



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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September 2015

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

When are you being stretched and growing as a Christ follower? Looking back I see times of recognizable growth when I was with other believers in small groups. For four years I participated in a Friday morning men's fellowship. Twenty to twenty five men met from 7-8 AM, every Friday morning for coffee, doughnuts and a half hour Bible lesson. The men came from different churches, many varied occupations, and a wide range of age groups (20's – 80's). The FMMF still meets faithfully. But as good as the FMMF was the most important time came each week as four of us cleaned up after the big meeting, talking and praying for one another in the kitchen from 8-9 AM.

Eileen and I also hosted a Bible study in our family room for a number of years. We drank coffee, ate doughnuts, sang and worshipped, studied the Bible, prayed for one another, encouraged and held one another accountable, saw people surrender themselves to Jesus, baptized people in our backyard swimming pool, participated in some weddings and funerals together. We became close friends. Most important of all, we learned the Holy Spirit gives each of us gifts to use in serving one another, and we were stretched and grew as we began to pray aloud for one another, share our struggles and victories, share what the Lord was doing in our lives, explain the Gospel to new folks, and pray with them as they asked Jesus to take over their lives.

Over the last year I see the same growth at Good Shepherd. Small group meetings, retreats, quiet days, gatherings over a meal, home groups, all have been places where I hear folks sharing how they are being stretched in their faith and growing as they come to know and share the Lord Jesus more personally. Now that the summer is waning, I encourage you to participate in a small Christ centered small group. If you need some help in finding one, or will consider opening your home for a small group meeting, I'd be glad to help you.

Serving the Lord with you,

Stan Burdick +

Father Stan

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Our annual Women's Retreat is the weekend of September 18-20.

It will be held at Kathi Johnson's beautiful Walnut Creek Ranch. Cindy Zimmerman will be our guest speaker and Deacon June will lead the services. Please make plans to attend. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. The cost for the weekend is \$25.00 to cover the cost of food. If you have any questions or need further information you can contact Jeannette Anaya at 325-450-2258, Deacon June 325-234-5014 or Sharon Weber at 325-245-8616 or 325-949-3116. More info on the Walnut Creek Ranch may be found at www.walnutcreekranch.com.



Friday, October 23 through Sunday, October 25,

the men of the parish will have the opportunity to retreat to Stasney's Cook Ranch, located 5 miles north of Albany, Texas. Men will be refreshed, blessed and challenged in their life as a disciple of Jesus. Details on the weekend available in the October newsletter and the Narthex of the church. The cost of the weekend is \$150/person. Scholarships are available, contact Father Stan. For more info on Stasney's Cook go to www.stasneyscookranch.com.



KOINONIA WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women of the church and their friends are invited to participate in the KOINONIA Women's Bible Study which meets on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 AM in the church library.

For information, please contact Nan Barber (325) 374-4598 or nanbarber@sudenlink.net

or Eileen Burdock (724) 366-2702 or ileanonjesus2@suddenlink.net.

Praying Through the Names of God

The Bible refers to God by many different names which reveal His character and relationship with us, His chosen. God's name is a word of blessing for those who follow His commandments. Praying through the names of God opens new avenues of praise, obedience, service and thanksgiving. His Greek and Hebrew names contain a wealth of truth about the wonderful God we serve.

Elohim ~ The Strong Creator God

In the beginning, God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God (Ruach Elohim) was moving over the surface of the waters. Genesis 1:1-2

Holy Creator, Elohim, strong and righteous, we praise your majesty and wonder! How beautiful is Your work, how functional and special each of Your creatures great and small. And You made us in Your image. Thank You, Elohim, for our creation and all the love that went into that. In the beginning, You breathed. Your Spirit and Your Word turned nothingness into our world and made us to please You. You said, "It is good," and You continue to love us in spite of our sinful, rebellious nature. You forgive us in faithfulness. You sent Your Son, our Savior, to redeem us for eternity. How great is our Elohim, strong creator God, eternal and true. Thank You for Jesus, our only Mediator and Protector, who intercedes for us. For we are now reconciled to You through Him. Blessed Jesus, forgive us for our many transgressions and iniquities, our sins of selfishness and greed, our addictions and misdeeds. We are truly sorry for offending You and not obeying Your commandments. Yet Your mercies renew each morning and Your grace endures forever. In all creation there is nothing more perfect than You, Holy Savior. Thank You for Your love, forgiveness, healing, comfort, and all that You teach us according to Your Father's will. Bring us closer to You in thought, work and deed as we search Your scriptures. Spirit of God (Ruach Elohim) fill us with a hunger for Your wisdom. Guide us with Your discernment. May we continue to praise You, Elohim, as we discover every gift You give us, in faith and with thanksgiving. Create within us clean hearts. Guide us as the Light of love to fulfill our destinies within Your plan. May all we do bring honor and glory to You: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the blessed name of Jesus we pray. Amen

Jean Stinnett

September 14 - HOLY CROSS DAY

The historian Eusebius, in his *Life of Constantine*, tells how that emperor ordered the erection of a complex of buildings in Jerusalem "on a scale of imperial magnificence," to set forth as "an object of attraction and veneration to all, the blessed place of our Savior's Resurrection." The over-all supervision of the work - on the site where the Church of the Holy Sepulcher now stands - was entrusted to Constantine's mother, St Helena. Jerusalem had been destroyed in 70 AD, and the Roman City *Aelia Capitolina* was built over the ruins, with the hill of Calvary, which was outside the original walls, buried in tons of fill. During the excavations directed by Helena a relic, believed to be the cross on which Jesus was crucified, was discovered. The circular basilica's Altar was placed on the site of the empty tomb, and the church dedicated as the Church of the Resurrection. The buildings were completed on September 14, 335.



Intercessory Prayer

Do you believe in the power of prayer? Does prayer really change things? Does God intervene in our lives today?

Every Thursday morning at 10:00 AM we meet in the chapel of Good Shepherd to bow before the LORD in adoration, thanksgiving and intercession. We come together and lift our concerns and petitions to the King of kings, and LORD of lords. We know that God is always with us, but when we do what He says, and gather in His Name, we are keenly aware that He truly is in midst of us and we are overwhelmed by His Holy Presence.

Sometimes we come in need of prayer ourselves, sometimes we come with heavy hearts and long lists of petitions, sometimes we pray out loud, and sometimes we are silent and open our hearts to receive. ALL THE TIME, God hears and answers.

We would love to have you join us on a regular basis, or just stop in when you are able. We will pray for you and your needs, and you can pray for us.

The answer to above questions is yes, yes, and yes!

Thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our LORD Jesus Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!

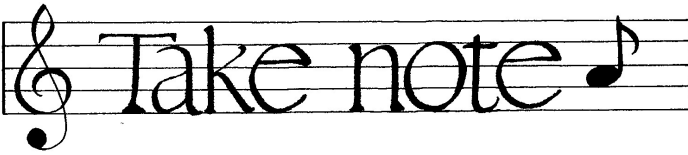
Come and see!



September 13 - RALLY DAY & BREAKFAST

Rally Day is an opportunity for us to gather as the parish family for breakfast. So, now that we are back from our Summer Holiday Wanderings, please make plans to participate by signing up on the table in the Narthex. To help with preparation and cleanup, contact Billie Smithwick at 656-6412 or by email at

billiesmithwick@suddenlink.net



After a well deserved holiday, the musicians will be gathering for rehearsal on Tuesday, September 1st at 6:30 PM in the church. Current members and new folks interested in participating are welcome and encouraged. Rehearsal is from 6:30-7:30 PM, so please be on time!



The Church Directory will be distributed on Sunday, September 13 at the Rally Day Breakfast.

Heartfelt thanks to Lu Czarnecki for investing his time and skills serving as our photographer for the Parish Directory.

CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE

All children are welcome in The Holy Eucharist Services regardless of age. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to sit at the front near the sanctuary with children so that they can see and hear the service, and participate as fully as possible. Children are encouraged to learn how to worship as a community, and are valued as members of the Church. Crying kids are welcome too! The Nursery is provided as a convenience for parents and caregivers. If you find someone offering to help with your children, we have lots of "grandmotherly and grandfatherly" folks who are eager to put their loving skills to work.

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER FUND RAISING DINNER

The 10th Annual Fund Raising Dinner for the Pregnancy Help Center will be held at the McNease Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Drive, on Thursday, October 8th. The Anglican Church in North America is Pro Life and our parish is a ministry partner with the Pregnancy Help Center of the Concho Valley. There is no admission, but reservations are required. Several members of the congregation are sponsoring tables and may ask you to join them. Contact Rosemary Holm, our liaison with PHC, for more information at 832-414-9485 or mamabear183@outlook.com.

MENS' RETREAT

At the Stasney Cook Ranch in Albany, TX, Friday supper, Oct. 23 through Sunday lunch, Oct. 25. Cost is \$150/person. Men of the church and their friends are encouraged to participate. Sign-up will begin at the end of September, with schedules and directions available in the Narthex.



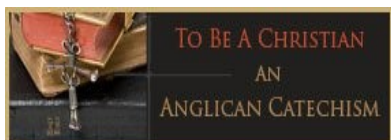
Don't forget...Project Dignidad needs donations of canned goods, breakfast items, and peanut butter.

Four Formation Classes on Sunday Morning

9:15 - 10:10 AM



Genesis *Continued*, Tony Bartl, in Classroom 1 - September 20 - This class begun last Spring is a Continuation of a Study of the Book of Genesis. The class will meet in Classroom 1, which is near the Parish Hall. For more information, contact Tony at 254-756-0576 or tonybartl@gmail.com.



To Be A Christian, *An Anglican Catechism*, Deacon June Smith in the Library - September 27. This is essential and systematic study of the Biblical Foundation of the Christian Faith.

Those who wish to become confirmed members of the Church are encouraged to participate, and all are welcome. For more information, contact June at 234-5014 or june.smith@angelo.edu.

What Christians Should Know About Islam, Father Stan Burdock in the Choir Room—October 4. This four week study will investigate the foundational history and teachings of Islam, as well as how to befriend and share the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ with Muslims.



CHILDRENS' CLASS

This class is lead by Sheri and Rodney Brown and is held in the Christian Education Wing. For more information contact Sheri at 450-4781 or rbrown@wcc.net.



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.

THE VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 21, 2015, beginning at 6:00 PM in the church library. This meeting is open to all members of the congregation, where you have “voice but not vote.”

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF GOOD SHEPHERD

We have plans for a kick off for our Women's Kiononia Bible Study!



The movie WAR ROOM, is going to be released on August 28th through the 30th in San Angelo. This movie was made by the award-winning creators of Fireproof and Courageous. WAR ROOM, a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power that prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of our lives.

We would love to set time aside for us to go as group to see this movie, whether you plan on attending the women's Bible Study or not. There is only one showing each day at 7:00 PM on Friday through Sunday. We are planning on attending as a group on Sunday, August 30th, meeting at the Theater at 6:45 PM. You might need to order your tickets in advance because of the limited schedule.

NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS:

On October 6, at 10:00 AM in the library we will begin a 5 week Bible Study Course based on the movie, (War Room). There are Bible Study books (only 3 days a week homework!) The class will consist a very short video clip of the movie and Bible references for each session.

If you are interested in attending the Bible Study and you would like a book the cost with shipping, handling and tax will be around \$11.00. (Base cost from Life Way is 7.99) We will have a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please let us know in advance if you need child care, so we can arrange for your little ones.

I am so excited to start this new adventure with each of you and pray our time together will be a blessing, and that seeds planted during this study time will bring forth much fruit.

See ya at the movies!



A CHURCH WORKDAY is scheduled for Saturday, September 12th at 9 am. If you would like to help with general clean up and fix up projects around the church, watch for more information and for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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



ON HOLIDAY

Father Stan and Eileen will be on holiday from the afternoon of September 13 through September 27. If pastoral care is needed, please call Deacon June at 234-5014.



St. Nicholas Day High Tea ~ December 6th

We have had our first planning meeting and already have some good ideas on board. There are four committees being formed; Music, Food, Decorating, and Programming. December will come more quickly than we can imagine and there is much to do to make this a fun and memorable event. I hope you will join us in planning this gala. Fresh ideas and new faces are always a blessing.

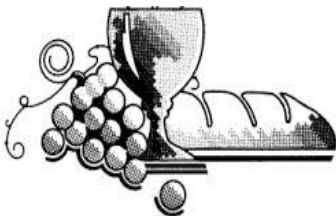
We will try to meet as many Sundays as we can (after service) and maybe have a couple of planned meetings during the week as time draws nearer. We will try to arrange these meetings around everyone's schedules. To sign up to help with a committee, please call Anngie McWilliams at 651-6457 or email anngiemcwilliams@hotmail.com or Sharon Weber 949-3116 or email sweber@angelo.edu

Wednesday Night Study - IMMERESED IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Wednesday September 30 begins a yearlong series of studies in the Book of Revelation. We will kick off our study on September 30, the DVD "Revelation Illustrated" will be shown. It is an artist's depiction of the scenes from The Revelation with the Scriptural text set to classical music. October 7 we begin a 20-week study featuring a DVD presentation: "The Gospel in the Book of Revelation" by the Rev. Dr. Rod Whitacre of Trinity School for Ministry. The second half of the hour will be a discussion of the class. Outlines will be provided for all classes. This study is the classical understanding the Church has had since the time of the Apostles. March 30 we begin a different take on The Revelation by the Rev. Dr. John Stott. This study highlights the Revelation of the Person of Jesus in the Book. All participants will use their own Bible and outlines or study guided for each person will be provided. This promises to be tremendously encouraging for all and it is strongly suggested that each person commit to participating in the entire series.

September 20 - WELCOME FATHER JON AND DALE

Father Jon and Dale Stasney will be our guests on Sunday, Sept. 20 for both morning services where Fr. Jon will preach. Many of you know them, and all of you will have an opportunity to welcome our dear friends.



September 27 - DEACON'S HOLY COMMUNION

Bishops and Priests are licensed to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, and Deacon's licensed to conduct Holy Communion services with bread and wine consecrated by the Bishop or Priest. The service is somewhat abbreviated. Deacon June will also preach at the services on Sunday, September 27th.

Discretionary Offerings

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, cash placed in the offering plates is designated for the Pastor's and Deacon's Discretionary accounts respectively. Checks may also be written payable to the church, with discretionary fund in the memo. Thank you for your generosity.



September Bible Readings

	New Testament		Old Testament	
	►LUKE	►HEBREWS	►PROVERBS	►ISAIAH
1.	<input type="checkbox"/> 20:27-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-9	<input type="checkbox"/> 18	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2
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September Birthdays

- 9/1 Nan Barber
- 9/3 Larry Weber
- 9/18 Erlene Springer
- 9/21 Doris Hudson
- 9/24 George Butler
- 9/25 Katie Welborn
- 9/27 Jim Debenport

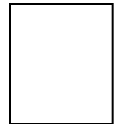


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Deadline is September 18



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