



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 2017

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Acts 1.3

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Brothers and sisters,

When you hear the word “*passion*” what comes to mind? In John 14.31, Jesus says: “*...the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what My Father has commanded Me.*” What has the Father commanded? John 10.17, 18 “*The reason the Father loves Me is that I lay down My life - only to take it up again... this command I received from My Father.*” Jesus’ passion is to do the will of the Father.

And, “*God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have life everlasting.*” (John 3.16) Jesus’ love for the Father takes Him from heaven’s throne, through the corridors of eternity, to and through the womb of the Virgin Mary, the childhood home in Nazareth, the public ministry in Galilee and Judea, to the upper room, the garden of Gethsemane, courts of priests, Pharisees, scribes, governor, king, and public opinion, the scourging pillar, the mocking soldiers, the jeering crowds, the bearing of the cross, His being nailed thereto, hung to die, and finally laid in a borrowed tomb... and yes, from which Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day. The passion of Jesus was to live out His love for the Father where we could all see and hear it. 1 John 4.9ff “*This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*”

From Palm Sunday through Resurrection Sunday we will gather to remember and live into the passionate love of Jesus. A schedule of Holy Week worship services is found elsewhere in this newsletter. What wondrous love is this? It is the Father’s love for you seen in the Son’s love for the Father so that you “*should not perish but have life everlasting.*” I pray that with the apostles and disciples we will experience and testify that Jesus still shows “*Himself alive after His passion...*”

Glory be to Jesus

Stan Burdick +

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FOUR IDEAS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

"This Changed Everything," our current series on the Reformation for Adult Sunday School at 9:15 in the conference room, is a sweeping overview of the political, religious and social environment of Europe and the reformers, and the response of the various kings and the Roman church to the reformers and their ideas.

Our next study will be a four week study on the four central ideas that the Reformation restored to the Church: Martin Luther - Grace Alone; John Calvin - Faith Alone; William Tyndale - Scripture Alone; and Archbishop Thomas Cranmer - Christ Alone. We will study the Scripture that reveals these foundational teachings of the Christian Faith and the Reformed churches. The course will be a Bible study with DVD presentation and w workbook for participants. We have fifteen workbooks ordered. If you would like to reserve a workbook, please notify Fr. Stan. Suggested donation for the workbook is \$5.00.

INQUIRER'S CLASS

Would you like to know more about following Jesus in the Anglican Way, then Inquirer's Classes will be held on Sundays at 9:15 AM in the church conference room: August 20, 27, Sept. 10, 17, 24 and Oct. 1, and Thursday October 5 at 7:00 PM. For those wishing to be Confirmed when Bishop Mark visits on Sunday, October 10, Inquirers' Classes are required. Watch for registration sign-up in the Narthex of the church at the beginning of August.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED EASTER BASKETS FOR THE POOR



Once again, many donated toward the purchase of Food Baskets distributed to the poor through our ministry partner Project Dignidad. Thank you for offering your alms for this wonderful and needed ministry. If you have not already contributed to this ministry, we will still accept your basket, box or bag until Palm Sunday, April 9.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE FLOWER FUND

For all those who donated toward the purchase of flowers to grace the sanctuary for the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection, thank you.



GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

The offering received on Good Friday will be sent to Christ Church, Jerusalem. Christ Church is an Anglican Congregation made up of those who were Jewish and have embraced Jesus as the Messiah and Savior. They continue to carry the Gospel to Jews across Israel. Your generosity is appreciated. Christ Church is the oldest protestant church in the city of Jerusalem.

PALM CROSSES



Friday, April 7 at 5:30pm you are invited to help strip palms for the crosses we wear on our lapels Palm Sunday morning. Saturday, April 8th @ 9:00am we will meet to make the palm crosses. All are welcome to help, it is a fun time! FMI contact Nan Holloway at 325-656-2468

Holy week



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY

8:00 and 10:30 AM - Blessing & Procession with Palms
Reading of the Passion according to St Matthew
The Holy Eucharist

7:00 PM - Solemn Evening Prayer
Living letter

HOLY MONDAY, HOLY TUESDAY

7:00 PM - Solemn Evening Prayer

HOLY WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross
Led by the Daughters of the Holy Cross

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 pm - The Washing of Feet
The Holy Eucharist
The Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 PM - Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death

HOLY SATURDAY

Noon - Mid Day Prayer

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

9:00 AM - Easter Breakfast In The Parish Hall

10:30 AM - Festival Holy Eucharist

THE VESTRY MEETING

The regular monthly Vestry meeting will be held on Monday, **April 24**, beginning at 6:00 PM in the conference room. This meeting is open to all members of the congregation.



Meet Monday
April 3rd
at 6:00 pm
in the
Conference Room

*Thank
you*

3-7-17

*Hard to thank a
large group of
people who were
all very involved*

*in the special Sunday Church
service in memory of George.
It was just perfect! Your church is
beautiful and all of you are
unbelievable. Food was wonderful
and Mark Brown outdid himself
in explaining the case and
George's involvement in it.
We will never forget that very
special day! My family and I
appreciate it so very much.
God bless all of you,
Peggy Finley and family*

CHURCH WIDE PHOTO SHOOT

On Palm Sunday we will take a group photo of church members on the steps in front of the church immediately following the 10:30 AM Service. Please stay around or come back if you attend the early service!

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We are updating our Church Pictorial Directory, and Lu Czarnecki is our photographer.

Watch and listen for details in the Sunday worship booklet and bulletin.

CHILDCARE WORKER STILL 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.



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



The annual
Pregnancy Help Center Life Walk,
will be **Saturday, April 22, 9am**
It's fun and easy!

As you know, the PHC is a safe haven for women who find themselves in an unexpected pregnancy.

Help us reach our goal of
10 walkers on our Good Shepherd team!

Sign up in the Narthex and get your Sponsor Pledge Form from Rosemary Holm (832-414-9485), then get friends, family and colleagues to support your one-mile walk. All proceeds benefit the Pregnancy Help Center of Concho Valley, Inc.



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.



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.



Please refrain from bringing aluminum cans to the church for recycling. There's no longer anyone to buy them in town. Also, we are no longer collecting Sunday bulletins for recycling. You are encouraged to take a bulletin home to be up to date with our liturgies, events, ministries and news. *Thanks*

DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Understanding Spiritual Gifts: Getting Started

The following information comes directly from C. Peter Wagner's book, Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow (Minneapolis, MN, Chosen Books, 2012), p. 33 and Chapter Five, "How I Found My Gifts and How You Can Find Yours," pp. 109-134.

What is a Spiritual Gift? "A spiritual gift is a special attribute given by the Holy Spirit to every member of the Body of Christ, according to God's grace, for use within the context of the body." (p. 33)

How do we discover our gifts? Peter Wagner suggests we be mindful of Four Fundamental Prerequisites. "First, you have to be a Christian... Do this before you look for spiritual gifts, because if you are not yet in the Body, you do not have a spiritual gift at all." Pp. 110-111

"Second, you have to believe in spiritual gifts... This, then, becomes a question of faith... For the steps to work, you must have a sense of gratitude to God that he has, in fact, given you a gift, and a sense of joyful anticipation in finding out what it is." pp. 111-112

Third, you have to be willing to work... God's help is needed to accomplish this (spiritual exercise)... Be open to what He wants to do through you.: pp 112 Fourth, you have to pray... Because God wants you to discover your spiritual gift, He certainly will give you all the help you will need. Just ask and believe that He will." pp. 113

Step 1: Explore the Possibilities through Five Ways

Study the Bible. Read the major passages on spiritual gifts in different versions of the Bible until you feel you are familiar with what they reveal. P. 114 Note: Step III in the Wagner-Modified Houts Questionnaire itemizes several scriptures relating to each of the 25 spiritual gifts outlined there. Also, please refer to Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12-14, Ephesians 4, and 1 Peter 4.

Learn Your Churches Position on Gifts. *** (See list on page 2 showing which gifts are evident in ministries at the Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd) "When you learn what it is, you will then have better parameters within which to take this first step of exploring the possibilities." pp 114-115 Read extensively. There is a rich variety of literature on spiritual gifts; explore them. Get to know gifted people. Seek them out and talk to them about their ministry through gifts. P.116 Make gifts a conversation piece. Talk about the optimum possibilities that gifts give our ministries. P. 116

Step 2: Experiment With As Many Gifts As You Can

Look For the Needs. "Discovering gifts does not usually come quickly... Look around for the needs of other people, and the needs of the church... Find out where you can be useful in any way, and do it." p. 117 Discover which gifts you do and don't have. It is just as important to know which gifts you have as it is to know which gifts you do not have. Pp. 117-120 Use the gifts inventory. "Although a gifts inventory should never be considered the final word on discovering gifts, it does point in helpful directions." p. 121

Step 3: Examine Your Feelings

Peter Wagner believes that God wants us to feel good about using our gifts, and when we do, we are more fruitful for His good purpose. Pp. 121-124

Step 4: Evaluate Your Effectiveness

"Spiritual gifts are task oriented, so it isn't out of order to expect them to work. If God has given you a gift, He has done so because he wants you to accomplish something for Him in the context of the Body of Christ. Gifted people see results." p. 124

Step 5: Expect Confirmation from the Body

"When members of the Body confirm one another's gifts, more can be accomplished just on the basis of people working harder at what God has called them to do." p. 130

*** The Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd: Spiritual Gifts Which are Evident in our ministries (and there may be more!)

The Altar Guild: Encouragement (Exhortation), Mercy, Wisdom, Service, Faith Giving

Musicians: Helps, Craftsmanship, Knowledge, Teaching Leadership, Service, Faith, Healing, Communication

Lectors and LEM: Helps, Teaching, Service, Faith, Shepherding, Leadership

Ushers: Encouragement, Service, Teaching, Faith, Helps, Hospitality, Leadership

Greeters: Hospitality, Service, Teaching, Encouragement, Evangelism, Helps, Faith

Daughters of the Holy Cross: Mercy, Helps, Prophecy, Encouragement, Knowledge, Service, Wisdom, Intercession, Evangelism, Faith, Discernment, Giving

Adult and Youth Formation: Faith, Hospitality, Giving, Administration, Teaching, Leadership, Helps, Encouragement, Knowledge, Communication

Outreach: Missionary, Evangelism, Shepherding, Administration, Teaching, Giving, Knowledge, Helps, Hospitality, Communication

Communications: Leadership, Teaching, Wisdom, Knowledge, Administration, Hospitality, Communication

Maintenance: Craftsmanship, Wisdom, Giving, Service, Administration


Fellowship: Hospitality, Mercy, Encouragement, Service, Faith, Giving, Teaching

Vestry: Service, Leadership, Administration, Teaching, Knowledge, Discernment

Jean Stinnett

April Bible Readings


	New Testament		Old Testament	
	▶ MARK	▶ 1 COR.	▶ PSALMS	▶ JOSHUA
1.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-8	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 72	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2
2.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:9-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:18-31	<input type="checkbox"/> 73	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-5
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:21-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 74	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-7
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10.	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:1-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:17-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 80	<input type="checkbox"/> 22-23
11.	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:21-41	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 81	<input type="checkbox"/> 24
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12.	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:1-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 82	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3
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16.	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:30-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:1-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 86	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
17.	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:45-56	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:17-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 87	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-12
18.	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:1-23	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 88	<input type="checkbox"/> 13-15
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21.	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:14-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:1-25	<input type="checkbox"/> 90	<input type="checkbox"/> 19
22.	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:22-30	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:26-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 91	<input type="checkbox"/> 20-21
				▶ RUTH
23.	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:31-38	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:1-28	<input type="checkbox"/> 92	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
24.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:29-58	<input type="checkbox"/> 93	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3
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**APRIL
BIRTHDAYS**

4/23
Sharon Weber

4/26
Dallas Christian



**May Agnus Dei
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