

Abiding Savior Community Church

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The Grapevine

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From Guest Pastor Cindy Cone at Abiding Savior Com-

Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Matthew 28:18-20, "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

Those words are powerful and demanding of our attention. We are not being allowed to sit and hope that someone else is called to serve the God of creation. You and I are forced into the community, into the world, to tell the story of Jesus. When was the last time you shared your story of faith with another? When have you opened your heart and mind and hands to give to another?

This is a time of transition and yet friends, it is not a time to stop all the awesome things which have begun at Abiding Savior. You are a people called to serve this community and there is much to do. You cannot think that the work load is any easier now, than before. We are on the move and you are invited to share, to grow, and mostly to invite all whom you encounter to join us. It could be a Sunday morning for worship, it might be for a special event, it might be for Bible Study, but you are each to invite.

The words of your baptism were not words to be taken lightly, but words which have commanded our attention, they are action words, not think about words, but words which move us and propel us into the world.

Men, I challenge you to be the leaders of your homes. To take charge of the obligations of teaching and modeling a godly life. To share in your small groups and to become an awesome force in the life of this congregation and community. Women, you are also called to take charge of raising your children in the traditions and customs of the church and to share in small groups and grow daily in your life.

We are one body, with many members, but all have been called to serve. What are you being asked to do? Listen to what God is calling you to, and then move and follow.

God's Peace and Shalom,

Pastor Cindy

February Events at Abiding Savior

February 5th —
FINAL Q & A on new Constitution.

February 17th -
Ultreya at Peace Lutheran @ 7 p.m.

February 18th —
A Beautiful Woman in Christ sponsored by the Health & Education Ministry

February 22nd —
Ash Wednesday, worship @ 7:00 PM. During Lent a Soup Supper will be held at 6:00 PM every Wednesday in Hestad Hall, with worship following at 6:45PM.

February 26th —
Congregational Meeting to vote on the new Constitution.



The office and facility calendar has been moved to the secretary's office to ensure coordination of all activities. **Please see, call, or e-mail** Katherine Gibbs to schedule an event at Abiding Savior Community Church. The Fee Schedule as approved by the Church Council is as follows:

| Use | Internal/Extended/ Member | Non-Profit | Other |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Sanctuary | No Charge | \$25/Hr. | \$45/Hr. |
| Hestad Hall | No Charge | \$25/Hr. | \$45/Hr. |
| Sunday School Rooms | No Charge | \$15/Hr. | \$20/Hr. |

Please contact the church office for a copy of the Event Scheduling and Fee Schedule Policy, the Facilities Use Policy, Notes for Use of Kitchen, and a Space Reservation Form. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Health & Education Ministry

"A Beautiful Woman in Christ"

This year will bring a lot of new things. We will start in February with a program for the ladies called "A beautiful woman in Christ". Our society is obsessed with being beautiful! But is there more to beauty than what meets the eye? What makes a woman truly beautiful? The physical side of beauty is just a small part of what makes a woman beautiful. A truly beautiful woman is not only attractive on the outside and inside, she is also attractive to God. One day our outer beauty will fade, our inner beauty will cease, but the beauty that God sees in us will be important when we stand before Him.

Please join Reverend Cindy Cone and myself as we enjoy an outside makeover while learning how to be beautiful to God. We will sing together and share a "Blessing of Hands" at the end of the program. This will be held on Saturday, February 18th from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. There is a **\$10 fee** to cover supplies. You can call me to sign up, or fill out the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

In His Service,

Lynn Masi



ABIDING SAVIOR YOUTH

Youth Night will continue to be held on Wednesday nights at 5:30—7:00 PM through the month of June. Remember to come for Worship, Games, Movies and More!





Sunday School

In the beginning of February we will be discussing how each child in class is a special child of God. How they are each different, yet in some ways are the same.

We will be celebrating Baptismal birthdays starting with Stephen Clauss, who was baptized on 2/16/02. As Pastor Cindy was reminding us, its important that we mark and remember the special dates in our faith walk. In doing this we will light a candle, have a "Blessing of hands", and say a prayer.

Towards the end of the month we will be busy with the start of Lent. We will be talking about the meaning of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. The children will have "homework" each week also.

In His Service,

Lynn Masi

Bible Study

Bible studies on the Sunday text will be held on **Tuesdays**. We will meet at 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm and have a chance to reflect and learn about what God is doing in our lives. Plan to come, have a great time and get to know each other. Invite and encourage others to attend as well. I look forward to the time together. See you soon,
Pastor Cindy Cone

THANK YOU FROM THE PHYLLIS STOKES FAMILY:

The Stokes family wants to express their sincere appreciation to Pastor Cindy Cone, Pastor Shealds Smith, Jennifer Sheldon and all the ladies of Abiding Savior who made our Mother's memorial service a special day. Our mother truly enjoyed being a part of Abiding Savior Community Church.

Always there is a beginning —
a new day,
a new month,
a new season,
a new year.

Forever the old passes away
and newness emerges
from the richness that was.
Nothing is ever lost
in the many changes
time brings.

What was, in some way,
will be,
though changed in form.

Know this:
This moment is a beginning
and your lives,
individually and together,
are full of richness, of freshness,
of hope and of promise.

Edward Searl, *We Pledge Our Hearts*

Ash Wednesday is on February 22nd. Worship will be at 7:00 PM and will include the placement of ashes on each of our foreheads as a reminder of our ultimate return to ashes. We will celebrate communion as the food for our spirits and life. Then we begin our Lenten journey using a series named, "Silent Witnesses" on Wednesday evenings. You will each receive a cross and then items to place around it which will tell the story of our journey and Jesus journey to the cross. Soup supper will be at 6:00 PM and worship to follow at 6:45 PM. This is a great time to come and share with those we know, but also to bring a friend to experience a worship which will bring them to know Jesus.

Happy Valentine's Day!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

- 4th Sr. Rebekka Franenkel
- 6th Inez Piotrowski
- 7th Kelly Moyer
- 8th Tyler Cooke
- 8th Brett Sherry
- 8th Allen Willert
- 13th Travis Steele
- 15th Brittany Bliler
- 19th Peggy Zude
- 21st Velma Kimball
- 22nd Judy Lee
- 23rd Jenna Owens
- 25th Ronald Iwen
- 26th Mia Guido

*Did we miss someone, or make a mistake?
If so, please contact the church office at
480-947-7495.*



Cursillo Corner

Events:

January 29th after church — Cursillo potluck and meeting to discuss upcoming apostolic actions.

February 17th — Ultreya at Peace Lutheran @ 7 p.m.

February 17-19 — First Spanish Weekend at First Evangelical

March 8-11 — Men's Weekend #134 (Serving on team: Bill Jenkins, Carl Dietrich and Bob Larson)

March 15-18 — Women's Weekend #135 (Serving on team: Cindy Cone)



***Make a Friend. Be a Friend.
Bring a Friend to Christ.***

Regina

The Shepherd's Warehouse

Right now Shepherd 's Warehouse needs grocery gift cards, small jars of jelly (\$1 at the 99¢ Store), small jars of peanut butter, small bottles of water, and egg cartons.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Here's an exercise: Each morning when you wake up, check the fertile soil of your heart to see if any bitter seed has taken root. That friend who betrayed you, the boss who berated you, the husband who barely understands you— bitter seeds will try to take root in every garden. Weeds are like that.

Next do this: For every bitter root that's come up, apply the greatest weed killer of all— forgiveness. To forgive is to cultivate a garden God will delight in, one filled with the flowers of kindness and tenderness.

Dear Abiding Savior Family

It is time for your report on the financial condition of our church at the end of 2011.

In 2010 at the annual meeting, we approved a total budget of \$243,060 for our fiscal year of 2011. This approval of our spending limits indicates that we will also give generously in our weekly contributions to cover the budget we approved.

The income for 2011 is well under our projected needs. We received **\$35,387 less** in weekly giving than needed.

Your council has worked very hard this past year to keep the expenses down. Without everyone's understanding and cooperation, however, this is a challenge. Little things add up in a big way, such as the amount of paper we use in the office, the supplies for the kitchen, the water for the lawn, the cost of gas for the heat, and electricity for the cooling. Every one of these costs has increased this past year. The only way we can make ends meet is to use less of everything.

And yet, with the increase in our basic costs, we are not seeing a correlating increase in our income. God is so good to Abiding Savior Community Church. We have an amazing campus. He expects us to keep it up and to keep it looking good.

This is the start of a new year. Let us all consider prayerfully a small increase in our weekly giving. If we all give just \$5 more per week, we will cover last year's shortfall and be in the black all year long. This projection is based on 150 regular members. Something to think about?

In His Service
Eleanor Brierley
Treasurer

**Resolved conflict can lead to new and improved ways of accomplishing things.
It can deepen relationships with colleagues and build teams.
The only negative conflict is unresolved conflict.**

When you are the one who is confronting the problem with someone else:

1. Don't assume.
2. Ask questions.
3. Tell them how you perceive things, or how you feel, rather than what they did.
4. Deal with one issue at a time.

When someone is confronting you:

1. Don't take it personally.
2. Don't counterattack.
3. Ask for some time to give it objective reflection.
4. Set a time to get back with them and discuss the issue.

Either way:

1. Always respect the other person as a person.
2. Be solution oriented.

Principles of Behavior/Golden Thread – Effective Communication by Chris Widener

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Scriptures & Worship Support

Scriptures

FEBRUARY 5

Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

FEBRUARY 12

Epiphany

2 Kings 5:1-14

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Mark 1:40-45

FEBRUARY 19

Transfiguration of our Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

FEBRUARY 22

Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58:1-12

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21



FEB-

Worship Support – 10:00 AM Combined Service

Greeters

Judy Lee and Loretta Toll

Reader

Lois Kimbrell

Ushers

James & Velma Kimball, Carl & Ione Biehler

Communion Assistants

February 5
February 12 to 26

Toni Doyle, Peggy Ark, Bill Jenkins and Cree Abbott
Carl and Vi Dietrick, Peggy Ark and Toni Doyle

Altar Guild

February 5
February 12
February 19
February 22 (Ash Wednesday)
February 26

Lori DeVries and Joy Miller
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Cree Abbott and Pam Lanemann
Tamara Hartrick and Lois Kimbrell
Linn Palmer and Betty Henning

Acolytes

February 5
February 12
February 19
February 22 (Ash Wednesday)
February 26

Jason Fox
Boyd Zude
Erich Clauss
Boyd Zude
Sarah Reischmann & Christel Toll

Coffee

Bonnie Reischmann

Sound

Erv Toll

Adults, come and join us on Sunday mornings, beginning February 5th for adult education. We will begin our journey by looking at Prayer and how that affects our lives each day. Come to Hested Hall and begin your day of worship with some study time.

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Attendance & Income Comparison

Attendance:

December 2010: 765

December 2011: 788

Financial:

2011 Annual Budget \$246,192

2011 Shortfall: \$ **35,387**

2012 Annual Budget: \$236,867

2012 Required Monthly: \$ 19,739

**ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY
CHURCH
PRAYER CHAIN**

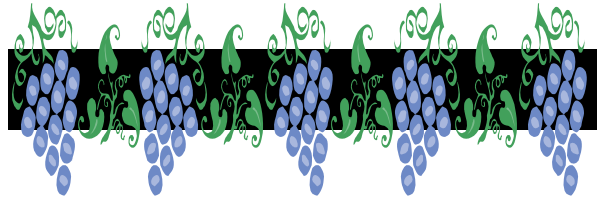
Morning Prayer Chain

Receives your prayer request from
6:00 a.m. – 7:15 a.m. or the previous evening

Call Vera Larson 480-369-6330

Evening Prayer Chain

Receives your prayer requests



THE GRAPEVINE

If you have something that you would like published in the grapevine, please submit your e-mail requests for publication prior to 12:00 noon on the

THIRD WEDNESDAY

OF EACH MONTH as the Newsletter will be published on Wednesday.

E-MAIL TO:

Katherine@abidingsaviortempe.org



ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNES- DAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|--|-----------|---------------|--|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | 11:30 AM Healthy Living 5:30 PM Youth Group—Youth Room 7:00 PM Altar Guild — Sanctuary | | OFFICE CLOSED | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship FINAL Q & A on new Constitution Sudanese Church — Hestad Hall 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM | Boys Scouts @ 7:00 PM in Hestad Hall Call Committee @ 6:00 PM in Room 5 | 1:30PM Bible Study 6:30PM Bible Study | 11:30 AM Healthy Living 5:30PM Youth Group—Youth Room | | OFFICE CLOSED | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | | |
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