



The Holy Post

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The Good the Bad and the Christian. WOW! I remember back in 1971 when I first became a firefighter and they told me my retirement date for maximum pension would be 2003. I thought to myself, “Well, I’ll never get to that date!” It’s hard to believe all those years have come and gone, but they have.

Each year seems to bring greater and faster change Who would have thought that we would have Iphones, computers and car keys that aren’t really keys, anymore? Who would have thought we would have knee replacements and go home in three days? Who would have thought you could learn to fly an airplane at home on your computer or that the Berlin wall would ever come down? Who ever dreamed there would be anything like Amazon or Twitter?

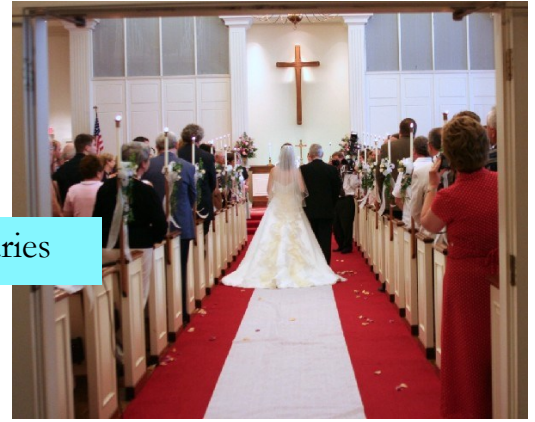
Whatever lies ahead for us in the next decade, I hope along with the changes comes a rebirth of faith. At the rate it is disappearing, today I fear the next generation will have little to believe in and nowhere to turn as their world turns darker still. Faith in Christ has always been there for me no matter what the crisis I faced and though we seem to still be spreading the Word in other countries, it seems to be fading right here at home. Whether you are happy in the world that you live in or unhappy, it is always going to be better with Christ in the center. Just ask those who have gone through dark times.

Phil

Happy Birthday

Elizabeth Brosha	3rd
Kathy Anderson	7th
Toni Mann	14th
Barb Hanson	15th

Anniversaries



Rick & Tammy Hinckley
9th



We need volunteers for our Hospitality Ministry

And we need you to sign

up so we know we are covered and I can send a reminder! ☐

This Sunday the Greeter 1 role is filled but we need Greeter's 2 & 3.

We also need greeters for the rest of the year in order to have our coffee & donut time as well as relieving our Pastors from doing all of the greeting.

If you would like to be part of this ministry, simply contact Gretchen

The Hospitality Ministry has three parts:

Greeter 1 – Open up the Church Building and prepare coffee/tea/hot chocolate, setting them out along with the donuts.

Greeter 2 – Greet people with a smile, handshake (or fist bump) as they come in the church, helping with any questions they might have, offering a welcome mug to new guests and reconnecting after the service as they leave.

Greeter 3 – Closing up the Church; Straighten up the Sanctuary, clean up the welcome booth and coffee, empty trash as needed, turn off all lights and fans, check that all windows and doors are closed and locked.

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The “back to school” days of August?



I'm sooooo old that I still think that school shouldn't begin until after labor day, even though its been starting in the middle of August for a very long time. It makes for a short summer. I don't know how the students keep their minds on being educated when summertime is still inviting them to come outside play. But, these students and their families (and teachers and administrators) are in my prayers. It is my hope that they not only learn their “ABC's” well, but they also learn more about God's love. And, as you know, they won't be learning that at school.

They will learn that at church. And by church, I don't just mean things that happen in the church's building, but the people who make up the church. The building is just where we tend to gather. We want them to be with us when we gather, learning from us about God's love. Who better to teach them? But our gatherings are not the only place that they will learn.

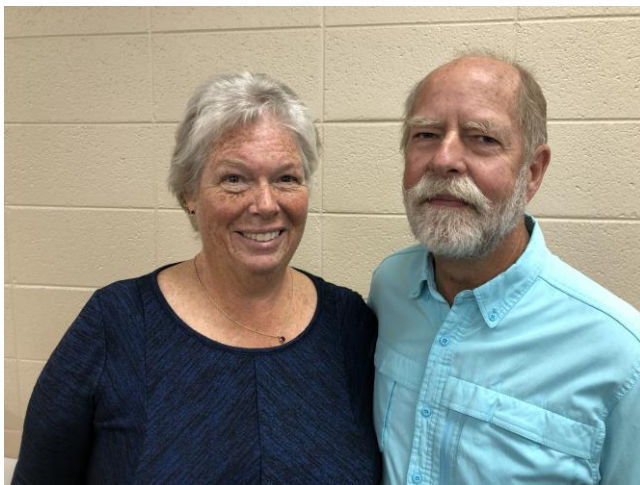
The Bible encourages parents to be the primary ones through whom their children will learn. Not only are they themselves to love the Lord their God with all of their heart, soul, mind and strength; and their neighbors as themselves. But they are to teach their own children from the moment they get up, all through the day, and not stop teaching them until their eyes shut at night. It isn't primarily though “formal lessons” that our children learn about God, but through everyday “life lessons.” They are watching and learning every moment of every day.

The teaching and learning that happens at our gatherings at the Church's building merely supplement and affirm what parents are teaching every day. These are important times. We delight in providing specialized learning experiences for them. And in a small church like ours, the “teachers” when we gather, are often the parents, but certainly not limited to them.

Starting on Wed, Sept 8th, we will offer a special time when students of every age can learn more about the Lord. We will eat (5:45-6:15 - So you won't have to sorry about making a meal), then we will break into small groups to learn (6:3-7:30). There will be children's groups, youth groups, and adult groups.

Come and Join us. Pastor Doug

Who's Who in the Pews



Andy and Barb Yeamans: Andy is from here and Barb hails from Cincinnati, Ohio. They met in Los Angeles in 1980. They married in 1983. They moved here in 1985, after discovering she was pregnant, with their son, Pat. They have 2 horses which they drive with a carriage and cart and also like to trail ride. Andy also likes to ride motorcycles. They have a wide range of enjoyments: pickle ball, reading, playing cards, board games and square-dancing. They hope to spend more time with their son and daughter-in-law, Stephanie and their two grand-children, Steven and Noah. They also hope to travel more.

They like the church doctrine, based on the Bible without qualifiers that some groups like to add and they like the way Pastor Doug speaks eloquently and understandably with a good message. They also like the music because it is varied and not overly loud and the friendly family we have here at the Christian Church.

The Frame Game Who Is This?



Last Month Was John Blaylock



We would love to have a picture of you/your family for our newsletter and or our church directory. If you would like to be included please contact me. Phil Logan or Gretchen Kierstead at

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Share a smile with us and help others to know who you are and what you have in common.

More pictures of our *Church Family*



Back to school on August 13th



Sewers... Yuck!!! 2013 Digging in the parking lot.
Seemed like they were going to get to China!!!
Poor Doug, Chuck Fite and Steve Harshman

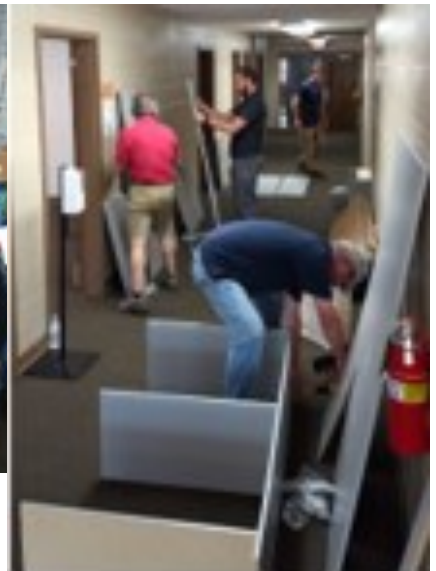
In The Old Days



WHAT WE BELIEVE

In these days of doubts and uncertainties, we at the Christian Church of Los Alamos have confidence that God still communicates to us through His Word, the Bible. Surely, the Creator is able to make Himself understood. We have confidence, therefore that the ultimate expression of God's will is in the Bible, supremely in the person of Jesus Christ, whom we confess to be God's son, our Savior and Lord who gave his life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

We welcome to our fellowship every person, regardless of previous affiliation, who accepts Jesus as the Christ and who will share a willingness to conform their lives and practices to the guidance of the Scripture. In the essentials of faith clearly expressed in its pages, we seek unity of conviction. In areas where Scripture does not clearly speak, we seek liberty for each person. In our relationships with each other, we advocate love and trust.



Upgrades to the crafts room



See our website at:

www.lachristian.org



Women with Women

Join the ladies of our church at Ashley Pond each Friday morning at 11 am for fellowship and enjoyment. See Pam Houlton for more details.

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WELCOMES YOU
MATHEW WHITE

We are happy to have Mathew White back with us, as an intern. This is his second time here with us and we want to introduce him, again to those who missed him the first time.. He hails from Rockwall, Texas. And will be with us until late October.

Pastor Doug contacted him for another tour with us, as he graduated from Dallas Christian College. He hopes to set up a high school youth study, for a deeper dive into the bible and lead/mentor younger people.

He likes the size and sense of community within our church and looks forward to working closely with both of our pastors. He hopes to become closer to all our church community. He is into cars..."Big Time." and he is interested in becoming a mountain hiker, like so many in our beautiful environment.

He is single and has no children.



Family Camp

We had a great weekend at Family Camp. Everyone who took advantage of this opportunity thoroughly enjoyed it. I am certain that you will hear stories and see pictures of our adventure together. We had a total of 31 people connected with our church at camp (Not bad for a camp that only had 45, and the speaker and worship leaders and their families made up most of that). We also got to enjoy being around for two baptisms: Wencil's granddaughters.



Current Sermon Series: Follow Me

When Jesus said, "Follow Me," it was an invitation, not a command. It was an opportunity to do something better, something greater than what they were currently doing. But Jesus didn't, at first, provide the kind of answers a thoroughly modern person might want to hear in order to make a well-informed decision. In fact, He didn't even provide answers to basic questions like: Where? When? Or How long? But He did answer some of the "Why" questions, and we are going to explore those answers in this sermon series and how they still apply to us when we accept His invitation to follow.

7/25/2021	Matthew 4:18-22	to be fishers of men
8/1/2021	Luke 9:57-62	to be My disciples
8/8/2021	John 10:27	to be My sheep
8/15/2021	John 12:26	to serve Me
8/22/2021	Matthew 19:16-26	to be complete
8/29/2021	John 21:15-25	to do My will
9/5/2021	Luke 9:18-27	to suffer
9/12/2021	Acts 12:1-19	to escape your enemies
9/19/2021	Psalms 23	to the House of the Lord

Important information from the Elders continued from last month

Here are some passages we encourage you to read to learn what each function entails and how each is demonstrated in the church. We ask that you prayerfully consider what God's Word teaches about church membership and leadership.

Members - if we are indeed a part of the church, i.e. those that have a living relationship with Jesus Christ and are living out the gospel to which they are called (more on that in a future Holy Post); we are responsible for our own growth and maturing in Christ (see *Ephesians 4:13 and Hebrews 5:14*). We are also called on to examine ourselves before the Lord (see *2 Corinthians 13:5*), assemble together in order to encourage each other (see *Hebrew 10:25*), to present ourselves as workmen (see *2 Timothy 2:15, 20-21*), and to know who we are in the body (see *1 Corinthians 12:14-26*).

Deacons - initially in the church these people were selected by the congregation, as instructed by Apostles in Acts 6 (first time deacons were selected). Then with greater detail as described in *1 Timothy 3:8-13*, by the general members. Note that these individuals should also already be doing the work, and be evaluated based on what the members see. *NOTE*: there has been much discussion throughout church history concerning the role of women as deacons, centered around Paul's inclusion of verse 11 and other Scripture; here at the Christian Church of Los Alamos, we take the position that women can be deacons, based on this passage and others. If you have any questions, please ask one of the elders.

Elders - in the church these men were/are appointed: initially by Paul and Barnabas in the cities they visited and established churches (see *Acts 14:23*). Then by Titus under Apostle Paul's direction (see *Titus 1:5*), and since then by God making it a man's heart's desire, through the members by application of *1 Timothy 3:1-7* and *Titus 1:6-9*. These are men that are recognized as already doing the work mentioned in these passages. Other functions that are either commonly referred to by the church universal, or that we have established here at the Christian Church, are:

Pastor - This is a term that has widespread use in the church. The word translated pastor, *poimeen*, is used only 1x in the New Testament and is found in *Ephesians 4:11*. These individuals were given as a gift from God to the body for instructing the body in the Word of God.

¹¹And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as *pastors and teachers*,

Here at the Christian Church, we have two elders that have a pastor/teacher role. We support them financially (see *1 Timothy 5:17*) so that they can devote their time to the primary tasks of teaching and preaching the Word to the church members.

Ministry Area Coordinators - those that coordinate activities that benefit the body. *1 Peter 4:10*. ¹⁰As each **one** has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving **one another** as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

The vision for any specific body comes from God, conveyed by the elders as they gain insight and understanding by relating to the body. They engage in prayer, study of God's Word, evaluating the instruction needed, and coordinating meeting the needs of the body with the deacons, and in our case MACs. We are interdependent on each other. Ultimately, each of us is responsible for our growth in Christ; but we do it collectively. It isn't "me and Jesus." It is Jesus, through His Spirit that indwells us, and His use of others that helps shape and guide us; because it is for His glory, not ours. In reaching a dysfunctional world, we need each individual in the body actively being a part of the brotherhood so that the world can behold the Bride of Christ.



Mayhem with the Mertz's

Myrt Mertz and her friend, Lollie Popensucker were visiting Elizabeth Brosha, after she bought two new dogs. Elizabeth and Eric love animals and these two were prize examples of a matched sized pair of Doberman Pinschers. They were cute as could be. They were smart as a whip and they had beautiful colors of sable black and butterscotch. They decided to buy the pair for protection for when Eric went on travel.

Lollie asked Elizabeth what she had named them. Elizabeth responded:

"This one, that's all butterscotch I named Rolex and this one with the butterscotch feet I named Timex.

Myrt and Lollie looked at each other and burst out laughing. Elizabeth wondered why and asked:

"What are you laughing about?"

The two ladies answered with a question:

"Whoever heard of naming dogs names like that?"

"HELLLOOOOOOOO!!!" Elizabeth shot back. "They're watch dogs!"



Will Elizabeth show the ladies her cat, Cleocatra?
or her pet Cockatoo, Delta?
Will they reconsider names for their own pets?
Look for the answers next month in... in Mayhem with the Mertz's