

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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August 2016

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Each morning about 6:00 Rafiki and I repair to the pool deck in our garden. It's about 5 feet off the ground, and puts us in the lowest branches of our pecan trees. From there we watch the sun rise, listen to the morning birds' songs, and feel and enjoy the breeze swell as the sun comes over the horizon. When there's enough light, I open my journal, my Bible and my iPad.

These early morning hours the Father makes His presence known in intimate and refreshing ways. In a hymn or chorus that comes to mind, or from the pages of daily readings from His Word. Also included are daily readings from My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers, and Streams in the Desert. The time goes by so quickly. The Lord reminds me how precious we are to Him, how much He loves and cares for us, that He offers so much more than we can even ask of imagine. In these past weeks I have found once again that He never fails to respond when we *"look to the LORD and His strength..."* and seek His face.

In just a few hours Eileen and I will depart for holiday with our daughter and her family. The Appalachian Mountains where they live, and particularly the Laurel Highlands, provide wonderful vistas and perches for early morning prayer. As you holiday this summer, press into the early hours and find a quiet place to hear from the Lord. As the hymn, "This is My Father's World," reminds us, "in the rustling grass, I hear Him pass." He's waiting for us. Enjoy what remains of our summer holiday season.

We are securely Christ's own forever,

Stan Burock +

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June 3rd, 2016

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I bring you greetings, having recently travelled to Nairobi, Kenya to meet with our dear friends of the Global Anglican Fellowship Conference (GAFCON). The GAFCON movement continues to remain strong and steadfast as we work to see the greater worldwide Anglican Communion remain faithful to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I couldn't be more thankful and excited to share what a great year (my second as Archbishop) we have had together. We continue to grow in strength and depth in planting new churches. We continue to develop our diocesan discipleship focus. We continue to remain a strong participant in the greater Anglican landscape. We continue to build this Province into a vibrant Anglican church. This year I have asked, and some leaders have responded by focusing more energy towards reaching our youth in the Province. I'll be able to share more on that at the Provincial Council held in Mt. Pleasant, SC this summer.

I am writing to ask for your prayerful and financial support. I can't ask more resolutely. Our development officer, The Rev. Canon Alan Hawkins, has called us to build a greater team of people engaged in the future of the Province. As he is fond to say, "Many hands make the work lighter." We would be grateful for your full participation.

How can you help? Please join our team. We realize at every turn you are asked for financial support. We too are asking so that our work grows deeper and stronger. We started this Province on a "hope and a prayer" seven years ago and the Lord has graciously provided at every step. Yet He calls us to do more, to pray more, to reach out more, and to love more people for the cause of Christ.

Will you prayerfully consider joining me in the work of our Province?

Simply put, we have a need for **\$115,000** to finish our best year ever in mission. Because the dioceses of the Province support our operations, every dollar given to the Province goes to the "direct" mission such as Church Planting, Discipleship (also known as Catechesis), Youth Ministry, and our international relationships like GAFCON. Our heart is to see people, communities, and nations transformed by the love of Christ.

Thanks in advance for prayerfully considering this opportunity. We look forward to connecting with you.

In Christ,

Archbishop Foley Beach

P.S. Your gift by June 30th would be such a great encouragement to our Church.

WHAT LOVE IS - Wednesday Evening Bible Study

"Perfect love cast out fear." (1 John 4.18) What Love Is, a study of John's Letters to the Church, began on Wednesday, July 13, and meets each Wednesday from 7:15-8:15 PM. The course features weekly DVD presentations, discussion and prayer and a daily Bible Study Guide. The areas highlighted in the course:

07/13	Introduction		
07/20	Session 1	The Finest Ingredients	Fellowship
07/27	Session 2	Living For What Lasts	Walking In The Light
08/03	Session 3	To Remain	Knowing and Assurance
08/10	Session 4	Easter Everyday	Abide, Dwell, and Remain
08/17	Session 5	Experiencing the Word	Love
08/24	Session 6	This Beautiful Bride	Keep Yourselves From Idols

What Love Is Bible study guides are available for \$14/book.

If additional copies are needed, you may order one from www.LifeWay.com/kellyminter or call 800-458-2772.



The ACGS choir will meet Saturday, August 13th for our end of Summer Choir Day beginning at 1pm at the Holik Farm.

Everyone is asked to bring a salad and some snacks. We will be working on the music for the fall and for Christmas. FMI contact Judy @ 325-656-0782 or Henry @ 325-234-5548.



CAMPUS/BUILDING USE POLICY

Brent Daniels, our ACGS Junior Warden, is formulating a suggested Campus/Building Use policy for any outside group who would like to use our facilities. When this is approved by the Vestry, it will be available through the church office.



Celebrating 25 Years of Growth



Celebrate the Pregnancy Help Center's 25th Anniversary at the Annual Fundraising Dinner on **Tuesday, October 11.**

If you would like to attend or host a Good Shepherd table, contact Rosemary Holm (832-414-9485 or mamabear183@outlook.com).

ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA: MARRIAGE RITE PUBLISHED

June 23, 2016, *The ACNA Task Force on Marriage, Family, and the Single Life* completed the Rite for Holy Matrimony, and the House of Bishops approved of the Rite for use across the Church. From the Introduction to A Commentary:

"It is not every day that a church produces a new liturgy, but this is the situation of the Anglican Church in North America. The development of a new Prayer Book is one of the tasks and privileges granted us in our day. The marriage liturgy is of special importance for the very reason that marriage is under stack in contemporary culture. The Church has a special opportunity therefore to seek the Scripture and tradition and to articulate for its people and for the wider community what it means for a man and woman to be joined in Holy Matrimony." (page 1)

DECLARATION OF INTENTION - What is the Declaration of Intention?

The prospective groom and bride are asked to sign the Church's Doctrinal Statement concerning Holy Matrimony prior to their Marriage being solemnized in The Church. It is appropriate to conduct a signing ceremony of the Declaration of Intention during a public liturgy, to signify that the betrothal has taken place and that both parties have agreed to be prepared by The Church for Holy Matrimony, and to bid the prayers of the congregation.

Declaration of Intention

We, *N.N.*_____ and *N.N.*_____, desiring the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church, do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a lifelong union of husband and wife as it is set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. We believe it is established by God for the procreation of children, and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord; for mutual joy, and for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; to maintain purity, so that husbands and wives, with all the household of God, might serve as holy and undefiled members of the Body of Christ; and for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom in family, church, and society, to the praise of his holy Name. We de engage ourselves, so far as in us lies, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God's help thereto.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE - What are they?

The ancient custom of announcing the wedding publically at least three times, also known as the "Banns of Marriage," bids the prayers and support of the community. This speaks to the great necessity for the whole body of Christ to support those joined in Holy Matrimony and their witness in Church and society. (*The ACNA Rite of Holy Matrimony: A Commentary by the Rev. Dr. Stephen Noll, Chairman of the ACNA Task Force on Marriage, Family, and the Single Life. 28 June 2016, page 2*)

PASTOR'S POW WOW

Sunday, August 21, 2016 from 6:30-8:00 PM we will hold a Pastor's Pow Wow. This is an opportunity for new comers and seasoned members to meet, enjoy some desert and conversation, and share how they came to be at Good Shepherd. New comers will be receiving a post card in the mail soon, please respond by August 14 calling the church office and letting us know you will be there. Details and directions will be in the bulletins on August 14.

Daughters of the Holy Cross

We will be having a "Come and See" salad supper on Monday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m. We invite all ladies of the church to come and hear about the Daughters of the Holy Cross. Put us on your calendar. We would love to have you "come and see."

We welcome all Anglican women and appreciate your interest in the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. The Order provides a community in which you can fulfill a lifetime vow to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Order's four-fold vow consists of Prayer, Service, Study and Evangelism.

"MORE"

A Prayer of Thanksgiving to share with the Lord's People.

Holy Father, Spirit, Son
You are the word, God three in One.
To You be glory, honor, praise!
I will thank You all my days.
You I worship, praise, adore.
All I want of You is
MORE.

Father, as I kneel to pray,
What can I ask of You today?
Do I beg for money? Rain?
Relief from sorrow, anguish, pain?
Health and wealth for loved ones dear?
Remove all evil, dread and fear?
Protect me from the act of sin?
Heal me outside and within?
You know me, Lord, to my core.
All I ask of You is
MORE.

MORE of YOU is what I need.
Relieve me of my sin and greed.
With Your mercy, by Your grace,
Reduce "me" and in my place
Sweet Lord Jesus, come within.
Cleanse me of my darkest sin.
With Your salvation, I'm not lost.
You paid the price upon the cross.
Jesus, seal my victory.
Open eyes so all can see
You're the Treasure this life holds,
Beyond riches, silver, gold.

So, My Savior, Jesus, Sweet,
All my woes are at Your feet.
Empty me of worldly care.
Holy Spirit, breathe fresh air
Into my heart, my soul, my core.
All I need from YOU is
MORE.

Jean Stinnett



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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.



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 Men's Monthly Breakfast

The Peppercorn Restaurant will be the venue for the Monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, **August 20th** from 8-9:00 AM. Please reserve your place by calling or emailing Jenny at the church office no later than noon, Thursday, August 18th.

THE VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, **August 15**, 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."



The next meeting of the Rod and Gun Social Club will be Thursday, August 25th @ 6:30 at the



Meet Monday,
August 1, 2016

at 6:00 pm
in the Library.



"Come to the Mountain and let God refresh your soul!"
 Everyone is invited to attend **Synod 2016**
 of the Anglican Diocese of the Southwest
 with our special guests
Archbishop and Mrs. Foley Beach

Synod 2016 will be held at the Sacramento Retreat Center, Sacramento, NM
 September 20-September 23, 2016

Worship + Discussions + Fellowship

Arrival will be Tuesday evening, September 20 (dinner available at 5:30 pm)
 and end on Friday morning, September 23 with breakfast.

The Synod will convene Wednesday morning, September 21 and continue with a
 celebration of the Eucharist on Thursday evening, September 22,
 and ends on Friday, September 23 after breakfast.

Registration letters and information will go out the first of August.

Join us in welcoming Archbishop Foley and his wife, Allison, to the Diocese.

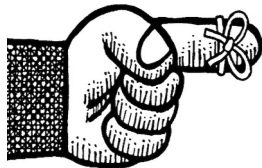
The Sacramento Retreat Center is located 30 miles southeast of
 Cloudcroft, NM in the heart of the Sacramento mountains.

Hosted by the Anglican Church of the Epiphany, Cloudcroft.

Here is a fee schedule for the rooms:

September 20th evening with dinner through September 23rd with breakfast.

Forrest Hall: Room / double occupancy	\$49.00 x 3 nights	\$147.00
Meals: 3 breakfasts/2 lunches/ 3 dinners		\$80.00
Synod Fee		\$30.00
		\$257.00 per person
Room / single occupancy	\$71.00 x 3 nights	\$213.00
Meals (see above)		\$80.00
Synod Fee		\$30.00
		\$323.00 per person



DON'T FORGET... PROJECT DIGNIDAD NEEDS DONATIONS
 OF NONPERISHABLE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH STAPLES :)

August Bible Readings

New Testament		Old Testament	
	▶ LUKE	▶ 1 TIMOTHY	▶ PROVERBS
1.	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:1-9	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
2.	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:10-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:12-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:22-35	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
4.	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:1-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:1-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
5.	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:15-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:11-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
6.	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:25-35	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
7.	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:1-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:1-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
8.	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:11-32	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:16-25	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
9.	<input type="checkbox"/> 16:1-9	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:1-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
10.	<input type="checkbox"/> 16:10-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:11-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:1-16
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13.	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:11-19	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:16-31
14.	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:20-37	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:14-26	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:1-14
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18.	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:31-43	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-9	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:1-18
19.	<input type="checkbox"/> 19:1-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:10-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:19-35
			▶ ESTHER
20.	<input type="checkbox"/> 19:11-27	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:1-17
21.	<input type="checkbox"/> 19:28-38	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:11-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:18-33
22.	<input type="checkbox"/> 19:39-48	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:1-8	<input type="checkbox"/> 16:1-16
23.	<input type="checkbox"/> 20:1-8	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:9-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 16:17-33
		▶ PHILEMON	
24.	<input type="checkbox"/> 20:9-19	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:1-14
25.	<input type="checkbox"/> 20:20-26	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-25	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:15-28



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/2	Lauren Brown
8/2	June Smith
8/6	Bert Hudson
8/8	Russell Thoma
8/13	Pam Thornton
8/13	Jane Thoma
8/14	Judy Holik
8/16	Billie Smithwick
8/18	Richey Oliver
8/21	Lou Czarnecki
8/30	Eileen Burdock
8/31	Alex Woolard
8/31	Amber Woolard

**September Agnus Dei
Deadline is August 19**



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