



The Messenger

***In Essentials...Unity
In Non-Essentials...Liberty
In All Things...Charity***

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: Please get your articles in by
: Monday at Noon so it will be in the
: 2nd & 4th Tuesday Newsletter.
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MESSAGE FROM REV. MAGGIE MOSSLER

Epiphany

On Saturday, January 6, the daily reading in my current devotion book was Matthew's story of the visit from the wise men, what we call the Epiphany. Epiphany means the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. Or, in layperson terms, the "Ah Ha! moment" that the baby Jesus was realized as the King of the Jews to Gentiles. Yes, the shepherds were first to the manger, but they were Hebrews, not Gentiles. After reading the story, I wondered what faith the visitors from the East, the Magi, were. Surely they were not Jewish. But why would someone be looking for a Messiah back in those times if they were not of the Jewish faith?

According to the ancient historian, Herodotus, the magi were a tribe of people within a larger people called the Medes. They were a hereditary priesthood tribe, like the Levites in Israel. Of all of the tribes within the Medes they had selected one of them to function as priests in their pagan rituals. And that tribe which they had selected was the Magi tribe. The Magi were scholars and astronomers, not kings like our Christmas Cards today portray them. They were, however, very important people, as they were advisers to kings in Persia and the surrounding lands. They were powerful and wherever they went, there was a celebration to be had, for they imparted stories, knowledge and hope.

So how are they connected with the baby Jesus and the author of Matthew?

After the exile, when Daniel was sent to Babylon, he interpreted King Nebuchadnezzar's dreams and was raised in prominence in the palace. The King put Daniel in charge of the Magi. (Daniel 5:11) Since the Magi were the chief dream interpreters, they now were in company of someone who knew the Jewish traditions.

This put Daniel in the tremendously unique position of being able to dispense to these Magi all of his information about the Old Testament, which I am thinking is exactly what Daniel did. The story of the coming Messiah was passed down generation after generation until the Wise Men of the first century were motivated to search for the chosen one. Today, wise people still seek and find him.

Rev. Maggie

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Bible Book For

January
Isaiah 23-44



Please Pray For:

Pam Neuman
 Keith & Dot Kolars
 Becky Anderson
 Marilyn Banfich
 Family of Connie Burch
 Family of David Rico
 Schwab Family
 Family of Laura Pelenske
 Ken & Marlene Long
 Luis Farias and Parents
 Keith & Dot Kolars
 Laura Allison
 Ruben G. Rico



Prayer requests for family and friends will be listed for four weeks. If you feel they should be listed longer, please let us know and we will be happy to do so.

Birthdays



January 2018

- 9 Rhianna Burgess
- 12 Marlene Long
- 13 Billye Flores
- 14 Ruth Mann
- 16 Carolyn Edwards
- 17 Lou Critchlow
- 18 Jean Sladek
- 20 Donna Gebing
- 21 Sharon Ortiz
- 21 Alton Knight
- 23 Anita Branstetter
- 24 Joe Diaz
- 27 Connie West
- 29 Frank Gloria
- 29 Kelsey Pomeroy

Anniversaries

January 2018

- 9 Rusty & Amy Wright

Visitors

Mr. & Mrs Yarnell

*They may not remember
 what you said, they may not
 remember what you did, but they will
 always remember how you made them
 feel"*
 -Maya Angelou

Announcements and Upcoming Events



Souper Bowl of Caring Challenge! Give me a W! W! Give me an H! H! Give me a C! C! Give me another C! C! What's that spell?!? WHCC!

Join us in the challenge! The teams are Rolling Oaks Christian Church, Central Christian Church, San Antonio, First Christian Church, San Marcos, and Western Hills Christian! Whoever has the most pounds in food for the food bank (\$1 cash = 1 lb. or may be canned/packaged goods) on February 4 wins bragging rights and their picture in the Chalice Newsletter. Please bring your food donations on Sunday during worship, or add them to the soon-to-be mountain in the lobby. If you wish for a food pick up from your house, please call maggie at 830-708-5536. "Go, WHCC, Go!"



We are off to a good start with the Souper Bowl challenge! Thank you to all who brought food!



Dear WHCC, Thank you soooooo much for your Christmas love and support through your gifts. This is an amazing congregation to do ministry with! Love to you all, Brent, Maggie, Patty, Pam, Julia, Hector, Mindy & Mary.



**Please call the church office with all your updates for the church directory.
210-690-9327 Patty**



Kevin Davila, Stephanie Ramirez & Vanessa light the Advent candle on the Third Sunday (December 17) of Advent.



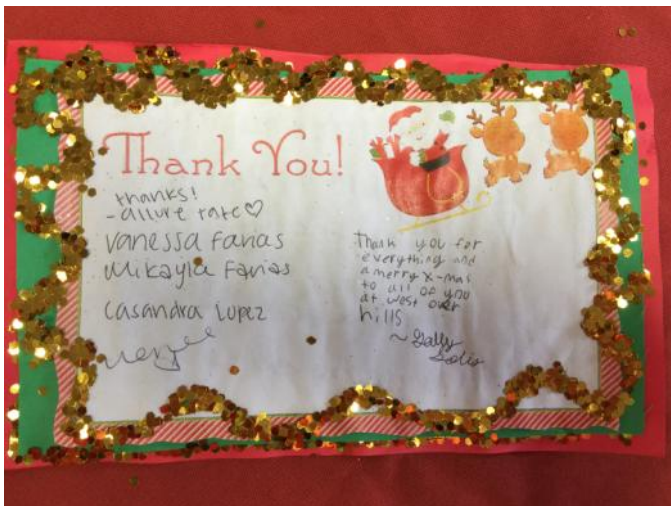
Tom & Karen Schwab, Tawnya & Riley Henderson, Laura, Addison Faith, Allyssa Joy, & Arianna Noel Schwab and Brandon Wintters light the Advent candle on the Fourth Sunday (December 24) of



Thank you to all who volunteered at St. PJ's on Christmas.



Scot, Pat & Ian Janke light the Last Advent candle on (Christmas Eve) of Advent.



Thank you from St. PJ's on Christmas.




Our children surprised Maggie with a special birthday cake and sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

Chi Rho (6-8th grades) Mid-Winter Rally is the weekend of January 19-21, 2018. See your parent's email for the registration form. . We might be able to still get you in! Please see maggie asap!
 The fee is \$115, and Western Hills pays half for all members. Additional scholarships may be available.

Christian Youth Fellowship: (CYF-High School): THIS SUNDAY, January 14, 5:30-7, is group time! We are inviting the Chi Rho's to join us on Sunday as well.

Chi Rho(6-8th grades) You have your choice of group time! Sundays, 9:15am is Sunday School. Sundays, 5:30-7, is fellowship time. Wednesdays, 6-7 is another fun time to learn and play.

Kidtime (4yrs - 5th grade): We meet Wednesdays, 6-7pm. We learn through art, experiments, games, service, and fun.

 **Free Guitar Lessons** Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00pm. Anyone in the surrounding community is welcome, any age. If you would like to help maggie teach the basics, she would love the help! This is a great way to praise our God in the middle of the week.

January 2018

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day Office Closed 6PM Praise Band	2 7:30PM AA Meeting	3 5:30PM Guitar Lessons 6:00PM KidTime 7:00PM Choir	4 7PM Bible Study	5	6
7 9:15AM Sunday School 10:00AM Coffee Cup 10:40AM Worship Svc 5:30-7:00PM CYF Group	8 6PM Praise Band	9 7:30PM AA Meeting	10 5:30PM Guitar Lessons 6:00PM KidTime 7:00PM Choir	11 7PM Bible Study	12	13 9AM Men's Breakfast Open Table/Food Bank 4-6PM	
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Honored to Serve

	<u>Sunday January 14, 2018</u>	<u>Sunday January 21, 2018</u>	<u>Sunday January 28, 2018</u>
Sermon Text	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 2:22-40
Worship Leader	Cathy Bee	Tom Schwab	Myrna Frausto
Bread Elder	Dewey Newbold	Pam Neuman	Frank Gloria
Deacons	Team 2	Team 2	Team 2
Children's Moment	Betty Wright	Jody Campbell	Betty Wright
Children's Church	Destiny Dominguez, DJ	Tammy Miller, Joel	No Children's Church
Acolytes	Rorie Griffith	Sadie Griffith	Rhianna Burgess
Stewards	Earl & Lou Critchlow, Myrna Lorenzana	Jim Collier, Frank Gloria, Linda Kirk	Bob & Carolyn Edwards, Karen Brown

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Elder Chair	Sharon Newbold	210-647-5350	
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Lectionary Readings



January 14, 2018

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

January 21, 2018

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

January 28, 2018

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

Marketplace

Catering

Doug Critchlow 210-414-6948
c/o Annie Marie's Catering 210-545-2249

Mom's Maid to Order

Cleaning, Decluttering, Organizing & Household Needs
Pat Janke 512-787-4087

House & Garage Cleaning/ General Organizing & Independent Advocare Consultant/Distributor

www.advocare/130457732.com health and wellness Supplements
Loretta Clayton 210-872-8726

Fire and/or carbon monoxide detectors installed in your home.

- someone will be sent out to install them for free (for single-family dwellings only)!

Call the Fire Chief's office at 210-207-8400

Real Estate

Irene Lime 210-681-8818/cell 210-573-6169
SA Homefinders—Buy/Sell & 10% donated of the commission to WHCC
Property Management

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Spiros Realty, LLC

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Roofing

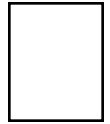
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SUNDAY MORNING

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:15 AM**


**COFFEE CUP
10:00 AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICE
10:40 AM**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Jan 10		Wednesday programs resume
Jan 14	5:30-7	CYF and Chi Rho youth group (Grades 6-12)
Jan 19-21		Chi Rho (6-8th grades) Mid-Winter Rally@ Camp Gonzo
Feb 4		Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday
Feb 16-17		Men's Retreat @ Camp Gonzo
Feb 24	8:00AM-3:00PM	Camp Gonzo Work Day
Mar 2-4		CYF Spring Rally @ Camp Gonzo

 ***"We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."***