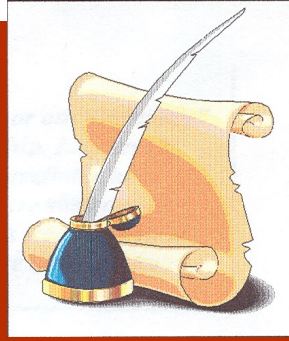


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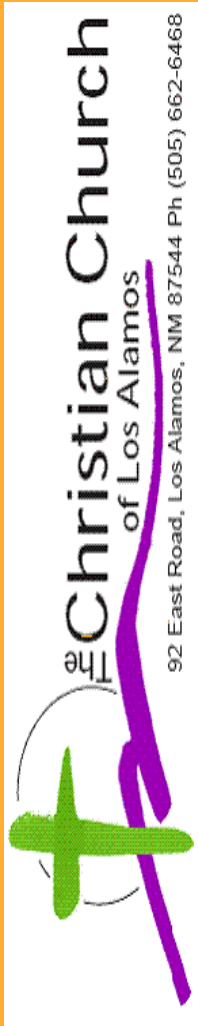
It's easy to keep a scoreboard in your heart of all the times people have wronged you. Oh we may say to ourselves that it is over, but is it truly? Have we really forgiven as we have been forgiven? Especially when the wrong-doer hurt us deeply or maybe embarrassed us in front of significant others, have we forgiven them? Once you get older, you begin to realize that that kind of resentment hurts you way more than anyone else. Holding on to those old pains keeps them alive and well deep within you.

We all make hurtful mistakes as we grow older, some because we want to prove we are better than others... some because we don't know better at the time... some because we are just plain stupid or uncaring... But for most of us WE GROW UP! We learn forgiveness and compassion and how to ignore those who would hurt us if we let them in. If we walk in the light of the Lord, who can hurt us?

Several years back I met a man at a wedding reception who was a miserable piece of work to me, in high school. As he approached me I could feel my body tighten. I wanted to knock him out of his shoes. All the old anger came rushing back to the surface. He asked my name and when I replied he began to apologize. I was stunned! He explained that he too had found faith and it set him on a mission to find as many of his old targets as possible and apologize to them. I couldn't believe the words that were flowing from his mouth. He explained that he had had a bad childhood, as I had and it had set him on a course of bullying people and hurting them... Now he had grown up and realized how much harm he had done to others. We talked for quite a while and left as friends. I forgave him...

We truly are products of our environment. If you are born in trash you'll likely become trash... UNTIL YOU GROW UP! Then you have a choice to change what you are and who you are. It takes courage to change. But never let anyone say that you can't. It all starts with forgiveness... Forgiveness of those who hurt you... for those who judge you... and for yourself... It takes strength to change your environment... your attitude... and your heart... Forgive as He has forgiven us. Let the old hurts and pains be as far away as the East is from the West!

Phil





**Brian & Sherisse
Smith
19th**



Anniversaries

Sally Nolen	5th
Marci Partin	5th
Roger Schamaun	9th
Carolyn Corn	19th
Bob Nolen	28th

Look here each month for the special days of our church family. If you're not here, send me your family member's dates and I'll add them to our list. Everyone loves to share special days together.

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Happy New Year!



In this moment when people are talking about making positive changes that will make 2022 better, what kind of changes are you considering? One thing is certain, things will change in 2022. And making resolutions is an active way of being intentional about that change. You may have to respond to unexpected events which will bring change, but you can decide in advance how you would like to respond. I hope that it will be with love, compassion, grace, mercy, peace, etc... And I hope that it changes the lives of those around you for the better.

Here are 13 suggestions that you might find helpful:

1. Get to know more people in our Church. Start by learning their name, but push beyond that and make some new friends.
2. Show up for services more often. Gathering as the church to worship is a blessing.
3. Stay connected. If you are joining us online, use some of those technological advances during the week to connect with other members (Yes, this is sort of like #1). Text them, call them, make a date to get together.
4. Read the Bible devotionally. Don't commit to reading the Bible from cover to cover, commit to reading it with the purpose of hearing from God. And read it more frequently.
5. Be grateful. Many of us need to let go of our grumbling over not having this or that, and express thanks for what we do have.
6. Become an encourager. You don't need an excuse to offer a kind word, give a compliment, or build someone up. We all need to be encouraged.
7. Give financially to the work of the church. Don't give because we have bills to pay, which we do. Give because God had blessed you, and with thanksgiving, return a portion of it back to Him.
8. Stop being offended by the world. They are lost. They don't know better. They need Jesus. Perhaps you can find a way to show them God's love. Let God handle the judgement.
9. Be an example. People are watching to see whether you really believe what you claim to believe. Your faith in Christ, or lack of it, will be seen by others.
10. Join or Start a Bible Study/Small Group at our Church. It is good when we spend time together studying God's Word and Serving Him.
11. Do for others, what you would do for yourself.
12. Practice forgiveness. Practice makes perfect, and most of us can use a little improvement in this area.
13. Have fun. Following Jesus is not easy. It is the road less travelled. But it is okay to enjoy the journey. He is leading us on a grand adventure.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Doug

Who's Who in the Pews



Mike and Michelle Irish came here from Cheyenne, WY November 2001. Mike was hired at the National Laboratory.

Cooking, baking and traveling are their passion. They have visited Hawaii several times, as Mike has Island heritage.

They hope to one day retire and travel the world over.

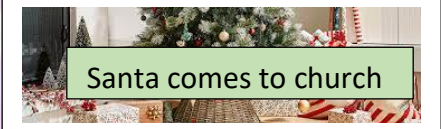
They love our church family and state that Doug's sermons are relatable and applicable to everyday life.

The Frame Game Who Is This?



Merry Christmas

Last Month Was Sherisse Smith



Happy New Year





Guys Hikes!

Looking for a chance to do some fun, healthy, and possibly some challenging hikes once a month?

Starting late spring, (April?) we will look to do some local hikes. Then as we move towards the summer, we will look to do a few taller peaks.

Then we will travel and do a "14er" (14,000 foot) mountain hike in Colorado for our ultimate goal!

Note: you are welcome to jump in/out of the local hikes. If a 14er is on your list to do, there is an expectation that you will have done at least two hikes in preparation for the 14er.

Pastor Steve who has submitted seven "14ers" will host a meeting soon. Let him know of your interest.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Save the Dates: **January 12 through April 27**

Every Wednesday night, 5:45 – 7:30 p.m.

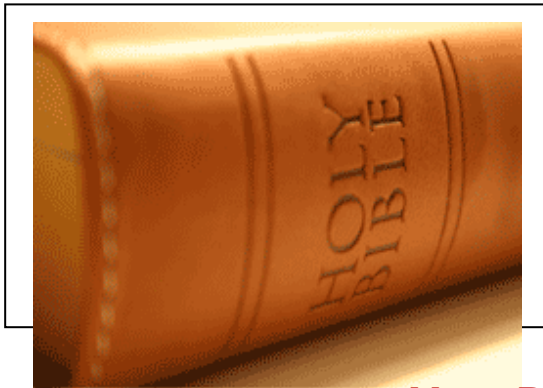
Free and delicious meals: 5:45 – 6:15 p.m. Bible Groups for all ages 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Your family is welcome to drop in any Wednesday night that you can make it.

However, we encourage you to join us every Wednesday for the best experience!

Special events during the semester:

Valentines and Family Fun night!



There are 66 books within the Bible.

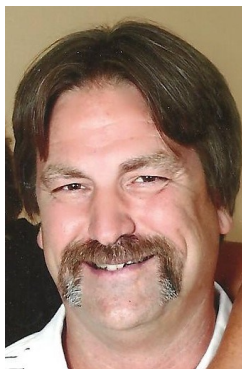
39 in the Old Testament

27 in the New Testament

One is sold every two seconds

The most stolen book ever printed

Your Deacons for 2022



Lee Anderson

Cathy Hadley

John Hughes

&

Joe Nasise

CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS



See our website at:

www.lachristian.org



Crisis Kitchen

I will now be taking charge of the **Crisis Kitchen** program for anyone who needs food assistance at their home. This is aimed at our congregation so people who are recovering from surgery, helping others recover from surgery or an unusual circumstance that taxes a family to deal with daily life. Please contact Gretchen at the church or me at 505 920 7367 or at philanddoi@msn.com

ELDER RICK HINCKLEY

WELCOMES YOU

Rick Hinckley:

Rick is a mechanical engineer. He is currently a systems engineer at the Plutonium Facility. In his spare time, he rides his mountain bike, manages the Snowsports School at Pajarito Mountain and serves as a board member of the Rocky Mountain Division of the Professional Ski Instructors of

America. He owns and races a Corvette and moves the "first down chains" during high school football games with Tammy. He likes cooking, and trying to keep Frankie, their cat and Olivia and Jack, their dogs, happy.



**FAITH IS A
JOURNEY
NOT A DESTINATION**

CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings will take place every two (2) months at the Christian Church (or other specifically announced location) determined by the Chairman. A quorum of

50% of the Board is required to take any official action. The October meeting of the Church Board will follow the annual election of the Elders and Deacons. Spe-

cial Meetings may be called periodically. All Board members will be notified in advance of "Special Meetings."



Caroling in a Parade
Merry Christmas to all



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Primary Business Address
Address Line 2
Address Line 3
Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555
Email: someone@example.com

**WE'RE ON THE
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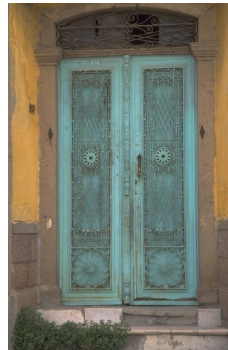
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BUSINESS TAGLINE OR
MOTTO

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline



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This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a

good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.

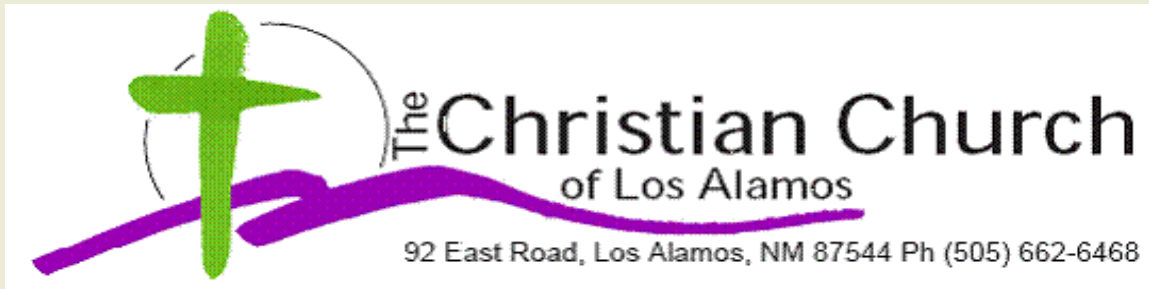


And so we begin 2022...

**The Official Making of
the 2021
Christmas Cookies**



Thanks to all of you who made this the least terrible year of the last two terrible years!



I submitted my life to our Lord in the fall of 1972 while attending college. Fortunately, after a bit of a rough start, I got connected with a small local body where the focus was on the training of believers into mature Christians — making disciples.

As I look back on those years, I find that the preparation those believers had and followed was very effective in its purpose. The basic principle was that every believer would be trained to become a healthy, functioning part of whatever community the Lord placed them in. The training was designed to be as short as one semester or as long as four years, depending on the time left at the



University and what your future plans might be. The goal was that each person would be able to answer the question:

"Why am I here?"

This is a question of His purpose for us; how each of us specifically understands our role and responsibility in the community in

Our new Elder
for
2022
Steve Hanson
welcomes you

which we live and the local body through which we serve.

Steve has been married to his wife Barb for 43+ yrs. They have 3 adult children and 4 grandchildren

He is retired from the lab.

Welcome back Steve



Mayhem with the Mertzes

Leta Harlow was checking out at the local Wal-Mart with just a few items and Pat McClenahan was behind her. Pat put her things on the belt close to Leta's. She picked up one of those 'dividers' that they keep by the cash register and placed it between the two women's things, so they wouldn't get mixed.

After the clerk had scanned all of Leta's items, she picked up the 'divider', looking it all over for the bar code, so she could scan it. Not finding the bar code, she said to Leta,

"Do you know how much this is?"

Leta replied.

"I've changed my mind; I don't think I'll buy that today."

The clerk said 'OK,' and Leta paid for her things and began to leave.

The clerk had no clue as to what had just happened.

(But, Pat the lady behind Leta had a big smirk on her face as Leta left)

Will Leta receive the "Nice Lady" award for the day?
Will Pat get a "Store" coupon?
Will the clerk ever learn what just happened?
Look for the answers next month in Mayhem with the Mertzes

