



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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January 2017

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Anno Domino. The Year of our Lord, 2017 is beginning. We mark time by seasons, months and days. The Lord marks time in terms of His Providential Lordship. The Scriptures remind us that the Lord gifts humanity with time at the creation. (See Genesis 1.3-5, 14-19) The Holy Spirit speaking through the David exhorts us to consider time from God's perspective... *"in Your sight..."*

Reflecting on 2016, I see the Lord's faithfulness written in times of rejoicing and crises. Many of us have experienced the best and the worst in the last year. Births-deaths, illness-recoveries, encouragement-confrontation, reconciliation-estrangement, relief-pain, financial gains and losses, uncertain political campaigns and elections, the ebb and flow of terrorist activity... well, add your own reflections.

During it all, the Spirit-filled man and woman, discerns the Hand of God. He providentially works through our seasons, months and days of life, *"working all things together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose."* (Romans 8.28) We have experienced the reality of His truth revealed in Scripture: *"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels or demons, neither the present or the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (Romans 8.38-39) I pray that you experienced the Lord Jesus' presence and love in all that you faced in the last year.

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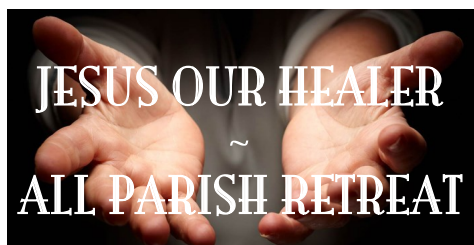
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The year of our Lord 2017 is beginning. I encourage each of us to make an appointment with the Lord, pen and pad in hand. Invest time recording ways you have experienced the presence and love of Jesus in the last year. Write to Him your thanks and praise. If you can, share your praise and thanks with someone else. How encouraged we are when we are reminded of the Lord's daily provision and activity in one another's lives. Seeing our seasons, months and days as His gift and the record of His providential care may set the stage for all that He knows we are to face in the year to come. He is already here, day by day, with each of us, in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. May we receive the grace to be faithful, even as He is faithful. Amen. A Blessed Year of our Lord 2017!

We are Christ's own forever,

Stan Burdick +
Father Stan



The Rev. Jon and Dale Stasney, long time friends of our congregation, will be our retreat leaders. The theme is "Jesus Our Healer." Jon and Dale are active in the healing ministry, and hold regular healing services at Christ Church, Midland. The retreat will be held at The Great House, Junction, TX, beginning with supper on Friday at 6:00 PM. We will dismiss to return home before Noon on Sunday.

Information on the retreat as well as a sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex of the church. **Deadline to register is Sunday, January 8, 2017.**



Pregnancy Help Center Concert for Life

Saturday, January 28, 11am—4pm
Angelo Bible Church
3506 Sherwood Way

- Showcasing local musicians
- Silent Auction/Raffle
- Chili When It's Chilly SnackBar
- Come-and-Go

All proceeds to benefit Pregnancy Help Center

If you would like to volunteer at the event, please contact Rosemary Holm.

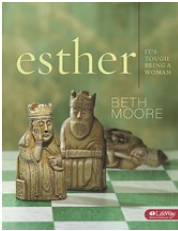




Game Night December 31st from 5-9pm.

Bishop Mark and Cindy will be here and would like to have a game night New Year's Eve from 5-9pm.

Bring finger foods to share and your favorite game to play.
FMI, Angie McWilliams 651-6457.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

Women's Bible Study will resume, Wednesday, **January 18th**, at 10:00 AM. We will be doing the Study of "Esther" with DVD, by Beth Moore.

Please join us if you are able and bring a friend. We are looking forward to learning and growing together once more. I can't wait to see how God is going to use our time together. I am always in awe of the way He orchestrates everything in perfect harmony. ".....for your Father knows what you need before you ask him." There will be workbooks for the study. The cost will be around \$17.00. Please let Eileen Burdock, or Nan Barber know if you would like one ordered for you. The money will be collected at the first class. Child Care is provided if needed, please let us know so we can prepare in advance. See you there!

THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Order of the Daughter's of the Holy Cross Discernment class will begin Monday evening, **January 23rd** at 6:00 PM. If you are interested in learning more about this order and feel God is calling you to go through the discernment process, please see Jean Yarbrough, Eileen Burdock, or Fr. Stan. There are pamphlets in the Narthex for further insight into the order and you can also check out the National Website at <http://www.daughtershc.org/>

The discernment process requires a commitment of 13 weeks. We will meet every Monday night at 6:00 for an hour and half, always ending at 7:30. There will be a candidates manual and workbook, which we will study, and there will be some homework (not extensive, but very edifying), and will require class participation. I pray God would stir the hearts of those women He is calling to go through this process, and look forward to praying and seeking His will for each of you during this process. Love in Christ Jesus our LORD, Eileen

PRAYER PARTNER PARISHES

Bishop Mark asks that parishes in the United States and Mexico unite to pray for one another. The Church of the Gran Pastor, Fresnillo, led by lay pastors Juan and Farhid, are linked to the El Paso Deanery. The Church of Jesus la Resurreccion in Aguascalientes, led by Priests Elias and Rayito are linked with the Albuquerque Deanery. La Trinidad Church in Guadalajara, led by lay pastors Manuel and Miguel are linked with us in the West Texas Deanery. Let us remember one another in prayer daily. At the Annual Meeting we will take a photo of those gathered and prepare a letter of introduction to our sister congregation for everyone to sign, and then send it off to La Trinidad Church.

ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd will be held beginning at Noon on **Sunday, January 29, 2017**, in the Parish Hall. This is the annual business meeting of our non-profit corporation. We will elect three new members to three year terms on the Vestry, reports and the 2017 Budget will be presented. We will also consider a necessary change in the By-Laws. You will receive additional information on the By-Laws change in a separate mailing. Opportunity to hear from members of the parish in various ministries and organizations will take place over lunch. Please plan to participate, and let us know you're coming by signing up in the Narthex of the church.

VESTRY ELECTION - JANUARY 29, 2017

The Nominating Committee announces that **Charles Westbrook, Susan Westfall, and Paul Hatcher** have agreed to stand for election for three year terms on the Vestry at the Annual Meeting. Thank you to them and all who prayerfully consider serving in this office, and to Steve Shaw and Tony Bartl for their prayer and perseverance in contacting and encouraging possible nominees.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

All those who chair or lead a ministry of organization in the parish are asked to prepare a year-end report no longer than 150 words to be placed in the ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH. These may also be shared at the Annual Meeting. Please complete the report as a Word Document and forward it to Jenny the parish secretary at secretary.acgs@suddenlinkmail.com. Deadline to have submission to the secretary is **Sunday, Jan. 22.**

WELCOME BISHOP MARK AND CINDY

Bishop Mark and Cindy Zimmerman will be with us on New Year's Weekend. Bishop Mark will celebrate at preach at both the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Services on Sunday, **January 1, 2017.**

WELCOME FR. HAL

Fr. Hal Scott will serve as Celebrant and Preacher at both services on **Sunday, January 15, 2015.** Thank you Hal!

THE WEDNESDAY EVENING HOLY COMMUNION

There will NO Services of Holy Communion on Wednesdays
Dec. 28 and Jan. 4 at 6:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: HEBREWS

There will be NO class on Dec. 28 or Jan. 4. Classes in the Book of Hebrews will resume on Wednesday January 11 AT 7:15 pm with Lesson Seven in the Study Guide, and continue through April 12.

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." John 14:25-26 And, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment." John 16:7-8

Jesus' death and resurrection mean many things to Christians: redemption, salvation, freedom, and eternal life. He also opened the doorway for the Holy Spirit to become alive in us. He is called the Paraclete, Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Teacher, Standby, Strengthened, and more. He is the active Mediator between our Father God and us, convicting us of sin, righteousness and judgment. He is the third Person of God, the Deity of God, everywhere at once and eternal, equal to the Father and Son. His gifts are free for the taking. Spiritual gifts are grace gifts; that is to say, God given beyond what we deserve. They are revealed in the Old and the New Testament, given to equip us for God's service. We do ourselves a disservice by not engaging in these gifts. We are being left out of God's design and joy for us when we deny or ignore our gifts, for they allow us to make transformation of God's world.

Are you aware of your Spiritual gifts? Do you use them in your personal and private worship of our God? Do you know how to use them, voluntarily, to enhance the body of Christ? Do you encourage others in faith to use their gifts? Are you ready for an adventure individually and corporately in obedient service to Christ? Then fasten your seatbelt, True Believer, and here we go!

1) Identify Gifts: There are many on-line free surveys. The Wagner-Modified Houts Questionnaire, is comprehensive, covering 25 spiritual gifts with related scriptural references, and will give you a *"tentative evaluation of where your gifts may lie. As with all things these should be confirmed by others that know you as well as by those who are you pastor and elders in the Lord."* (p. 15) Remember that spiritual gifts are different from talents and the fruit of the Spirit.

2) Awareness: Become aware and won your gifts through prayer, discernment, meditation, study, and discussion with others, in faith. Identify your passion(s) to serve God.

3) Apply: Use your gifts; encourage others to do the same. Edify one another in the body of Christ.

4) Further study: C. Peter Wagner's book, [Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow](#).

Jean Stinnett

THIS CHANGED EVERYTHING: FIVE HUNDRED YEARS OF THE REFORMATION

In October 2017, we will commemorate the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of "The 95 Theses" on the door of the Wittenberg University chapel. This is considered the date the "The Protestant Reformation" began. During the Christian Formation Hour on Sunday, January 22, we will begin a fourteen-week exploration of the Reformation, its roots, its teachings, its hopes, failures and consequences. We will also consider what lessons we might learn and apply to the current life and ministry of the Church today. Classes will feature a DVD presentation prepared by the Christian History Institute, and includes contributors from Roman Catholic, Anglican, Protestant and Anabaptist traditions. To participate please register in the Narthex beginning on January 15 so that adequate study materials may be prepared.

Why should I care about the Reformation? (*From the Program Guide*)

The Reformation is more than a fascinating period of history -- it significantly impacted the formation of Western Civilization. The questions reformers raised remain critical for the church today. Like the reformers, we must still discern what or who is our ultimate authority. We continue to seek understanding about what it means to be saved by grace through faith, even when we know that faith without works is dead. We persist in debating the meaning of baptism and communion, the role of the Scripture and of the clergy, and the definition of the true church. We continue to struggle with the separation of church and state. This series is not only a journey into our past but also an essential exercise for discerning how we are to live as Christians in a divided church.

Class Schedule:

January 22 - A Monk's Conscience	March 12 - The Irony
January 29 - A Monk's Conviction	March 19 - The Roman Catholic Reformation
February 5 - A Monk's Courage	March 26 - The Theologian
February 12 - A Monk's Counterpart	April 2 - The Bloodshed
February 19 - A Monk's Competition	April 9 - The Puritans
February 26 - The King	April 16 - EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST
March 5 - The Radicals	April 23 - The New World
	April 30 - A New Era?

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Bishop Mark asks that each parish appoint a Parish Communications Officer. That person would be responsible for passing on Parish news to the Diocese and disseminating news from the Diocese to the Parish in whatever way is appropriate. Will you consider praying about serving in this capacity? If you would like more information, or feel the Holy Spirit's nudge, contact Fr. Stan.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST –
“BREAKFAST WITH OSWALD”**

Saturday, January 21 from 8:00-9:30 AM

the men will gather at

The Peppercorn Restaurant
on Sherwood Way, have breakfast
together and discuss a reading
from Oswald Chambers:

“RECALL WHAT GOD REMEMBERS”

*Am I as spontaneously kind to God
as I used to be, or am I only expecting
God to be kind to me?”*

Please call the church office and let Jenny know
to reserve your place at the table no
later than Wednesday, Jan. 18th!

**THE VESTRY
MEETING**

The regular monthly Vestry meeting will
be held on Monday, **January 16**,
beginning at 6:00 PM in the conference
room. This meeting is open to all
members of the congregation.



Meet Monday
January 9th
at 6:00 pm
in the
Conference Room



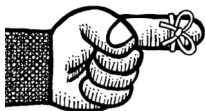
Please feel free to use
the RO water dispenser
in the kitchen.

Also, the ice maker in the kitchen
uses RO water and is for the
congregation's use.



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, secrtary.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 :)**

NURSERY CARE

For children five and younger, nursery care is provided from 9:00-Noon. Sarah and Leann attend the children, and both are trained in child care and Ministry Safe. The Nursery is located across the hall from the Library. Children may be picked up at the Offertory and brought to the church to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with us.

January Bible Readings

New Testament		Old Testament	
▶MATTHEW	▶ACTS	▶PSALMS	▶GENESIS
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9. <input type="checkbox"/> 4:18-25	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:17-42	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 24
10. <input type="checkbox"/> 5:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 25-26
11. <input type="checkbox"/> 5:13-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:1-38	<input type="checkbox"/> 11	<input type="checkbox"/> 27-28
12. <input type="checkbox"/> 5:21-32	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:39-60	<input type="checkbox"/> 12	<input type="checkbox"/> 29-30
13. <input type="checkbox"/> 5:33-48	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:1-25	<input type="checkbox"/> 13	<input type="checkbox"/> 31
14. <input type="checkbox"/> 6:1-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:26-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 14	<input type="checkbox"/> 32-33
15. <input type="checkbox"/> 6:16-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:1-19	<input type="checkbox"/> 15	<input type="checkbox"/> 34-35
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17. <input type="checkbox"/> 7:1-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:1-23	<input type="checkbox"/> 17	<input type="checkbox"/> 37-38
18. <input type="checkbox"/> 7:15-29	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:24-48	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:1-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 39-40
19. <input type="checkbox"/> 8:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:1-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:25-50	<input type="checkbox"/> 41
20. <input type="checkbox"/> 8:14-22	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:19-30	<input type="checkbox"/> 19	<input type="checkbox"/> 42-43
21. <input type="checkbox"/> 8:23-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 12	<input type="checkbox"/> 20	<input type="checkbox"/> 44-45
22. <input type="checkbox"/> 9:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:1-25	<input type="checkbox"/> 21	<input type="checkbox"/> 46-47
23. <input type="checkbox"/> 9:14-26	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:26-52	<input type="checkbox"/> 22:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 48
24. <input type="checkbox"/> 9:27-38	<input type="checkbox"/> 14	<input type="checkbox"/> 22:12-31	<input type="checkbox"/> 49
25. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:1-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:1-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 23	<input type="checkbox"/> 50

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January Birthdays

1/1	Jo Lieber
1/3	Katie Harrison
1/12	Scott Reisdorfer
1/15	Caroline Benson
1/17	Karen Czarnecki
1/25	Jay Dunteman
1/28	Jean Yarbrough

**February Agnus Dei
Deadline is January 20th**



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