



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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Matthew 11.28



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Saints in the Lord Jesus,

S.W.O.T. The Vestry seeks the Lord's will for our current and future congregational ministry.

How are we living into our vision/mission statement? *"Reaching others in the Concho Valley with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ."* We are using the acronym S.W.O.T. as a method to evaluate how we perceive ourselves: S = Strengths, W = Weaknesses, O = Opportunities, T = Threats. What do you think our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats are? Let's consider S.W.O.T. from Apostle Paul's instruction in the Letter to the Ephesians.

S = Strengths. Eph. 6.10 - *"...be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power."*

The Lord teaches that we are powerless without the indwelling Holy Spirit, and that apart from Jesus we can do nothing. Scripture commands us to "wait on the Lord." Do I consistently set aside time each day to wait on the Holy Spirit for direction and guidance? Do I seek to yield to Him in the midst of unexpected and potentially overwhelming circumstances? Do I ask the Spirit to form my thoughts according to the Word of God written, and allow my conversation and intercession to reflect His wisdom and love? Do I believe that He alone has the power to change lives, circumstances, heal divisions?

W = Weaknesses. Eph. 2.20 - *"The life I live in the body I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God..."*

The Holy Spirit admonishes us to live into, and out of, our faith in Jesus. Do I set the grace of God aside by depending on myself or others for direction? Do I trust the Lord Jesus to guide and direct me in every aspect of my life? Do I seek to capture and surrender my thoughts to Jesus?

O = Opportunities. Eph. 5.16,17 - *"Be very careful then how you live... making the most of every opportunity."*

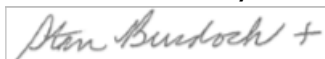
The Lord provides us with opportunities to share His transforming love with others every day. Am I alert to sharing what the Lord is doing in my life with those I speak to? Am I alert to pray with others as they seek the Lord in their daily life? Do I invite others to experience and grow in the transforming love of Jesus with me? Do I expect someone else to do the Lord's work?

T = Threats. Eph.6.12 - *"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil."*

The Lord Jesus tells us we have an enemy: Satan. Do I recognize that focusing on the material world and neglecting the spiritual world makes me vulnerable to Satan's deception and distraction? Do I appreciate the Lord Jesus power we can defeat Satan and allow us to trample him under our feet? Do I understand that to neglect the spiritual warfare waged against myself and every living person is to fall victim to the ultimate and eternal deception?

What do you think your and the congregations S.W.O.T. are? Will you take a few moments and consider what they might be? Take four pieces of paper marking them Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Jot down your thoughts on each as it applies to the category, and place them in the boxes in the Narthex of the church marked: S.W.O.T. We would love to get your input, and if you're willing, to the spiritual significance of each of them for you.

We are securely Christ's own forever,



Stan Burdock

Pastor

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.

RENEW CONFERENCE

RENEW



June 22-24 the Diocese is offering a Renewal Conference on *"Confidence in Confusing Times,"* led by Bishop Thad Barnum. There's still time to register, and information is available on the table in the Narthex. Sacramento Conference Center, near Cloudcroft, NM will be the venue.

FAREWELL RODNEY AND SHERRI BROWN

Rodney has taken employment in Fort Worth, and he and Sherri moved there on May 25. Rodney and Sherri are very active and committed members of the church, and we prayed with and for them, honored them, and blessed them on the next leg of their pilgrimage. "God be with them 'til we meet again."



FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The back parking lot of the church is a community gathering place for folks to watch the fireworks on Independence Day. You can see the display from Lake Nasworthy and downtown, and all without the hassle of traffic and crowds. Watch for details on this year's celebration, and plan to participate as we invite our neighbors to celebrate the Fourth of July with us.

Anglican Church Women

of Good Shepherd

We had a fun luncheon meeting to form the *Anglican Church Women*. Below are the committees that were formed. These ladies are the points of contact for the committees. If you'd like to help on one or more of the committees, please let the ladies know. We will be calling on you to help out.

First let me say a few words about the group. All women of the church are automatically members. There are no dues. Our purpose is to work together for the church and provide services for the members of our Parish. No one HAS to participate but we do pray that you will.

Fr. Stan suggested that we organize committees to provide meals to folks in the church that need help due to illness, family emergencies, shut-ins, anyone that needs a helping hand. Secondly a committee to plan and host fellowship activities for the parish such as luncheons, picnics, game night, etc. Suggestions are welcome. Lastly a committee to organize food, set up and clean up for funeral services. Fr. Stan will contact the chairpersons that are listed as they are the Point of Contact for each group. We will be calling and emailing everyone to participate. This will be a good way to meet everyone and develop friendships with all the members of the church. We suggested a quarterly meeting, but can meet at other times if necessary. Committee chairpersons will serve for 1 year terms.

There were three committees formed so far. Those committees are Fellowship, Outreach/Meal Train, Funeral Food.

Serving on the funeral food committee is Eileen Burdock, Linda Westbrook and Anggie McWilliams.

Serving on the Outreach committee is Denise Hatcher and Sharon Weber.

Serving on the fellowship committee is Rosemary Holm and Linda Wilson.

There are plans in the works for a men's group similar to ours. Look for upcoming news about that. We can look for opportunities to help our church and the community.

Thanks for serving,

Sharon Weber

Farewell and Thank You Judy Holik



Since early 2011 Judy has served as our accompanist and music director. She brings life, energy and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit to the ministry of music entrusted to her. With sadness, we accepted Judy's resignation as of July 30, 2017. Thank you for your service to the Lord and to us.

ACCOMPANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR NEEDED

Please share our need with those you know around San Angelo who may be interested in applying and auditioning for the position of accompanist and music director. They can obtain an application and arrange for an interview by calling our church secretary at (325) 949-6260, Monday through Friday, 9 AM - 2 PM.



A gift from Mary Jane

George and Mary Jane are downsizing and Mary Jane has donated a collection of skeins of yarn. If you are a stitcher or know someone who is, please help yourself. The yarn is in the room across from Judy's office.

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:

September 10 and 24 ~ October 22 and 29 ~ December 31

“Master, Teach Us To Pray”

These were the words of Jesus’ disciples. Who is better equipped to teach us to pray to Almighty God than the divine Master, the great Intercessor, the blessed Son of God? The disciples marveled as Jesus excused Himself to be alone in prayer with God, then returned to them renewed. They watched as He repeatedly thanked His Father God for the sustaining bond which existed between them in prayer. This communication was personal and sincere, nourishing and refreshing. God’s love flows freely in every scriptural reference of Jesus in prayer. Some students prefer PRAY: Praise, Repent, Ask and Yield. Others like ACTS: Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving and Supplication. The building blocks are basically the same. We as true believers come away feeling confident that God has heard our prayer, understand our plight, knows our praise, accepts our worship, and sees our joy in Him.

In the Book of Matthew Jesus teaches us to love and pray for our enemies. He says we are to pray in silence and in secret, humbly without repetition or in a show manner. Our Father know what we need before we speak. We are to pray with a thankful heart, for He listens. God is Our Father, **Avinu** in Hebrew, Father of all, in heaven. He is holy and worthy of praise. Ask for His provision, our daily bread; in other words, the necessities of this life moment by moment. Ask for forgiveness and forgive others, even enemies. Ask for deliverance from evil, wickedness, wrongdoing and error. Concede to His will not ours; “thy will be done.” Acknowledge His sovereignty: “thine is the kingdom and power and the glory.”

Jesus prayed, continually without ceasing, to the Father. “Ask in prayer and it shall be given (Mark 11:24),” Jesus said to His followers, claiming the truth that He is in the Father and the Father in Him. “Let this cup pass from me,” Jesus prayed, “but nevertheless Thy will be done” (Matthew 26:39). He sweated blood in the garden, knowing full well His fate was determined by His faith. Yet He continued to pray, communing with God constantly.

We are given the Comforter (John 14:16), the Holy Spirit who prays for us (Romans 8:26). We are assured of the power of prayer again and again. (Matthew 26:39-44, Phil 4:6, James 5:16). Here is my prayer:

Abba Father, Thank You for Your goodness, Your grace, Your mercy and salvation. Thank You for Jesus Who, once for all, sacrificed Himself to defeat sin and death. Forgive us Holy One, for our many sins and transgressions. We do repent our iniquities, and we truly forgive those who have sinned against us. Deliver us from the evil one who seeks to destroy our joy in You. Sustain us with Your Holy Spirit, and give us Your peace which passes all understanding. Create in us a clear mind, the mind of Christ, in unity and love. Guide us in Your will as we humbly seek to know You more each day. Keep us obedient to You alone; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the mighty name of Jesus, amen. *Jean Stinnett*



WELCOME FR. HAL SCOTT

Fr. Hal will be with us on Sunday, June 4, and Wednesday, June 7 to celebrate the Holy Eucharist at services as Fr. Stan and Eileen are on holiday.



Meet Monday
June 5th
6:00 pm
in the
Conference
Room

THE VESTRY MEETING

The regular monthly Vestry meeting will be held on Monday, **June 26**, 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



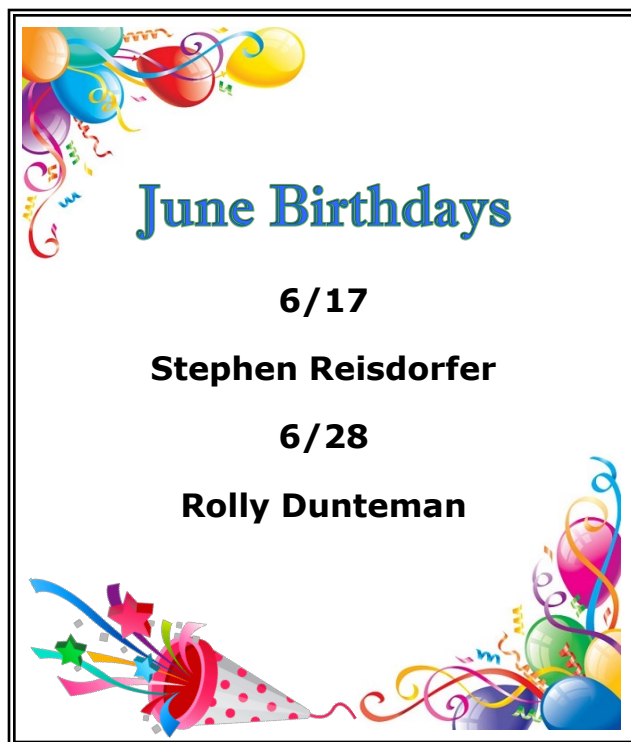
The deadline to place an announcement in the weekly bulletin is Wednesdays at Noon and the deadline for the Parish Newsletter is the third Friday of the month. Submissions should be sent to Jenny at the church office, sectary.acgs@suddenlinkmail.com or drop it off at the church office Monday-Friday, 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*

June Bible Readings

New Testament		Old Testament	
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**July Agnus Dei
Deadline is June 16**



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