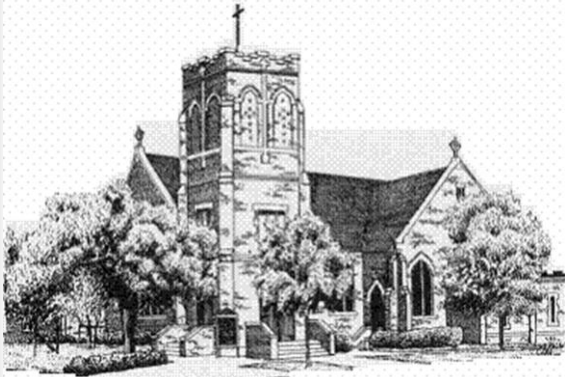


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December 2011

**A BIBLICAL DAY with THE WOMEN OF ADVENT:
MARY- MOTHER of OUR LORD,
ANNA OF THE TEMPLE, and
ELIZABETH - MOTHER Of JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Virgin Mary at Annunciation - Temple Prophetess Anna - Elizabeth

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011
THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
1007 BURNETT ST.
WICHITA FALLS, TX.**

**FROM 10:00 AM TO 3:30 PM
940-723-5493**

**A Special ADVENT BIBLE STUDY Conducted By:
The REVEREND DEACON MELODY CRABB+, D.H.C.
Sponsored By THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING and
THE DAUGHTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS**

LUNCH will be provided in THANKSGIVING for your ATTENDANCE. PLEASE bring your BIBLES and notebooks. There will be LOTS of PRAYER, SMALL GROUP STUDIES, DISCUSSION, and CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. CLERGY are also WELCOMED to have a DAY of READING, PRAYER and STUDY.

**SMALL GROUPS led by THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING and
THE DAUGHTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS.**

**PLEASE RSVP by EMAIL at mcrabb@sbcglobal.net or Deacon Melody+ at 940-636-3504.
RSVP ASAP, PLEASE. ALL are WELCOMED**

Eighty-third Election Day Lunch and Bazaar

I would like to thank all who worked so hard to make our 83rd annual bazaar and soup luncheon a success! We are blessed to have so many energetic and generous people in our church community.

Thanks to all,

Kathy Spires, Bazaar Chairman

Interfaith Ministries

As many of you know, what used to be The Episcopal School is now Christ Academy. What you might not know is that one day per month Christ Academy sends students out to volunteer in the community. Starting in September, Interfaith Ministries got three volunteers from Christ Academy. This is a great help to IMI and hopefully it lets the students see how much can be done in the community and how much their help is needed. Well, our very own Elizabeth Waters is one of these volunteers who comes to Interfaith Ministries! I trained the girls in the pantry (where our donations are given out) and last month they got to fill their first order of food for a family in need.

We are always looking for more volunteers. There are four areas that need volunteers. You can work at the front desk checking people in, you can speak with the clients to see what they need, you can work with those that need medication, or you can work in the pantry. So if you have two hours a month, as Elizabeth does, IMI needs you! Please contact me, Mary Gwin, or phone Interfaith Ministries to volunteer. (940)322-1365. You can also visit their website at interfaithwf.org.

Troop Tree

Good Shepherd has a new Boy Scout Troop that is meeting in the Youth Building and the church is sponsoring the new troop. Father Scott is the Troop Leader and John Glaze is the Assistant Leader. The troop is in need of equipment and is asking the church for donations. We are going to do this like an "Angel Tree." Many of you are familiar with the concept of picking a name off of a tree at Christmastime and buying toys, clothes, etc. for a child. The Salvation Army does this every year. We are taking that same idea and making a "Troop Tree." The tree will be located in the parlor.

Father Scott and John Glaze are working on a wish list of equipment that they need for campouts, etc. and we will have a tree with the items on there. You will pick an item and purchase this for the troop. For larger items, several people or a church group could go in together to purchase.

This is an excellent outreach project to help the youth in our community. The Boy Scouts of America is a wonderful organization and we should feel honored to be a part of the beginning and development of this new troop.

If you have any questions, please contact Father Scott, John Glaze or Tracy Johnson.

Parish Pictorial Directory

Regarding the update of the Parish Pictorial Directory issued at the Annual Meeting in January: If you are not satisfied with the individual or family picture in the current directory, please take a picture with a digital camera and e-mail me your desired entry. If you do not have a digital camera or do not have e-mail, give me the desired picture and I will scan it into the database. If neither of these options is possible, see me at church and I will take your picture.

Please give me your new picture by mid-December.

Jack Russell [jruss2@att.net](mailto:j russ2@att.net)

Dutch Ovens of the Good Shepherd

After getting off to a great start with our October 22, 2011, cookout, it has been very difficult to schedule a cookout that fits members' schedules due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We are hoping to schedule one during December, possibly on December 17th, however one has not been

definitely scheduled at this time. If we are unable to fit one into enough members' schedules to make it a good group we will aim toward January 2012. All members will be notified of our future plans by e-mail.

Paul Brunette

Movie Night

WHEN: 2 December 2011

TIME: 6 PM

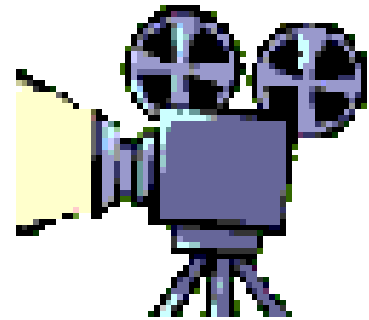
WHERE: Youth Building

MOVIE: Mystery of the Three Kings. The faithful far and wide know the tale of the three kings, but the true story is filled with magic and mystery. Retrace their steps to reveal the truth behind their incredible journey to visit the new born Jesus.

Dinner: Sloppy Joes, Please bring chips, cookies, desserts etc.

Dinner will start at 6 PM and the movie will start at 6:45 PM

Any questions please call Eddie or Beverley Andrade @ 855.1869



Good Shepherd - Parish Ministry

Dear Good Shepherd Parish Family; the Parish Ministry Committee is asking for your help with our next Parish Ministry project; to help make a Happy Christmas for a special family. Years ago we used to "Adopt a Family" from the Salvation Army and have an Angel Tree. Father Scott has chosen a very needy family, and as the new C.G.S. Boy Scout Troop is already having an Angel Tree for their equipment needs, we have decided to do something like the Angel Tree, but a little different.

We are going to do our gift giving project as a "Gift Manger". Our Junior Warden has made us a very special "manger stall", which will be located at the back of the Church; both for the convenience of all members to be able to choose an item to purchase, as well as for security, when the gifts are returned to the Church. We have three children in this family: a 10 year old girl, whose gift ideas will be on Angel gift tags, an 8 year old boy, whose gift

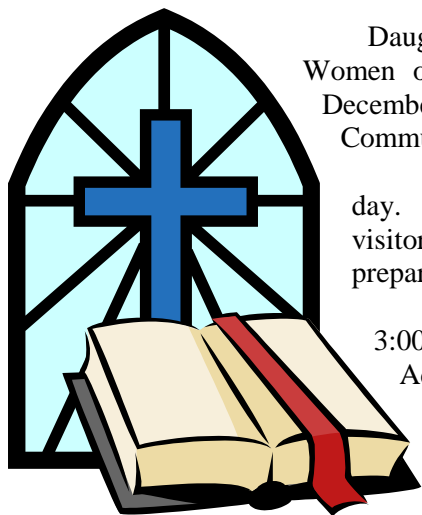
ideas will be on Bell gift tags, and a 7 year old girl, whose gift ideas will be on Star gift tags. We will also have gift tags for items that the whole family household will need, which will be listed on "Manger Stable" gift tags.

The "Gift Manger" will be in place as of the First Sunday in Advent, which means we will only have 4 weeks to secure the gifts. We are asking you to initial or check-off, on a printed list, the "gift tag" that you have taken; one will also be in the Parlour.

Please have the gifts wrapped and returned by Sunday, December 11th. The final day for blessing of the gifts, and their delivery, is to be on Sunday, December 18th. We are praying that all will want to take part in this special "Parish Ministry", and give generously, for the Glory of God, in Honour of the Christ Child.

In Christ's Name - A Blessed Christmas to All; Beverley and Tracy.

Daughters of the Holy Cross, and Daughters of the King - D.H.C.+D.O.K.



Daughters, as we are sponsoring the Event: "A Biblical Day with the Women of Advent", on Saturday December 10th, this will be our official December meeting day. We would still like to have our Advent Corporate Communion the next day, Sunday December 11th, at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist.

We are especially requesting your assistance with the Advent Event day. The WOGS will be acting as Hostesses for the Event, to help our visitors feel at home; but we will be needed to help Deacon Melody+ with the preparations for the day, and the serving of the lunch.

We will also be decorating our Annual D.O.K. Christmas Tree at 3:00 p.m., at the end of the day, during the final fellowship time of the Advent Event day. Please remember to bring your miniature Christmas ornaments. We already have a 3 foot table-top Tree, and the Star for the top. Deacon Melody+ will be taking the DOK Tree to a recipient whom she knows will really enjoy it.

Heavenly Father God, as we celebrate the Birth of Your Son, our Saviour Christ Jesus, help us to remember the true meaning of Christmas. Entreat us to concentrate on what the Birth of our Lord Jesus really means for us all, a way for Salvation and Life Eternal with You. Help us to know that it is not the gift we give that is important, but the love with which it is given. Remind us that it is better to give than to receive; and that giving to the needy is more Blessed by You, than giving meaningless items to our loved ones.

Please, watch over all of us as we travel to and from our homes, that we will be safe, well and protected from all harm and danger. Keep our loved ones protected, joyous and Blessed by Your Love during this Blessed Holy Season. Grant us a Merry Christmas with loving memories.

In Christ name, we pray. Amen.

+FHS; Beverley, Gayla and Deacon Melody+.

Women of Good Shepherd - W.O.G.S.

Our meeting for December will be the Event: "A Biblical Day with the Women of Advent"; on Saturday, December 10th, in the Parish Hall (or Parlour), from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. As we are hoping to have many visitors from other churches, both in and out of town, we would appreciate the attendance of as many W.O.G.S. as can possibly attend. We would like for the WOGS to act as Hostesses for the Event, welcoming these other ladies to our Parish, so that they will feel at home. Please contact Deacon Melody+, Gayla Slaughenhop, or Beverley Andrade, to let one of them know if you are planning to attend. Our Parish RSVP will be December 4th, the Sunday before the Event. Please see the Advent Day information in this Newsletter.

PAX; Tracy, Sandy & Beverley

The New Good Shepherd Chapter of the Anglican Prayer Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross is Now Listed on the National Web Site

The Good Shepherd Chapter of the Daughters of the King continue their work in prayers, service, study, evangelism, and missions as an official chapter. Our very own Very Reverend Scott Wooten, Dean of the Northern Deanery, performed the Institution Service for the new chapter with the assistance of Reverend Deacon Bill Holder. The chapter's members are Jean Salter, Gayla Slaughop, Beverley Andrade, Sharon Brown, Deacon Melody Crabb, and Charlene Cate. Visit <http://www.daughtershc.org/> to view The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross web site.



Christmas Caroling will be on Sunday, Dec. 18, from 4 pm to 6:30 pm.

We will assemble in the church parlor for hats and instructions and then board the big trolley to go visit some folks. Put it on your December calendar right now.

Bring a lot of Advent spirit into your home by attending our church's fourth Annual Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 11th at 5 pm.

We sing with string orchestra, trumpet and harp accompaniments. Join us!



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December Birthdays

- 1 Carol Janecka
- 2 Hazel Scott
- 4 Sandy Reed
- 5 Chung Day
- 6 Zaylee Contreras
 Nayla Contreras
- 8 Rodney Cate
- 9 Gail McMaster
- 10 Karen Kent
- 11 Brianna Désirée
 Rick Fenlaw
 Wendy Wilson
- 16 Eric Wisch
 Chris Corman
- 22 Clark Brazil
- 23 Stephanie Wooten
- 26 Father David Nyberg
- 28 Wanda White
 Donna Bronx
- 30 Russell Wooten

Anniversaries

- 2 Bob and Gail McMaster
- 8 Eric and Christi Wisch
- 28 Tom and Carolyn Sanders

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 Kyle King (2012)
 Dan Garcia (2012)
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