



# 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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October 2015

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Greetings Saints in the Lord!

“Can we pray for you?” Mark and I were surprised at the door of the first home we visited on our **One Mile Challenge**. We introduced ourselves, told the residents where we were from, and asked if we could pray for them. They greeted us enthusiastically, saying that they had no prayer needs, but that they wanted to pray for us as we visited in the neighborhood. The second door we knocked on was answered by a young woman. We made our introductions, and asked if we could pray for her. Initially she said “no.” Her little son came to the door, and we offered them a DVD on the Life of Jesus in English and Spanish. She accepted, and then said, “Well, there is something you can pray for.” She began to cry and told us that her husband had lost his oil field job, they were living on savings, and the situation at home was ‘tense.’ We prayed for them.

One team was greeted by a man who said: “I don’t believe in God.” The team members simply talked with him, listening to his questions. His comment was that he had not encountered Christians who were willing to listen. They encouraged him to talk with “our pastor.” His son came to the door, and the team offered a Life of Jesus DVD in Spanish and English. The dad said the son could receive it. The team tried to end the conversation three times, and the gentleman called them back. They ended up praying with him and for his family. Another team found a neighbor distraught over the condition of her sister who had numerous complications from surgery and after care, and was now in a nursing home. She asked us to pray for her, her sister and their family who had been traumatized by the weeks of waiting and watching. One of the team members got into the van on their first day and said, “Well, I’m not talking! I’ll pray!” By the time the team reached the third home, she was talking and praying with folks the team visited. One neighbor came to worship with us several weeks for additional prayer at the service for her sister who was severely ill.

We accepted the Archbishop’s One Mile Challenge last Spring with all the trepidation of anyone who has never made door to door cold calls. What we discovered, was that 98% of the people were very receptive to our visit, quite open about prayer needs and encouraged that someone had come to share the transforming love of Jesus with them. We asked for and expected nothing. What we received was the blessing of ministering to men and women. The Lord made the appointments, and we showed up. Pray about joining at team for **One Mile Challenge** as we begin visiting again in October.

We are securely Christ’s own forever,

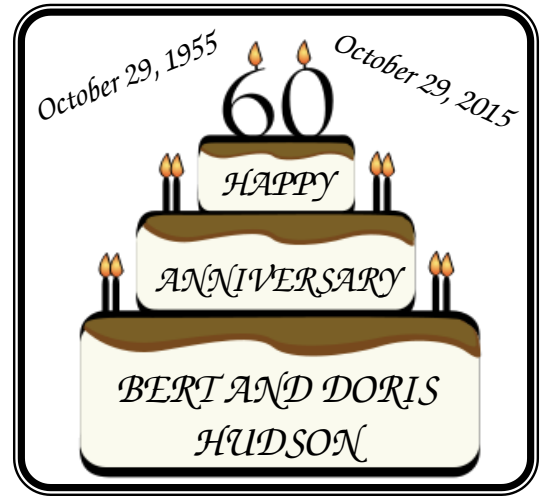
*Stan Burdick +*

Father Stan

## Men's 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 in the Narthex. Participants will receive a schedule and direction. Scholarship funds are available, and anyone needing funds for the retreat should contact Fr. Stan. Deadline for registration and \$50 deposit is Sunday, October 18. Please make checks payable to ACGS, "Men's Retreat" on memo line.



### WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, November 15 we will welcome new members to the congregation at the 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist. Those wishing to become members should contact Father Stan.

DO YOU NEED  
A NAME TAG?



If you need a new or replacement nametag, please let Jenny know in the church office. You may email your information to [secretary.acgs@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:secretary.acgs@suddenlinkmail.com) or call the church office at 949-6260.

## Praying Through the Names of God

God's creative and powerful name is *Elohim*, the facet of God who made heaven and earth (Genesis 1:1-2:3). *Jehovah* is God's personal name, the facet of God who reveals Himself to interact with us (Genesis 2:40). *Jehovah* is a living being, self existing in Himself, dependent on no thing: everlasting, immutable, self sufficient and self generating. And He desires a close relationship with each of us. His own. As we come to know *Jehovah* more intimately, He will disclose new joy in our spiritual lives.

YHWH... Yahweh... Jehovah... the Lord God... I AM Who I AM

He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD (*Jehovah*) before you, and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will show compassion on whom I will show compassion."

Exodus 33:19

Yahweh Jehovah, You are the merciful and compassionate LORD God. When you chose to reveal Yourself to Moses in the burning bush, You proclaimed Your name to us forever. Blessed is Your name, I Am Who I Am! Then Moses began to write, "In the beginning..." recording Your Word in Scripture for perpetuity. You are the living God. Thank You, Jehovah God, for Your love and concern for Your people, for You know each of us by name. You speak, and we bow to Your glory. You command, and we obey. You whisper, and we listen. We sin and You forgive. We stray and You find us. We weep and You console us. We fall, and You pick us up again. Great is Your faithfulness Jehovah God Almighty! No one is like You, slow to anger and quick to forgive. You know all about us and still love unconditionally in spite of our iniquities. Great is Your grace in redeeming us through Jesus Christ our Savior. In His life we learn the truth. In His death, we are reborn to You. In His resurrection we become Your sons and daughters. Jehovah, Your holiness fills the heavens. We delight to know You as our one true, personal LORD. You alone are complete within Yourself. You are the great eternal One, goodness personified, magnificent and everlasting. You are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. We repent the many times we sin, and ask humbly for Your forgiveness. Through Your love, You guide and guard us. In our weakness, You sustain us with Your strength. LORD God Jehovah, as we seek to know You more, we are filled with Your grace and benediction. We praise the name of LORD God Jehovah who reveals Himself intimately to His children. In the name of Your blessed Son Jesus, our Intercessor and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Jean Stinnett

# Chrismon Tree Planned for the Parish Hall

Since early Christianity, the term *chrismon* has traditionally referred to any symbol or figure reminiscent of the name of Christ. In the 20th century the term also started to be used in a wider sense to refer to ornaments that are "symbols for Christ or some part of Christ's ministry"; these are often used during Advent and Christmas, to decorate a Chrismon tree (or a Christmas tree), and include "the dove, descending down, fish, Celtic cross, Jerusalem cross, shepherd's crook, chalice, shell, and others". The chrismon ornaments are decorated in the traditional Gold and White.



We will be making Chrismon ornaments for our large tree in the Parish Hall. The first crafting session will be October 3, at 1pm in the Parish Hall. Due to the size of the tree, we will need many ornaments for decorating. Please bring any scraps of gold and white trim, braid, beads, fabric, sequins, fringe etc. you might have on hand (all gold and white). We will also be purchasing supplies to for decorating too. The ornaments will be made from styrofoam, foam board, and wood. We will have the forms ready to decorate. If you can't attend the crafting session but would still like to make some ornaments to hang on the tree, we will have kits available to be picked up. Just let us know how many you might want to decorate.

If you want to donate any gold, white, or clear ornaments, we will be needing those to fill in around the chrismons. We plan to decorate the Parish Hall Christmas tree on November 29<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 service. We are also needing to borrow floor lamps. The overhead lighting in the parish hall is rather harsh so we intend to place floor lamps around the perimeter of the room to make the room prettier.



## St. Nicholas Day High Tea ~ December 6th

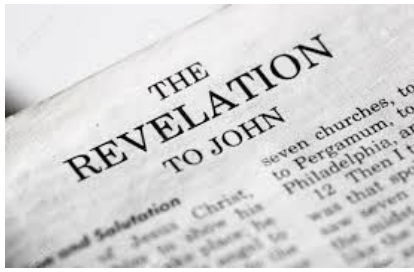
Although it seems ages away, after Labor Day the Christmas season seems to be hurtling toward us. We have the music and the program ready, and now we are turning our attentions to the other items on the agenda.

There will be 12 tables in the Parish Hall for seating. We are going to decorate each table to depict one of the 12 Days of Christmas. We are asking members to adopt a table and be in charge of decorating it. We still have tables available. (see below)

To adopt a table, please call Sharon Weber at 949-3116.

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Table 1 (A Partridge in a Pear Tree) | Anngie and Henry McWilliams |
| Table 2 (Two Turtle Doves)           | Sharon and Larry Weber      |
| Table 3 (Three French Hens)          | Jean and Earl Yarborough    |
| Table 4 (Four Calling Birds)         |                             |
| Table 5 (Five Gold Rings)            | Ruth Ann and Rudy Wallace   |
| Table 6 (Six Geese a Laying)         |                             |
| Table 7 (Seven Swans a Swimming)     |                             |
| Table 8 (Eight Maids a Milking)      | Eileen and Stan Burdock     |
| Table 9 (Nine Ladies Dancing)        |                             |
| Table 10 (Ten Lords a Leaping)       | Nancy and Rudi Wallace      |
| Table 11 (Eleven Pipers Piping)      |                             |
| Table 12 (Twelve Drummers Drumming)  |                             |





## Wednesday Night Study

### IMMERSED IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

We kicked off our study on September 30, with the DVD "Revelation Illustrated". 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 guides 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.



## Wednesday Morning Women's Koinonia Study

On October 7, 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 of a very short video clip of the movie and Bible references for each session.

If you are interested in attending the Bible Study and have not already done so, you may still sign up and you can order a book at [www.lifeway.com](http://www.lifeway.com). We 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.

## *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!





### **PASTOR'S POW WOW**

The Pastor's POW WOW will be Sunday, October 11, 6PM-8PM at the Burdock Home, 3214 Rock Brook Drive. From College Hills Blvd and the Loop take the third right turn past the I HOP, the Burdocks' is in the second block of Rock Brook Drive on the right. There's a Steelers Banner hanging in front of the house!

### **~THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY ~ THANK YOU JENNY AND LOU!**

The new Church Directory is available in the Narthex as well as in the church office. So many of you have expressed the quality of the Directory and the Photography. A GINORMOUS THANK YOU to Jenny Schroeder our Directory Editor and Producer, and Lou Czarnecki our top notch photographer. WELL DONE!



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### **ONE MILE CHALLENGE**

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Last spring we accepted Archbishop Foley's "One Mile Challenge" to introduce ourselves to those living within a mile of the church

campus. We visited about one third of our neighbors, and in the cooler days of October we will resume our visiting. Consider joining a team. We travel in teams of three, one driver, two home visitors. We wear name tags, introduce ourselves, offer a church brochure, and if there are children in the family, a DVD about Jesus. The DVD is in English and Spanish. We ask the Lord to direct our conversations, and as the opportunity arises, we offer to pray for the person or some need that they or a family member may have. Generally, we are at a home for no more than 10 minutes. We do not visit alone or go inside the house. We do not ask for or receive donations. We'll be sharing more about the One Mile Challenge in the weeks ahead and look forward to what the Lord has in store for us!

### **PHOTOGRAPHS AVAILABLE**

If you would like to have copies of the photos from the Directory, Lou has made them available to Jenny in the Church Office. If you will cover the cost of the photo paper, they are yours for the asking. Call Jenny at the church office. (325) 949-6260 Monday thru Friday, 9 AM-11:30 AM and Noon-2 PM.

### **PREGNANCY HELP CENTER FUND RAISING DINNER**

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fund Raising Dinner** for the Pregnancy Help Center will be held at the McNease Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Drive, on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 call Rosemary at 832-414-9485 or email [mamabear183@outlook.com](mailto:mamabear183@outlook.com).

### **S T E W A R D S H I P D I N N E R**

Sunday, November 15 at 6:00 PM the Vestry will host the Annual Stewardship Catered Dinner at Rio Concho West. A vestry member will contact you. There is no charge for the dinner but reservations are required. We will also have our Dessert Contest, so dig out your favorite homemade recipes! More details will be in the November Agnus Dei.

# THE VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 19, 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.”



## A CHURCH WORKDAY

is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th at 9am. If you are interested in helping with general clean up and fix up projects around the church, inside and out, please 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, [secretary.acgs@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:secretary.acgs@suddenlinkmail.com) or drop it at the church office Monday—Friday, 9-11:30 AM or Noon-2 PM. Thank you.



## DISCRETIONARY OFFERINGS

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each 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.



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



## Soups, Stews, and Salads Luncheon Scheduled for October 11th!

Come join and enjoy fellowship with your fellow brothers and sisters. There will be a Soups, Stews and Salads Fellowship Luncheon following the 10:30 am service on Sunday, October 11th. Prepare and share your favorite recipe. See you there!

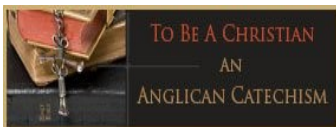
# THE VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Vestry Nominating Committee will meet on  
Saturday, October 31, 2015, from 11:00am - 12:00pm in the church library.

## Christian 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](mailto:tonybartl@gmail.com).



### **To Be A Christian, *An Anglican Catechism***,

Deacon June Smith in the Library. 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](mailto:june.smith@angelo.edu).

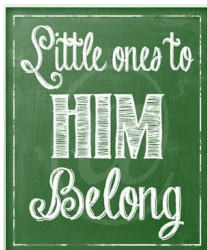
## EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP

Father Stan in Classroom 2 (The Choir Room). This will be a six week class designed for three groups of people: someone considering making Good Shepherd their home church, someone who wants to know how to describe us to others, and members wanting a deeper knowledge of how we follow Jesus in the Anglican Way. Classes begin on Oct. 4 and run through Nov. 8.



### **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](mailto: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.

## 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.

# October Bible Readings

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# October Birthdays

- 10/6 Mary Jane Butler
- 10/6 Arrianna Wellborn
- 10/15 Tony Bartl
- 10/18 David Smith
- 10/23 Donna Masterson
- 10/23 Billie Ruth Hodges
- 10/24 John Mark McLaughlin
- 10/28 Jeannette Anaya
- 10/31 Pam Jennings



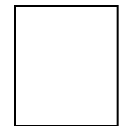
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