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*Jesus turned to Peter and said, "And I tell you that you are Peter and on this rock I **WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.**" We at Transformation Anglican Church have been under the temporary spiritual care and authority of the Anglican Church in Rwanda, Africa, under Archbishop Kolini. The prayer of our hearts is to someday be a part of a unified, Biblically orthodox, Anglican Church in North America. Well—that "someday" has come as you will read in the enclosed press release. What does this mean for us? We will still be a part of the Anglican Mission in the Americas, but that organization will now be united with many other Anglican groups in the U.S.A. under the leadership of a new Archbishop of North America. There are about 1,000 Anglican Churches now in the U.S. with about 100,000 people worshipping each week. What a start! Jesus is truly "**Building his church!**" Read on:*

Anglican Leaders Seek to Unite North American Churches

Draft Constitution to be unveiled, Jerusalem Declaration signed at Dec. 3 Chicago gathering

WHEATON, IL, Nov. 17—Leaders of the Common Cause Partnership, a federation of more than 100,000 Anglican Christians in North America, will release to the public on the evening of Dec. 3 the draft constitution of an emerging Anglican Church in North America, formally subscribe to the Jerusalem Declaration of the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) and affirm the GAFCON Statement on the Global Anglican Future at an evening worship celebration in suburban Chicago.

This historic event comes in the wake of GAFCON held in Israel last June with leaders from more than one-half of the world's 77 million Anglicans. At the close of that gathering, Anglican leaders released the Jerusalem Declaration and the GAFCON Statement on the Global Anglican Future, which outlined their Christian beliefs and goals to reform, heal and revitalize the Anglican Communion worldwide.

"One conclusion of the Global Anglican Future Conference held in Jerusalem last June was that the time for the recognition of a new Anglican body in North America had arrived," observed Bishop Robert Duncan of Pittsburgh, moderator of Common Cause Partnership. "The public release of our draft constitution is an important concrete step toward the goal of a biblical, missionary and united Anglican Church in North America."

Provinces, dioceses and parishes around the world have been making formal decisions to support the Jerusalem Declaration and the GAFCON Statement on the Global Anglican Future since its release this summer. Leading bishops and representatives of the North American Common Cause Partnership will officially subscribe to the Declaration and

affirm the Statement at the public worship service at Wheaton Evangelical Free Church in Wheaton, IL at 7:30 p.m. CST on December 3. All Anglicans in attendance will also be given an opportunity to individually subscribe to the Declaration and affirm the Statement.

"We enthusiastically issue a public invitation to all fellow Christians in hopes that they will witness, participate in and celebrate our unity and common mission," Bishop Duncan added.

Prior to the evening service, at 2 p.m. CST earlier on December 3rd, a reception will be held at the Billy Graham Center in Wheaton to give thanks and learn about the mission of Christ Awakenings. Rooted among Anglicans, Christ Awakenings are quickly spreading to the larger Christian community. The first Christ Awakenings was held in September, 2007, in Chicago. Since then, the grassroots movement of Christ Awakenings has held events in Vancouver, Ohio, and New England to call Christians to work together, in unity, partnering for mission worldwide. After the reception, a media briefing with Common Cause leaders will follow at 5:30 p.m. CST, addressing the significance of the historic worship celebration that evening.

The Common Cause partnership is a federation of Anglican Christians that links together eight Anglican jurisdictions and organizations in North America, including the American Anglican Council, the Anglican Coalition in Canada, the Anglican Communion Network, **the Anglican Mission in the Americas**, the Anglican Network in Canada, the Convocation of Anglicans in North America, Forward in Faith North America, the Reformed Episcopal Church, and the bishops and congregations linked with Kenya, Uganda and South America's Southern Cone. Together they represent more than 100,000 Anglican Christians worshiping in the United States and Canada

Faithfully yours,
Don+



Looking into her beautiful brown eyes I report, "It's that time of the year again. The new year begins in just a few days."

"What do you mean?" she asks. "This is November—not January."

"The new year Anglican style!" is my witty reply. (I am getting more comfortable around her all the time.)

"One thing that sets us apart as Christians is that we mark time differently from the world. Four Sundays before December 25th the church year begins with the season of Advent. Advent has two emphases. The first is observed by a time of self-examination; and, with the help of the appointed scriptures, we solemnly consider the second coming of Christ. The second emphasis is our joyful anticipation of the Incarnation, the Feast of Christmas."

She looks puzzled. "What do you mean Christmas is a feast? It's not all about food!"

"Oh, no. *Feasts* in the church are days of celebration like Christmas, Pentecost and, of course, Easter. Year after year we walk a path with our Savior where we give attention to the events of his life. The feast days and the liturgical calendar help us in this discipline.

"I really love the way that Joseph Jungmann, a liturgical scholar, defines *feast* for us, 'A [Christian] feast day is a piece of time which touches eternity.'"

Warming to my subject and with such an attentive pupil, I continue, "There are two great festal periods: the fifty days from Easter day through the day of Pentecost, and the Nativity cycle extending from Christmas day through the Epiphany when we rejoice in the Maggi's discovery of the Christ child as well as the baptism of our Lord. These joyful seasons are both preceded by times of preparations. Lent comes before Easter, and Advent prepares us for the 12 days of Christmas and for Epiphany.

"So here we go. I'll get out the Advent wreath . . ."

"Stop!" She turns to me and smiles. "This walk through the life of Jesus sounds like a great way to spend the year. Let's do it together! Let's plan to have a date on each of the feast days of the Christian year."

Did I say that I am getting more comfortable around her all the time??—gulp, "T-t-tthat's a lot of dates isn't it?"

"Yes, it is," she says cheerfully. "Now where can we find all the information we will need to make our liturgical calendar?"

"Book of Common Prayer," I reply soberly.

Who Are Those Guys Anyway???

We pray weekly for Staff Sergeant **Shane Snowhill**. Shane, who entered the Air Force when he was 18, intends to make the military his career. Now 25 years old, he is stationed in Italy where he works with the electrical parts of aircrafts. Grandmom Yvette Snowhill who has been in our church family for over 15 years prays for the Lord to keep Shane safe. "He is a daredevil and not just on the job," she reports. "He now has a motorcycle, so I pray about that, too."

Mark your calendars now: Our **Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be held at **7 p.m., Wednesday, December 24th** at **Chandler's Landing Yacht & Tennis Club**. There will be a children's program presented by our Youth and Children's Ministries.

THE OSL CORNER

By Sharon Parker

Bill and Daymon Schulgen will be hosting the December 20th OSL Brunch at their home at 2025 Beaver Creek in Wylie. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. Come ready to celebrate.

A reminder to all Transformation

attenders: In order to offer more privacy while receiving prayers, we are now using the Grill area of the Yacht Club for this ministry. After you have received communion, please feel free to come for prayer needs.

I was thinking about how many times we ask for prayer for healing or a solution to a problem in our lives and never recognize the fact that our Lord has answered and taken care of our request. Why is it that we can ask Him to take away the pain of a headache and then not even realize for awhile that the pain has left. Then do we turn and thank Jesus and give him praise? I confess that I am guilty of this sometimes. Or maybe we don't recognize the healing because it was not done in the way we wanted. I suffered from diverticulitis attacks for several years until I developed a colon abscess. I prayed and prayed for God to heal me without surgery, but two months later I still had to have the abscess surgically removed. Now it wasn't the way I had wanted, and I fumed about it and questioned the Lord about his methods, but I was healed nevertheless, and I do thank him and praise his name. It's great to be able to eat nuts, berries and popcorn without having the pain and other symptoms of diverticulitis. Or what about the job I prayed to keep in the company I worked for, but was transferred to another department instead? Believe me, I want kicking and screaming, but the new position turned out to be a real

answer to prayer and where God wanted me to be. Sometimes we just don't see God's answers for what they are until much later. Praise our Lord for his faithfulness!!

Please send me your testimonies that you don't mind sharing about your healing and/or other situations for which you have requested prayer. For prayer requests call me at 972-524-9382 or email me at shparker@swbell.net.

The Order of St. Luke the Physician is an inner-denominational, international ministry for healing of body, mind and spirit.

Thank You!!

To our Church Family:

Words cannot express how deeply grateful Mark and I are for the time, talent and treasure you all have shared with our family. These are interesting times in the Carr household, and we are over-whelmed with your generosity and compassion. We have cried with some of you, and we have laughed as well. We have also prayed with you, and have rested in your prayers when we couldn't utter a word ourselves. Surely we have seen God's love in your warm embrace and will hold fast to that blessing as we continue on the journey, wherever it may take us. In Christ's love, Mark, Melody, Seth & Susannah Carr

A Message From The Clients of Austin Street Centre:

By Sharon Parker

"Thank you and God bless you for coming to Austin Street and bringing the sandwiches and feeding us on Wednesday, October 29th."

Each time we go down to the Centre, we know that we are doing what our heavenly Father wants us to do. Deuteronomy 15:11 says, "For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'" And Luke 6:38 reads, "Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."

Your contributions to Austin Street ministries have been gratefully received and are used to buy the bread, meats, fruit, chips, milk and cakes that we take to feed these 350-400 less fortunate. They depend upon Transformation and other churches and business organizations, to provide their evening meals. Sue Griffin, Susan Maupin and I invite you to help in this ministry as you are able; no contribution is too small. You will be blessed "out of your socks."

Some exciting facts taken from the "Shelter Speak," the newsletter from ASC. This November, they **are celebrating 25 years of service** to the poor and homeless of the Dallas area. Each year their Work Readiness Program graduates more than 160 men and women who reintegrate into the community with jobs and apartments. More than 75 individuals are rehabilitated, becoming clean and sober, and are then able to reunite with their

families.

Why do we have the homeless at Austin Street Centre and what are their stories? Some of the clients have lost their jobs and homes due to illness; some have been abused and seek shelter and safety at Austin Street. Some stay for years because they are mentally ill and cannot hold a job; what's worse, their families no longer want to help them. The more fortunate only stay for a month or two before continuing their lives in their own homes.

So, thank you again, all of you who contribute in whatever way you can, and may God bless you richly for doing so.

**Second Sunday Of Advent
December 7, 2008**

PROPERS

OT **Isaiah 40:1-11**
Psalm **85:7-13**
NT **2 Peter 3:8-15a, 18**
Gospel **Mark 1:1-8**

10:00 a.m. SERVICE

LAY SERVERS

Capt/PS/CB **Bob Sylvia**
OT **Christy Hopkins**
NT/CB **Dawn Hall**
PP/CB **Myra Lenoir**
CB **Bill Schulgen**

ACOLYTES

AA1 **Pete Howk**
AA2 **Benjamin Craddock**

PRAYER MINISTERS

Jay Minton* Jeannie Filson
Sue Griffin Jane Whiffen

USHERS

Will Parker* Samuel Thomas
Arvo Mallay Joy Eapen
Robert Sharp
Guest Reception Team

Set Up:
Prayer: **Sue Griffin**
Name Tags: **Glenda Lafrenz**
 Debra Williams
Parking Lot: **Paul Stolar**
 Larry Maupin
Valet: **Mara McGee**
 Mark Dillow
 John Shaver
Greeters: **Terri Thompson**
 Sandi Stolar
Guest Hosts: **Jay & Kay Minton**
 Larry & Susan Maupin

**Third Sunday Of Advent
December 14, 2008**

PROPERS

Epistle **Isaiah 65:17-24**
Psalm **126**
NT **1 Thessalonians 5:16-28**
Gospel **John 3:23-30**

10:00 a.m. SERVICE

LAY SERVERS

Capt/PP/CB **Bill Thorogood**
OT/CB **Ken Craddock**
PS/CB **Dan Hampton**
NT **Sharon Barnett**
CB **Hal Hines**

ACOLYTES

AA1 **Nanette Thomas**
AA2 **Samuel Thomas**

PRAYER MINISTERS

Bill Schulgen* Daymon Schulgen
Sharon Parker Dawn Hall

USHERS

Ed Figueroa* Chad Simmons
Samuel Figueroa Jacob Figueroa
Shannon Champe
Guest Reception Team

Set Up: **Ed Figueroa**
 Sam Figueroa
 Jacob Figueroa
Prayer:
Name Tags: **Barbara Shaver**
Parking Lot:
Valet: **Rick Maneval**
 Scott Williams
Greeters: **Sara Maneval**
 Ann Smith
Guest Hosts: **Paul & Sandi Stolar**
 Dick & Nancy Davenport

**Fourth Sunday Of Advent
December 21, 2008**

PROPERS

OT 2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16
Psalm 132:8-15
NT Romans 16:25-27
Gospel Luke 1:26-38

10:00 a.m. SERVICE

LAY SERVERS

Capt/PS/CB Hal Hines
OT/CB June Hines
NT Timothy Sharp
PP/CB Debbie Sharp
CB Vonciel Hickman

ACOLYTES

AA1 Pete Howk
AA2 Jean Howk

PRAYER MINISTERS

Larry Maupin* Susan Maupin
Ann Smith Coleen Starwalt

USHERS

Rick Maneval* Minella Thomas
Robert Sharp Shannon Champe

Guest Reception Team

Set Up: Dick Davenport
James Blevins
Prayer: James Blevins
Name Tags:
Parking Lot:
Valet: Matt Hill
Greeters: Elaine Smith
Donna Miller
Guest Hosts: Bob & Cheryl Sylvia

**Christmas Eve
Wednesday
December 24, 2008**

PROPERS

OT Isaiah 52:7-1017
Psalm 98:1-6
NT Hebrews 1:1-12
Gospel John 1:1-14

7:00 p.m. SERVICE

LAY SERVERS

Capt/PS/CB Bob Sylvia
OT/CB Bill Schulgen
NT/CB Vonciel Hickman
PP/CB Myra Lenoir

ACOLYTES

AA1 Pete Howk
AA2/ Benjamin Craddock
Candlelighter
Candle Lighter Jean Howk

**First Sunday After Christmas Day
December 28, 2008**

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OT **Isaiah 61:10—62:3**
Psalm **147:13-21**
NT **Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**
Gospel **John 1:1-18**

10:00 a.m. SERVICE

LAY SERVERS

Capt/PP/CB **Joy Eapen**
OT **Sam Figueroa**
PS/CB **Bill Thorogood**
NT/CB **Glenna McLane**
CB **Mark Dillow**

ACOLYTES

AA1 **June Hines**
AA2 **Nathan Figueroa**

PRAYER MINISTERS

John Shaver* Barbara Shaver
Debbie Pendergrass Holly Lawler

USHERS

Scott Williams* Virgil Sunday
Zach Williams Fred McGee
Chad Simmons

Guest Reception Team

Set Up: **Dick Davenport**
 James Blevins
Prayer: **James Blevins**
Name Tags:
Parking Lot:
Valet: **Matt Hill**
Greeters: **Elaine Smith**
 Donna Miller
Guest Hosts:

**Attendance/Giving
October/November, 2008**

Date	Attendance	Giving
October 5, 2008	127	\$ 7,275.75
October 12, 2008	133	4,649.75
October 19, 2008	137	5,830.27
October 26, 2008	126	5,830.27

**Transformation Through
Faith Campaign**

Total Receipts as of October 31, 2008	Monthly Offering for October, 2008
\$198,865.22	\$5,829.79

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 3pm Intercessory Prayer	2	3	4 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal	5	6 7:30am Men of the Church Fellowship/Bible Study 11:30am Women's Christmas Luncheon
7 9am Bible Study, all ages 10am Worship Noon Big Mac Class 6:00pm Student Ministry Bible Study	8 3pm Intercessory Prayer	9	10	11 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal	12	13 7:30am Men of the Church Fellowship/Bible Study
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