the problem we face.

Admittedly, it is not automatic for us to be able to recapture joy when it has escaped us! It is a skill that has to be learned. In fact, what is happening, is that there are different places in our brain where we experience the six major negative emotions. They are:

<b>Sadness</b>	<b>Anxiety</b>	<b>Disgust</b>
<b>Shame</b>	<b>Anger</b>	<b>Despair</b>

Inside our brains, different "neural pathways" need to be developed for each of those emotions so we can learn how to navigate our way back to our "joy center," in order to "recapture joy." Inside you can read about wonderful ways joy is being shared and re-captured in some of the world's most desperate circumstances.



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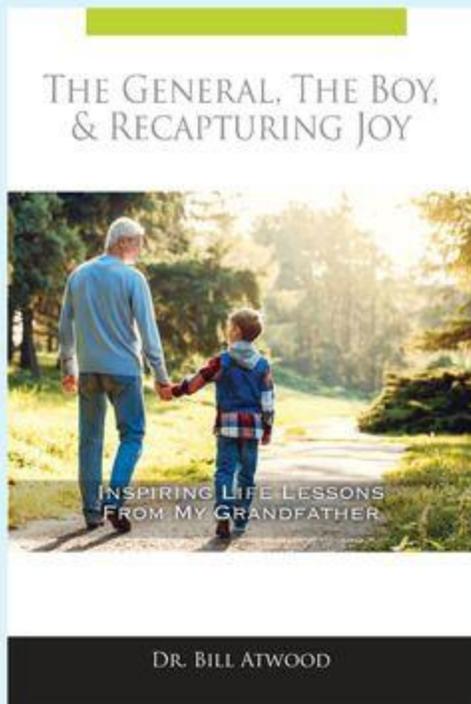
In a few weeks, my new book on recapturing joy will be out. It deals precisely with the challenges we experience in this life, and is particularly relevant in the midst of COVID-19. There are six major negative emotions that assault all of us at one time or another. They are:

**Sadness  
Shame**

**Anxiety  
Anger**

**Disgust  
Despair**

Research shows that each of those emotions actually take place in a different part of the brain. We can learn to return to joy from each one of them! This new book talks about how the pathways back to joy can be modeled and experienced. Even in the midst of global pandemic, Jesus wants us to experience JOY!



*As soon as I read this book I started retelling the stories to everyone who would listen. The stories are inspirational and provide clear models of how to handle difficult emotions... I plan to read it again (and again) and share it with others.*

*~Dr. Marcus Warner*

Pre-order Bp. Bill's latest book on the Ekklesia website Bookstore:  
<http://ekk.org/book-store>

*Jesus knew that we would face problems and tribulation.  
He made it abundantly clear when he said,  
"In the world you face persecution.  
But take courage; I have conquered the world!"  
(John 16:33)*



## August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship  <b>Promise Keepers Streaming</b>
2 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship	3	4 B – Pat Thorogood	5	6	7	8 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship A – Bob & Terri Thompson
9 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship B – Helen Flanders	10	11 B – Grace Mathews and Carolyn Sanders A – Mike & Anne Horan	12 B – Linda Tomlinson	13 B – Tom Ryan	14	15 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship A – John & Barbara Shaver B – Martha Huffine
16 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship B – Mona Dolly	17 B – Don Brooks	18	19 B – Wanda Ayersman and Susan Maupin	20 B – Dennis Thomas	21 B – Melody Carr and Christy Hopkins	22 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship 10:00 – 12:00 <b>Saturday Sisters (Study Group)</b>
23 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship	24	25 B – Alice McDonald	26	27	28 B – Sharon Figueroa	29 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship
30 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship	31					



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