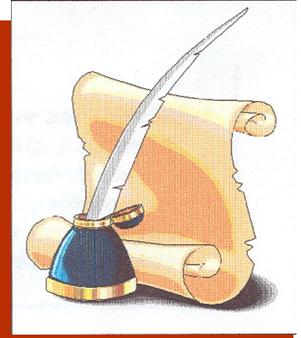


The Holy Post



AUGUST 2022

Dog Days of August. Growing up in Indiana, I use to think it was sooooo hot and it was. Humidity added to the temperature and having no air conditioning meant there was no relief... day or night. Many years later I found out what heat really was when I traveled to Phoenix for the first time to meet Dorii's family. Now there's a place where you can literally fry an egg on the hood of your car. I could never live there, but lots of people do. I learned that heat is relative... relative to what you grow up being used to. I'm sure there are those who live in the Tokalakan Dessert in China who would think Phoenix is a mild vacation place. No matter where you are there is always someplace worse!

It's a lot like that in our lives. No matter what you are going through, you can find someone who is in a worse place. There's an old expression about complaining about having no shoes, until you met someone who had no feet! We are so blessed. No matter how dreary our circumstance might seem... we have friends we can count on... food in our stomachs... roofs over our heads. God never promised that life would be without its challenges. He only promised to be with us through them all. Hot, cold, rich, poor, sickness and health, he is there if you call upon Him. Sometimes when we just don't think we can stand anymore, he will help us to endure. It may not be easy. To the contrary it may be grueling, but he'll get us through and never leave us alone!

I remember seeing our old cocker spaniel, Skipper lying in our driveway just panting away trying to find relief from the heat of a humid Indiana afternoon in August. I thought often that with her age she would not last a lot longer, but she did. She lived to 102 in dog years. Hardly had teeth left... was half blind... found it hard to walk from all the scars of life she carried, but to her dying day she was a loving and happy old girl.

That's the way I hope it will be for me. When I go through those golden gates, maybe on some August afternoon, I want the Lord to look at me and see a man who has the scars of life upon him. I want to slide through those gates like I'm sliding into home plate... beat up... used up... scarred up and worn out... and with a big smile on my face. I want to stand up and tell him... "Thanks that was a wild ride!"

Phil



Happy Birthday

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



Rick & Tammy Hinckley
9th



Here's how we do it... It is best if the candidate makes contact with Pastors Doug or Steve, before the service, so preparations can be made. Then, on a given Sunday the pastor will lead the candidate in a public confession of faith and prayer. They will then retire to

the dressing rooms. The deacon of the day will go with them to assist in readying robes and towels necessary for the service. After the service the deacon will take those towels home and launder them for the next Sunday service.

The elder of the month will take charge of the service. There will be a scriptural responsive reading and celebratory songs will be shared. There will likely be more time needed for the candidate to dress, so this will be a time for the elder to ask for announcements and coming events to be shared. Then a closing prayer and closing song will be shared. He will also ask for the members to stay for a moment and greet our newest member / members. More detailed information can be found at our church website or by contacting Pastors Doug or Steve.

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Bear Month?



Our county posted a declaration recently proclaiming August as “bear month.” They are especially active this time of year. And I saw one yesterday, August 1, while bike riding. It was more interested in getting to a trash bin than noticing me. I tried to shoo it away, but as the old saying goes, “one man’s trash, is another bear’s treasure.” I went on my way, leaving the bear behind, but it made me a little more cautious. After all, there could be a bear lurking in every shadow, right? I even spotted some when I got back to my office and opened my Bible. They seemed to be every where. And, in the spirit of “bear month,” I thought that I should point a few of them out to you:

- Therefore **bear** fruit in keeping with repentance (Mt. 3:8)
- Every tree that does not **bear** good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. (Lk. 3:9)
- He will command His angels concerning you; and on their hands they will **bear** you up.” (Mt. 4:6)
- For My yoke is easy and My **burden** is light. (Mt. 11:30)
- You shall not **bear** false witness (Mt. 19:18)
- And they who hear the word and accept it **bear** fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold” (Mk. 4:20)
- We **bear** all things so that we will cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ (1Cor. 13:7)
- The branch cannot **bear** fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine. (John 15:4)
- Whoever does not **bear** his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple (Lk. 14:27)
- **Bears** all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things (1 Cor. 13:7)
- Of Him all the prophets **bear** witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins. (Act. 10:43)
- We who are strong ought to **bear** the weaknesses of the weak. (Rom. 15:1)
- **Bear** one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2)
- And He Himself **bore** our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. 1 Pt. 2:24

I hope that, as you study the Bible, you’ll be a little more “bear aware” too.

Who's Who in the Pews?



Rob & Carolyn Hill came here from Portland, Oregon to work at LANL. Rob likes to hike, build things, classic cars, woodworking, programming and mold-making.

Carolyn likes to hike, road trips and reading.

Amelia, 12 likes reading, mountain biking, art, running and programming.

Laura, 9 likes pretending, reading, ballet and math.

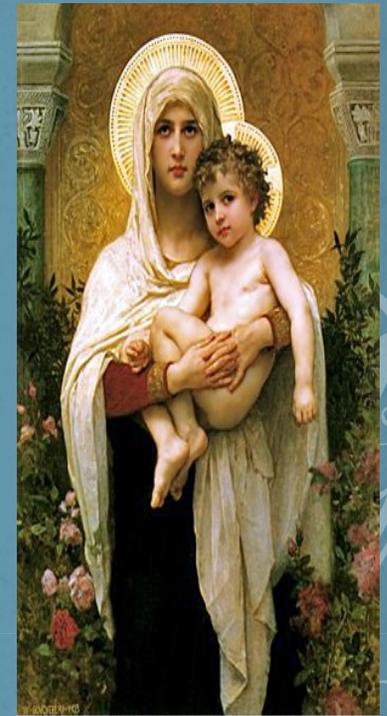
Rob & Carolyn are looking forward to exploring more of New Mexico and the girls are looking forward to summer camp and scout camp.

They like the solid teaching and enthusiasm for Christ, the friendly people and enjoy our size of our church.

The Frame Game Who is this?



Last month was
Steve Harshman



Madonna of the Roses by William Adolphe Bouguereau

WELCOME
New Members

What We Believe

The adventure of discipleship has led us to some practices that may seem novel to Christians more bound by church tradition. It has led us to a weekly observance of The Lord's Supper, to limiting baptism to those old enough to make a personal commitment of faith for themselves, and to the dramatic and ancient practice of baptism by emersion— and unmistakable burial and resurrection with Christ.

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 ultimate needs for a sense of significance, meaning, and eternal purpose. In Him 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.



“Bring Your Own Baby!”

(B.Y.O.B!)

You are invited to a playdate!

For Moms, Grandmas, Caregivers,
and their Infants, and Toddlers!

Questions? Contact Karen Edwards!

Did you know that the Bible was written by 40 men over a 1600 year period, from 1500 BC – 100 years after Christ?

It was first translated into English by John Wycliffe & John Purvey in 1388.

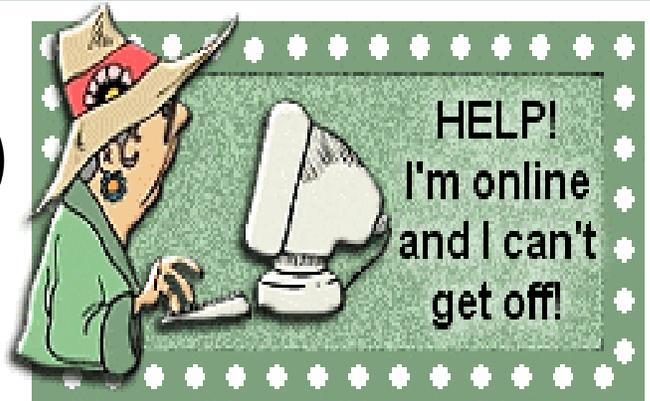
Many of our members and guests may not be aware of the weekly Christian magazines that are available on the rack in the foyer just outside of the church office. The "Christian Standard" and "Lookout Magazine" are weekly publications offering daily Bible devotions, advice for parents, and Christian perspectives. A small sampling of articles in recent editions would include: "Who's The Hero? Keeping God At The Center of Children's Education", "The Most Popular Bible Translations", "What Has God Taught Us", and "Campus Ministry Is Critical". **These magazines are yours to take** and will offer you Biblical insights and encouragement for daily Christian living throughout the week. They also have an Internet presence which can be viewed.

christianstandard.com *and* www.lookoutmag.com.

CODGERS MEN'S GROUP

Each Tuesday morning @ Ruby K's

9:30 am



The Nursery Nest

Two people are scheduled each Sunday during Worship to help in the nursery. "With conversations and observations between parents and teachers, infants, crawlers, toddlers, and early walkers are placed in appropriate learning environments that will support each child." It is such a blessing to have babies at our church! The nursery is a safe and nurturing environment for all of our little ones.

Most volunteers are mothers and grandmothers some are Daddys and they all love to care for the little people. Any questions? Just ask one of the ladies.



We have help for counseling

If you are not listed on the Birthday or the Anniversary List and you want to be, please contact me at

505-920-7367

or e-mail me at

philanddorii@msn.com



JULY EVENTS



Men's Breakfast and Hike



Fall Input Lunch



See our website at:

www.lachristian.org



*Women
with
Women*

Join the ladies of our church at **Smith's on the Patio** each Friday morning at 10 am for fellowship and enjoyment. **See Pam Houlton for more details.**

THOUGHTS OF OUR MEMBERS

Marvin and I joined the Christian Church in approximately 1980. We had school aged children then. Bob Murphy was the senior pastor and Scott Middleton was the youth pastor. The sanctuary was a converted Army Chapel Building, with a balcony. Church offices were in this building. There was a full basement with a large meeting room, kitchen and several small classrooms. Church dinners and meetings took place there. Later the congregation embarked on a building program. The Army Chapel was moved down the hill to the valley to be used by another church. The base-

ment was filled in and the current sanctuary, foyer, library. Offices and fellowship hall and kitchen were built over that area and attached to the existing education building. After that Bob Murphy retired and moved to Amarillo. We had several short term pastors before calling Doug Partin to serve. Steve Bublitz later joined us as youth minister.

I've seen several generations of members come and go over the years. Through all of these changes this congregation has always been Bible-believing, generous in giving, welcoming and caring for

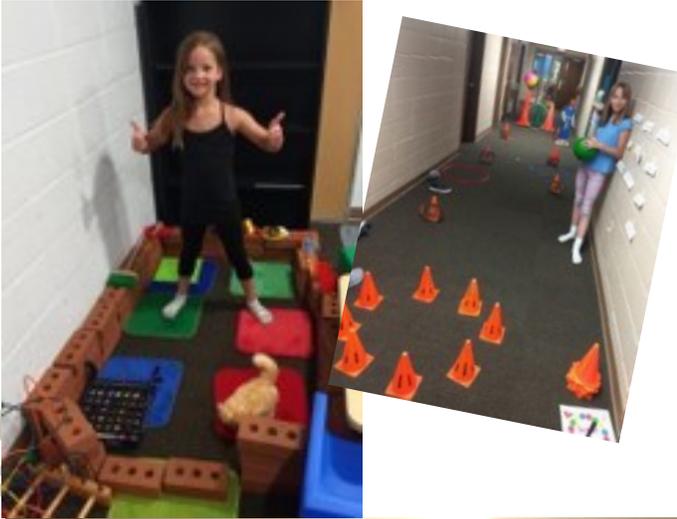
each other, sharing troubles and joys. It has been my church home for 4 decades, where I have been taught, encouraged, supported through tough times. I have been allowed to serve in some small capacity and I continue to enjoy fellowship with other believers.



Need help getting to your medical appointments. See Pastor Doug or Pastor Steve. They can usually help you get where you need to go.



New Code Locked Front doors



Fun with the kids
Until an unwanted
bat appeared.
Pastor Doug gave
it a new address
away from the
church!



Pastor Steve teaching a Sunday Morning
Children moment

See our website at:

www.lachristian.org



**Please
remember
those who
serve our
nation in your
prayers**

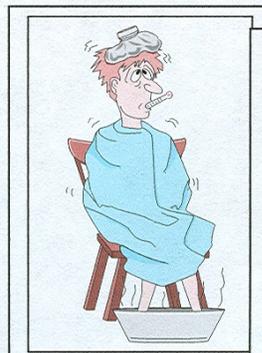


There will be people contacting the congregation with questions about our annual upcoming election. This is an opportunity to serve and influence what we do here. There are many ways you can help to make our church a welcome and secure place to find

and practice our faith.

We have many who quietly move in the back ground serving in ways no one really is aware of to make our family strong. But we also need people to help us move our programs and procedures forward each week to achieve our goals. Please consider a place for you to serve... in a big way or a small one.

**Growing
Together
in Faith**



Do you know anyone who is **A SHUT-IN** unable to attend worship services?

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DOUG, IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE IS IN THIS CONDITION. WE HAVE A PROGRAM TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.



Mayhem with the Mertzzes

The Partins , the Mertzzes and their friend Portly Broadbottom were at the movies. They were trying to find seats together and the only place possible had a drunken cowboy lying across three of the seats in the Los Alamos Theater. When the usher came by, they asked if he could help. He noticed the situation and whispered to the cowboy,

"Sorry, sir, but you're only allowed one seat."

The cowboy groaned but didn't budge. The usher became more impatient:

"Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager."

Once again, the cowboy just groaned. The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment he returned with the manager. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the cowboy, but with no success. Finally they summoned the police.

The Officer surveyed the situation briefly, then asked,

"All right buddy what's your name?"

"Fred," the cowboy moaned.

"Where ya from, Fred?" asked the Officer.

With terrible pain in his voice, and without moving a muscle, Fred said ...

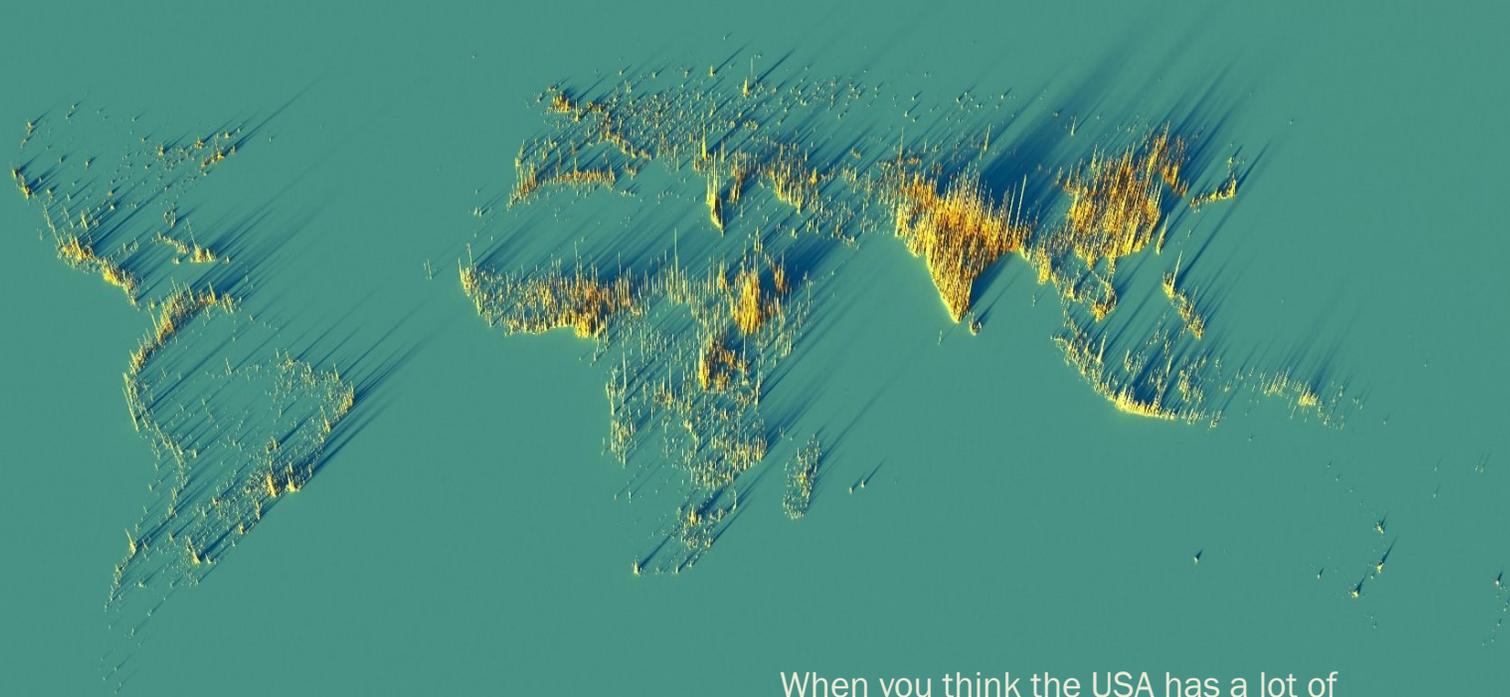
"The balcony..."

Will Fred get a free popcorn?
Will Portly Broadbottom share a seat with him?
Will Pastor Doug ask for a discount?
Look for the answers next month in Mayhem with the Mertz's



Global Population Density

The height of the spikes relates to the number of people living in an area - roughly 2km x 2km



When you think the USA has a lot of people, look at this map