



Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

Reaching Individuals and Families of the Concho Valley with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ!

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*“Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession of faith.”*

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The old saying is true: “Seeing is believing.” It is also true that some things are only *spiritually* discerned. During the last weeks of Lent and Holy Week, we pray for the Holy Spirit to open our *spiritual* eyes more widely to see our great High Priest in His redeeming work. We will gather Palm Sunday to reenact the Procession with Palms at both 8:00 and 10:30 services, and read together the Passion as recorded by St Luke.

During Holy Week we will gather at 7pm for Evening Prayer on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday we will Celebrate Tenebrae, the Service of Shadows, an ancient tradition recounting the desolation of Jesus as He experienced the passion and crucifixion. Maundy Thursday, we will celebrate the Seder, or Pesach (Passover) that Jesus and the disciples celebrated the night before He was crucified. We will celebrate the Lord’s Supper in its original Passover context, and then process singing to the church where we strip the Altar and Sanctuary of the symbols of Christ’s presence. Good Friday the Daughters of the Holy Cross will lead us in The Stations of the Cross, followed by a meditation. Holy Saturday we will keep watch at The Great Vigil of Easter and hear again the story of our Salvation from Creation and the fall through the history of God’s prophetic promises to redeem fallen humanity to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Easter Sunday Morning we will gather at 9:00 AM for Easter Breakfast in the Parish Hall, and at 10:30 AM to celebrate the Festival Holy Eucharist.

I encourage each of you to consider participating in the services of Holy Week and Easter as the Holy Spirit deepens our spiritual discernment, and we see more clearly that indeed, “*we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,*” and in doing so are strengthened to “*hold fast our confession of faith*” in the midst of an unbelieving world.

We are securely Christ’s own forever,

Stan Burdick +

Father Stan

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday	8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM - Procession with Palms, Holy Eucharist, Reading of the Passion According to St Luke 7:00 PM - Evening Prayer
Holy Monday	8:00 AM - Morning Prayer in the Chapel 7:00 PM - Evening Prayer in the Church
Holy Tuesday	8:00 AM - Morning Prayer in the Chapel 7:00 PM - Evening Prayer in the Church
Holy Wednesday	8:00 AM - Morning Prayer in the Chapel 7:00 PM - Tenebrae Service in the Church
Maundy Thursday	8:00 AM - Morning Prayer in the Chapel 7:00 PM - Seder with Lord's Supper in the Parish Hall and Stripping of the Altar in the Church
Good Friday	8:00 AM - Morning Prayer in the Chapel 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross and Sermon in the Church
Holy Saturday	7:00 PM - The Great Vigil of Easter in the Garth* (* <i>Weather Permitting</i>)

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Easter Sunday	8:00 AM - <u>NO</u> EARLY SERVICE ON EASTER DAY 9:00 AM - Easter Breakfast in the Parish Hall 10:30 AM - Festival Holy Eucharist in the Church Noon - Congregational Photo Shoot on Front Steps of the Church
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EMMANUEL DEVELOPMENT CENTER MISSION PARTNER REPORT

Hello Praying Friends of Good Shepherd!

We are so thankful for your continued support for the work in Costa Rica. The Lord continues to be faithful in so many ways.

In September 2015, we were able to see a project of three years finally come to fruition as we were able to build a 250-ft long suspension bridge over the Chirripo River, a dangerous whitewater river which many must cross in order to access health care and goods. The community is only reachable by an 8-10 hour hike on muddy trails, or a 10-minute ride by helicopter. What a blessing, as the building of this bridge has coincided with the launch of our ministry, Rebekah and Joel Stoll, who are doing evangelism/discipleship, community development projects, and dental care for this community.

We continue to employ women as indigenous infant-maternal healthcare workers to their communities, and are pleased to report again this year that there were no infant or maternal deaths of those who were part of the program during 2015, all glory to God. This year, we had on infant who required immediate surgery after birth for a congenital heart defect, and who has now returned home and is doing well. There were also a couple of preterm deliveries on the reservation, as well an infant with cleft lip and palate. In spite of the many difficulties faced by these families and babies, they are all doing well. In some cases, we can truly say it is only by the grace of God that some of these babies are still alive, as some babies have defied all natural odds.

We are continuing to teach a new group of ladies as health workers, 15 in total, with plans for graduation in June of this year. As funds allow, these ladies will then be employed to work in their respective communities.

The focus of our ministry efforts for the last several years has been predominantly community development and public health projects, coupled with personal evangelism and some discipleship. Lately, God has been impressing on our hearts more of an urgency to share the Gospel with words in addition to our actions. We are asking the Lord for His continued guidance in sharing His truth. Please pray for us in this area, that we would be alert and more intentional in sharing His Truth to the people we come across on a daily basis.

We are so thankful for our brothers and sisters in Christ at Good Shepherd.

In Him,

Alekcey and Judith

Alekcey Murillo

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EASTER PHOTO SHOOT

Each year we ask all those present at the Sunday Morning Easter Service to gather on the front steps of the church for a group photo. Chairs will be provided for those unable to stand. Please assemble on the front steps as soon as the service ends.

PRAYING THROUGH THE NAMES OF GOD

Jehovah Elohim Yeshua

LORD God of My Salvation

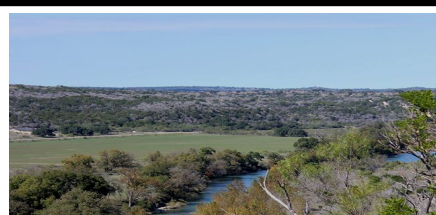
O LORD, the God of my salvation (Jehovah Elohim Yeshua),

I have cried out by day and in the night before You.

Psalm 88:1

Eternal LORD God, Jehovah Elohim Yeshua, You are the LORD God of our salvation, Redeemer of the world, Light to those in darkness, Supreme Creator of all. And we Your humble children praise and adore You! Sovereign God Almighty, we worship You in song, thought, word and deed. We delight in Your faithfulness and loving kindness. We are Your creatures, handcrafted in Your image for Your good purpose. We thank You for saving us from sin through Jesus Christ, our Messiah, our Savior, our Redeemer. In His life we learn how to live and love, to forgive and repent. In His passion and death we learn the price paid for our sin. In His resurrection and ascension we find eternal hope and everlasting life in Your kingdom. Thank You, Jehovah Elohim Yeshua, for the greatest gift: Your transforming love. Thank You as You deliver us from evil in this broken world. Forgive us, LORD Jesus, for your transgressions and iniquities. We bow to Your authority and submit to Your will. In Your service we find complete and perfect freedom. Help us to shed our vainglorious, self centered trappings and take on the mantle of Your truth. In Your Word we find Your wisdom; in Your presence we find Your peace. Surround us with Your beauty, LORD Jesus. Seal our victory against sin and death. Sustain us with Your healing power and grace. We surrender to Your perfect will, offering our hearts and souls for Your good purpose. Savior Jesus, Son of the living God, we pledge to love You completely, in holiness all our days. Lead us in our prayers and meditation to seek You more clearly every moment, every day. May all we do bring honor and glory to You, Savior and LORD Jesus. In Your name we pray. Amen

Jean Stinnett



SPRING HILL COUNTRY RETREAT

Our Annual Parish Retreat will be held at The Great House near Junction the weekend of April 8-10, beginning with dinner on Friday at 6:00 PM, and concluding around 11 AM on Sunday morning. Information is available in the Narthex, as well as a sign up sheet. There is no charge for the retreat, but reservations are required no later than Palm Sunday, March 20. Participants are asked to make a cash donation for the ongoing work of The Great House.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Bishop Mark will be with us the weekend of April 22-24. Those wishing to be confirmed when the bishop is here on Sunday April 24, should contact Fr. Stan. There will be classes to prepare for Confirmation. Other details for the weekend include a Parish Picnic and Evening Prayer. Details are in April's Agnus Dei.



ONE MILE CHALLENGE

Opportunities remain for you to join in a team of three to visit neighbors living within a mile of the church campus. There is a signup sheet on the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Fr. Stan or Steve Shaw.

A Church Work Day is scheduled for 9am, Saturday, March 12th. If you are interested in helping with general clean up and fix up projects around the church, inside and out. Lunch will be provided. Look for a list of work items in the Narthex.

READERS AND SERVERS NEEDED

There are signup sheets on the table in the Narthex for the Services of Holy Week. If you are able and available to serve for any of the positions, please sign up before March 13th!



Find a
Box



Find a
Bag



Find a
Basket

Leave it plain or make it fancy :)
Fill it up with Easter Dinner as a
Thank You God for our great Bounty!

Please adopt a family and fill a basket with food and a gift item for a family that cannot afford an Easter Meal. Use your discretion. Suggested food items include a can of green beans or peas, a can of yams or white potatoes, a can of peaches, fruit cocktail or applesauce, a small bag of rice, a small bag of pinto beans (or can of refried beans), a box of Jello, a box of macaroni & cheese, a box of corn bread or biscuit mix, bag of cookies, instant coffee, tea or powdered drink mix, a Christian gift under \$10 (Resurrection eggs, Cross, Bible, stuffed animal, etc.) **Please fill and decorate the box, bag, or basket and return to the Narthex Palm Sunday, March 20th!**

To benefit Project Dignidad

LIFE WALK 2016: "WALK IN THE LIGHT OF LIFE"

Mark your calendars for the Pregnancy Help Center Life Walk on
Saturday morning, April 23, 2016 @ 9 am

Please consider joining and/or sponsoring the Good Shepherd walkers!
More information to come. Contact: Rosemary Holm (832-414-9485)

DISCRETIONARY OFFERINGS

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, cash placed in the offering plates is designated for the Pastor's and Deacon's Discretionary accounts respectively. Checks may also be written payable to the church, with discretionary fund in the memo. Thank you for your generosity.

ACGS Women's Monthly Luncheon

ACGS women now meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. Please join us on Thursday **March 10th**, at the *RiverView Restaurant at River Terrace*, 800 W Ave D, at noon to accommodate those who work. There is a buffet served or you may order from the menu. The buffet is \$12.00.

NOTE FROM THE JR. WARDEN

The Vestry voted to replace the carpet in the Library. We will be doing this soon. To go along with this, the Vestry would also like to replace the chairs in the Library. A fund has been set up to offset the cost of the chairs. If you would like to help with this project please donate to the "Chair Fund". Make sure your donation is marked for this fund. Thank You.

ACGS Men's Monthly Breakfast

The Peppercorn Restaurant will be the venue for the Monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, **March 19** from 8-9:00 AM. Please reserve your place by calling or emailing Jenny at the church office no later than noon, Thursday, March 18th.

THE VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, **March 21**, beginning at 6:00 PM in the church library. This meeting is open to all members of the congregation, where you have "voice but not vote."




Meet Monday,

March 7, 2016

at 6:00 pm in the Library.

ANNOUNCEMENT & ARTICLE DEADLINES



The deadline to place an announcement in the weekly bulletin is Wednesdays at Noon and the deadline for the Parish Newsletter is the third Friday of the month. Submissions should be sent to Jenny at the church office, secretary.acgs@suddenlinkmail.com or drop it off at the church office Monday-Friday, 9-11:30AM or Noon-2:00PM. Thank you.



DON'T FORGET...

PROJECT DIGNIDAD NEEDS

DONATIONS OF NONPERISHABLE

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH STAPLES :)

TO BE A CHRISTIAN, An Anglican Catechism

Deacon June Smith in the Library. This is essential and systematic study of the Biblical Foundation of the Christian Faith. Those who wish to become confirmed members of the Church are encouraged to participate, and all are welcome. For more information, contact June at 234-5014 or june.smith@angelo.edu.

Wednesday Night Study - IMMERSSED IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

This study is the classical understanding the Church has had since the time of the Apostles. It is a different take on The Revelation by the Rev. Dr. John Stott. This study highlights the Revelation of the Person of Jesus in the Book. All participants will use their own Bible and outlines or study guides for each person will be provided. This promises to be tremendously encouraging for all and it is strongly suggested that each person commit to participating in the entire series.

GENESIS, Continued...

This class is led by Tony Bartl in Classroom 1, which is near the Parish Hall.
For more info, contact Tony at 254-756-0576 or tonybartl@gmail.com.



Women's Wednesday Koinonia Bible Study

THE ARMOR OF GOD women's Bible study began Wednesday, February 17th and meets each Wednesday from 10:00 –11:30am in the library. Please let Eileen or Nan Barber know if you would like to join us for this new exciting study of God's Word. Once again we are looking forward to this time of prayer, study and fellowship. Come and be blessed and be a blessing. Childcare will be provided, just let Nan know so she can make arrangements.

Intercessory Prayer

Do you believe in the power of prayer? Does prayer really change things? Does God intervene in our lives today?

Every Thursday morning at 10:00 AM we meet in the chapel of Good Shepherd to bow before the LORD in adoration, thanksgiving and intercession. We come together and lift our concerns and petitions to the King of kings, and LORD of lords. We know that God is always with us, but when we do what He says, and gather in His Name, we are keenly aware that He truly is in midst of us and we are overwhelmed by His Holy Presence.

Sometimes we come in need of prayer ourselves, sometimes we come with heavy hearts and long lists of petitions, sometimes we pray out loud, and sometimes we are silent and open our hearts to receive. ALL THE TIME, God hears and answers.

We would love to have your join us on a regular basis, or just stop in when you are able. We will pray for you and your needs, and you can pray for us.

The answer to above questions is yes, yes, and yes!

Thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our LORD Jesus Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!

Come and see!



March Bible Readings

New Testament

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Old Testament

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March Birthdays

3/1 Agatha Dube
3/7 Stephanie Peddy
3/12 Rita Baker
3/14 Nancy Shaw
3/15 Paul Millican
3/25 Lee Baker
3/26 Diane Christian
3/27 David Harrison

**April Agnus Dei
Deadline is March 18**



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