



The Holy Post

November 2021

Doing the best you can. It's hard today to do all that is required of you to "Keep all the Balls Bouncing!" If you're a Dad, that means getting and keeping a good job or maybe having two, just to pay all the bills. It's a real problem today. They are exhausted from work, preoccupied with other demands or wanting to have a little precious time for themselves. Then maybe there's church on Sunday?

If you're a Mom, you have a home to take care of and maybe two or three children that you are responsible for... maybe more. You have laundry 'til next November, meals to make, errands to run, teachers to deal with. Often you yearn for something besides children and housework but it's too exhausting to do anything about it. Then maybe there is church on Sunday?

If you're a child you have school work to get done, a room to clean up and maybe a little sibling to help watch over. The media and your friends all pressure you into believing that you're not cool unless you have the latest Iphone, the coolest clothes, maybe a tattoo or something pierced! You feel like there is an ocean of differences between you and your parents and you have to listen to their ever-present criticisms. Then... OMG there's church on Sunday!

Maybe if we cut just one or two things from our schedule, here and there we could sit down together and talk about our God and or values and why that is important. We all need to share in the commitment that we agree upon certain core values. We can't just demand them of our children, but must live by them as adults as their example. They watch everything we do... and hear everything we say... If we don't talk to them now... they won't talk to us later...

Now, it's time for Thanksgiving. A time to realize just how lucky we are. We have fresh clean water. We don't have to hide from armed guerillas. We have food on our table and many more blessings that the world hungers for. Maybe some of the things we worry about are not so important after all. Don't forget to thank God for what we do have. Put God in the center. TAKE THE TIME! They won't become Christians by accident. They have to want and see the benefits of it. Trust me, everyone else their age will be telling them that it's trash... You have to show them that it is a true treasure!

Phil



Roy Kierstead	9th
Evan Anderson	20th
Kay Dunn	20th
John Hughes	24th
Dave Goodwin	26th



Anniversaries

Too cold I guess



Wednesday nights Live



Let's remember our friends at home, if they can't attend because of Covid 19 or other illnesses that keep them from our gatherings. We love them all and hope to see them soon.

In that thought the food left from our Wednesday night bible studies will be distributed to any who are in need of some food and our love.

-The Elders

Don't Let Your Homebound Members Feel Forgotten.

Making Up for Lost Time...

Now that some people are feeling better about traveling, we've had several special guests at our church recently (Perry Stepp from Croatia and the representatives from Haitian Christian Mission). And we are about to have two more guests: Kalani's Halalui for Aloha Sunday (Nov. 7) and Representatives from DCC (Nov. 14).

We usually spread these kinds of events out, but that's not how it worked out. We've been trying to schedule these events for quite a while. But they kept getting pushed back for one reason or another, and while the timing isn't the best, we are very excited about them, and hope that you will be too. Let me tell you a little more about them.

Aloha Sunday—Nov. 7 was created by the Irish Family. They have Polynesian ancestry and they celebrated that part of their identity by their whole family taking Hula lessons. But they intentionally took those lessons from a hula school that uses this beautiful Polynesian expression to worship the Lord, and to reach out to the world with His love and grace. Kalani, the leader of a hula school, and a few others, will help lead our worship on this Sunday with Hula. After worship, we will enjoy a Polynesian lunch made by Michael Irish and his team of volunteers. He will provide Teriyaki chicken, Teriyaki SPAM, rice and dessert. It is always a delicious meal. We will encourage anyone so inclined to support the hula ministry and offset the cost of the dinner by making a donation. An RSVP would help them determine how much food to prepare.

DCC Sunday—Nov. 14. Our congregation has a long history with Dallas Christian College, and they are coming to strengthen that relationship with us. A ministry team comprised of Bruce Discus (Creative Arts Director), Dr. Corey Auen (Assistant Professor of Worship Arts), and two students will provide the music for our morning worship at 10:30 AM, and the communion meditation. I am looking forward to the encouragement that they will bring to us. As with all of the missions we regularly support, DCC could also use some extra financial help as well. But that is not the primary reason they are coming. They are coming to thank us for all the support we have already given to them.

I hope that you do not respond to these special worship events as you might to a phone call from some worthy cause that is asking for your support. We often turn those requests down, despite their good work. I want to challenge you to find a way that you can support these ministries. It might be with a financial gift, but it might be with prayer, or a word of encouragement, or with your presence, or by building a relationship with one of the individuals who will be visiting us.



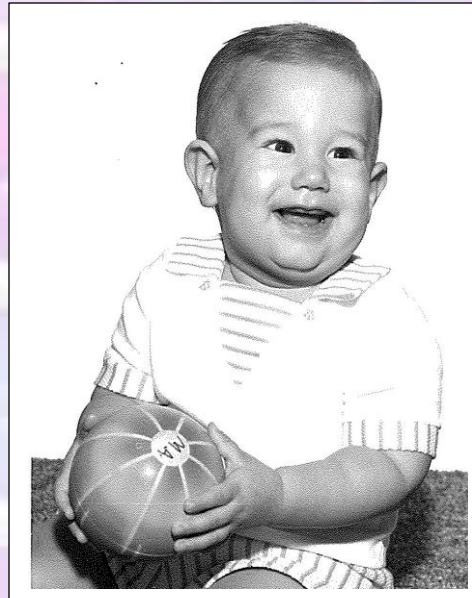
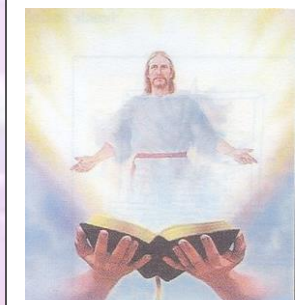
Who's Who in the Pews



Steve Harshman was born in Hollywood California. His parent relocated to Los Alamos in 1974. He loves the outdoors: fishing, hiking, camping, He loves spending time with his 17 year-old son, Stephen. He likes sharing his family faith with our church and Pastor Doug Partin. He has just retired from the county and is looking forward to his free time.

The Frame Game

Who Is This?



Last Month Was

Steve Hanson



When one accepts the good news of Christ, they discover all that they need to make it through life and all that they need to be prepared for eternity. In Christ is met all of our needs for a sense of significance, meaning and eternal purpose. In Him as well is met our need for acceptance, love and freedom from guilt. This liberating gospel becomes the wellspring from which our service to God through the ministries of our church flow. We reach out to our community in His name with His love that they too may encounter the good news.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

NEW PARKING
LOT LIGHTS!!!



Veteran's Day

God's Pantry is alive and well.

God's Pantry

There are six buyer-families that are keeping the pantry stocked. Twice a year, each family has a month for which they do the shopping as needed to replace items that have been given away. Most of the food is dispensed by Doug, Steve and Gretchen. Families in need from all around northern New Mexico may stop by the church and request food. Doug, Steve or Gretchen can give you the exact details. God's Pantry is funded by designated offerings from our congregation. Those members who wish to contribute to it can designate a portion of their offering if they wish by writing "God's Pantry" along with the amount they wish to contribute to it, on the memo line of their check.



ALBA MINISTRIES



is an evangelical church planting

ministry in Scotland. The ministry was founded and continues to be run by a former minister of Los Alamos Christian Church, Scott Middleton.

Not only do they plant churches but also have developed a model of outreach which involves a community garden and a "Man Shed" (a place to come together to do car repairs and woodworking). Recently, all their tools for both the community garden and Man Shed were stolen. Alba has received some donations to help replace the tools but are still in need of \$500 to replace an irrigation pump for the garden. If you are interested in helping with this need, you can make a donation to Los Alamos Christian Church and identify "Alba Ministries" in the "for" line on your check.

Hi there church family,

Did you know we have a Facebook page? Have you been feeling discouraged by negative posts? Check us out and "like" us at

<https://www.facebook.com/losalamoschristian> and be uplifted!

Thank you Bob Nolen for keeping it up to date with church events and news,

GOOD NEWS!



**GIVE THANKS TO
THE LORD**

See our website at:

www.lachristian.org



Triple Treats

Triple Treats: On November 6th four of our church members had dinner at the Logan Home. Games (no brainers) followed. If you'd like to be on our list for Triple Treats, just call 920-7367 or email me at philanddorii@msn.com or let us know when we see you at church. This is a **"Parents Night Out"** event. We try to mix it up with new members and old. Dorii and I will supply the main course and ask the other friends to bring a salad or dessert each to share.

It's a great way to meet new people in our church.



It has been the hope of our Missions ministry to support an overseas mission. We have been praying about this, and looking at various missions, especially those in Eastern Europe. That desire led us to invite Dr. Perry Stepp to come and share with our congregation while he was in New Mexico visiting his family.

After learning more about Perry's mission in Croatia through the Central European Christian Education Foundation, and its connection

with restoration churches, it was decided to add his mission to our monthly commitments at \$100 a month. It was also decided to add another \$100 per month in support from uncommitted funds through May. The Mission ministry sets its monthly commitments to missions in June.





Gospel for Asia

Matt Selay, director of Gospel for Asia's School of Discipleship will be with us on June 16th. He will present the work of GFA during the Sunday School hour, reminding us that half the world still hasn't heard about Jesus. If you have never heard of Gospel for Asia, you should make plans to get up early and join us for Sunday School. Then Matt will challenge us during worship to follow Jesus' directive to make disciples, especially focusing on the impact for Christ that every father can have on their own children. In preparation for this Sunday 16 copies of "Revolution in World Missions" will be given away on a first come, first served basis in June. It was written by K.P. Yahannan, founder of GFA.



Elizabeth Brosha is our Harp Player. She has been a part of our Worship Team for many years. As a Worship Leader I love working with her and the music she brings to our service. And I offer a big thank you to her husband Eric for carrying her beautiful instrument to us.



Good Thanksgiving quotes

The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving.

H. U. Westermayer

Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

Theodore Roosevelt

We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.

John F. Kennedy



Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.

Oprah Winfrey

Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.

Charles Dickens



Fun on Wednesday Nights
Live



MAYHEM WITH THE MERTZES

The light turned yellow just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman, Zelda Zoomonby was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of Officer Farley Thumpharder. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up... He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

"I'm very sorry for this mistake," he said. "You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, screaming at the guy in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the "What Would Jesus Do" bumper sticker, the "Love Jesus" license plate holder, the "Follow Me to Sunday-School" bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally...I assumed you were driving a stolen car."

Will Zelda repent of her ways?
Did you see the smirk on Farley's face?
Does this sound like any of you?
Look for the answers next month,

