

# KIRK'S LOG

## Focus Scripture – Luke 3:1-6

**In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the paths. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "**

**Preacher:** Rev. William D. Ingraham  
**Music:** Kate Sauer, Music Director  
 Linda Gilmour, Chancel Choir/Children's Music & Praise Band Director  
 Dorenda Morse, piano  
**Adult Ed:** Floyd Coppage  
**Advent Candle Lighting:** 8:30 – The Patton family  
 10:30 – The Jessup family

**Lay Readers:** 8:30 – Doug Crosby  
 10:30 – Lois & Lou Tulga  
**Usher/Greeter Team:** 8:30 – Doug, Sage, & Maya Crosby  
 10:30 – Mendy Brown, Kirby Lewis  
 Jon & Karla Mitovich  
**Hospitality:** after 8:30 service – Judy Gilman  
 after 10:30 service – Pat & John Palmer  
**Lock Up:** Roger Hailstone

## Those for Whom We Pray

**Our members:** Ted Bradley and Nancy Eberhardt;

**Our homebound members and friends:** Fran Doty and Anis Johnson;

**Our extended family:** Robert Chynoweth (George & Marilyn Chynoweth's son), Sarah Drain (Roger & Dalva Hailstone's daughter), Alice Dudoich (Lynn Foiles' sister-in-law), Ted Feng (Patrick Xavier's uncle), Sam Ferolie (friend of Jon & Karla Mitovich, serving in Afghanistan), Brian Festa (Lori Festa's brother), Fran Haley (Michael Haley's mother), Tracy Hutchinson (Cindy Hutchinson's sister-in-law), Bobbi Luft (friend of COGS), Veronica McCarter (Mercy Martinez-Nunnally's sister), Justin Zel Montgomery (Linc Nagle's son-in-law, serving in the Police Department), Amy Mueller (daughter of Susan Olson-Phillips & Det Phillips), Bailey Ellen Paul (Paula Paul's granddaughter), Lorraine Quintana (Phyllis Wilson's friend), Cheryl Warnke (niece of Ethel Shepard), for others for whom we have been praying, and for those whose names are known by you and God.

## Announcements

**Flowers on the Communion table** – have been given by Judy & Chuck Gilman, in celebration of their 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**A Christmas Cantata, "Celebrate the Season," by Joel Raney, will be presented on December 20 by the Chancel Choir during the 10:30 worship** – The music is light and upbeat and cleverly incorporates traditional Christmas hymns woven into each movement, punctuated by inspirational readings that tell the story of the prophecy and birth of Jesus.

**Christmas Project** – The Ministry of Justice and Community Interface is encouraging members to support East San Jose Elementary and Project Share. Project Share will provide us with the needs of two families. We will have envelopes on the trees in the social hall and hallway for you to take. For cash donations, please indicate which of these two projects you would like to support. We will have tags for the family requested needs as soon as we get them. Project Share needs their donations by Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Donations of magazines and newspapers for the older kids Sunday School class** – If you have any magazines or newspapers you can donate, please place them in the labeled box in the church entryway.

**"Expressions of Christmas from Around the World"** – George Chynoweth & Bill Artman invite you to attend "Expressions of Christmas from Around the World", a free concert presented by the Madrigal Singers and the Rio Grande Youth Singers next Sunday, December 13, 4 p.m., at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 5301 Ponderosa Ave. NE; phone: 881-9626. **Directions:** From Montgomery, go south on San Mateo two blocks (2<sup>nd</sup> block is long) to Ponderosa Ave. on the east side. Turn left (east) on Ponderosa to church address.

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
 7:00 p.m. – candlelight, carols, choirs

**Listening Post** – Today, and on the first Sunday of each month, the Listening Post will be in operation after the 10:30 service, in the Preschool Office. In July 2005, we discussed the "Instrument of Peace" through mailings and during a church service. This will provide a place where concerns & suggestions of members of our congregation can be discussed and questions posed & answered.

**CAPTAIN KIRK'S LOCATOR**

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us today. We'd love to have a record of your attendance with us, so please fill out the information below and give to an usher.

**Sunday, December 6, 2009**  
 8:30     10:30

**Check here if your address, phone, or e-mail has recently changed.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's/Partner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Name(s) and Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**This is my:**     1<sup>st</sup> time     2<sup>nd</sup> time     3<sup>rd</sup> time

I attend Church of the Good Shepherd     I am a member of Church of the Good Shepherd

**How I first heard about Church of the Good Shepherd:**

Friends     Family     TV Ads

Yellow Pages     Location

Newspaper Ads/Articles

Website/Internet

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## “Believe”, a Christmas Play next Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

“Believe,” a Christmas play written by local author Faye Couch Reeves, will be presented during the 10:30 worship next Sunday. The story, both poignant and humorous, features a 15-year-old girl, Allie (played by Cassandra Kolenc), for whom the joy and magic of Christmas has disappeared amidst the commercialism and greed that she sees in society. With the help of her friends, family, pastor, and youth group leader, she comes to the realization that the birth of Jesus can truly make a difference if you only “believe” in the Christmas miracle. Also featured are the children in a Christmas pageant scene, Chancel Choir members as carolers, and plenty of familiar music sung by cast members, choirs, and even the congregation.

Sandia Heights Artists Holiday Sale, this Saturday, December 12, at COGS – This Saturday, December 12, the Sandia Heights Artists will hold their first **Holiday Sale**. The doors will be open at Fellowship Hall from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. You will find many forms of fine art, including paintings in different media, prints, ceramics and sculpture, jewelry, stained glass, hand-bound books, fabric baskets, gourd art, and cards. This sale features affordable art. Pick out unique gifts for family, friends, or even for yourself. For a preview of the art, check out our website at: [sandiaheightsart.com](http://sandiaheightsart.com).

Wolf Creek Ski Trip - January 15-18, 2010 – Let it snow!! COGS’s annual ski trip at Wolf Creek, CO, scheduled over January 15-18, rapidly approaches. Lift tickets will be \$44.20/day (adults) or \$23.80/day (kids &

seniors). X-Country trails, equipment rental, and lessons are also available. Hotel accommodations at the Holiday Inn Express, Pagosa Springs will be \$80.00/night. A group dinner is planned for Saturday night. Sign up on the poster in the hallway, the tear-off sheet below, or call/e-mail Suzanne Miller (453-6838 / [suzmill3r@comcast.net](mailto:suzmill3r@comcast.net)).

## Forever Young

### Forever Young Christmas Party this Tuesday, December 8

- Place: Ted & Enid Bradley will be our hosts
- Directions: Take Tanoan West off Academy between Eubank and Ventura. After the entrance gate, take first right. Go two blocks, take next right. 10017 Wellington NE, the 4th house on the left. The gate has been alerted.
- RSVP: [cellobrads@comcast.net](mailto:cellobrads@comcast.net) or 505 858-1334. **Please remember to RSVP as soon as possible.**
- Food: Bring heavy hors d'oeuvres or desserts
- Gift swap: **\$10 maximum value — one gift person, two gifts per couple**
- Time: 4 p.m.

## COGS Adult Ed

Adult Ed classes run from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m.

### Adult Contemporary Theology Class

The group is studying the book, *The Dishonest Church*, by Jack Good, a retired U.C.C. pastor. – with Floyd Copping at 9:15 a.m. in the parlor

## Church Meetings for the Week of December 6-13, 2009

- Sunday: **Second Sunday in Advent**  
 8:30 a.m. Worship – Communion  
 All morning Coffee  
 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Club  
 9:15 a.m. Children’s Education Time  
 9:15 a.m. Adult Education Time: “Contemporary Theology”  
 10:30 a.m. Worship – Communion  
 11:00 a.m. Children’s Choir rehearsal  
 11:30 a.m. Listening Post  
 11:45 a.m. Play rehearsal
- Monday: 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Development Ministry meeting – parlor
- Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. Centering Prayer Group – parlor  
 4:00 p.m. Forever Young – Christmas Party & Gift Exchange – at the home of Enid & Ted Bradley

- 6:00 p.m. Handbell rehearsal  
 7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer Group – parlor
- Wednesday: 3:00 p.m. Spirituality Study Group
- Thursday: 6:00 p.m. Praise Band rehearsal  
 6:50 p.m. Women’s Ensemble rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal – sanctuary
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. Christmas Play rehearsal – sanctuary
- Sunday: **Third Sunday in Advent**  
**One service only, at 10:30 a.m.**  
 All morning Coffee  
 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Club  
 9:15 a.m. Children’s Education Time  
 9:15 a.m. Adult Education Time: “Contemporary Theology”  
 10:30 a.m. Worship –featuring *Believe*, a Christmas Play

## How can I help?

### POINSETTIAS

I would like to order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas season, @ \$7.00 per plant:

**White – How many?** \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate number desired)

**Red – How many?** \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate number desired)

**TOTAL of your order = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am giving these poinsettias:**

➤ In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ In celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_

Plants can be ordered until Sunday, **December 6**. Please make check payable to “COGS” and write “Poinsettias” on the Memo line of the check.

**PLEASE NOTE: All checks must be received by December 13. If you forget the dollar amount of your order, please contact Kirk at the church office, and he will remind you.**

*Plants can be taken home  
 Christmas Eve.*

## Wolf Creek Ski Trip January 15-18, 2010

I’m interested in the Wolf Creek Ski Trip! Please contact me.