



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 2021

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Yogi Berra, the famed baseball player once said, "It's déjà vu all over again." September and Labor Day have come again, and it seems as though we have had this "feeling" before. Summer is over. Covid 19 and its variant have threatened the area again. Natural disasters and international chaos once again dominate the news. But the good news is that God still has his hands upon us and is calling us to be faithful and loving despite what is going on in the world. God is still on the throne. We will continue to serve and praise his holy name.

The Anglican Diocese of the Southwest annual synod will be held virtually on September the 11th. At the Synod, I will be stepping down as Chairman of the Standing Committee. Working without a bishop, selecting a bishop, getting accustomed to a new way of doing things in the diocese, has been a time of learning and change. Bishop Tighe will soon reveal his direction for the way-ahead.

On Tuesday night, September 7, at 6 PM, we will commence our Grief Share ministry. Most of us have experienced loss that was important to us. Death, divorce, separation, and disappointments have taken their toll. The grief process often takes a while to work through. Sometimes we get stuck in our pain and have a hard time picking up the pieces of our lives. Grief Share is a safe place to learn, share, and grow. Please encourage your family and friends who are suffering to participate in this ministry. One does not need to be a member of the church to participate.

Wednesday afternoons at 4 PM I teach on our parish's Facebook page, I conduct a Bible study. The Bible study examines a chapter in the Bible, which helps us to capture the main thoughts presented. My reflections on the chapter usually take from 15 to 30 minutes. Verses are covered in a conversational manner and include practical applications. Scroll back on our Facebook page and you will notice teachings from Romans, I & II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. On September 8, I will begin

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a study of 1 Thessalonians, which may be our earliest written New Testament book. Please join these studies. If you can't watch at 4 PM, you may watch them anytime later. To help get the message about our Gospel believing church ministries to those who need to hear, please share these studies, and the Sunday Morning messages on your own FB page. People need to hear the good news and understand the Bible.

On Wednesday evenings at 6 PM, we are beginning the video series, "Is Genesis History?" In this series we will be shown convincing natural evidence that we can absolutely trust Genesis in its details. God created the universe, the earth, Adam and Eve. These are real historical events and we can trust God's Word. We can trust that when he gives us his commands, they are sovereign and absolute. Of course, as Christians, we must interpret our applicant of the Old Testament through the lens of the New Testament and the completed work of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

During Sunday morning Bible study we are continuing the examination of Mark's Gospel. A sound understanding of the Gospels gives us a foundation for developing the rest of our Christian lives. Classroom interaction is great and provides a wonderful context in which to learn, grow, and share our Christian faith.

Yes, it seems as though some of the challenges we currently face are ones that we have faced before. They are rhythmic in a sense. That's one of the reasons we follow the church calendar and constantly train ourselves in the Christian faith. Take advantage of the training opportunities we have and lead lives of thanksgiving and prayer. Please let me know when you have a special pastoral need. I'll do my best to respond as quickly as



Fr. Hal

***Support and encouragement
for your grief journey.***

GRIEF SHARE

***We will begin a 13 week program
Tuesday, September 7 and will meet each Tuesday
evening at 6:00 through November 30.***

*Meetings will be held here at ACGS in the conference room.
If you are interested in participating, or know of someone who
might be, please contact Fr. Hal Scott for more information:
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Pregnancy Help Center Annual Fundraising Dinner
Celebrating 30 Year Anniversary



Tuesday, October 5, 2021
McNease Convention Center
Speaker: Dr. Rob Reccord
Contact: Rosemary Holm
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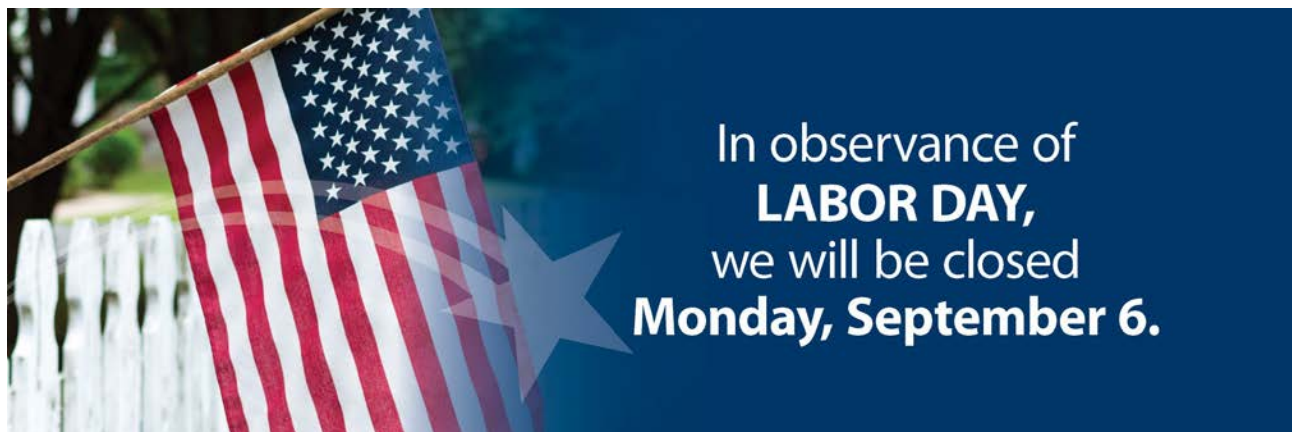


Daughters of the Holy Cross Sunday
is September 12, 2021

The Local Chapter of the Daughters of the Holy Cross will renew their
vows and celebrate the installation of new officers
Sunday, September 12, 2021 at the 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist.

Vision Statement

*The vision of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross
is to gather Anglican women and girls into a nurturing and
empowering community called to be servants of Jesus as
He unites and builds up his body, the Church.*



September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 4:00 PM 1 Thessalonians Study on Facebook 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist and Exodus Bible Study	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Daughters of the Holy Cross @ 10:00am in the Conference Room</i>
<i>5</i> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM – HE	<i>6</i> <i>Church Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 4:00 PM 1 Thessalonians Study on Facebook 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist and Exodus Bible Study	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
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<i>19</i> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM – HE	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 4:00 PM 1 Thessalonians Study on Facebook 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist and Exodus Bible Study	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM – HE	<i>27</i> 5:30 PM Vestry Meeting	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 4:00 PM 1 Thessalonians Study on Facebook 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist and Exodus Bible Study	<i>30</i>		

September 2021 ~ Ministry Schedule

Duty	September 5 Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost	September 12 Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost	September 19 Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost	September 26 Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost
Vestry In Charge	Paul Millican	Billie Ruth Hodges	Paul Millican	Jim Debenport
Tellers	Jeannette Anaya Billie Smithwick	Mark Brown David Harrison	Sharon Weber Charles Westbrook	Kathi Johnson Billie Smithwick
Altar Guild	Holloway/Wallace	Johnson/Springer	Yarbrough/Baker	Weber/Caskey
	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
Greeters and Ushers	Charles Westbrook Linda Wilson	Teddye Read David Harrison	Rosemary Holm Jeannette Anaya	Erlene Springer Charles Westbrook
Crucifer	Larry Weber	Heath Belk	Mark Brown	Heath Belk
Torch/Flag Bearer	Amber Woolard Alex Woolard Kylie Simmons Rowan Schroeder	Amber Woolard Alex Woolard Kylie Simmons Rowan Schroeder	Amber Woolard Alex Woolard Kylie Simmons Rowan Schroeder	Amber Woolard Alex Woolard Kylie Simmons Rowan Schroeder
Lector	Steve Woolard Isaiah 35:4-7a	Ben Schroeder Isaiah 50:4-9	Nan Holloway Wisdom 1:16-2:1, 12-22	Stacy Belk Numbers 11:4-6, 10-17, 24-29
Eucharistic Minister	Sharon Weber Psalm 146 James 1:17-27	Jeannette Anaya Psalm 116:1-16 James 2:1-18	Billie Smithwick Psalm 54 James 3:16-4:6	Mark Brown Psalm 19:1-14 James 4:7-5:6
Gospel of the Day	Mark 7:31-37	Mark 9:14-29	Mark 9:30-37	Mark 9:38-48

LIVING WITH JESUS THEN AND NOW

ZACCHAEUS

Fame and fortune mean nothing to God who is Master and Creator, for all things belong to Him. The outer trappings of wealth and status never sway His judgment or favor. No one buys his way into heaven. There is no monetary price for forgiveness, for its price is a repentant and meek spirit, a contrite and humble heart saved by the precious blood of Christ.

This is the lesson Jesus presents in the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector in Luke Chapter 18. In the very next chapter He enters Jericho and encounters the tax collector, Zacchaeus. Tax collectors were reviled by Jews because they made their living gathering tax money for the Romans. More often than not they added in a fee which they kept for themselves.

This was Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem where He would be crucified the next week. Imagine Zacchaeus, a very wealthy man, whose only desire on that day was to see the Master. By reason of faith his life changes completely. Here now is his story, in his own words.

The Man Who Climbed a Tree

Another warm day begins as I prepare to walk into the poorer section of Jericho, my home town. Next week is the holy Feast of Passover, so I must increase my efforts collecting taxation for the Romans. That will appease them before our celebration. I doubt the people will thank me for a few days' respite from my haranguing. Nevertheless, it is my job since I am the chief tax collector in this major trade city. Wealth has its rewards, yet something is missing in my life. I have everything money can buy, but I am not a happy man.

A crowd is forming along the main thoroughfare. I guess it is another caravan passing through, camels loaded with spices, fabrics, and gold led by strangers from faraway lands.

Someone hollers, "Jesus is coming!" I have heard of this Man, a Rabbi who teaches and heals. Some call Him the Messiah, the promised Anointed One while others say He is a blasphemous ne'er-do-well. Soon I am surrounded by people taller than me, for I am short in stature, another reason for their derisive remarks. I must see for myself who Jesus is.

I spot a sycamore-fig tree down the road and run ahead of the masses. The low lying branches make it easy for my short legs to climb. I ease my way up to a secure vantage point, biting into a small fig as I wait. And here he comes!

The Man is surrounded by people pressing into Him. He carries Himself with authority and grace. He stops when He sees me and calls me down as He invites Himself into my home. I scurry down the tree, almost falling, delighted to welcome Him, gladly accepting Him. At first I am at a loss for words as people mutter about Jesus choosing to be the guest of a sinner.

Yes, I am a sinner, eager to speak in my defense. Here is my opportunity to publicly confess my sin, to atone for my past behavior, to cleanse my heart and soul. I am grateful to give up half my possessions to the poor and pay back anyone I have cheated four times the amount. I am relieved to repent of my sin, and I call Him Lord. A heavy burden has been lifted from my shoulders.

He came into my home, reclined at my table, and called me a son of Abraham. My wife and I served Him and His disciples our best food on our finest tableware. We offered Him all we had and rejoiced in His presence. He spoke of God's kingdom in parables. And He blessed my house with His salvation. I am redeemed by the Lord and this life changing experience. For He chose me, plucked me out of a tree, to serve Him.

For the first time in ages I felt a deep internal peace which passes all understanding. He gathered my children into His lap and blessed them. Then He left to Jerusalem in preparation for the Passover. I never saw Him again. I heard He was sentenced to a horrible death on a tree. And then He arose from the grave to prove He is the Son of God.

A tree. He saved me out of the sycamore-fig and now has saved the world from His own tree, the cross. I share my story with anyone who will listen, eager to glorify and honor His holy Name: Jesus.

Luke 18:9-14, Luke 19

Jean Stinnett



Upcoming
Women's Walk
#2198
October 14-17, 2021

Call the church office for
more info.

WHAT IS EMMAUS?

A Journey with Christ The Gospel of St. Luke relates the story of the risen Christ appearing to two men who were going along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They were walking together, sharing their hearts' deepest concerns. The risen Christ joined them and explained the scriptures as they walked, how it was ordained that Christ should suffer and so enter his glory. This experience on the road was a heart-warming experience as the risen Christ walked and talked with them. The illuminating climax of the experience was when Christ took bread and said the blessing, then broke it and gave it to them. The two had their eyes opened and they recognized him as the risen Christ and they rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the others. (Luke 24: 13-35)



Holy Eucharist and Bible Study

For those who are interested in following the 1 Thessalonians study, it is Live on Facebook, **Wednesdays at 4:00 PM.**



For those attending the **Wednesday 6:00 PM** service we are beginning our "Is Genesis History?" Bible Study

We will continue our study of the Gospel according St. Mark on **Sunday mornings at 9:15am.**

Intercessory Prayer

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

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October Agnus Dei Deadline is September 17



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