

Our history: The Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd is a community of Christians, joyfully proclaiming the Good News of Christ Jesus. In 1961, Bishop George Quarterman of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas began exploring the establishment of a mission church on the west side of San Angelo. Since its establishment in the late 19th century, Emmanuel parish had been the only Episcopal presence in San Angelo. Bishop Quarterman enlisted Dr. Lloyd Hershberger, Mr. Armistead Rust and Mr. Henry Charless in 1965 to gather support for a second Episcopal congregation. After these laymen had recruited a nucleus of individuals to join a mission, they bought the property on the bluff where the church now stands.



Throughout 1965, Dr. Hershberger led 49 Episcopal communicants and their friends in house-church services. On September 26th, 1965 they petitioned the diocese to recognize them as a mission. On November 1st, 1965, Bishop Quarterman and the diocesan standing committee formally recognized the new mission. The bishop appointed Dr. Hershberger and Bishop's Warden and selected John "Pat" Coyan, Mark McLaughlin, Armistead Rust, Jack Ray, Craig Porter, Ward Weste and William Miehler for the Bishop's Committee. Mrs. John D. Robertson represented the women of the church. The Church of the Good Shepherd was formally accepted as a mission church at the Episcopal diocesan council held in Vernon on May 13, 1966.

Under the leadership of Mr. Rust, monies were raised for the construction of a sanctuary, similar in design to St. Mark's in Abilene. November 14th, 1965 marked the groundbreaking ceremony. Mr. E. G. Kingsbery and his son-in-law, Mr. Jack Bleakley, donated limestone found on their ranch to face the building and subsequent additions. The first communion service in the new building was held on September 11th, 1966. By 1972, the lien on the new church was free and clear of debt and so the bishop officially consecrated the edifice. The church became a parish in 1974. Since construction, there have been three major property additions to the church, the most recent in 2005 with the acquisition of the 5 acres next door.



In January 2007, the Vestry and Congregation voted to become part of the Anglican Province of Uganda, and was assigned by Archbishop Henry Orombi to the Diocese of Mityana, and the oversight of Bishop Dunstan Bukenya. In 2008, +John Guernsey, of Woodbridge, Virginia, was consecrated by the Ugandan House of Bishops to serve as Bishop for Congregations in America. In June of 2009, Archbishop Orombi and the House of Bishops of the Anglican Province of Uganda transferred Bishop John, all clergy and congregations currently under their care into the Anglican Church in North America. Good Shepherd is a parish in the Diocese of The Holy Spirit, the Midland Deanery and the Anglican Fellowship of the Southwest (West Texas and New Mexico.)