



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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Dear Good Shepherd Saints in the Lord:

The New Year for the Church began on Advent Sunday, November 29th, and now the world is just catching up to us this January 1st. The celebration of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus as God and man is complete, and we enter the seasons of Christmastide and Epiphany this month. This is a very busy month for the Church in the World. We celebrate the early life of Jesus and all the miraculous events God performed. Scripture tells us several significant events that have implications for our ministry now which happened in these seasons of Christmastide and Epiphany.

During this season we celebrate the naming of Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem eight days following his birth. We celebrate the coming of the Magi from the east to worship the baby born King of the Jews. We mourn the slaughter of the innocents in Bethlehem by Herod's attempt to kill this newborn King. We mark Jesus' return out of Egypt to Nazareth (the city's name was at that time a euphemism for "despised" because of its backwater status among the cities of the region). And we mark Jesus' baptism to begin his ministry.

What can we learn from this early part of Our Lord's life on earth? Humility. The God of the Universe came down to dwell with us, not in palaces and in finery, but lowly, humbly. He came to a poor, contemplative young girl and her husband, both faithful worshippers of God. He grew up in poverty in a city called "despised." Even Nathanael, sought out and found by Philip to join Jesus was shocked at a prophet coming from Nazareth:

John 1:43-47:

"The next day Jesus decided to leave [the Jordan where John was baptizing] for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

Come and see. Let us open our eyes to the Savior, called despised by the proud.
Come and see. Let us open our hearts to the only One who can heal and save.
Let us humble ourselves and come and see.

Blessings,

Deacon June

PRAYING THROUGH THE NAMES OF GOD

As we study the beauty of God's Greek and Hebrew names, we find characteristics of God which draw us closer to Him in a more intimate relationship. These names are hallowed, and contain more truth about the majestic God we serve. When Scripture reveals to us who God is through His names, we are never the same.

He is mighty and wonderful, He is here and now, and He is real: our triune God in three persons.

God in Three Persons, Holy Trinity

Abba, Father

Huios tou Theou, Son of God

Ruach Hakkodesh, Holy Spirit: Ruach Elohim, Spirit of God

Almighty God, Who was before time began, is no and eternal, we praise Your name above all names. How glorious are Your mighty deeds, Your power and majesty beyond compare! Our God in three persons, we adore You.

Abba Father, in Your care we find comfort and consolation, discipline and discernment, forgiveness and freedom. You are a faithful Abba Father who loved us first, creating us in Your image. Thank You for giving us life on earth and life everlasting through Jesus, our Savior and Intercessor, through Whom we have access to Your saving grace. You guide and teach us Your holy law. Great is Your glory, Abba Father.

Huios tou Theou, Son of God, we are overjoyed to know and love You.

Thank You, Son of God, for your mercy and transforming love. You came down from heaven as an innocent child, born to die for the sin of the world. Blessed is Your name, Huios tou Theou! Through Your blood we are saved, forgiven, redeemed and reconciled to Abba our Father. Hold us close to You, Lord Jesus. Abide in us; give us that true sense of peace which comes from Your presence. Save us from the snares of the devil and deliver us from all evil. Forgive our many transgressions made through our sinful nature. Without Your mercy, we are doomed. But because of Your glorious resurrection, we share in God's kingdom as heirs, children of the Living God. And You call us friend. For this and more we worship You, Lord Christ. Your name reigns above all names.

Come Ruach Hakkodesh, Holy Spirit, breath of life who lives within us. Ruach Elohim, Spirit of God, we are empty, broken vessels without You, lost in a wilderness of chaotic worldliness. Grant that we might receive Your power with wisdom and discernment. Inspire us to do what is right all the time, and to persevere through life's hardships. Thank You for the fruit of the Spirit and Your benevolence in giving us gifts and talents to serve our God. Convict us with Your presence to follow Your commands.

Blessed Trinity, in You all things are known and made known. To You be the power and the glory, now and forever. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Jean Stinnett

Concert for Life

Saturday, January 23, 2016
Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd
3355 W. Beauregard (behind HEB)
Noon to 5 PM (Come and go)



Raffle
Silent Auction

Showcasing local musicians of all ages!



STOP BY THE
"CHILI WHEN IT'S CHILLY"
SNACK BAR

Donations Accepted
All proceeds benefit the Pregnancy Help Center

ACGS 2016 Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 31 we will hold our Annual Dinner and Congregational Meeting at Noon in the Parish Hall. Three new members of the Vestry will be elected, and the class of 2015 will be recognized for their service. We also hope to hear from each of our members what their hopes and dreams for ministry are for the next year, and where they see the congregation in five years. Begin praying and thinking about that and plan now to participate.



Dear Church,
Thank you so very much for the Christmas gifts, for making me feel so welcomed and supported, and especially for all the ways you have blessed me as I serve Him along side all of you. I am grateful to be a part of this wonderful church family!
Sincerely,
Jenny Schroeder



New Years Day, January 1,
the church office
will be closed.

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.

Wednesday Night Study - IMMERSED IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

The class will resume on Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

This study is the classical understanding the Church has had since the time of the Apostles. It is 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.

GENESIS, Continued...

This class led by Tony Bartl will resume with Genesis chapter 10 on January 17th.

The class will meet in Classroom 1, which is near the Parish Hall.

For more info, contact Tony at 254-756-0576 or tonybartl@gmail.com.

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!



ACGS Women's Monthly Luncheon

ACGS women now meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. Please join us the second Thursday of the month at the *RiverView Restaurant at River Terrace*, 800 W Ave D at noon to accommodate those who work. There is a buffet served or you may order from the menu. The buffet is \$12.00.

ACGS Men's Monthly Breakfast

ACGS men meet once a month for breakfast and fellowship the 3rd Saturday of the month at the *Peppercorn Grill*, 2715 Sherwood Way at 8:00 a.m. Please call Jenny in the church office to RSVP.

DISCRETIONARY OFFERINGS

On the 1st and 3rd 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.

THE VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 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."




Meet Monday,
January 4,
at 6:00 pm in
the Library.

All Parish Retreat Scheduled

The Great House Retreat Center has been reserved as the location of our ALL PARISH RETREAT. The dates are April 8-10, 2016. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss this special time together growing in our knowledge and love of the Father through His Son Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.



DON'T FORGET...

PROJECT DIGNIDAD NEEDS
DONATIONS OF NONPERISHABLE
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH STAPLES :)

January 2016

Minister's Schedule

	January 3 Second Sunday After Christmas	January 10 First Sunday After the Epiphany	January 17 Second Sunday After the Epiphany	January 24 Third Sunday After Epiphany	January 31 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
8:00 am					
Vestry In Charge	Billie Smithwick	Larry Weber	Corey Peddy	Tony Bartl	Brent Daniel
Teller	David Harrison Sharon Weber	Mark McLaughlin Jeannette Anaya	Billie Smithwick Mark Brown	Kathi Johnson Bob Masterson	Rosemary Holm Jim Cogan
Altar Guild	Holloway/Wallace	Yarbrough/Baker	Anaya/Read	Robken/Weber	Johnson/Springer
Usher	Jean Stinnett	Charles Westbrook	Nan Barber	Jeannette Anaya	Jackie Jennings
Crucifer	Deacon June	Deacon June	Deacon June	Deacon June	Deacon June
Lector	Paul Millican Jeremiah 31:7-14	Jo Millican Isaiah 42:1-9	Jean Stinnett Isaiah 62:1-5	Paul Millican Nehemiah 8:1-10	Pam Jennings Jeremiah 1:4-10
Eucharistic Minister	Craig Porter Psalm 84:1-8 Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a	Jeannette Anaya Psalm 89:19-29 Acts 10:34-38	Craig Porter Psalm 96 1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Jeannette Anaya Psalm 113 1 Corinthians 12:12-27	Craig Porter Psalm 71:1-17 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20
10:25 am					
Bell Ringer	10:25 USHER	10:25 USHER	10:25 USHER	10:25 USHER	10:25 USHER
Greeters	Rita Baker George Butler	Teddye Read Barbara Robken	Erlene Springer Bob Masterson	Nan Barber Katie Harrison	Teddye Read Charles Westbrook
Ushers	Erlene Springer Larry Weber	Katie Harrison Bob Masterson	Larry Weber David Harrison	Teddye Read Erlene Springer	David and Katie Harrison
Crucifer	Steve Woolard	Mark Brown	Steve Woolard	Larry Weber	Mark Brown
Torch Bearers	Alex Woolard Amber Woolard	Alex Woolard Amber Woolard	Alex Woolard Amber Woolard	Alex Woolard Amber Woolard	Alex Woolard Amber Woolard
Lector	Butch Nixon Jeremiah 31:7-14	Ruth Ann Wallace Isaiah 42:1-9	Sharon Weber Micah 5:2-4	Rosemary Holm Nehemiah 8:1-10	Bert Hudson Jeremiah 1:4-10
Eucharistic Minister	Rudy Wallace Psalm 84:1-8 Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a	Anngie McWilliams Psalm 89:19-29 Acts 10:34-38	Billie Smithwick Psalm 96 1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Steve Woolard Psalm 113 1 Corinthians 12:12-27	Eileen Burdock Psalm 71:1-17 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20
GOSPEL OF THE DAY	Matthew 2:1-12	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	John 2:1-11	Luke 4:14-21	Luke 4:21-32
Nursery Workers	Leann/Sarah	Leann/Sarah	Leann/Sarah	Leann/Sarah	Leann/Sarah

Wednesday Ministers (6:30 PM)

	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
Eucharistic Minister	Sharon Weber	Nan Holloway	Erlene Springer	Jeannette Anaya
Altar Guild	Ruth Ann Wallace	Jean Yarbrough	Ruth Ann Wallace	Eileen Burdock

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:00 AM Decorate the Parish Hall for St. Nicholas Day High Tea
3 8:00 AM - HC 9:15 AM Christian Formation Classes 10:30 AM – HC	4 1:15 PM Parish Staff Mtg. 2:00 PM Stitchers 6:00 PM DOHC	5 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Classical Conversations 6:30 PM Music Rehearsal	6 6:30 PM - HC 7:15 PM Bible Study	7 10:00 AM Intercessory Prayer in the Chapel	8 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Classical Conversations	9
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17 8:00 AM - HC 9:15 AM Christian Formation Classes 10:30 AM – HC	18 1:15 PM Parish Staff Mtg. 2:00 PM Stitchers 6:00 PM Vestry Mtg.	19 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Classical Conversations 6:30 PM Music Rehearsal	20 6:30 PM - HC 7:15 PM Bible Study	21 10:00 AM Intercessory Prayer in the Chapel	22 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Classical Conversations	23 <i>Friends of the Pregnancy Help Center Concert for Life</i> Come and Go Noon ~ 5:00 Parish Hall
24 8:00 AM - HC 9:15 AM Christian Formation Classes 10:30 AM – HC	25 1:15 PM Parish Staff Mtg. 2:00 PM Stitchers	26 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Classical Conversations 6:30 PM Music Rehearsal	27 6:30 PM - HC 7:15 PM Bible Study	28 10:00 AM Intercessory Prayer in the Chapel	29 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Classical Conversations	30
31 12:00 PM Annual Meeting Parish Hall						

January Bible Readings

<i>New Testament</i>		<i>Old Testament</i>	
▶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
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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



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 16**



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