



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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April 2016

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

“Risen” made its debut in San Angelo a few weeks ago. Reports of it being excellent and wonderful were mingled with criticism because it wasn’t Biblical or accurate. My granddaughter said the movie lacked “highs and lows.” “When the Tribune saw the Risen Jesus, the same man he saw die on the cross, wasn’t that a ‘high?’” I asked. She shrugged, unimpressed. In the story the Tribune’s life was changed forever by his encounter and time with the Risen Lord. I rejoice that the film challenges believers and nonbelievers to deal with the reality of Jesus rising from the dead. We can all attest to the death we see in ourselves and the human family, around us. Can we attest to the Resurrection life that Jesus grants to all who surrender to His Lordship and follow Him as a disciple?

God’s Word is clear: encountering the Risen Lord Jesus changes everything. Apostle Paul goes to great lengths in his First Corinthians 15. He attests to the death he and we see in the human family. He attributes this death to the disobedience of Adam. Because Adam disobeyed, we all do. The judgment against Adam applies to us: *“The day you eat the fruit of it [disobedience] dying you shall surely die.”* Adam’s psychological, emotional and physical health began descending into death at the moment, and finally his body caught up with the judgment. Those who surrender to the Risen Lord Jesus experience the of the healing-restoring, power of Resurrection life in our psychological, emotional and physical lives. *“For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.”*

Are you “made alive” ... “in Christ?” We will realize the full impact of Jesus’ Resurrection life in us: *“We will not all sleep [die], but we will all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”* [1 Cor. 15.51]. When you and I are raised from the dead, or if we are alive when the Lord Jesus returns, our perishable bodies will be clothed with the imperishable bodies of the redeemed. *“The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!”* [1 Cor. 15.56-57]

I pray that you and I will experience and share in greater and greater measure, the new life our Risen Lord Jesus. * I pray that as He fills us with His transforming love we will reach others with the good news that death is not the final word, that Jesus is the Word of God made flesh who bestows upon dead and hopeless men and women Resurrection Life if they will surrender themselves to Him. *Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!*

We are securely His own forever,

Stan Burdock +
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*For guidance on surrendering your life to Jesus Christ see To Be A Christian, An Anglican Catechism, Part I, Beginning with Christ, Introduction, pages 17-22. To discuss it, give me a call or email me.

Father Stan

SPRING HILL COUNTRY RETREAT

The Great House, Junction, TX will be the venue for our Spring Congregational Retreat **April 8-10, 2016**. The Retreat begins with dinner on Friday at 6:00 PM and concludes with Holy Eucharist at 10:30 AM on Sunday morning. There is no charge for the retreat, but a free will donation is asked for the benefit of ongoing ministry of The Great House.



Reservations are due no later than Sunday, April 3. You may sign up in the narthex of the church, email secretary.acgs@suddenlinkmail.com or call the church office to make a reservation. Please do so as soon as possible! A detailed instruction sheet on directions and what to bring will be available in the Narthex.



LifeWalk 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)

BISHOP'S VISIT

Bishop Mark and Cindy will be with us Saturday, April 24 through Sunday, April 25. They will join us for the picnic dinner at 6:00 PM at Pruitt Park and for the 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist and Confirmation service.



BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Anyone wishing to be Baptized or Confirmed should contact Father Stan.

Baptism instructions are by appointment.

Confirmation Classes: Sundays at 9:15 AM, April 3 & 17. Class will be held in the Pastor's Study.

For Confirmation's purpose see:

To Be A Christian, An Anglican Catechism, page 63, questions 118 and 119.

The Catechism is available in the Narthex, or may be borrowed from the church library.

LENTEN QUIET DAY

Saturday, April 2 we will hold a Quiet Day at the Church from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM.



Pruitt Park has been reserved for us by Paul Millican for our church picnic. The park will be available all day. We will serve BBQ for dinner at 6:00 PM. Please bring sides and beverages for the potluck. Pruitt Park is on the banks of Spring and Dove Creeks, so fishing is available. There are also overnight camping spots with hookups for \$10. Reservations are required. Bishop Mark and Cindy will be joining us for dinner. Please sign up in the Narthex and indicate what you will bring to share. Deadline is Sunday, April 17th.

MINISTRY SAFE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION



Our former Diocese of the Holy Spirit and our current Diocese of the Southwest requires Sexual Abuse Awareness Training for all who work with children in church authorized programs.

From The Ministry Safe Website: ***Abuse Prevention Systems*** is a complete safety system designed to reduce the risk of child sexual abuse in your organization. Our clients include schools, camps, zoos, housing foundations, foster care agencies, adoption organizations and churches. Abuse Prevention Systems provides child sexual abuse awareness training, policies and procedures, application forms, reference check forms, interview forms and an ever-growing list of instructional documents. All of these are made available on your organization's customized APS Control Panel which enables you to automatically administer and track your safety system. Child abuse prevention requires addressing the issue from several different angles, an approach that we provide for your volunteers and employees in APS. You and your workers can be empowered with abuse training that will protect the children you serve and the integrity of your organization.

More information is available at: <https://www.ministrysafe.com>

On Saturday, April 16 at 10:00 AM in the library we will hold an informational meeting about the Ministry Safe program including and how one may be certified. We will show the training film as part of our meeting. Those who wish to be certified may fill out an application at that time. In order to take the certification test, you need an email address and access to a computer. One must receive a 70% minimum on the test to be certified. You may take the test as often as needed to reach that 70%. Once the test is completed successfully, you receive a certificate at your email address, and a certificate is emailed to the church via the pastor.

Who must be certified?

- (1) Parents do not need to be certified to care for their own children while on church campus or participating in church sponsored programs.
- (2) All those who work with children, other than their own, must be certified. There are no exceptions.
- (3) Two certified persons are required to be in a room with children at all times.
- (4) Doors to rooms where ministry safe attendants and children are meeting remain unlocked, and windows in doors remain uncovered.
- (5) All members of the clergy are screened during the interview process for ordination and/or given a license to minister in the diocese, and certified through a reputable training and evaluating program.

If there are any questions, please contact Father Stan for clarification.

SEE FOR YOURSELF

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Prophets spoke of this Messiah, but few believed. Most expected a king, not a carpenter's son. And someone from Nazarene? Now we know. He lived to teach a new covenant. He spoke of love for the Lord, and love for one another. He called the Lord, Abba Father. He called me His friend. He healed the blind, the deaf, the crippled. He stooped to forgive the dregs of humanity. He loved the unlovable, the unwanted, the forgotten. He welcomed little children to His side. He included women in his ministry. And we have become like the women in his life, those chosen who walked and talked with Him. Imagine yourself as Mary or Martha, the woman at the well, the faith filled Gentile, Peter's mother. And on that fateful Passover, you are there. Come... See for yourself.

Come to the cross where He died, Jesus died.

See for yourself, Jesus died.

For your sin and mine He has been crucified.

See for yourself, Jesus died.

Put your hand in His wound, see His mother's sad face.

O my heart, O my soul, Jesus died.

La la la, la la la, la la la la la la

O my heart, O my soul, Jesus died.

Thus it ended, that horrible day. The clamor of Roman soldiers still fills my ears. The crush of the crowd, confusion and chaos. Shock and disbelief. What did Pilate say? Is it true? He is to die, to be crucified, like a common criminal? We followed Him as He stumbled under the weight of the heavy cross, bleeding, falling... a terrible sight. I held out a we cloth to Him. The centurion slapped it away, pushing me roughly into the dust. All the way to Golgotha we walked, trembling in fear. Salty tears stain my cheeks.

It is finished.

We lower His lifeless body from the tree. Someone asks me to come along, to the stone hewn tomb given by a generous man who loved Him. The memories are a blur. His washed corpse wrapped in fine linen, spices and prayers, uncontrollable tears, unending grief. We cannot sleep or eat, and life stands still. We huddle together in safe places to cry and pray. What do we do now?

Before dawn on the third day, I walk in darkness to His tomb one last time. But wait... the stone has been rolled away. A figure in bright raiment tells me He is risen. It is He, I know, for He calls me by my name! O the Joy, the relief, my laughter flows. I must tell the others! Come see for yourself!

Come to his tomb, He's alive! He's alive!

See for yourself, He's alive!

For your sake and mine he has been sanctified.

See for yourself, He's alive!

Put your hand in His wound, see His radiant face.

O my heart, O my soul, He's alive!

Halleluia! Halleluia! Halleluia!

O my heart, O my soul, He's alive!

From His cross to His tomb to His throne, evermore,

O my heart, O my soul, He's alive

He's alive, Jesus lives, He's alive.

Jean Stinnett

April Wilson Benefit

April, the mother of 2 small children has been diagnosed with a rare neurological disease and needs special treatment that is outside of her insurance companies network. All funds raised will be used by the family to assist in out of pocket medical and travel expenses.



Sunday, May 1, 2016 from Noon to 9:00pm at Blaine's Pub

LIVE BANDS ~ LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE NOW

GUNS:\$20/20

GRILL: \$10

KNIVES:\$5/5

ICEHOLE COOLER: \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20

LUNCH PLATES PREPARED BY THE *COOKS FOR CHRIST*

\$10 EACH - TO-GO PLATES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

To purchase tickets, for more information or to donate auction items, please contact:

Rich Jumper @ 325-669-8785 / Lauren Ferguson @ 318-613-9238

Crystal Crotwell @ 325-277-3001 / Alicia Crain @ 325-473-1663

We are on Facebook, just search April Wilson Benefit San Angelo, TX

The list of the guns to be raffled is on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Pictures of the guns can be found on Facebook @ April Wilson Benefit San Angelo, TX.

Judy Holik and Billie Smithwick have raffle tickets for the Holland Grill.



- Grill temperature thermometer in the lid
- Solid one-piece steel base
- Wood chip drawer for smoking
- Rotary spark ignition system
- Powder-coated aluminum bottom shell
- Aluminum sizzle tray
- Stainless Steel deflector plate
- Cast iron burner with a lifetime warranty
- Stainless Steel expanded metal cooking grid
- Two large wheels for easy mobility
- Burner access panel



**The next meeting of the Rod and Gun Social Club
will be Thursday, April 28th @ 6:30 at the church.**

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 sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Fr. Stan or Steve Shaw.

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 **April 14th**, 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, **April 16** from 8-9:00 AM. Please reserve your place by calling or emailing Jenny at the church office no later than noon, Thursday, April 14th.

THE VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, **April 18th**, 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,

April 4, 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, secrta-ry.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 - Immersed in the Book of Revelation

REVELATION - THE TRIUMPH OF CHRIST

Wednesday, April 3 we will begin the concluding third of our yearlong study in the Book of Revelation with Revelation, The Triumph of Christ by Dr. John R. W. Stott. A few Bible Study books are available on a first come, first served basis. Suggested donation for the books is \$10.00. Please make checks out to the ACGS, and put Revelation Study in the memo.

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 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 you 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!



April Bible Readings

New Testament

MARK

1. ☐ 1:1-8
2. ☐ 1:9-20
3. ☐ 1:21-34
4. ☐ 1:35-45
5. ☐ 2:1-12
6. ☐ 2:13-17
7. ☐ 2:18-28
8. ☐ 3:1-19
9. ☐ 3:20-35
10. ☐ 4:1-20
11. ☐ 4:21-41
12. ☐ 5:1-20
13. ☐ 5:21-43
14. ☐ 6:1-13
15. ☐ 6:14-29
16. ☐ 6:30-44
17. ☐ 6:45-56
18. ☐ 7:1-23
19. ☐ 7:24-37
20. ☐ 8:1-13
21. ☐ 8:14-21
22. ☐ 8:22-30
23. ☐ 8:31-38
24. ☐ 9:1-13
25. ☐ 9:14-32

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- ☐ 1:1-17
- ☐ 1:18-31
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- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6:1-11
- ☐ 6:12-20
- ☐ 7:1-16
- ☐ 7:17-40
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9:1-12
- ☐ 9:13-27
- ☐ 10:1-13
- ☐ 10:14-33
- ☐ 11:1-16
- ☐ 11:17-34
- ☐ 12:1-13
- ☐ 12:14-31
- ☐ 13
- ☐ 14:1-25
- ☐ 14:26-40
- ☐ 15:1-28
- ☐ 15:29-58
- ☐ 16

Old Testament

PSALMS

- ☐ 72
- ☐ 73
- ☐ 74
- ☐ 75
- ☐ 76
- ☐ 77
- ☐ 78:1-39
- ☐ 78:40-72
- ☐ 79
- ☐ 80
- ☐ 81
- ☐ 82
- ☐ 83
- ☐ 84
- ☐ 85
- ☐ 86
- ☐ 87
- ☐ 88
- ☐ 89:1-18
- ☐ 89:19-52
- ☐ 90
- ☐ 91
- ☐ 92
- ☐ 93
- ☐ 94

JOSHUA

- ☐ 1-2
- ☐ 3-5
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- ☐ 15-17
- ☐ 18-19
- ☐ 20-21
- ☐ 22-23
- ☐ 24
- ☐ 1-3
- ☐ 4-5
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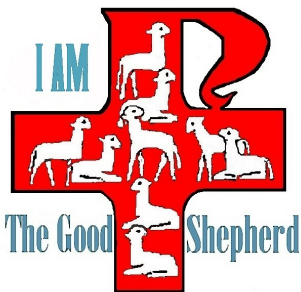
RUTH

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- ☐ 2-3
- ☐ 4

April Birthdays

- 4/4 Corey Peddy
 4/5 Daniel Dube
 4/5 Nauwusa Dube
 4/13 Tiana Hennings
 4/23 Sharon Weber
 4/26 Dallas Christian

**May Agnus Dei
 Deadline is April 15**



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