



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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June 2016

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Grace to you and peace in Jesus!

Tired from the long drive to Cloudhaven after Sunday services, I arrived just in time for supper. The following time was invested in a difficult series of meetings. Tensions were high, feelings somewhat raw, and communication difficult. We needed the Holy Spirit's intervention and discernment. We were slow to ask, relying on the flesh and our own perceptions. The Holy Spirit answered our prayers by Tuesday morning, bringing each of us to recognize that we were speaking out of our past experiences and pain. We were reacting out of those wounds rather than responding to the opportunities the Lord was inviting us to embrace. Thank you Lord.

Tuesday afternoon I looked for a solitary place to read the Scripture and pray. I came across a picnic table atop Apache Point (9,200 feet above sea level). The table was feet away from the lip of the ridge near Sacramento Peak in the Sacramento Mountains. Grabbing my walking stick and Bible, I made the short and easy walk to the table. As I climbed I was overwhelmed by the scene unfolding before me. The Tularosa Basin is 35 x 65 miles, some 5,000 feet below, the edges of the basin disappearing behind the surrounding ridges of the Sacramento's. At the far side of the basin is the White Sands National Monument. Just ½ mile north of where I was seated is the National Solar Observatory at Sunspot. The skies were partly sunny, and the wind rather calm. The temperature was 55 degrees F.

As I sat, opened my Bible and began to pray, I was aware of the Father's presence and blessing. He drew me to that place and that moment. As I drew near to Him, He was already drawing near to me. He is always present, but there are too many moments when I am unaware of Him, un-responsive and un-seeking. For two hours He bathed me in His presence and love, affirmed His concern and interest in all that we had experienced during our meetings just passed. Gratitude welled up; praise poured out of my heart and took form on my lips. The Lord reminded me He is always present and ready to intervene. All I need to do, all you need to do, is stop, draw near Him, and discover that He is with us.

Summer is pressing in. We will seek to 'escape' the daily routine for relaxing and refreshing moments. Those moments are available to us today, now, where we are, whatever we're doing, if we will only stop and draw near to Him. How the Father desires to pour more of His love into each of us. I pray that you won't wait "until then." And I pray that as you 'escape' you will find yourself resting in the arms of the Father. "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen."

We are securely Christ's own forever,

Stan Budoch +

Father Stan

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASS: Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Other Liturgical Practices
Sunday mornings in June at 9:15-10:10 AM, the pastor will lead classes on the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist. Topics will include, who may be baptized and receive Holy Communion. We will also consider common practices such as: bowing when the cross passes in procession or before the altar; what the sign of the cross is and how to do it; receiving the elements of Holy Communion and how to place your hands; standing for praise, sitting for instruction, and kneeling for prayer. We will also have show and tell, describing the names and uses for the various vestments and vessels used for liturgical worship. Get your questions ready. If you want to know why Anglicans worship the way we do, this will be an opportunity to become more familiar or be refreshed with the ancient forms we use.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

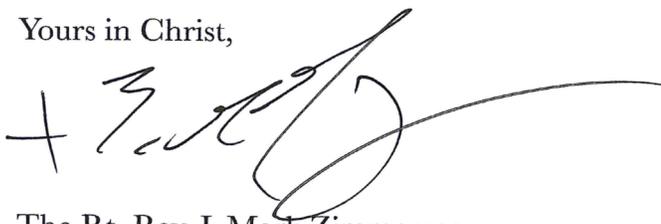
Mark your calendars for September 21-23, 2016, all members of the Diocese are invited to participate in the Diocesan Synod. The Synod will be held at the Methodist Sacramento Camp and Conference Center about 25 miles south of Cloudcroft, NM. Archbishop Foley and Allison Beach will be our guests with Archbishop Foley teaching and preaching. Other bishops will be present for workshops. There will be worship, prayer, shared meals and opportunities during free time for Skeet Shooting, trout fishing, horseback riding, hiking, conversation, or napping. More details will be forthcoming soon. Mark your calendars and plan to participate, and most of all pray for all who are involved as we seek to reach others with the transforming love of Jesus Christ!

The Anglican Diocese of the Southwest

Dear Friends at Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Cindy and I want to thank you for a wonderful visit. We were so thankful to be able to spend a little extra time with many of you and get to know you better. Sunday morning was a true blessing. The picnic by the river was lovely. We are so terribly grateful for your generous giving to my discretionary fund. What a joy it was to see the wildflowers on the way to San Antonio. We could not have had a better time.

Cindy and I are still processing the break-in of our vehicle. Insurance will help. My briefcase was returned. We continue to pray that other stolen items will turn up. I have learned many important lessons and will apply them for the rest of my life. We continue to be so very thankful for all of your prayers and your friendship.

Yours in Christ,



The Rt. Rev. J. Mark Zimmerman



**ALL CHURCH
Work Day**

Saturday, June 4!

9am~2pm.

Lunch will be provided.



NEW LECTIONARY FOR THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

The Lectionary is an ordered pattern for Bible Reading throughout the year used by the Church for millennia. On May 1, 2016, we began using this Lectionary for all services. There are two Lectionaries: one for Sunday, and Red Letter Days (Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension etc.). The Sunday Lectionary is arranged in a three year cycle, A, B and C. The Daily Lectionary lists readings for ordinary days. Each Lectionary also contains the history of the Lectionary, and it's intended purpose, and it's adaptation and use in the Anglican tradition. There are copies of the Sunday and Daily Office Lectionary available on the table near the church office. The Lectionaries are also available for downloading at the Anglican Church in North America Provincial website, the link is below;

http://www.anglicanchurch.net/?/main/texts_for_common_prayer

DIOCESAN MEETINGS

May 15-18, 2016 the Reception and Ordination Committee and the Standing Committee of the Diocese met at Cloudhaven Retreat Center in Cloudcroft, New Mexico. The Reception and Ordination Committee interviews and supports those interested in serving in Holy Orders. ROC meets face to face at least twice a year, as well as for periodic phone conference calls. Fr. Stan chairs this group. The Standing Committee is the Council of Advice to the Bishop, and functions as the Vestry does with the pastor at a local level. The SC meets on a conference call monthly and semi annually face to face. Please remember those serving the Lord and the Church in this important work. *In the photo from left to right are: Warren Smalley (Christ the King, Alb.) Gus Haddad (St Clement, El Paso), Fr. Pete Falk (Wellspring, Rio Rancho), Fr. Fred Griffin (Epiphany, Cloudcroft), Teresa Sheppard (All Saints, Midland), Bishop Mark, Nancy Griffin (Epiphany, Cloudcroft), Fr. Bill Cobb (St Clement, El Paso) and Fr. Stan Burdock (Good Shepherd, San Angelo).*



PASTOR'S HOLIDAY

Fr. Stan and Eileen will be on holiday at the end of May and first week of June participating in the Wedding of their great-niece.

POWER AND JOY IN THE BLESSING PRAYER

Our sovereign Creator God initiated the concept of blessings in Genesis. Speaking of the sea creatures, the winged birds, human male and female and the seventh day of rest He blessed and sanctified all that He had made (Genesis 1:22, 28, 2:3). In a formal agreement of legal validity (a covenant or blessing), God provided for man's success in spite of Adam's sin.

"With each of God's blessings in Scriptures, there was always a special anointing — an impartation of supernatural power that enabled the people He blessed. God's blessings: made impossible things possible; gave above-normal power, means, and ability for competency in living; gave spiritual authority to our humanity."

This power for living belongs to you and me, through the blessing prayer. In all things, we must bring glory to God in all we say and do, and always be positive. Then our blessings are not selfish or worldly in nature. When we claim God's promises in Scripture, our prayers release God's great power and provisions. When we speak what God wills us to speak, our blessing prayers are energized by the power of God, and lives begin to change. Once spoken, our blessings cannot be stopped or thwarted by man or by Satan (Genesis 27).

Mary Ruth Swope, *The Power of Blessing Your Children*, Whitaker House, 2010, pp. 19-27.

Here is my prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, I bless you with God's peace which passes all understanding. May His grace provide all your needs. May His sufficient love empower You to do His will. May His Word enlighten and lead you through the valley of the shadow of death. May He deliver you from all evil, for His name sake. May you have a clear and perfect awareness of His presence moment by moment in your life. May you partake of His wisdom, discernment and clarity so that your cup overflows with joy in Him. May you delight in Him as He delights in you. May He direct the path He has chosen for you and light it with His love. May you feel the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to understand and fulfill your good works. May you hear His voice guiding, guarding and encouraging you along your way. May He convict you in obedience and humility. May He bless you in His truth and righteousness with a sound mind, a clear conscience and a glad heart. May you feel His faithfulness and relinquish all fear which is not of Him. I bless you with His promise of victory over death and eternal life in His kingdom. I bless you with the full promise of forgiveness of sin through the shed blood of Jesus. I bless your hands in all they touch and create to honor Him. I bless your eyes to see His truth and the goodness in all people. I bless your tongue to speak in ways to glorify God and edify others, and to understand the power of silence. I bless your mind so you may praise Him in worship and song every day of your life. I bless your body which is a holy temple sanctified for Him. In the name of Jesus Christ I bless you. Amen.

Jean Stinnett

FALL WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY - WHEN GOD WEEPS

If God is loving, why is there suffering? What's the difference between permitting something and ordaining it? When bad things happen, who's behind them--God or the devil? When suffering touches our lives, questions like these suddenly demand an answer. From our perspective, suffering doesn't make sense, especially when we believe in a loving and just God. After more than thirty years in a wheelchair, Joni Eareckson Tada's intimate experience with suffering gives her a special understanding of God's intentions for us in our pain. In *When God Weeps*, she and lifelong friend Steven Estes probe beyond glib answers that fail us in our time of deepest need. Instead, with firmness and compassion, they reveal a God big enough to understand our suffering, wise enough to allow it—and powerful enough to use it for a greater good than we can ever imagine. The study is thoroughly Biblical and painfully transparent. Prayerfully consider participating in the study. **We will register folks for this study in late August**, and there will be an opportunity to order the book through the church. If you wish to order the book before hand, the information on the book is below.

When God Weeps - ISBN-13: 9780310238355; Publisher: Zondervan; Publication date: 10/01/2000



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Joshua Stephen Weber and Erica Marina Flores will be united in Holy Matrimony according to God's Holy Word and the Texts for Common Prayer of the Anglican Church in North America on Friday, June 10, 2016.

Because you have believed in us,

Come celebrate with us.

Together with their families,

Joshua & Erica

are getting married

On Friday, June 10th, 2016

at 6:30 in the evening.

Good Shepherd Anglican Church

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Reception to Follow:

Bentwood Country Club

RSVP by May 23, 2016 to Sharon Weber

949-3116 or sharon.weber@angelo.edu

Thank you.



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A Women's Gathering Around the Word

Featuring KELLY MINTER

with worship by CULTIVATE ACOUSTIC TRIO

First Presbyterian Church

Friday, September 9th and Saturday, September 10th

\$20 per person, online registration begins May 1st @ fpcsanangelo.org under special events tab.

Limited ticket availability ~ Tickets also available at kellyminter.com/cultivate.

Proceeds from ticket sales will go to support international and local missions.



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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASS: TO BE A CHRISTAIN, *Anglican Catechism*

Deacon June Smith continues this foundational study in the church library every Sunday morning from 9:15-10:10 AM. The class studies the Catechism of the Anglican Church in North America, and what it means to be a follower of Jesus. You may purchase a copy of the Catechism which are available on the publications shelf in the narthex, or borrow one from the church library.

ACGS Women's Monthly Luncheon

ACGS women now meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. Please join us on Thursday **June 9th**, 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.

ACGS Men's Monthly Breakfast

The Peppercorn Restaurant will be the venue for the Monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, **June 18th** from 8-9:00 AM. Please reserve your place by calling or emailing Jenny at the church office no later than noon, Thursday, June 16th.

A.C.G.S.
Rod & Gun
Social Club

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

THE VESTRY MEETING

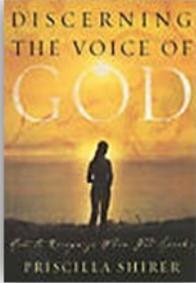
The Vestry will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, **June 20**, beginning at 6:00 PM in the church library. This meeting is open to all members of the congregation, where you have "voice but not vote."



Meet Monday,
June 6, 2016
at 6:00 pm in the Library.



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DONATIONS OF NONPERISHABLE
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH STAPLES :)



WOMEN'S KOINONIA BIBLES STUDY
DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD

Wednesday June 8th at 10:00 AM - Mark the Date - for this exciting new Bible Study by Priscilla Shirer. We have learned and applied so much from our last study, The Amor of God, that we have decided not to break for the summer, but to continue on the path God has placed before us in the wonderful study of His Word. Please join us if you are able. Contact Eileen at 325-944-9831 or Nan Barber at 325-374-4598 if you interested. Child care will be provided, just let Nan Barber know so arrangements can be made.

Wednesday Night Study - Immersed in the Book of Revelation
REVELATION - THE TRIUMPH OF CHRIST

Wednesday, April 3 we began 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.

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!



June Bible Readings

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June Birthdays

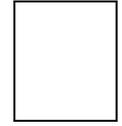
6/11 Cohan Hennings

6/17 Stephen Reisdorfer

6/25 Rusty Lieber

6/28 Rolly Dunteman

**July Agnus Dei
Deadline is June 17**



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