

Abiding Savior Community Church

A Welcoming Member of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

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The Grapevine

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From The President, Abiding Savior Community Church

Greetings and Salutations for the coming New Year!

We have new adventures to go, with new Council members, a new pastor, and a renewed Women's Ministry.

I would like to have people volunteer to come to the Women's Ministry meeting. It cannot be held on a Saturday, as all the Saturday's are booked with other events for the foreseeable future. I would appreciate suggestions from the women of the congregation as to what would be an acceptable time for everyone to meet. Please contact me, or Katherine Gibbs at the church office, as to your preference. We would also like to setup a women's Bible Study using *The Sacred Echo* that we used for the 2011 Day of Discovery. I would like to have four core members to help organize and run this program.

We will have only one Combined service during the month of January at 10:00 am.

The Question & Answer (Q&A) sessions for the new Constitution will be held after the Combined 10:00 am service on January 8th, 22nd, and 29th. These meetings will be monitored by Rev. Cindy Cone to ensure that the process moves forward in a timely manner. On February 5th a copy of the new Constitution will go out to the congregation, and possibly one more Q&A session will be held on February 12th. We will vote on the final Constitution on February 26th. At this point in time, we do not know if there will be two services (9:00 am and 11:00 am) during the month of February.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who helped run Abiding Savior Community Church during 2011. Without your help, things would not have run so smoothly. You know who you are, so give yourselves a pat on the back!

Your Sister in Christ,

Martha Weld, President
Abiding Savior Community Church Council

January Events at Abiding Savior

January 1 — ALL facility locks will be re-keyed during this week.

January 14/16 — Tirosh weekend

January 14th — Saturday Evening Service at 5:00 pm due to P.F. Chang Marathon, with potluck to follow worship service.

January 20th — Ultreya at Abiding Savior @ 7 pm

January 21st — The Council Retreat, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

January 22nd — Installation of Council Officers & Boards

January 23 — 2011 Contributor Statements will be ready for



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

Happy New Year to all!

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 Lynn 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

We are starting out the year working on our Prayer Journals. The kids will be bringing "homework" home each week related to what they worked on in their Prayer Journal. Parents please be sure to check their work so they can get their stickers for their journals.

I want to thank all the children for the beautiful Angel Christmas ornaments they made for our shut-ins. You all did a wonderful job and those who received them, loved them.

We are going to continue helping Lucky Paws, the no-kill shelter. So please, continue to bring in your empty pop cans.

In His Service,
Lynn Masi

Bible Study

Bible studies on the Sunday text will resume in January 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 on January 3rd and 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

There will be **ONLY** one Combined service at 10:00 AM in January. The Combined service planned for January 15th, will be held on Saturday evening, January 14th at 5:00 pm due to the P.F. Chang's Marathon. Information on a Potluck dinner TBD.

Ten Things God Won't Ask On That Day:

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove. He will ask, how many people you drove that did not have transportation.
2. God won't ask how many square feet are in your house. He will ask, how many people you welcomed into your home.
3. God won't ask about the clothes in your closet. He will ask, how many did you help to clothe?
4. God won't ask your highest salary. He will ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
5. God won't ask what your job title was. He will ask if you performed your job to your best ability.
6. God won't ask how many friends you have. He will ask how many people to whom you were a friend to.
7. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived in. He will ask how you treated your neighbor.
8. God won't ask about the color of your skin. He will ask about the content of your character.
9. God won't ask you why it took so long to seek your salvation. He will lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven and not to the gates of hell.
10. God won't ask you how many people did you witness to. He will already know the answer.

Make a friend, be a friend and bring that friend to Christ.

Regina Jenkins

Choose to be in close proximity to people who are empowering, who appeal to your sense of connection to intention, who see the greatness in you, who feel connected to God, who live a life that gives evidence that spirit has found celebration through them.

Wayne Dyer



2012
Year of the Dragon

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

- 1st **Jamie Jaffe**
- 4th **Sarah Martin**
- 7th **Elaine Bass**
- 10th **Charles Abbott**
- 11th **Carolyn Hinkle**
- 12th **Krista Hartrick**
- 20th **Martin Clauss**
- 21st **Adam Sherry**
- 23rd **Cheryl Martin**
- 23rd **Vivienne Trimble**
- 25th **James Janecek**
- 26th **Kira Bosley**
- 27th **Kae Sherry**

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Cursillo Corner

Events:

January 14th – 16th Tirosh weekend – Youth from 15-17 please let Louis know if you would like to attend.

January 20th – Ultreya at Abiding Savior at 7 p.m.

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

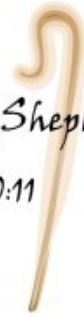
Please contact Bill and/or Regina Jenkins at 480-969-3073 if you are interested in carpooling to any of the Ultreyas.



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

Regina

*I am
the Good Shepherd*
John 10:11



The Shepherd's Warehouse

This ministry started primarily as a food ministry to the poor, but quickly realized that there were many kinds of bread needed to feed men. They have branched

out to include clothing, limited furniture and a Food Share Gift Program, as well as many services for services for street men, women and children.

They are available during the week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for service. Their address is 455 E. Continental Drive, Tempe, AZ 85281, and their phone number is 480-945-5250. If you, a friend, or other member of your family is in need of their services, please call in advance so that an appointment can be made to pick up your product.

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

Important Reminders

There will be ONLY one Combined service at 10:00 AM in January.

The locks to the Sanctuary, Hestad, Sunday School and Youth rooms, as well as the office will be re-keyed the week of January 1st. All keys must be turned into the office and new keys will be issued. **This is an important security issue** as we still have keys unaccounted for or missing. If you only have an occasional use for a key, a key will be issued as needed and returned after the event.

Men ' s Meeting — All men in the congregation are invited to attend a gathering on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 pm at Denny ' s on Scottsdale Rd. & Osborn. If you have any questions please call Kurt Parks, Bill Jenkins, Brett Sherry or Carl Seyfarth.

There will be **NO WORSHIP SERVICE on January 15th**. Instead it will be held on Saturday evening, January 14th at 5:00 pm due to the P.F. Chang ' s Marathon. A Potluck dinner will be held after the worship service in Hestad Hall.

The Council Retreat is scheduled for January 21st, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in Hestad Hall. This meeting will encompass the selection of new officers for 2012, as well as the Boards of Deacons, Elders, and Trustees. Council Members will be installed on Sunday, January 22nd.

Epiphany of Our Lord, January 6th ...



What is the Epiphany of Our Lord?

By Dr. Richard P. Bucher

The day of the Epiphany of our Lord is an important and ancient Christian holy day. Unfortunately, it is little understood and seldom celebrated by many American Christians and pales in comparison to the popularity of Christmas and Easter, for example. This is regrettable, for it is a rich and joyous day, which, along with the corresponding Epiphany season, commemorates important events from the life of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What are we celebrating on the Epiphany?

The short answer is this: the Epiphany celebrates God's revealing or manifesting of Jesus' identity as true God, Messiah, and Savior of the world. It not only commemorates the fact that Jesus appeared to save us, but that God revealed the identity of Jesus to the world.

Why is the Epiphany worth celebrating?

It is worth celebrating because, regardless of which epiphany is commemorated (the event of the magi or Christ's baptism), all are permeated with grace and Gospel. In what sense? In the sense that in every epiphany, God took the initiative. In other words, God did not demand that we discover on our own who Jesus of Nazareth is. He condescended to us and revealed Jesus to us in ways that we could understand. He sought out the magi and revealed Jesus' Person and Mission to them through the star and Scripture. They never could have discovered this on their own if He hadn't revealed it by grace. He had mercy on John the Baptist and others at the Jordan on the day of Jesus' baptism. No one there on that day could have possibly perceived the true identity of Jesus as John baptized Him. But God condescended to them and allowed them to hear and see the testimony of the Father and the Spirit. Once again, God took the initiative by His grace and revealed Jesus as eternal God as well as man.

Remembering the Epiphany reminds us that we also have been sought out. God has come looking for us through His Word and Sacraments. Through these He has revealed His Son to us personally, so that through faith we know Jesus to be the mighty God, the Savior of the world; and we believe Him to be our God and our Savior. Have a blessed Epiphany celebration!

The entire text can be found at: <http://www.orldutheran.com/html/epiph.html>

January 2012

Scriptures & Worship Support

Scriptures

JANUARY 1

Isaiah 61:10 — 62:3

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:15-21

JANUARY 6

Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

JANUARY 8

Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

JANUARY 15 (14)

1 Samuel 3:1-10

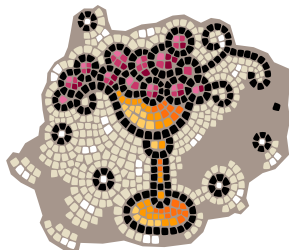
1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

JANUARY 22

Jonah 3:5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31



Worship Support – 10:00 AM Combined Service

Greeters

Cathy & Carl Knudsen

Reader

Eleanor Brierley

Ushers

Joe Hinkle, Lucille Quirke, Bob Westenhofer, & Vera Larson

Communion Assistants

January 1 — Eleanor Brierley

Pastor Jim & Hazel Cline

Dee Kett & Cree Abbott

Altar Guild

January 1

January 8

January 14 (Saturday Evening)

January 22

January 29

Martha Weld

Lori DeVries & Joy Miller

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Betty Henning & Linn Palmer

Tamara Hartrick & Linn Palmer

Acolytes

A meeting has been tentatively scheduled for January 22, 2012 to arrange the 2012 schedule for the Acolytes at a time and location to be determined. Lori DeVries will be sending a letter out to those have served in the past when more information is available.

Coffee

Bonnie Reischmann

Sound

Erv Toll

**ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH
COUNCIL**

Executive Board

Martha Weld, President
Jo Jaffe, Secretary
Eleanor Brierley, Treasurer

Board of Deacons

Church Community &
Neighborhood Outreach
Sue Golomb
Paul DeVries

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Education Ministries
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Bruce Jameson

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Lynn Masi <i>Health Director Grapevine Coordinator</i>	Katherine Gibbs <i>Church Secretary/</i>
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**Attendance & Income for November 2011
Compared to November 2010**

Attendance:	
November 2010:	720
November 2011:	545
Income:	
November 2010:	\$ 17,964
November 2011:	\$ 16,492
2011 YTD Needed:	\$ 222,805
2011 YTD Received:	\$187,878

**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

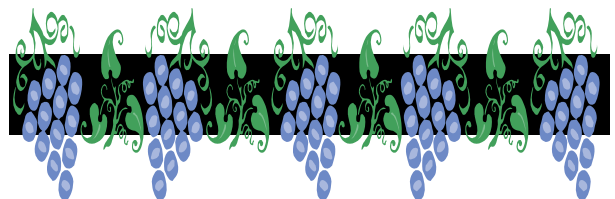


THE GRAPEVINE

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

E-MAIL TO:

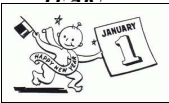
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ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

January

2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:00AM Combined Worship HAPPY NEW YEAR! 	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 1:30PM Bible Study 6:30PM Bible Study	4 5:30 PM Youth Group—Youth Room 7:00 PM Altar Guild — Sanctuary	5	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7
8 10:00AM Combined Worship Sunday School Q & A on new Constitution	9 Boys Scouts @ 7:00 PM in Hestad Hall	10 1:30PM Bible Study 6:30PM Bible Study Men's Meeting @ Denny's, 7:00 PM Tentatively	11 11:30 AM Healthy Living 5:30PM Youth Group—Youth Room	12	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14 8:30 AM 5 Loaves Co-op Pick Up 5:00PM Combined Worship 6:00 Potluck
15 NO SERVICE	16 Boys Scouts @ 7:00 PM in Hestad Hall	17 1:30PM Bible Study 6:30PM Bible Study	18 11:30 AM Healthy Living 5:30PM Youth Group—Youth Room	19	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21 Council Retreat 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
22 10:00AM Combined Worship Sunday School Q & A on new Constitution Installation of New Council	23 Boys Scouts @ 7:00 PM in Hestad Hall	24 1:30PM Bible Study 6:30PM Bible Study	25 11:30 AM Healthy Living 5:30PM Youth Group—Youth Room	26	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 8:30 AM 5 Loaves Co-op Pick Up
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