

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 2018

CHURCH SECURITY

"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'"

Psalm 91:1-2

After every senseless attack in a public place there is increased concern for the security of venues where people gather. The attacks on worshipers at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs and in other places of worship understandably heighten concerns in all churches. A number of our congregants have asked about security measures at Good Shepherd.

Christians and Christianity have been under continuous attack for the past 2000 years. In today's world Christians routinely express their faith at the risk of their lives. Even in the relative security of the United States we are not exempt public attacks on our faith and physical assault on places of worship.

There are some simple steps that can be taken to improve security at Good Shepherd. Church Mutual, our insurance carrier, has provided a video training series on church security; the Texas Department of Public Safety has officers trained to advise churches and other organizations on security; many other programs are available. Your vestry will be looking at what measures might be reasonably instituted. However, for every measure there is a countermeasure. No gathering of people can be made absolutely safe. Our resources and options are limited so our faith must be greater than any threat. Realistically, you are many times more likely to lose your life *driving to* a place of worship than *in a place of worship*.

We saw the Christian community in action as it rallied to the aid and comfort of the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs. We should all be praying for our Christian brothers and sisters. After the mourning and unanswerable questions of "Why here?" and "Why us?", Sutherland Springs Baptist and the community will recover and continue its Christian mission with greater strength than before.

External attacks against religion, country, state, community, home and hearth, may be temporarily devastating and never forgotten, but ultimately bring us together in defense of the common good.

Institutions are more often destroyed by deterioration from internal strife, conflict, misdirection and distrust. Through faith, scripture and adherence to Christian values and fellowship, we can armor our Church against the most destructive attacks: *those from within*.

Yours in Christ,

Charles Westbrook
Senior Warden

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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 28, 2018**, in the Parish Hall.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS DUE BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH

All those who chair or lead a ministry 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 **Friday, January 19, 2018**.

THE VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Thank you to **Brent Daniel, Katie Harrison, and Larry Weber** for serving on the Vestry for the past three years. The Vestry Nominating Committee is seeking to fill three 3-year terms and one 2-year term.



GIFT BAGS FOR A DIVISION OF THE LA GRAN FAMILIA ORPHANAGE CALLED CASA BETHESDA

CASA BETHESDA has 10 boys and 14 girls with ages ranging from elementary to one that is 27yrs. These children are incapacitated, are handicapped - mentally or physically. They are never going to be able to leave the care of Casa Bethesda. It seems like a parent or someone brings a child and asks that they watch him for a couple of hours (never to be seen again). They are committed to the care of these children who will never be able to live independently.

Thank you for your kind donations. Your caring support of Casa Bethesda will make a great difference in the lives of these precious children. You are an example of a true servant spirit, esteeming others more than yourself, and putting Kingdom priorities ahead of your own. A special thanks to Alex and Amber (pictured above) for helping prepare the gifts to be sent!

Pregnancy Help Center Concert for Life



Saturday, January 27, 2018
11am—4pm (come and go)
Angelo Bible Church
3506 Sherwood Way



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

All proceeds to benefit Pregnancy Help Center
If you would like to buy raffle tickets, volunteer at the event,
or have questions, please contact Rosemary Holm.



Fill Up the Baby Bottle during Sanctity of Life Month!

Please drop your extra change or bills into the
Baby Bottle for the Pregnancy Help Center (PHC).

Rosemary Holm will be emptying it at the **end of January** and taking the
funds to the PHC. Thanks for your generous support of the PHC!



SPECIAL MINISTRY FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

For a family of 5 with a youngest daughter at Cook's hospital in Fort Worth

I want to thank you again for the help this year. I have never worked on something like this before and it just amazing.

I have never seen a family so grateful and just in shock that someone would do this for them. We were able to get the lay-away out and then the food and we were also able to get a gift card from Food King and gave them that to stock back up on what they needed and got turkey, ham, etc. for the Christmas meal. Oh, and we did stocking stuff as well!

Thank you so much again.

Lori Summerlin

Inside Classified Sales Manager



Parish Priest Questionnaire Form Coming Soon

Look for your Parish Profile Questionnaire this month. The primary purpose of the Parish Profile is to create a packet of information which will provide some insight into the Good Shepherd congregation, the history of Good Shepherd, our ministries, worship style, events, finances and local community. This information will be provided to any potential applicant and may also be useful for the current and future vestries.



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.

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Fr. Hal will be with us to celebrate the Holy Eucharist at both services on Sunday mornings and Deacon June will be leading our Wednesday evening Holy Communion and Bible Study.



MINISTRYSAFE

We are a Ministry Safe Church

We are a Ministry Safe Church. This means we protect children and those who serve them. If you feel called to make a difference in a child's life, by helping out in Children's Sunday school or in the nursery, please contact Teddye Read, our Vestry liaison for both areas. If you are already serving in these areas, thank you on behalf of our little lambs.



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

JOY TO THE WORLD

The Book of Luke, Chapter Two

“Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King!

Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and angels sing!”

Do we not just love these words, and the beautiful melody of the song, especially this time of the year? Joy truly explodes as the Christmas story of Jesus’ birth unfolds in the second chapter of Luke. Imagine the stress for an engaged couple traveling several days’ journey to register for a census with the bride-to-be 9 months pregnant! Nothing about this journey is comfortable for Mary. But, she and Joseph are duty bound and law abiding citizens. And so, her first born Son is “wrapped in cloths and placed.. in a manger,” (v. 7 NIV), miles from the support of family and friends at home. Once again, an angel of the lord appears to shepherds camped nearby to tell The Good News (references indicate this again in Gabriel). His appearance strikes fear until he calms them with his tidings that the Savior Who is Christ the Lord is born in Bethlehem. A multitude of angels begins to praise and glorify God, then disappears into heaven. No texting or internet service is required to broadcast this news flash!

The shepherds process the startling news very well, then leave immediately to find the Babe. They excitedly tell anyone who will listen about the amazing revelation. Returning to their flocks, they glorify God for all the things they heard and saw. Clearly their lives and faith are changed forever. Discipleship has now begun.

On the eighth day the Babe is circumcised and named Jesus, as foretold by Gabriel before He was conceived. When He is 40 days old, His parents take Him to Jerusalem to consecrate Him to the Lord (v. 23). The Holy Spirit fills two elderly prophets, Simeon and Anna, who then witness to the identity of this Child as the Savior, Redeemer, and God’s Promised, Anointed One. The sting of His death is foretold as well, leaving Mary to treasure one more awareness in her heart. The family returns home and the Child grows in wisdom, grace, and strength.

When Jesus is 12, He steps boldly into spiritual maturity. Staying behind as the family travels home from the Feast fo the Passover in Jerusalem. He studies with and amazes the teachers in the temple. When Mary and Joseph find Him and scold Him for His behavior, He claims His authority as Teacher and Son of God. The family once again returns home, and Jesus flourishes in God’s favor and the eyes of men. Thus begins our Messiah’s earthly journey, on full of promise, hope, love, miracles, compassion, tragedy, and ultimately redemption. No word of man can top this Word of God for a better five star thriller!

Here is my prayer: Blessed Babe, Your life story is rich in meaning, inspiration, joy, and hope. Abide in us, Lord Jesus, that we may continue in faith to live in Your transforming love. Lead us, Holy Spirit, in the Word and God’s will, on earth as it is in heaven. Holy is Your name: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the name of love, I pray. Amen. Jean Stinnett

TEACH
encourage
instruct
MENTOR
PRAISE
influence
GUIDE
INSPIRE

Can you do one or more of these things?

We have a need for SUBSTITUTE Sunday School teachers. Teaching Sunday school can be a truly rewarding experience because you are helping a young child to know God and his teachings.

Do you want to make a difference in a child's faith life?

If so, teaching Sunday School is for you!!!

Please let Jenny know in if you are interested in this vital ministry.



Interested in serving our parish family during Worship?

You can serve as a Greeter, Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Crucifer. We need people in each of these areas! You can be scheduled to serve on the Sunday's of your choosing or availability. Deacon June is available to train you in these ministries. Please contact Jenny to arrange training with Deacon June and to get on the Minister's Schedule.



Meet Monday
January 8th
@ 6:00 pm
in the
Conference Room.

THE VESTRY MEETING

The regular monthly Vestry meeting is Monday, January 22, at 6:00 PM in the conference room.

Appeal for Tables for the Parish Hall

The tables in the Parish Hall are on their last legs, literally. A fund has been approved by the Vestry for donation to replace them and to purchase some chairs with arms for our members who could use the stability they would provide. If you would like to donate to this cause you may make a contribution to the "Chair Fund"

The Prayer Movement 2018

1st Thursday of every Month
6:30 Worship
7:00 Prayer

Date	Location
February 1, 2018	Producers Park 1805 Ricks Dr
March 1, 2018	Gazebo on Rio Concho Drive 500 block of Rio Concho Dr
April 5, 2018	Civic League Park Pavilion 2 S Park Street
May 3, 2018	National Day of Prayer TGC Courthouse
June 7, 2018	Martin Luther King Park 2121 MLK
July 5, 2018	Glenmore Park 85 Paint Rock Rd
August 2, 2018	Mary Lee Park 2160 Mary E Lee Rd



The Anglican Relief and Development Fund[®]

Hurricane Harvey has already displaced thousands in south Texas and Louisiana, and the rains and flooding are expected to continue throughout the week to come. Archbishop Beach is calling the

Church to pray, give, and prepare. Bishop Clark Lowenfield (Bishop of the Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast) is on the ground in Houston and is spearheading the Anglican relief effort now underway. Through the coordination of The Anglican Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast, your gift will be a blessing to our brothers and sisters affected by this flooding. You can help by donating through the Anglican Relief and Development Fund by going to anglicanchurch.net and clicking on the "Support the Hurricane Relief Effort" link. Thank you!

Widows and Orphans Fund Closed

The Widows and Orphans Fund held by Deacon June as a separate account for Angie Mitchell is now closed. All who wish to donate to Angie, please send your gifts to:

Mary Andrea Mitchell
P.O. Box 112
Pricedale, PA 15072

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

January Bible Readings

New Testament		Old Testament	
▶MATTHEW	▶ACTS	▶PSALMS	▶GENESIS
1. <input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2
2. <input type="checkbox"/> 1:18-25	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:12-26	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-4
3. <input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-8
4. <input type="checkbox"/> 2:13-23	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:22-47	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-11
5. <input type="checkbox"/> 3:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-14
6. <input type="checkbox"/> 3:13-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:1-22	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 15-17
7. <input type="checkbox"/> 4:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:23-37	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-20
8. <input type="checkbox"/> 4:12-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:1-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 21-23
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
16. <input type="checkbox"/> 6:25-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:20-43	<input type="checkbox"/> 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 36
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

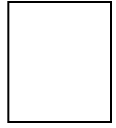


**February Agnus Dei
Deadline is January 19th**



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