



# Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

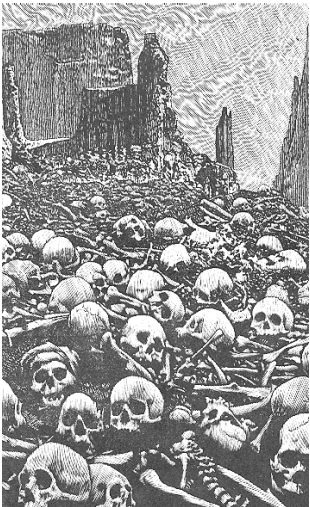
Reaching Individuals and Families of the Concho Valley with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ!

## AGNUS DEI

February 2017

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Isaiah 22.1



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Brothers and sisters,

We usually think of vision as happening on mountain tops. The Lord Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John on Mt. Tabor. The Scripture tells us that visions can also come in the valley. For example, the prophet Ezekiel was given the vision of the valley full of dry bones representing the people of Israel. Our Lord gives us a vision of the disciple's life from a level place in the northern valley near the sea of Galilee where He shared what we call the beatitudes. Interestingly, the site in Israel where this is said to have taken place is on the Mount of Beatitudes! What each of these and many others have in common is that each of the visions involves mission. The Lord's mission in which He invites or commands us to participate.

Five years ago, a group of 26 of our members met with Fr. Tom a consultant and church planter who is the director of Titus Institute. For a weekend at Christ the King Retreat Center, Fr. Tom guided us in the steps to determine what the vision and mission of Good Shepherd parish is, and how best to express that so members could recognize and embrace the vision for themselves, build the ministry and impact the local community. You will find these on the last page of the Sunday bulletins. **Vision:** Here For All. One For Christ. **Mission:** We are a vibrant, relevant, Word-based church *embracing individuals and families in the Concho Valley by offering love, practical support and spiritual growth through the transforming love of Jesus Christ.* **Core Values** and **Essential Beliefs** are also listed there. Does that speak to who we are? Do you identify with the Vision and Mission? Where do you see the Vision and Mission in action in your life, in others' lives, and in the parish? Where do you see the Vision and Mission lacking? Is it time to revisit the process to determine a new vision and mission statement which better states who we are and what we are about?

Our Vestry will hold a day away on Feb. 4 and continue to consider who we are and what we are about. The primary source is to seek the Holy Spirit's direction and guidance, and in that, we all need to participate. As we continue this self-examination, remember the purpose is to improve the health and vitality of the church in this place, responding to the Lord's leading with confidence that He who began the good work in us will bring it to completion when Jesus returns. Until then, let's pray for one another and for the work the Lord desires to accomplish in us and through us in the "valley of vision."

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Father Stan

# COMMEMORATION OF ATTORNEY GEORGE FINLEY

On Sunday, February 12, we will remember with gratitude the life and service of our Attorney George Finley who died in late December. George represented the parish in the law suit brought against us by The Episcopal Church, and, with other counsel, led us through successful appeals. The case has now been submitted to the District Court in San Angelo for summary Judgment. Mrs. Finley and members of the Law Firm will be with us for The Holy Eucharist at 10:30 AM and the luncheon to follow in the Parish Hall. Please sign up on the reservation sheet in the Narthex so that adequate provision may be made for all.



## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE SUPPER

Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 6:00-7:00 PM the Vestry will prepare and serve pancakes and sausage in the parish hall. Shrove Tuesday is the day for removing the 'fat' from our homes in preparation to keep the Lenten Fast. Shrove comes from the old middle English word 'Shriven' meaning *to go* to confession to ask forgiveness for the sins you've committed. It's also known as Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday. Join us and bring some friends!

# FEAST

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## ASH WEDNESDAY

The Holy Eucharist with the distribution of ashes to those who wish to receive them will be on March 1, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

## LENTEN PREPARATION - The Good Of Giving Up



Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 1**, and is a time of preparing to celebrate the passion, death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus at Easter. Does Lent only remind you of giving up chocolate or forcing daily prayer time on a busy schedule? Do you know why such practices (fasting, almsgiving, confession, and general acts of devotion and piety) emerged in the life of the Church? How do they connect to your soul? Fr. Aaron Damiani, is a priest in the Anglican Church in North America and pastor of Immanuel Anglican Church in Chicago, and has written a feast of ideas, theology, tradition, and practices to consider *before* we enter the Forty Days. We have purchased a limited number of copies which will be available in the Narthex of the church. The book is yours for the taking, and for those who can a donation of \$10 per book will help cover the expenses. You can also purchase the book through Amazon or download it on your Kindle. An interview with Fr. Aaron may be heard on YouTube at the following link. <http://www.leaderworks.org/giving-up-for-lent/>

# JESUS OUR HEALER ~ ALL PARISH RETREAT

The weekend in pictures



Linda, Bob, Stanley, Judy... We really did more than sit at the table and eat!

Who's that next to Rosemary?

Eileen and Dale, conversations

George - how many ribs do you consume???

Fr Jon and Dale - leaders for our retreat on the theme Jesus

Cleaning up before we return home.

God loves cheerful givers!

The Lord's Table prepared for Eucharist



## A CHURCH WORKDAY

is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th at 8am. 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.

## DEANERY RETREAT - MARCH 10, 11, 12, 2017

Good Shepherd will host our first deanery retreat, All Saints, St. Paul's and Good Shepherd parishes for a Men's Retreat at Walnut Creek Ranch, and a Woman's In-Treat on our church campus. Both retreats will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday night with finger foods and fellowship; meet respectively at the Ranch and Church Campus on Saturday; and gather together on Sunday morning for The Holy Eucharist at 10:30 AM at Good Shepherd. THERE WILL BE NO 8 AM SERVICE ON MARCH 12. Following the 10:30 Service, lunch will be served in the parish hall, and we will bid our brothers and sisters from Midland Farewell!



### RETREAT DETAILS:

Retreat Leaders:

**Men's** Portion - Bishop Mark Zimmerman,

**Women's** Portion - Cindy Zimmerman



The Holy Eucharist:

**ALL** - each parish will choose ministers to serve at the Sunday morning worship.

**SERVERS:** please contact Fr. Stan or Fr. Tom if you would like to serve at Sunday morning worship. Usher, Greeter, Crucifer, Acolyte, Lector, LEM or musician. We will send copies of the Choir Anthem to All Saints and St Paul's for musicians who would like to sing in a joint choir. Choir rehearsal will be at 9:30 AM on Sunday.

Bring: **Men** will need their bedding, towels etc.

Campers, Motor Homes, Tents: Men may also bring RV's or tents if they would prefer.

Firearms: there will be opportunities to do target shooting for those who bring their own weapons.

Bring: **Women** will be hosted by the women of Good Shepherd in their homes. If you are able to host one of the ladies, please indicate that on the reservation sign up in the Narthex.

**ALL:** Reservations and a \$50.00/person *non-refundable* registration is due at Good Shepherd no later than Sunday, March 5. Checks should be made payable to ACGS, with retreat in the "memo."

## Concert for Life

Thanks to all the Good Shepherd folks for:  
your prayers, attendance, donations  
and volunteering!



Sincerely, Friends of the PHC



# DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

How does one become the person God wants him/her to be? C. Peter Wagner, leading authority in the fields of church growth and spiritual warfare, directs us to Romans 12:16. "To do the 'good and acceptable and perfect will of God' you must think soberly of yourself. To think soberly, you must be realistic about your measure of faith. Your measure of faith is the spiritual gift that has determined which member of the Body God has designed you to be, and it therefore reveals to you the special task God has given you to perform, presumable for the rest of your life." C. Peter Wagner, Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow, Chosen Books, Bloomington, MN, 2012, p 27.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is a real Person (individual existence of a conscious being) and also God. He is everywhere at once (Ps. 139:7), eternal (Heb. 9:14), and equal with the Father and the Son (Matt. 3:16-17, 28:19-20). The Bible speaks of the mind (Rom. 8:27) and the will (1 Cor. 12:11) of the Holy Spirit. He is often described as speaking directly to men in the book of Acts. God in three Persons existed before creation. "And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the water" (Gen. 1:2b). By the power of His spoken word, God willed creation into existence (Gen. 1:3). Christ the Word was the agent of this creative process (John 1:1-3, Eph. 3:9, Col. 1:16). Our triune God exists in three persons, the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Because Christ lived, died and rose again, He now lives in us through the Holy Spirit. This indwelling of the Holy Spirit assures us of eternal life (Romans 8).

Biblical References to Spiritual Gifts

Every study of spiritual gifts must be scripture centered. The Bible is rich with references to spiritual gifts, especially in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12-14, Ephesians 4, and 1 Peter 4, and many more places. These gifts are supernatural endowments given freely to each individual by our gracious God for His good purpose. Salvation is given by Jesus Christ to all who believe in His resurrection; this is separate from our good works: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). Spiritual gifts enable Christians to perform the good works necessary for the edification and perpetuation of the body of Christ, that is the church. Spiritual gifts allow us to work together, in harmony in the community of believers, to spread the Gospel of Christ. We are exhorted to, "with all lowliness and gentleness, with patience, bear with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: (Eph. 4:2-3). The purpose of gifts is "for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God: (Eph. 4:12-13). Scripture tells us to use our gifts in love and unity, and "be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which is created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness" (Eph. 4:23-24).

To be continued in March: Spiritual Warfare, Unity and Love.

Jean Stinnett

## **THIS CHANGED EVERYTHING: FIVE HUNDRED YEARS OF THE REFORMATION**

In October 2017, we will commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> 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:**

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| 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, February 18 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.

Please call or email the church office and let  
Jenny know to reserve your place at the table  
no later than Thursday, February 16th!

**THE VESTRY  
MEETING**

The regular monthly Vestry meeting will  
be held on Monday, **February 20**,  
beginning at 6:00 PM in the conference  
room. This meeting is open to all  
members of the congregation.



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

**DISCRETIONARY OFFERINGS**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**CHILDCARE WORKER NEEDED:**

We are in need of a nursery worker on  
Wednesday mornings from 9:45 to 11:45.  
Compensation is \$10.00 per hour and  
you must take the Ministry Safe training.  
Training and certification is an easy process  
and is provided at no charge to the individual.  
If you are interested this position, please  
contact Nan Barber at 325-374-4598.



**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](mailto: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.

## February Bible Readings

### New Testament

#### ► MATTHEW ► ACTS

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### Old Testament

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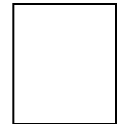
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

## February Birthdays

|             |                          |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| <b>2/1</b>  | <b>Leann Springer</b>    |
| <b>2/1</b>  | <b>Stanley Holik</b>     |
| <b>2/3</b>  | <b>David Gould</b>       |
| <b>2/6</b>  | <b>Patty Davenport</b>   |
| <b>2/11</b> | <b>Kyle Baker</b>        |
| <b>2/14</b> | <b>Buddy Otto</b>        |
| <b>2/20</b> | <b>Jo Millican</b>       |
| <b>2/20</b> | <b>Richard Roberts</b>   |
| <b>2/23</b> | <b>Kathi Johnson</b>     |
| <b>2/23</b> | <b>Martha Sue Oliver</b> |
| <b>2/27</b> | <b>Micaela Brown</b>     |

### March Agnus Dei

**Deadline is February 16th**



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