



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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March 2018

*"Let your
roots grow
down into him,
and let your lives
be built on him.
Then your faith will
grow strong in the
truth you were
taught, and you
will overflow with
thankfulness."*

Colossians 2:7

(NLT)

CHURCH GROWTH

In the recent Parish Profile Survey that many of you completed, this statement was given, "I believe that it is important for Good Shepherd to grow." Ninety-one percent of the respondents either agreed or agreed strongly with the need for growth. None disagreed or disagreed strongly. That is as close to unanimous as a church group is going to get. That statement when combined with the average age of the respondents of 68 years old means that growth is not just "important". Growth is "crucial".

The obvious question is, "How do we bring growth to our parish?" Being lifelong Episcopalians and more recently Anglicans our immediate and natural response is, "We just need to call a really nice and competent priest, and he or she will fill this place up!". The data shows that most newcomers come to a church because they were invited by a friend or family member. Obviously welcoming and capable clergy are absolutely essential, but the first encouragement to get the newcomer through the door for the first time comes from regular laypersons like you and me.

Although we are going through a time of transition at Good Shepherd, we have a wonderfully gifted clergy. We have great music. We have meaningful Sunday School, Bible study, and Worship. When was the last time that you encouraged an unchurched friend or family member to come to Good Shepherd? I encourage you to start inviting them this week. It is "crucial" for them and for us. GOOD SHEPHERD IS WORTH SHARING WITH OTHERS!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND RENEWAL

There is a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal that will be available to you in April. The Annual Parish Retreat will be held at the Great House Retreat Center near Junction, Texas on the weekend of April 27-29. It will begin on Friday evening and last until noon on Sunday. We have invited Fr. Greg Crosthwait to be our speaker for the weekend. Fr. Greg is planting an Anglican church at Texas A&M University. He is aware that we are in a time of transition and is excited to be invited to share with us. There will be beautiful scenery, good food, great housing a good time for fellowship and renewal.

The cost for the two nights housing, all your meals, and a speaker is \$150 per person. If that is too much for your budget, write your check for what you can, and we have scholarships to pay the rest. Most of all, don't miss this opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship.

Glenn Polhemus, Jr. Warden

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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!

PALM CROSSES



Friday, March 23rd at 5:30pm you are invited to help strip palms for the crosses we wear on our lapels Palm Sunday morning. Saturday, March 24th @ 9:00am we will meet to make the palm crosses. All are welcome to help, it is a fun time!

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Please do not leave credit card receipts on Judy's desk without the required reimbursement form attached. These forms are located outside the Financial Secretary's office. This includes church credit cards or a request for personal reimbursement. The form must be signed by the person making the request and left in the box outside Judy's office. If the expenditure needs to be approved by the Vestry, please have the Senior Warden (Charles Westbrook) or Treasurer (Kathi Johnson) sign the form.

Kathi Johnson, Treasurer

Greathouse Save-the-Date

The Annual Parish Retreat will be held at the Greathouse Retreat Center near Junction, Texas on the weekend of **April 27-29**.

It will begin on Friday evening and last until noon on Sunday.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEEDS MEMBERS

Brent Daniel has agreed to chair the new committee to care for our building and grounds. If you have been blessed with gifts that would be helpful, please tell Brent, (832) 414-9482, of your interest. These helpful gifts would include cleaning windows, cutting grass, raking acorns and leaves, etc. However, we will have an organizational meeting in March, so if you eat Bar-b-que and enjoy a cold beverage, you are also qualified to be a member.

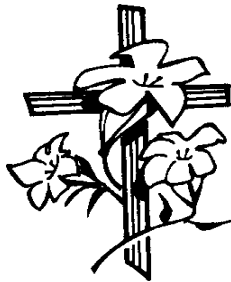
Glenn Polhemus, Junior Warden



RESURRECTION SUNDAY

9:00 AM - Continental Easter Breakfast
in the Parish Hall

10:30 AM - Festival Holy Eucharist



Baskets of Easter Blessings



Please adopt a basket or bag to fill with food and a gift item for a family that cannot afford an Easter meal:

- Can of green beans or peas
- Can of yams or white potatoes
- Can of peaches, fruit cocktail, or applesauce
- Can of tuna or chicken
- Small bag of rice
- Small bag of pinto beans or can of refried beans
- Box of Jello
- Box of crackers
- Box of macaroni and cheese
- Box of cornbread mix or biscuit mix
- Bag of cookies
- A Christian gift under \$10.00 (Resurrection eggs, Cross, Bible, stuffed animal, etc.)

There are baskets available in the Narthex to decorate and fill or you may provide your own basket, box or bag.

The basket, box or bag will need to be returned to church by Palm Sunday, March 25.

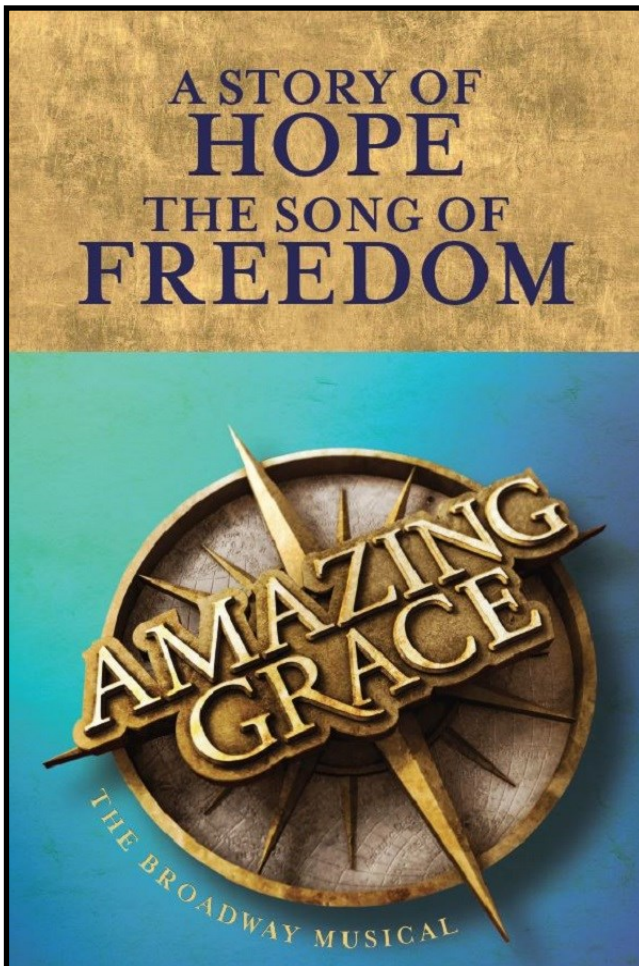
Hams will be provided by monetary donations.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS!

If you need more information, please contact Teddye at 713-515-3636
or email her at tread3@suddenlink.net

Sunday School Fundraiser

The older children's Sunday School class is raising money for the needs of the church, including the purchase of new chairs and tables for the parish hall and flowers and pots for the courtyard. In exchange for one time donations or pledge donations based on hours worked, they are committing their time to tend to the exterior of the church, including mowing, picking up trash, and gardening in the courtyard. Please see Alex and Amber Woolard or Noelle Bartl for more details or to pledge a donation.



ACGS family,

Thursday, April 5, 2018
San Angelo PAC is bringing
direct from Broadway,
Amazing Grace The Musical!

This is an "amazing" story about John Newton who wrote the song, Amazing Grace. It is one night only on a national tour. Now we can get an additional 20% off and the auditorium will be a sell out. We are fortunate to have Mark Levine as our executive director of the San Angelo PAC. He is able to get us these types of shows.

This one is in the
Murphey Performance Hall
(some may know it as City Auditorium)

For ticket information visit
www.sanangelopac.org

New Chair Fund

We recently acquired 12 new round tables for the Parish Hall. It has been observed that growing numbers of our parishioners need arms on their chairs to get up and down from a seated position. Two chairs for each table (24) would cost \$720. Would you pay for one \$30 chair? Mark your check "Chair Fund".



“WE ARE POSSESSED”

Lent allows us 40 days before Easter to meditate upon the cross. Rightfully so, Christians cannot even look at the cross without running the gamut of emotions: shock, horror, terror, revulsion, grief, pathos; then wonder, relief, hope, and joy. Jesus Christ lived and died according to the will of His Father, to save us from eternal despair, to bring us home again, united and reconciled with God. Jesus did this for you and for me, once and for all, the ultimate act of love and salvation.

How can we understand this kind of love from the Supreme Creator of the universe, King of kings and Lord of lords, that He sent His only Son to live, die, and rise victoriously from the grave for all humanity? He tells us in His own Word we are created in His image. We are the apple of His eye. We are His delight and He will never leave or forsake us. God named us in the beginning, and knitted us within our mothers' wombs. Jesus' death and resurrection tore the veil and broke the barrier separating us from the Father, shattering the wall of sin that came with Adam's fall from grace. Jesus gives us direct access to the Owner of creation. In truth, we have always belonged to Him. In the act of divine reconciliation, Jesus recovers us from sin, returns us to the fold, the prodigals' journey is over, the wanderers are home.

Yes, True Believer, we are possessed by the God Who is love. He is determined to draw us ever closer to Him each day. Our God desires a relationship with each of us: no favoritism, no one is left out. All who believe in Jesus are saved. All who truly repent are forgiven. All are invited to the throne of grace. All are welcome at the banquet set before the Lamb of God. All who obey His commands are holy. All are made heirs to God's kingdom. Isn't He amazing!

When we invite Jesus into our hearts, we give up self will and ask Him to take control. We ask Him to abide in us. We ask Him to take every thought captive. We ask in prayer to be filled with the Holy Spirit, His gift and reminder of a faithful and eternal triune God. We seek the mind of Christ and follow in His holy footsteps as the body of Christ, the Church. We desire to be His hands and feet, continuing His worldly ministry as His disciples.

To be possessed means to be held as a possession, to be influenced or controlled by something, to be owned, occupied, dominated. What a magnificent concept! Our God continually calls us to be holy and separate for Himself, speaks and listens to us, lives in us, gives us good works to walk in for His honor and glory in this world, corrects and rebukes us when we stray. God is the source of every good thing. All our possessions come from Him, not fate, nor luck, nor nature, nor false gods. He is Adonai, Master of all. In His service we are perfectly free.

Therefore, let us give thanks in all things, even and especially the cross. Spend time each day with God Who calls you cherished, beloved, chosen, and friend. Softly and tenderly Jesus whispers your name, calling you closer to Him. His joy is everlasting, and free to all who truly believe. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart." *Colossians 3:15*

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.

NURSERY CARE

For children five and younger, nursery care is provided from 9:00-Noon. Sarah, Leann and Amanda 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 during the Offertory and brought to the church to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with us.



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.



Meet Sunday,
March 4th
after the 10:30am
service at
Rosa's on
Sherwood Way

THE VESTRY MEETING

The regular monthly Vestry meeting is Monday, March 26, 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"



A CHURCH WORKDAY

is scheduled for **Saturday, March 10th** at 9am. Please join us if you are interested in helping with general clean up and fix up projects around the church, inside and out.

The Prayer Movement 2018

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

Date

Location

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




Don't forget Project Dignidad Needs donations of nonperishable Breakfast and lunch staples :)

Recycle! Reuse! We collect plastic bags to donate to Project Dignidad. These are used to make sleeping mats for individuals in need, to weather the elements... all by using plastic yarn (plarn) made from plastic bags.

March Bible Readings

<i>New Testament</i>		<i>Old Testament</i>	
▶ MATTHEW	▶ ROMANS	▶ PSALMS	▶ NUMBERS
1. <input type="checkbox"/> 21:23-32	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 48	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2
2. <input type="checkbox"/> 21:33-46	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:18-32	<input type="checkbox"/> 49	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-4
3. <input type="checkbox"/> 22:1-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 50	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-6
4. <input type="checkbox"/> 22:15-33	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 51	<input type="checkbox"/> 7-8
5. <input type="checkbox"/> 22:34-46	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 52	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-11
6. <input type="checkbox"/> 23:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 53	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-14
7. <input type="checkbox"/> 23:13-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:12-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 54	<input type="checkbox"/> 15-17
8. <input type="checkbox"/> 23:25-39	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:1-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 55	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-20
9. <input type="checkbox"/> 24:1-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:15-23	<input type="checkbox"/> 56	<input type="checkbox"/> 21-22
10. <input type="checkbox"/> 24:15-35	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 57	<input type="checkbox"/> 23-25
11. <input type="checkbox"/> 24:36-51	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:13-25	<input type="checkbox"/> 58	<input type="checkbox"/> 26-27
12. <input type="checkbox"/> 25:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:1-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 59	<input type="checkbox"/> 28-30
13. <input type="checkbox"/> 25:14-30	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:18-39	<input type="checkbox"/> 60	<input type="checkbox"/> 31-32
14. <input type="checkbox"/> 25:31-46	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:1-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 61	<input type="checkbox"/> 33-36
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15. <input type="checkbox"/> 26:1-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:19-33	<input type="checkbox"/> 62	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3
16. <input type="checkbox"/> 26:17-35	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 63	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-5
17. <input type="checkbox"/> 26:36-56	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:1-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 64	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-8
18. <input type="checkbox"/> 26:57-75	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:25-36	<input type="checkbox"/> 65	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-12
19. <input type="checkbox"/> 27:1-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:1-8	<input type="checkbox"/> 66	<input type="checkbox"/> 13-17
20. <input type="checkbox"/> 27:11-26	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:9-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 67	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-21
21. <input type="checkbox"/> 27:27-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 13	<input type="checkbox"/> 68	<input type="checkbox"/> 22-26
22. <input type="checkbox"/> 27:45-56	<input type="checkbox"/> 14	<input type="checkbox"/> 69:1-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 27-28
23. <input type="checkbox"/> 27:57-66	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 69:19-36	<input type="checkbox"/> 29-31
24. <input type="checkbox"/> 28:1-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:14-33	<input type="checkbox"/> 70	<input type="checkbox"/> 32
25. <input type="checkbox"/> 28:11-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 71	<input type="checkbox"/> 33-34



March Birthdays

3/7 Stephanie Peddy
 3/11 Wachuka Boro
 3/12 Rita Baker
 3/14 Nancy Shaw
 3/15 Paul Millican
 3/26 Diane Christian
 3/27 David Harrison

**April Agnus Dei
 Deadline is March 16**



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