

The Angel's Breath



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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Summer is upon us already. I know that many of you have extensive travel plans for the coming months and I am joyful for all who have the opportunity. While heading out for vacations, summer camps, and family visits remember Psalm 121:7-8: "The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life. The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever."

Travel can also bring stress and fatigue. Staying on schedule, dealing with traffic, airports, and other people can sometimes make us weary. Take time to pray and commune with God.

"He gives me new strength. He leads me on paths that are right for the good of His name. Even though I walk through a very dark valley, I will not be afraid, because you are with me. Your rod and your shepherd's staff comfort me." Psalm 23:3-4

Finally, remember Proverbs 16:9. "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps."

Enjoy summer, enjoy family, and have fun.

Humbly yours in the service of God,
Vicar Dan Simmons



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council met after Church Service May 20th. There were six members present. We are happy to say attendance is averaging about 46 per Sunday. Confirmation classes will continue thru summer as often as attendance permits. VBS has tentatively been set for August 6th through August 10th. Items are still being collected for the Mosaic Center. We have two high school graduates this year. Tannah Colson and Ashley Mitchell.

Sybil Gonzales

The June Council meeting will be on June 17th at 1:00 pm.

Our first Congregational meeting for the 1st & 2nd quarters will be June 10th immediately after the church service.



YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES:

Confirmation class: Confirmation class meets after the church service every Sunday in the class room across from the office. Classes will continue thru summer as often as attendance permits.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

One of the best known and beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the Shepherd Psalm. There we learn that the Lord is our shepherd. And since He is our shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord's sheep.

How do we do this? We do it when we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving the gifts that He won for us on the cross, a violation of the First and Third Commandments. We do it when we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we think we don't know what the future will bring, even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters. We do it when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves, we do this because we have a mind set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We do this because we have stopped hearing the call of our shepherd, which comes through His Word.

The Word of God is how our shepherd calls us to himself. Through that Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through that Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead you to your true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here's the good news: The Lord is your shepherd still, even, and especially, for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the shepherd that lays down his life for His sheep. The Lord is your shepherd. Let us live then as His sheep.



UGLY QUILTS: We will meet in June on Mondays, 7:00 pm to about 8:00 or 8:30 pm to make the “Ugly Quilt Sleeping Bags” for the homeless and needy. No experience is needed to help. Bags are sent to CISC for distribution. We will take July and August off for our summer vacation and much needed rest to our fingers. *Sandy Noland*



BIBLE JOURNALING CLASS

Bible Journaling is held at AOJ on Thursdays, 4:00pm-5:30pm. We look at a different scripture each week. Some participants create their own interpretive artwork, while others try new projects and techniques as presented. Come join us for crafting, fun, and fellowship.

Charlotte Squyres

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

6/7 Katie Garrison
6/10 Dennis Oehler
6/17 Caroline Squyres
6/19 Charlie Anderson
6/27 Carene Hammond
6/30 Don Garrison



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

6/25 Mark & Michaelyn Greene
6/26 Charlie & Miranda Anderson

(We ask for your assistance: Please notify the church office of any incorrect or missing birthdays or anniversaries so we can keep our lists current.)



OUTREACH FOR THIS QUARTER: BUCKNER SHOE DRIVE

We are supporting Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls again this year.
Angelina County Shoe Drive
June 11th – July 13th

New Boys or Girls canvas and athletic (sneakers) shoes
sizes youth 1 to adult 12+
(Does not include the expensive athletic shoes.)
(There is a demand for larger sizes.)

Benefitting the **Back to School Bonanza**

Buckner Children and Family Services
Lufkin 936-637-3000

There is a box at the back of the Sanctuary to put your shoes in.
Thank you for your support of this worthy outreach.

Brandi Simmons

RESPONSIBILITY LIST

Music: Jeff Perkins
Altar Guild: Sandy Noland, Brandi Simmons

Date	Assisting Minister	Acolyte	Ushers/ Greeters	Host	Lector	Offering Counters
6/3	Daniel Greene	Sailor Simmons	Louise Humes & Mark Greene	Terry Mize	Tracy Mitchell	Elizabeth Lamb & Louise Humes
6/10		Ethan Hammond	Sybil Gonzales & Sawyer Simmons	Bob Brown	Terry Mize	Tracy Mitchell & Daniel Greene
6/17	Louise Humes	Quinn Garrison	Charlotte Squyres & Tom Lamb	Jim & Sandy Noland	Sawyer Simmons	Bill Berry & Miranda Anderson
6/24		Sawyer Simmons	Bill Berry & Mark Greene	Don & Yvonne Garrison	Carene Hammond	Mark Greene & Tom Lamb
7/1	Terry Mize	Sailor Simmons	Tom Lamb & Diana Russell	Terry Mize	Daniel Greene	Tracy Mitchell & Daniel Greene



THE PRAYER CHAIN

The prayer chain is being coordinated by Diana Russell. If you have a prayer request you can contact her at her home phone number 634-4272 (you can leave a message if she is not available to answer), text her on her cell phone 936-414-3944, or send her an email: dianarus1969@gmail.com.

A thought for all you prayer warriors from Diana Russell: *“The nicest place to be is in someone’s thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone’s prayers, and the very best place to be is.....in the hands of God.”*

Daisy Oehler, Elizabeth Lamb, Ruth Martin, Tracy Mitchell, Andrea Barfield, Russ Peterson, Melinda Greene, Kathy Ivy, Tina & Don Belden, David & Linda Jinkins, Judy & Dewey Langston, Judy Lemke, Bob Hutson.

All those serving in the military: Bryan Weems (US Marines), Daniel Novak (US Navy), Blaine Berry (US Navy).



Your service to this congregation is very important.
Thank you for your time, talents and treasures



Saturday, June 2nd , we will clean the church beginning about 9:00 AM.

JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 <i>Clean the church 9:00am</i> 
3 Pentecost 2 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Holy Communion	4 7:00 pm Ugly Quilts	5	6	7 4:00 pm Bible Journaling Class	8	9
10 Pentecost 3 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship <i>Congregational meeting</i>	11 7:00 pm Ugly Quilts	12	13	14 4:00 pm Bible Journaling Class	15	16
17 Pentecost 4 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Holy Communion <i>Council meeting 1:00</i>	18 7:00 pm Ugly Quilts	19	20	21 4:00 pm Bible Journaling Class	22	23
24 Pentecost 5 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	25 7:00 pm Ugly Quilts	26	27	28 4:00 pm Bible Journaling Class	29	30