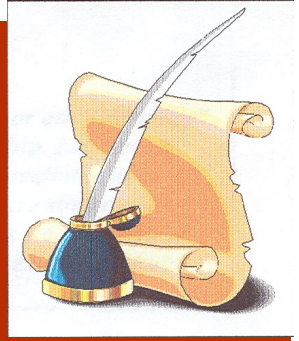


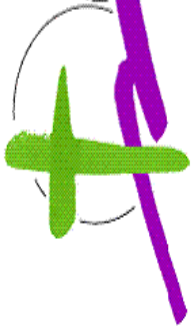
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As much as I hate to say this, I think it should be mandatory for all high school graduates to sort of be drafted and have to spend at least 1 year being transferred around the world every three months to places that aren't so great to live in! We have become so spoiled that we have lost what it means to be grateful to be an American.

A new commercial states "I want it all and I want it now!" I think too many have that desire, but too many also have no desire to work as hard as it takes for what they want.

I love to hear the stories from people of my generation's first jobs. They are often a center piece of how the world has changed in the last few decades. I de-beaked chickens for a dollar an hour in horrific conditions and heat. My desire at the time was to buy pegged pants and Beatle boots like John, Paul, George and Ringo.

What you desire changes dozens of times over. What you choose to keep is often tell-tale signs of who you are. We as Americans seem to always want the cutting edge of everything, until we are old enough to realize the cutting edge changes every day. It's impossible to keep up. Whether it's in Washington or your own home, the grass is always greener elsewhere. History has always chanted that the best comes for everyone when there is a balance of power. I'd like to think there is also a balance of power in your daily life...

There should be a balance of power between what you let come into your daily living from the outside and what you focus on in your daily Christian life. You see, there is NO cutting edge to Faith. It doesn't change with the weather or the style or the political view. It is daily truth. You don't have to worry about keeping up or missing the latest edition. It's the same today as it was 2000 years ago.

My parents were not religious and a little old lady who was a neighbor first took me to church. I was kind of shocked at how happy everyone was. Oh there was just as much bad stuff going on back then as there is now, even if our generation likes to look back at it with nostalgia. The grass for us looks better back then than it does here today. Somehow we have lost our value of appreciation. As poor as we were... and we were! We knew there were plenty of others both in and out of our country who lived worse off than we did. We were proud to be Americans. We were willing to work hard for what we wanted and were happy to have what we did have. We didn't expect things to just be handed to us.

This Fourth of July maybe for just a day we can be satisfied with what we have... be happy to be American... and put our faith in front of our possessions. For when this life is over, our possessions stay here. Our honor, compassion, and faith is what follows us to our new home where the streets are golden.

Happy
Birthday



Steve Harshman 21st
Alice Kernodle 22nd



Michael & Michele Irish

Anniversaries



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The Crisis Kitchen is 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 circumstances that tax a family to deal with daily life. Please contact the church or me at:

505 920 7367 or at

philanddoi@msn.com.

Getting Together is Good



When I first began attending Sunday School, the leaders of the congregation awarded “perfect attendance” awards to those who never missed a Sunday. They were worn with pride, and it amazed me that anyone could make it even a month, much less multiple years without ever missing. It was not the only congregation using that means to encourage attendance. A church in Oklahoma reported that one of their members, Mrs. Ell Craig, age 81, hadn’t missed Sunday School during a 1,040 week span (20 years). And that report made people wonder what was wrong with her. Didn’t she ever have company show up over the weekend? Didn’t she ever go out on Saturday night? Wasn’t she ever too tired on Sunday morning? Didn’t she ever have headaches, colds, nervous spells, aches, pains, poor breakfasts, sudden calls, travel plans, business trips, vacations, or trouble of any kind? Didn’t she have any friends who invited her to go somewhere for the weekend—to the lake, the sea, mountains? Didn’t she ever sleep too late? Didn’t it ever storm at her place - rain, snow, ice, wind? Didn’t anyone ever hurt her feelings? Didn’t she ever get made at the preacher, or the elders, or someone else at church? Didn’t she have a radio or TV on which she could hear some “might good sermons”? The average attender has to keep starting over at 1, and would honestly think that something wasn’t right with a person’s life who never, ever missed Sunday School.

It was the Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Hebrews, said, “Don’t forsake the assembly as is the custom of some.” (Heb. 10:25) But he wasn’t talking about missing occasionally, or even frequently. He was talking about those who avoided the assembly because it got in the way of their willful sinning (v. 26). He was talking about people who intentionally were trampling underfoot the Son of God, and who considered “unclean” the blood of the covenant that He established.

It was Paul’s assumption that those following Jesus would long to gather with each other as often as they could. For it was there, among those who had been saved by Christ, that they would community. A community where they could worship together, celebrating the God who loved them so much that He sent His Son to save them. A community where they could inspire one another to imitate Him through expressing love and doing good things for others. A place where they could encourage each other to stay faithful while living in a world that has no place nor time for God.

A Christian who doesn’t attend a church is like a student who doesn’t go to school, like a soldier who doesn’t join an army, like an explorer without a base camp, like a sailor who never steps foot on a ship, like a tuba player who never plays with a band, like a bee that never returns to a hive, ... I’m sure you could come up with your own analogies. Following Jesus is simply better when we do it together.

Doug Partin

Pastor

Who's Who in the Pews?

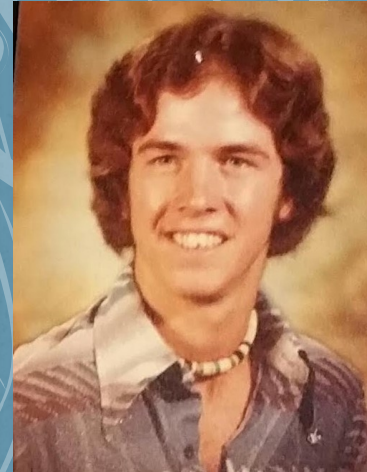


Frank and Crystal Banks: are from Yantis, a small town in East Texas. They came for a vacation and fell in love with New Mexico and all the outdoor opportunities here for their family.

They love to camp, bicycle and hike. Frank and their son, Noah are learning to fly fish. They plan to stay here and raise their children to adulthood.

They love how inviting our church is and say that Pastor Doug is great at delivering God's message to them. Their children, Madison (Madi) 15 and Noah 14 are in love with the small, friendly Youth Program.

The Frame Game Who is this?



Last month was
Sally Nolen





Men's Breakfast & Hike

8 AM - Sat. July 16

Fellowship Hall

Our men are getting together on Saturday, July 16th – 8:00 AM

We will enjoy a great breakfast.

Afterwards, a local hike will be offered

(Not too strenuous, and not required)

Bringing a friend is encouraged.

CIY (Christ in Youth) MIX Middle School Camp

Theme: "Broadcast; Listen; Subscribe; Share!"

Those who went, June 5-9:

Samantha Corrales, Fredrick Hasselstrom &

Morgan and Makoa



MEMORIES FROM OUR CHRISTIAN PAST

Flashback - 52 years ago - We briefly mentioned some history of CIY at our Elder's meeting last Sunday night when talking about Steve B taking youth to the Mid-High CIY conference at Glorieta, I thought that you might enjoy a flashback to 1970.

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Chi Rho To Appear in State Crusade

The music group "CHI RHO" from the Christian Church has been invited to perform at the "YOUTH IN CHRIST CRUSADE" in Albuquerque on December 26, 27, 28 and 29 at the Youth Hall at the Fairgrounds.

This talented young group has performed at a three day Missionary Rally in Clovis, at a recent Mother and Daughter

tea at the Rainbow Assembly No. 36 at Los Alamos and regularly for their church. The group sings religious music and is happy to include in their program, songs entitled "Do You Love Him?" and "Your Life" written by their own Mark Rayburn.

Featured speaker at this crusade, sponsored by the Ridgecrest Christian, Valley

Christian, First Christian and Heights Christian Churches of Albuquerque, will be Tim Coop who has had a dynamic youth ministry in churches in the East and at the First Christian Church in Anaheim, Calif., where hundreds of young people attended his meetings each week. Just recently he has accepted the senior ministry at the First

Christian Church in Corona, Calif. Coop has been able to revitalize youth programs in many churches, and while in this area will be meeting with local youth sponsors.

Approximately 500 young people from all over the Southwest are coming to renew their dedication and develop their lives through participation in this Youth Crusade. Special interest classes are: The Holy Spirit and You; Drugs and You; You, Me and God; and The Bible, Science and You. At least eight Bible Colleges are to be represented by music groups, professors and displays.

Nineteen young people from the Los Alamos Christian Church will be attending this most inspirational crusade accompanied by their minister, Robert G. Murphy.

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APPEARING IN ALBUQUERQUE—Chi Rho, a music group from the local Christian Church, leaves December 26 for a four-day appearance at the Youth in Christ Crusade on the Albuquerque Fairgrounds. From top to bottom, the performers are: Kim Beckwith, guitar, vocalist; Marcy Mantonya, vocalist; Susan Barnes, piano accompanist, vocalist; Sandy Gallaher, vocalist; Shan Dick, vocalist; Mark Rayburn, director, sponsor, electric bass, acoustic guitar, vocalist; Pete Scott, director, sponsor, electric bass, acoustic guitar, vocalist; and Ivan Worthington, director, sponsor, drums, (not pictured).—(Ivan Worthington Photo)

Houlton Fills Christian Pulpit

Jerry Houlton will bring the message at the morning and evening worship services at the Christian Church this Sunday in the absence of minister, Robert G. Murphy, who will be attending the "Youth in Christ Crusade" in Albuquerque. Houlton is a former employee of the Supply and Property Department of the laboratory. He entered Midwest Christian College in Oklahoma City in September, 1969 to train for full time ministry.

See our website at:

www.lachristian.org



Triple Treats

Triple Treats was at the Hollowell's home on June 14th and included the Logan's and the Yeaman's. Games (no brainers) followed. If you'd like to be on our list for Triple Treats, just call 920-7367 or email me at philanddii@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. The host couple will supply the main course and ask the other friends to bring a salad or dessert to share.

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

Thoughts from our members

Phil,

I want to thank you for your article in the June "Holy Post". It really hit home to me. "You can't go back home."

When I came to Los Alamos in 1958, that was 64 years ago, I really didn't like it here. I had never been away from home before that, and my earnest desire was to return back to Wisconsin. I kept talking about that at work until one of my co-workers told me one day.

"You know there are buses, trains, and airplanes leaving every day." That kind of shut me up for a while, but deep down I knew that if I really did go back to Wisconsin that I would be drafted into the army and probably be sent to south Texas, where I would have been less happy. Then later on another of my co-workers mentioned to me that "You can't go back," They said things have changed, people have changed, and it really isn't how you remember

it was when you were there. That was another wake-up call.

That kind of made me realize how right they were, and I really knew it wouldn't be as I remembered it.

However, if someone told me that I would be in NM for 64 years back then, I would have really been disappointed. However, looking back, I can see how many seemingly small decisions in my early life were made that allowed me to come to Los Alamos. On the spur of the moment, I decided to go to college, and because of that I was able to get an application to Los Alamos from my college professor. Los Alamos was the only job offer I had out of many applications at various places., except for the one being drafted into the army. That was an easy choice. I really feel now that it was God's leading that brought me to Los Alamos.

My parents gave me a plaque when I left home with Romans 8:28 on it. "And we

know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Many times, in my early years here I doubted that, but now I can say I really know it is very true!



I welcome responses to anything I put in the Holy Post, especially my commentaries.

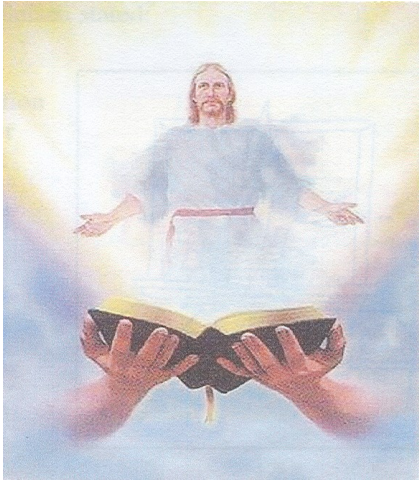
Thank you Joel for your thoughts.

Phil



Please remember when you park in front of the church, to NOT block the sidewalk.

Thanks



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 well-spring 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.

Thank You For Joining Us!

Glad You are Here!

Date: _____

Name(s): _____


EMAIL(s): _____

Phone(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

New to area Local resident



PRAYER

Date: _____ Submitted by: _____ On behalf of: _____

Requests: _____

Add to bulletin Add to prayer chain Do not publish

Would like to know more about being a Christian

Would like to be contacted by the church

For the Prayer Requests: The cards are collected by the deacon of the day. Published prayers come forward, during the service, so they can be shared and prayers offered, at that time. They are put on the Secretary’s desk and added to the Prayer List. If they are Private Prayers, they go to the Pastor’s desk for his attention and prayers. Depending upon the nature of the request, The Elders may also be given the information, so they, too can be praying.

First Time Visitors: The information is collected by the Secretary and is used to address questions that visitors might have or is used to schedule a Pastor Visit, should they want one. The Pastor contacts the visitors about these issues. Often these kinds of things are also addressed as visitors are leaving the service.

Learning More: If a person wants to know more about becoming a Christian; becoming a member; meeting with Elders or desiring Pastoral Counseling, that card goes to the Pastor and he makes arrangements for any of these circumstances to be addressed.

General Information: The cards are used to include new or updated information into our church record’s system. After the pertinent people are finished with the cards, they are shredded.



*And away
they go!*

at the Father's Day
Picnic at East Park.

The Team Bag Race



The Communion Elements:

There seems to be as many ways to prepare and serve the elements as there are churches. Here at the Christian Church, we serve wafers and grape juice thru our servants, following the Communion Prayer. How and when you choose to take them, during this meditation time, is up to you. You'll see there are many variations with this process. We ask only that you take them with reverence and respect for the blood of the lamb.

Christian Worship is Much More Than Music

Christian worship is often thought of as the music portion of a church service - people singing songs to God, heads back and hands raised in the air as they sing. But there are many aspects to our worship: giving, studying, praying, etc... singing is just one of those aspects. And singing is a way we can worship where ever we happen to be, whether in church or alone in our cars or in the shower. If our desire is to please the heart of God, it is worship, no matter what aspects of worship we employ or where we employ it or how many people join us.

Music affects our emotions and the lyrics can move our hearts, causing us to become lost in the experience. Christian praise and worship music is a great tool for helping us feel closer to God. It's not uncommon for people to even pick a church because of the style of its worship music. Often people will emerge from a service saying, "The worship was wonderful today," or "The sermon was great, but I was really moved by the music and worship."

Finding Yourself...

Whether you're a new visitor, a new member or an "old timer" at the Christian Church, we have a place for you! Bible study, Worship, Leadership, Missions and much, more are available. If you're looking for a place to feel comfortable, chances are, someone here is looking for you. This is a great time to get started. Ask Pastor Doug or anyone else you feel comfortable with. You may be missing more than you know.



Mayhem with the Mertzes

Bert left for a weekend fishing trip with Andy Yeaman and Pastor Doug. It was a last minute thing and Bert just left a note on the kitchen table for Myrt. When Kurt came home and put his school bag on the table the note stuck to the bottom of it. It then was carried into his bedroom and was not found, until later that evening. The big problem was that the fishing trip was up in the Jemez Mountains where no cell phone signal could reach them. Myrt was not a happy camper. She had planned a trip of her own with some other ladies for the following day. Now, she had to take baby Farvel with her.

Sunday afternoon came and Bert returned with a nice stringer of fish. He couldn't understand why Myrt was so angry.

"How would you like it if you couldn't see me for two whole days?" She demanded!

"Awe... that wouldn't be so bad" he replied with a smirk on his face.

Monday came and went and he didn't see her... Tuesday came and went and he didn't see her either. Wednesday came and the swelling finally began to go down and he could see her just a little bit out of the right eye!

Will Bert need a big steak?
Does Myrt have a license to carry a concealed rolling pin?
Will Bert clean his own fish?
Look for the answers next month in
Mayhem with the Mertzes

