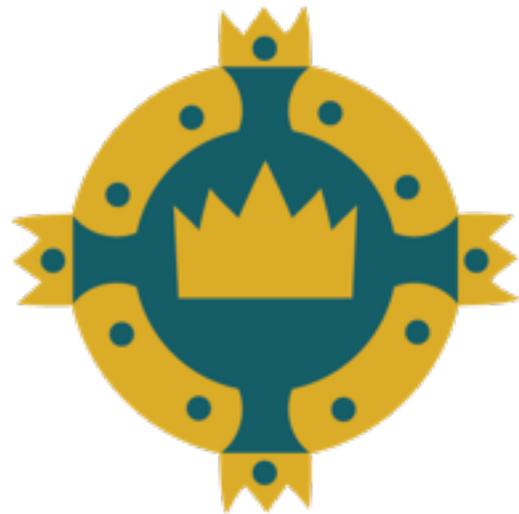


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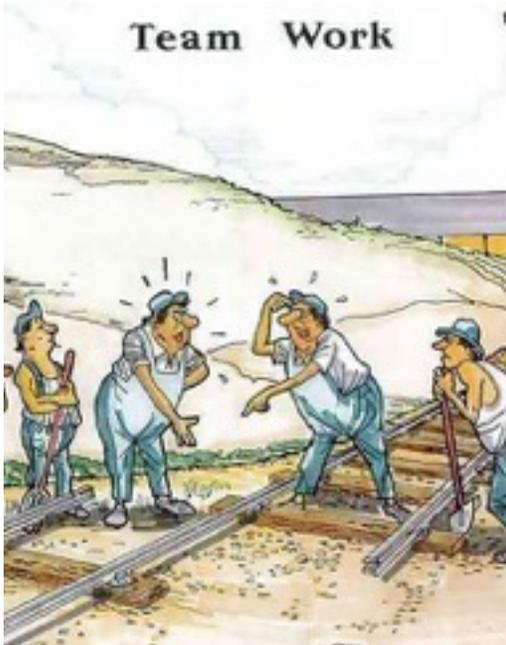
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Pastors and Other Leaders

It gives me great pleasure to come alongside men and women in the Charlotte area who are leading the church of Jesus Christ. I meet with a number of these gifted servants on a regular basis. I want to encourage them and create dialogue on issues pertinent to the success of their ministry. Most of them are also part of the Cloister I've developed under Coram Deo International. What a blessing it is for me to engage them in topics that look at the practice of the early church and consider how to implement those practices in the contemporary church.

I've been privileged to see first hand, in 60 countries, how the Holy Spirit is continuing to bring a people to himself. I've observed the creativity of God at work in the cultural milieu of today to build his church. One facet of this is the desire to embrace the ancient church. I refer to ancient as regarding the years from Christ up to the 4th century. In truth, what we believe today was codified and handed down to us from those great people of faith in that period of time. Our times are anchored by those dear ones in Christ, on whose shoulders we stand.

The Holy Spirit is moving the Body of Christ toward consummation of human history and in to eternity in the presence of the full Godhead. Our faith binds us to Christ. "We hold that faith which has been believed everywhere, always, and by everyone." Vincent of Lerins, 4th century



Plans for the Fall

My core leaders and I are working on plans for a unique Symposium to be held on Sept 17th. This will be the first church-wide event hosted under Coram Deo in partnership with Renovatus Church in Charlotte and the Ancient Future Faith Network. It's part of the work of Coram Deo to host such events to build understanding and strengthen the practice of today's church by incorporating the practice of the early church. This is Ancient Future Faith at work.

Our focus for the day will be "Liturgy", what it is, and isn't, why it's important and appropriate for today. Liturgy brings together the method, form and elements of worship. All churches have a liturgy, whether or not they call it that, even if they have developed their own. We'll be challenged by a Church Historian who has taught at Gordon Conwell Seminary in Charlotte. Additionally, we'll have 3 to 5 breakout sessions. I'm privileged to have a number of people who are part of the Coram Deo circle who are highly qualified and experienced leaders. These people will do the breakouts where they'll focus on major aspects of the subject with interaction and practical applications.

It certainly would be good if you are able to join us. Too bad, most of you live too far away for this to be practical. But, you can pray for the success of this event.

Prayer Requests

Please ask God with me, for more people to join the ranks of interested ones in the movement of the Ancient Future Faith.

Pray for success for our Symposium Sept. 17th.

Pray for wisdom for me as I meet with the leaders of the Global Renewal of Worship Center in Jacksonville, FL June 15-16.

Pray for God's provision for us financially. We are still a long way from full support. Here is the information you need to contribute.

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