

What Do We Hide from God?

“They were both naked, the man and his wife, and they were not ashamed” (Gen. 2:25 CJSB).

This year I committed to reading the Bible through in one year. I will blog through my journey and invite you to read along with me. What ideas stand out to you when reading scripture? What new insights will you gain from the old traditional stories and what new faith accounts will you discover? If you read along with me I hope the time set aside for delving into the Bible brings you joy and a new awareness about the workings of our amazing God.

Today’s reading covered Genesis 1-3. The accounting of both creation stories and the expulsion out of the Garden of Eden. In the middle of the story, there is a brief moment where the man and woman were naked. Now, while they could have literally had no clothing on their bodies, I think the text invites us to go deeper into the intimate relationship God had with Adam and Eve. Perhaps the lack of clothing meant that they hid nothing from the Creator of the World. Their relationship was communal and delighted in the joy of worship in the presence of Elohim.

But things changed when trust was broken. Now they covered themselves with clothing, because they hid in shame. The relationship Adam and Eve shared with the Divine could no longer exist. After eating the fruit, they did understand the difference between good and evil, but what the snake failed to say is that their actions marked a drastic difference with their relationship with God. Within the heart, with the bite of the fruit, sin entered the very fabric of the human DNA. No longer could humanity stand in the full presence of God.

I sometimes find myself in the same situation. I want to hide part of my heart and keep it locked away afraid that God will not like me when I am discovered as a phony. I hide myself in all kinds of clothing like a big coat of denial, or a sweater of fear. We all know what it means to struggle often keeping our greatest hurts and pains locked away from other people and ultimately even God.

Keep faith on the journey,

Pastor Joe

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Sunday January 6 10:00 am Confirmation Class
 Sunday January 13 10:00 am Confirmation Class
 Sunday January 20 10:00 am Confirmation Class
 Sunday January 27 10:00 am Confirmation Class



Hamlin Memorial will Host:

High Plains Emmaus Community Meeting January 8th 7:00 PM cst Sponsor training
 January 8th 8:00 PM cst Meeting



January 28th is our next opportunity to serve the homeless, transients, and others in need at the **Light House Mission** in Clovis. Please meet there at or after 12:30 pm CST to help prepare and serve the food, and to share Christ's Love. If you can assist with the meal or serving, please contact Diane Actkinson (806-946-7041) to help!



January 6 : Maryn Terry, Brody White, Caeleb MacDonald

January 13: Alec Actkinson, Zeke Kasel, Elizabeth Mahaney

January 20th: Katy Mahaney, Cooper Nichols, Maryn Terry

January 27th : Alec Actkinson, Elizabeth Mahaney, Cooper Nichols

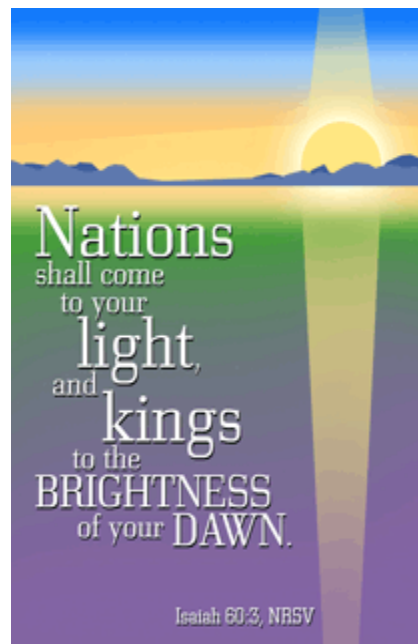


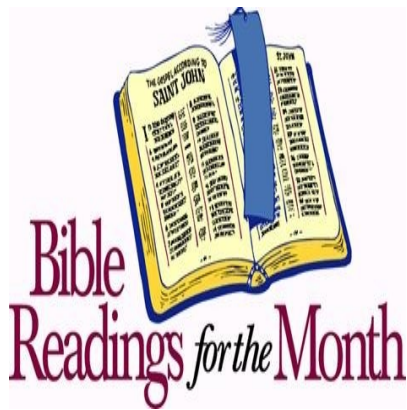
January 14 Parker Mahaney
 January 15 Harry Sheets
 January 18 Caeleb MacDonald
 January 23 Joe MacDonald
 January 27 Douise Ellison
 January 29 Logan Nichols

HEAD USHER
Charles Christian

Happy Anniversary

January 2 Tim & Kristin Kasel
 January 4 Tim & Dana Foote
 January 4 Ted & June Magness
 January 9 Todd & Haley Christian
 January 17 Larry & Robin Gregory





Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29 (UMH 761)

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29 (UMH 761)

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10 (UMH 771)

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19 (UMH 750)

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21



In memory of : Mr. Claire Lackey

Given by Bonnie Howard

In memory of Mr. Claire Lackey

In memory of Bob & Shirley Sandvick

Given by Ted & June Magness

2018 Christmas Poinsettias



In Memory of:

A.A. (Tony) Parstejovsky

Hubert & Katie Ellison

CC & Carrie Christian

John & Ann Lovelace

Rev Edward Fikse

Gerben & Tryntia Hettinga

Roger Royce & Royce Roger Menning

David Bock

Katie & Grov Imoe

Rip & Thelma Curtis

Beth Osterkamp

Rance Williams

Johnny Actkinson

Donald & Dot Christian

Bob Stovall

Pat Howard/ Tom & Lucille Foster

Mr & Mrs Charles Gibson

Mr & Mrs Lester Norton

In Honor of:

Sally & Kellie Anderson *



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