

## CONNECTING MEOTA January 10th, 2024

**This newsletter is meant to inspire, engage, and encourage everyone in the Meota Parish to seek God and reach out to one another throughout the week.**

**Our next church service will be**

**Sunday January 14th 10:30 am  
at St George's Diamond Valley, Christ Church Millarville**

January services 2024



## Second Sunday after the Epiphany **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### Readings

1 SAMUEL 3:1-10 (11-20); PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17; 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20;  
JOHN 1:43-51

### **First Reading** A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, **"Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."**

Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.



**Gospel. JOHN 1:43-51**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "**We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.**" Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."



PHILIP SEEMS PRETTY  
EAGER FOR HIS BROTHER  
TO MEET JESUS.



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YEAH - THE PEOPLE  
OF ISRAEL WAITED  
CENTURIES FOR  
THE MESSIAH'S  
APPEARING!



REALLY?  
I THOUGHT A GUY  
LIKE JESUS WOULD  
BE MORE PUNCTUAL.



JOHN 1:43-51

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The music must not turn the church into an audience enjoying the music but into a congregation singing the Lord's praises in His presence.

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DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE HYMN. LET ME KNOW AND I WILL RESEARCH THE BACKGROUND OF IT FOR YOU. Email me at [meotaparish@gmail.com](mailto:meotaparish@gmail.com)

Bob has requested that I research the history of

## HOW GREAT THOU ART

"How Great Thou Art" is a Christian hymn based on an original Swedish hymn entitled "O Store Gud" written in 1885 by Carl Boberg (1859–1940). The English version of the hymn and its title are a loose translation by the English missionary Stuart K. Hine from 1949. The hymn was popularised by George Beverly Shea and Cliff Barrows during Billy Graham's crusades.<sup>[1]</sup> It was voted the British public's favourite hymn by BBC's *Songs of Praise*.<sup>[2]</sup> "How Great Thou Art" was ranked second (after "Amazing Grace") on a list of the favourite hymns of all time in a survey by *Christianity Today* magazine in 2001 and in a nationwide poll by Songs Of Praise in 2019.<sup>[3]</sup> Wikipedia

The inspiration for the poem came when Boberg was walking home from church near Kronobäck, Sweden, and listening to church bells. A sudden storm got Boberg's attention, and then just as suddenly as it had made its appearance, it subsided to a peaceful calm which Boberg observed over Mönsterås Bay.<sup>[6]</sup> According to J. Irving Erickson:

Carl Boberg and some friends were returning home to Mönsterås from Kronobäck, where they had participated in an afternoon service. Presently a thundercloud appeared on the horizon, and soon lightning flashed across the sky. Strong winds swept over the meadows and billowing fields of grain. The thunder pealed in loud claps. Then rain came in cool fresh showers. In a little while the storm was over, and a rainbow appeared. When Boberg arrived home, he opened the window and saw the bay of Mönsterås like a mirror before him... From the woods on the other side of the bay, he heard the song of a thrush... the church bells were tolling in the quiet evening. It was this series of sights, sounds, and experiences that inspired the writing of the song.<sup>[6]</sup>

According to Boberg's great-nephew, Bud Boberg, "My dad's story of its origin was that it was a paraphrase of Psalm 8 and was used in the 'underground church' in Sweden in the late 1800s when the Baptists and Mission Friends were persecuted."<sup>[7]</sup> The author, Carl Boberg himself gave the following information about the inspiration behind his poem:

It was that time of year when everything seemed to be in its richest colouring; the birds were singing in trees and everywhere. It was very warm; a thunderstorm appeared on the horizon and soon there was thunder and lightning. We had to hurry to shelter. But the storm was soon over and the clear sky appeared. When I came home I opened my window toward the sea. There evidently had been a funeral and the bells were playing the tune of "When eternity's clock calls my saved soul to its Sabbath rest". That evening, I wrote the song, "O Store Gud".<sup>[7]</sup>

## *How great Thou art*

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **CHRISTIAN MOVIES EVERYONE LOVES**

At the last potluck, several people were reminiscing about the **good old movies**.

They just don't make like they used to.

And some movies have a great message about God's love.

### **HEY! WHY DON'T WE GET TOGETHER AND WATCH SOME OF THOSE GREAT OLD MOVIES?**

SO..... Once in February and once in March, we are going to show two of those good old movies!! And maybe afterward, we can have a conversation and do our own critique.

Saturday afternoon so no one has to drive home in the dark, with free popcorn and drinks.

# MEOTA MOVIE MATINEE

**Join us at St. George's, Diamond Valley!**

**Free Admission! Free Popcorn!**

**Saturday Feb 24 1pm: Fiddler on the Roof**

**Saturday March 23 1pm: The Robe**



## MEOTA PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

**Prayer and Praise** January 25, 7 pm St. George's

Pancake/Shrove Tuesday is Feb 13

Please come to St George's for pancakes, 4 – 7 pm.

Ash Wednesday is Feb 14, St. George's 7 pm

Good Friday (Taize) March 29, St. George's 7 pm

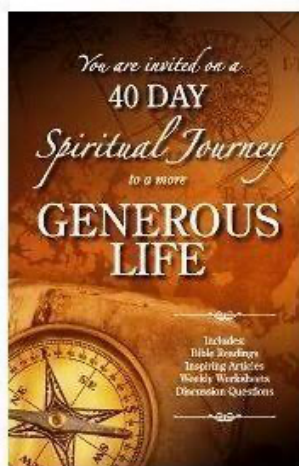
Easter Sunday is March 31, 10:30 am

St. George's, Christ Church and St. James

## Lent BOOK STUDY- 40 Days of Generous Living

Ash Wednesday the books will be handed out.

Zoom book conversation on Wed Feb 21,28, March 6 & 13



You are invited on a 40 day spiritual journey to a more generous life.

# Samuel, the Boy Prophet

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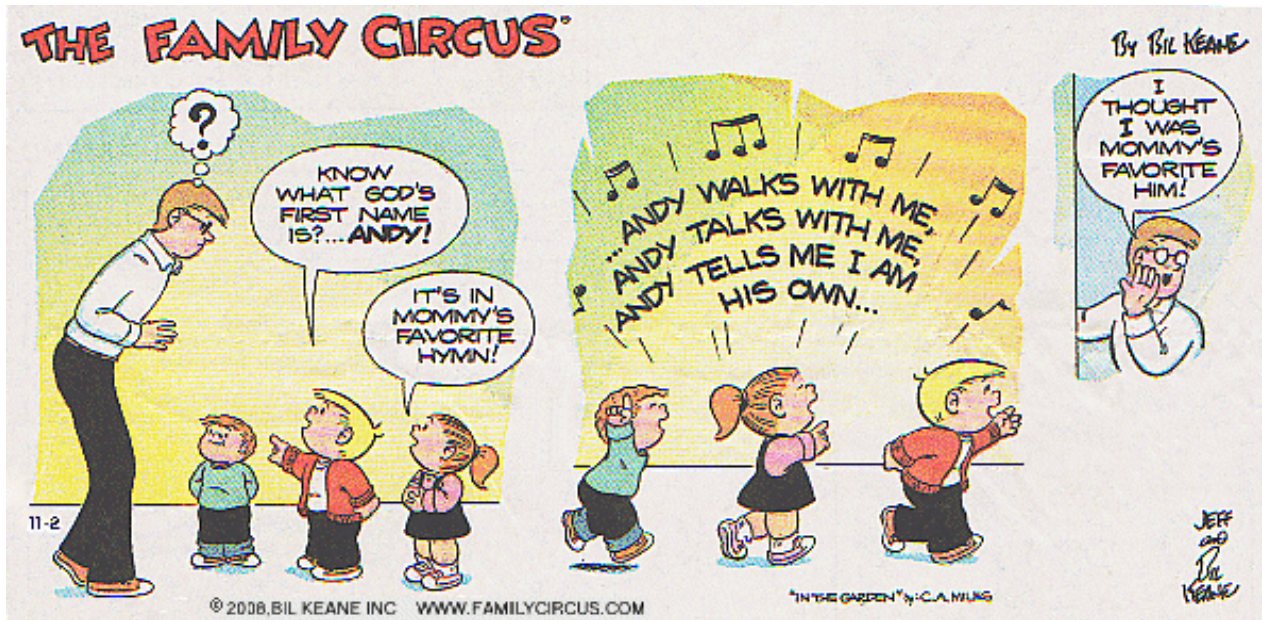
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Son  
Promise  
Eli

Warm  
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Mother  
Samuel

Love  
Good  
Elkanah



# FUNNY BONES



GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

**January 1**

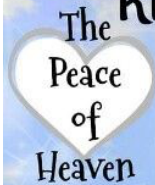
Happy New Year!

**For I know the plans I have for you,”  
says the Lord. “They are plans for  
good and not for disaster, to give you  
a future and a hope.”**

**Jeremiah 29:11**

*Dear Lord, I look forward to the good  
plans you have for my life this year.*

*No matter what each day holds, I  
know all will be well because you are  
always with me.*



ALLELUIA!!!