



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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Brothers and sisters,

In fields surrounding San Angelo winter wheat is ready to be harvested, maize is being planted, and fields are being prepared to plant cotton. In pastures, lambs, kids, calves and foals joyfully frolic, and grass lands are a patch work of wild flowers. There's a lift in our step even with the high pollen counts! And thank you Lord for the rain, and please grant us more rain! Amen. It's a delight to see the earth bearing fruit all around us of every conceivable variety! Thank you, Lord!

The Scriptures during the Sundays of Eastertide direct our attention to the fruit of lives filled with the Holy Spirit and surrendered to the Lord Jesus. Just as we depend on the Lord for seasonable weather, adequate rainfall, and physical energy to prepare, wait, plant, wait, water, wait, harvest, wait in the natural order, it is so in the spiritual order. Our spiritual lives need to be prepared, planted, watered, nourished and brought to fruition by the Lord Jesus. The Spirit gives life. We need to cooperate with Him.

We're immersing from a terrible natural and supernatural drought. What kind of fruit are we bearing? Are we bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit? Are our souls cluttered with stony resentments, our hearts clogged with rocky grudges, our eyes blinded by unforgiveness? Our tongues wagging with gossip? Are we daily availing ourselves of the living water of the Holy Spirit provided to us through the Scriptures, prayer, Holy Communion and fellowship? Have we shied away from home group meetings and opportunities to study and pray together?

Are you resolved to follow Jesus and seek His kingdom and His glory? In this Eastertide let us be attentive to the Holy Spirit, seeking the Lord at every opportunity, trampling Satan under our feet and bearing the fruit of the Spirit to the honor and glory of our Risen Lord Jesus. "Let us spur one another on to good works, and do not forsake the assembling of yourselves together as is the habit of some. Let us spur one another on to love and good works" (Hebrews 10.24-25) drawing nearer to the Lord Jesus, for truly, without Him we can do nothing.

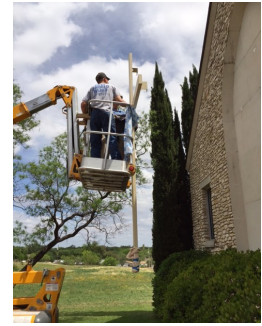
We are securely Christ's own forever,

Father Stan

PROFILE IN SERVING



Among many of the Lord's servants at Good Shepherd is Henry McWilliams. Over eighteen years ago Henry noticed that the large concrete arch on the West Beauregard end of the Education wing needed something, and decided that it was a large cross. So Henry made a large steel cross, had it powder coated, made and placed the brackets in the wall to support it, and then placed it on the building. It's been a beautiful addition over the years. And a testimony to Henry's care is that it's been eighteen years and only recently begun to



show any wear. So, Henry again took the initiative, spoke to the Junior Warden, and made plans to have the cross removed, once again powder coated and painted. On Good Friday this year, Henry and Curtis Hensley placed the cross in its original position, and this year, added a series of LED lights behind the cross which illumines it during hours of darkness. It's quite beautiful, and when you see Henry, be sure to thank him for his creativity and thoughtfulness. This page features photos of the refurbished cross .



THANK YOU RODNEY AND SHERRI BROWN



Rodney and Sherri have served the Lord and His family at Good Shepherd for many years. Most notably, the Pregnancy Help Center was 'birthed' in the dining room of their home, and Sherri and Rodney have been the lynch pin of the children's Sunday School classes for years. She and Rodney faithfully serve the children of the parish magnificently. They are preparing to move to Fort Worth on May 25 where Rodney now works. To thank them for their

love and ministry among us over the years, **on Sunday, May 21, at the 10:30 AM service, we will recognize and pray for Rodney and Sherri, and following the service have a luncheon in their honor.**

We miss them already. Whenever folks gathered to serve they have been here. Well done good and faithful servants. We love you and pray you will as blessed in your going as we have been in your being members of this congregation!

“ROGATION SUNDAY,” MAY 21, THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

What does "Rogation" mean?

"Rogation" means "asking," from the Latin word *'rogare.'* We call this Sunday "Rogation Sunday" because the 3 days which follow it are ancient Rogation Days, these being the 3 days leading up to the great Feast of the Ascension of our Lord (a much neglected holy day!).



Rogations Days have been a part of the Christian year from the sixth century on.

How should we observe these days? Rogation days are days of prayerful supplication to the Lord. In more agrarian cultures of yesterday, it was common for the church to gather on the Rogation Days to ask God to bless the crops being sown. We would ask Him to send rain and bless us with a good harvest later in the year. Often the prayers would have been said (or sung) as the church processed around the boundary lines of the parish (see picture above).

It is from the rogation day prayers (as found in the Sarum Sacramentary) that Archbishop Thomas Cranmer formulated the Litany (1545), which was his first work of liturgical reform. The Litany may be found in the Texts for Common Prayer on the Provincial website www.anglican church.net, or on the information book shelf in the Narthex. You may join us to sing the Litany on Wednesday evening, May 24th at 6:00 PM, prior to the Ascension Eve Holy Eucharist at 6:30 PM.

ASCENSION DAY

May 25 is the celebration of the Lord Jesus' Ascension into heaven 40 days after His resurrection. We will Celebrate Ascension Eve with The Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30 PM. Incense will be used at this service. We will also celebrate Ascension on Thursday, May 25th with Morning Prayer in the Chapel at 8:00 AM.



Denise and Paul



Bob and Linda

WELCOME NEW CHRISTIAN FORMATION TEACHERS!

We thank the Lord for encouraging Paul and Denise Hatcher and Bob and Linda Schneeman to step forward to lead the Children's Sunday School classes. They are being oriented by Sherri Brown, and are already immersed in this ministry. We pray with thankfulness for each of you, and pledge to pray and support you in every way we can. Thank you for serving!

ROGATION DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST, APRIL 23-25

The new green of mesquite trees is like no other in West Texas. I have seen pictures of green in Ireland, a wonder color of new growth and national pride. New mesquite green is as good as it gets in this neck of the woods. What a refreshing change from lifeless branches in pasture land and fields, the obvious shift from winter to spring as days grow longer. The travelers are back: barn swallows wanting to rebuild nests they abandoned months ago in the eaves of our house. We comply, so long as they nest away from doorways. Scissortails are more aloof, choosing trees to nest in. And my own favorite, the cardinal, began his signature chirp weeks ago, calling for his mate and staking out his territory. Lord God, how magnificent is Your creation! Thank You for these beautiful signs of Your presence.

This year, all the cows delivered live calves. Thank You, Father God. We chose not to keep heifers, after last year's horror of losing three in childbirth. On the other hand, two goats delivered dead kids prematurely. The same old thought plagues us: Could we have somehow prevented this catastrophe? Ultimately, we move on to caring for those who do survive, including one nanny needing a trip to the vet clinic. Even then, she needed two shots from us every 3 days for a week. We put a collar around her neck in order to catch her more easily and safely, for us and for her. Animals do not like this attention, even if it is for their own good. And we do not want to get hurt if we can prevent accidents. My husband learned the hard way that a docile mother cow can turn in an instant into a raging half ton of fury when confined in an unfamiliar and small chute. He and a friend, a seasoned cow hand himself, were trying to lance an infected sore on her head. Her determination not to be touched ended in her entanglement in a small space with cuts, abrasions, and bent limbs going every which way. The humans decided to cut their losses on injuries to her and themselves with a 35 cc. syringe of antibiotic. They held their breaths until she unwound from her pretzel position and walked off to find her calf. Preventing disease and injury sometimes comes with bruises and cuts, but we have to do our best. Blessed Lord, we thank You for patience and diligence in these situations. And bless the courageous friends who are willing to help one another in turmoil.

Earl, my BFF (beloved feline friend), again accompanied me to late night feedings of a kid goat whose mother gave up on him. He was limp and cold when I found him, a bobblehead on the brink of death. I cannot think at times like this, because I want to judge the instincts of a mere animal who delivered quads (one dead at birth) and only wanted to nurture 2. Instead I focus on warming him, outside and in, on mother's milk in a syringe. I put a tiny harness on him to use as a handle, holding him upright to stimulate circulation in his leg muscles. Miraculously, yes by God's grace, he survived. The harness came off on day 3 and his mother began nursing him on her own. I praise You, Lord!

As stressful as our story may seem, the Giles family in Kansas lost so much, more in recent raging fires. Three homes, the office, miles of fences, implements, vehicles, hundreds of cattle and horses burned completely. Thanks to our Gracious God, no human life was lost as they escaped with the clothes on their backs. It will take 3 years to rebuild their fences. This God-loving and God-fearing family relies on their faith and prayers to make it through each day.

Here is my prayer: Elohim, God of all creation, we worship and adore You. You gave us dominion over Your creatures great and small and created us in Your own image. You sent Your Son, the Word made flesh, for our salvation. Breath of Heaven, inspire us in faith and hope through Your Holy Spirit. Keep us humble and ever mindful of our duties to this land and harvest as Your abundant provision overflows. Many mercies renew each morning; Your forgiveness and love endure forever. The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. Blessed is the name of the Lord. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

Jean Stinnett

ALTAR FLOWERS

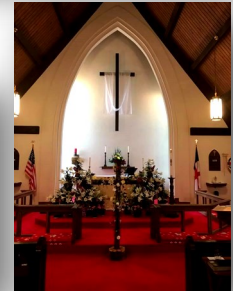


If you would like to provide altar flowers, **please write your name and the Sunday of your choice, also what you want printed in the bulletin** on the flower chart on the bulletin board across from the office. Flowers are purchased from Southwest Florist and are billed directly to the signer(s) for approximately \$45.00. You may contact the florist if you would like to choose special flowers but it may incur additional cost.

The Sundays available are:

August 27 ~ September 3, 10, and 24 ~ October 22 and 29 ~ November 12 ~ December 31

Holy Week and Easter Celebrations



Thank you to musicians, readers, acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, cooks and kitchen help, and all who made our celebration of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection so solemn, festive and memorable.



Monday, May 29th is the Federal Holiday which commemorates all those who have fallen in the armed services of our nation. While all give some, some give all. All are encouraged to remember the sacrifices men and women make for our freedom. **The church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.**



RENEW CONFERENCE

RENEW



“Confidence in Confusing Times”

“Developing Courage in an Age of Anxiety”

June 22-24, 2017
Sacramento Camp &
Conference Center

The First Annual RENEW Conference of the Anglican Diocese of the Southwest will be held Thursday, June 22nd through Saturday, June 24th at the Sacramento Camp and Conference Center near Cloudcroft, NM. Bishop Thad Barnum will be the speaker. Refer to the special mailing received in April for more details and information. This is a conference for all ages, and families are encouraged to participate. There are accommodations for all including those requiring handicapped facilities, and those who would like to bring their RVs. Brochures are available on the table outside the office. Questions: Call Nancy Griffin at (575) 682-1406.

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.

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 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.



WELCOME FR. HAL SCOTT

Fr. Hal will be with us on Sundays May 28, June 4, and Wednesdays May 1, May 31, and June 7 to celebrate the Holy Eucharist at services as Fr. Stan and Eileen are at Diocesan meetings and on holiday.



Meet Monday
May 1st,
6:00 pm at
Patty
Debenport's
home.

THE VESTRY MEETING

The regular monthly Vestry meeting will be held on Monday, **May 22**, beginning at 6:00 PM in the conference room. This meeting is open to all members of the congregation.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

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

Watch and listen for details in the Sunday worship booklet and Agnes Dei.

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.

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, sectary.acgs@suddenlinkmail.com or drop it off at the church office Monday-Friday, 9-11:30AM or Noon-2:00PM. Thank you.



Please discontinue 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*

May Bible Readings

<i>New Testament</i>		<i>Old Testament</i>	
▶ MARK	▶ 2 COR.	▶ PSALMS	▶ 1 SAMUEL
1. <input type="checkbox"/> 9:33-50	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 95	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2
2. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:1-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:12-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 96	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-5
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25. <input type="checkbox"/> 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 118	<input type="checkbox"/> 23-24



May Birthdays

5/16 Nan Holloway

5/28 Steve Shaw

5/29 Floy McNaughton

5/29 Anngie McWilliams



**June Agnus Dei
Deadline is May 19**



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