



CHANGING LIVES, SHARING CHRIST
THE GOOD SHEPHERD

May Newsletter

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from “the One who is, and was, and is to come; the Almighty.” As we live into the fullness of Easter, I am reminded of the power and beauty of the collect printed above. If you want to know what God is up to, take a few minutes to reflect upon this ancient prayer which captures the essence of Easter.

We are Easter people! We don't just go to Church, we are the Church; the resurrected Body of Christ, that wonderful and sacred mystery by which God is carrying out His plan of salvation. By our daily life and witness we proclaim that, even in the midst of death, God is bringing forth new life. As the Church is the living Body of Christ, we proclaim that Christ is alive and well, and that death has no claim upon us.

It is by our faith and witness to Christ, that the world may see, and know, that all things are being brought to their perfection through Him who died for us and rose again. As Easter people, we proclaim life in the midst of death, now and forever! This is the Kingdom of God that Christ has ushered into the world.

I encourage you to embrace this great mystery of Easter in your own lives and in all of your relationships. God is alive in you! Let the whole world see in you the Easter hope, that the things that were cast down are being raised up, and the things that had grown old are being made new, and that God is making all things new through Christ alive in you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
The Rev. Milton E. Black, Jr.



The Season of Easter

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

Romans 10:9-10



CHRISTIAN FORMATION



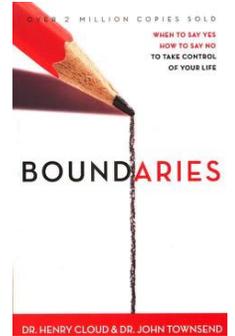
Adult Sunday School

Boundaries - New Topic!

Led by Rev. Milton Black and Elizabeth Black

9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

Having clear boundaries is essential to a healthy, balanced lifestyle. A boundary is a personal property line that marks those things for which we are responsible. In other words, boundaries define who we are and who we are not. Boundaries impact all areas of our lives: Physical boundaries help us determine who may touch us, mental boundaries give us the freedom to have our own thoughts, emotional boundaries help us to deal with our own emotions and spiritual boundaries help us to distinguish God's will from our own. Elizabeth and Milton Black will utilize the book, *Boundaries* by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend to navigate this important topic.



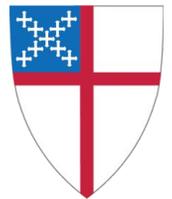
Foundations for Mature Faith

Led by Rev. Frank Fuller

9:30 a.m. Moving to Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom

This course is rich in important and meaningful content for your life in the church.

- **Worship** (Sacraments & Eucharist)
- **Doctrine** (The Bible, Jesus, and the Creeds)
- **Discipleship** (Baptism, Grace, and Prayer)
- **Ministry & Mission** (Church History, the Episcopal Church, Good Shepherd's Ministry, Your Ministry)



If you have been coming to our services, that's a great first step! Now we have the next step available to you. We are excited to have the Rev. Frank Fuller lead this important course on the basics for life in the Church. You will learn more about our faith as Episcopalians, the Episcopal tradition, expectations of Membership at Good Shepherd. Join us this week!

The last day for classes and Breakfast Fellowship before Summer will be May 20.

Beginning Sunday, May 27, we will meet in the Parlor each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for an informal discussion on our weekly Lectionary Readings.

Wednesday Evening Class

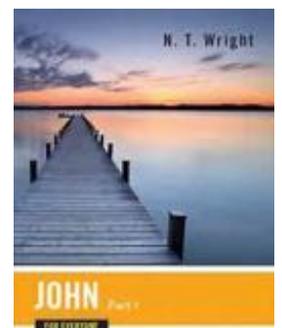
John for Everyone

A Study of the Gospel of John by N.T. Wright

Wednesdays in the Parlor from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Led by Matthew Bloss

The gospel of John is a great place to start if you have never done a Bible Study, and it is a wonderful reminder of the beauty of John's writing if you are studying the book again. Either way, this study based on the study series by N.T. Wright will help you to understand the word of God and further develop your relationship with Jesus.





Ways You Can Help

Salvation Army Mobile Canteen

Monday, May 28

5:30 p.m.

Munds Hall Auditorium



The Salvation Army Mobile Canteen is a vital outreach to the homeless in our community. Come join us in preparing meals and delivering them on the streets of our city. Call the Church Office at 882-1735 if you would like to donate food items.

Wheelchair Ramp Ministry

Saturday, May 19

8:00 a.m.

2006 Yale St. (78416)

The Episcopal Ministries of Corpus Christi join together each month to build wheelchair ramps for families in need in our community.

Contact Doug Wayland if you are interested in helping at 813-1781.

The Corner

Volunteer at the Corner! Do this with a friend...it's fun! Call Julie at 883-0281 to set up a time.

Follow the Corner!

The Good Shepherd's Corner has a Facebook and Instagram page! Follow them and spread the word about this amazing and vital ministry of our church.



Beach to Bay Help Needed

We are seeking parishioners to volunteer to help our youth with this fundraiser.

Saturday, May 19



As many of you may be aware, the annual Beach to Bay relay marathon is approaching! This is the biggest fundraising opportunity for our Good Shepherd Youth Group each year. For years volunteers from Good Shepherd have worked with our youth to help **collect money and direct people where to park in our lots** as well as the large lot down the hill from us. We are seeking parishioners to volunteer to help our youth with this fundraiser.

There are zero prerequisites, all are welcome to help. **This is a great opportunity for those "outside" the youth program to fellowship with our youth in a mission environment.** Young people can never have too many positive faith-filled relationships in their lives, so please consider offering your time that morning.

**We have two shifts to choose from: 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Contact Matthew Bloss via call or text at 484-886-9898 or you may call the Church Office at 361-882-1735 if you can help.

What is Beach to Bay?

Every year since 1976, runners and fun-seekers alike grab their running shoes and converge in Corpus Christi to take on this beloved six-leg marathon. Beach to Bay has grown into one of the largest relay marathons in the United States. Attracting runners from all over the U.S. as well as Kenya, England and Mexico, Beach to Bay boasts an annual registration rate of over 2,000 teams.

This is a six-leg running event, both in relay and full marathon format for those who prefer to take on a challenge solo, that totals approximately 26.2 miles of the Gulf Coast beach, pavement (including the JFK Causeway!), a little sweat, an occasional tear, and a bunch of smiles. Beginning on the sands of North Padre Island, winding through Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, and ending at McCaughan Park along Corpus Christi's scenic Shoreline Drive, the legs are roughly 4.4 miles each.

Always held on the third Saturday in May, or Armed Forces Day, **Beach to Bay honors the men and women serving in our United States Military with sincere pride** – a tradition founded by Captain John Butterfield back in the inaugural year of 1976.



Vacation Bible School

Shipwrecked!

for 3 Year Olds - 4th Graders

June 4 - 8
9 am - 12 pm

**Games, Movies, Crafts,
Bible, Snacks, and Fun!**

**Cost is \$35
and includes
a music CD
and T-Shirt**

Register at cotgs.org

VBS
For 3 Year-Olds - 4th Grade
Counselors 5th-12th Grade

Campers:
Camper Sign-Up (3 Years-Olds - 4th Grade)
<http://cotgs.org/children/summer-programs/>
Pay Online cotgs.org/giving/online-payment

Counselors:
All kids in 5th - 12th grade who would like to volunteer to be a counselor for this fun week, we would love to have you!
Counselor Sign-Up (5th - 12th Grade)
<http://cotgs.org/youth/youth-summer-programs/>

Volunteers:
We are blessed to have **Lauren Brekken and Stacey Patterson** lead VBS this year! They would love to have you join them in helping with activities. Please call or text Lauren at (713)962-4336 if you would like to volunteer.

Kingdom Kids will not meet in May
(Resumes in September)

Acolyte Training - For ALL Acolytes

For all confirmed youth of Good Shepherd in 7th - 12th Grade & Newly Confirmed 6th Graders
Choose one of the following dates to attend: Sundays, May 6th or 13th

On the first two Sundays in May (6th and 13th) we will host our annual acolyte training! Contrary to what you may think, acolyte training is **vital for all current acolytes, as well as our new confirmands**. Many acolytes know the nervousness that goes along with being elevated last-minute to a job you have not done before. The way to avoid that is to make sure you attend the yearly training so that you can see the methods and responsibilities of the whole acolyte guide across all levels. I hope to see 100% attendance from all our acolytes across the two days. **Both trainings will be self-contained, so pick the weekend that works best for you!**



CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Youth Group in May

Sunday, May 6:

Bible Gameshow Night from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Youth House

Sunday, May 13:

No Youth Group (Mother's Day)

Saturday, May 19:

Beach to Bay Parking Fundraiser 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(2 Shifts available)

Sunday, May 20:

Youth Sunday at 10:30 a.m. service with Lunch afterwards at BUS - Bar Under the Sun (Dutch Treat)



Youth Sunday!

Sunday, May 20 at the 10:30 a.m. Service

Please join us for a special service led by our Good Shepherd youth on Sunday, May 20th at 10:30 a.m. There will be a special recognition of our High School Seniors and our Acolytes. The homily will be given by a graduating senior member of Good Shepherd and the readings will be done by youth members. Please come show your support.

**Join us for lunch afterwards at
BUS - Bar Under the Sun (702 N. Chaparral)**

Thank you Youth Volunteers!

Thank you to everyone who has helped with our youth program this past year. We would like to offer a special thank you to those who served as Acolyte Directors and on our Youth Advisory Council. We couldn't do it without you all!

Youth Advisory Council:

Tracy Barre
Nancy Beauchamp
Lesleigh Landreth
Amy Liles
Shawn Pettus
Lyn Wigington
Ken Vanexan

Acolyte Directors:

Nancy Beauchamp
Cindy Cox
Amy Erhman
Tracy Fraiche
Amy Liles
Scott Meares
Lyn Wigington

Sunday School

Last Day before we break for Summer: May 20

Children: Ages 3 - 2nd Grade

"Godly Play"

Water Street Classroom 107

We are learning God's Word through the hands-on approach of Godly Play.

Children in 3rd - 5th Grade

"Mission & Outreach"

Water Street Classroom 104

Our older elementary students are learning about Mission & Outreach.

Summer Schedule

No Children's Chapel

June, July and August

Nursery Available *Infants - 2 year olds*

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Kid's Zone *3 year olds - 1st grade*

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Check-in at Nursery)

2nd Annual St. James Fishing Tournament

**Calcutta/Captains Meeting: Friday, May 11**

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

B.U.S. - Bar Under the Sun
702 N. Chaparral

Tournament: Saturday, May 12

Tournament begins at Sunrise

2:00 p.m. Weigh-In Begins

5:00 p.m. Weigh-In Closes

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Awards and After Party

Weigh-In & After Party at Corpus Christi Yacht Club

Fishermen and fisherwomen of all ages, levels, and experience are invited to participate. There will be prize money for winners and a trophy to be held for bragging rights until next year's tournament! We encourage competitors from outside the St. James community to participate, so invite friends! If you have any questions, contact Marcus Veazey at marcus.veazey@gmail.com.

Register at <https://stescc.ejoinme.org/fishingtournament2018>



THANK YOU to our Sunday School Teachers, Office Angels, and Breakfast ECOLI Team!

We are extremely grateful to all who have contributed to our wonderful programs this year. Good Shepherd is blessed by our faithful volunteers!

Please consider volunteering for one of these vital ministries of Good Shepherd. If you are interested in helping out with one of the volunteer positions, please call the Church Office.

Godly Play Sunday School Teachers

Lula Martin
Carol Kirkland
Sonia Hall

3rd - 5th Grade Mission & Outreach Sunday School Teacher

Lesleigh Landreth

Confirmation Teachers

John Mason
John Perabo

Chapel Leader for Music

Pam Greene

Office Angels

Marylee Browning
Janey Cone
Connie Freeman
Barbara Head
Carol Kirkland
Coleene McCracken
Sally Muncy
Cheryl Rogers
Roberta Sewell
Cheryl Tegarden

Breakfast ECOLI Team

Tom Dietze
Chris Hall
Charlie Hicks
John Mason
Bill McDowell
Juan Mendoza
John Perabo
Scott Sutherland

Give Before You Go!



If you are planning to be gone off and on this summer, please consider to "give before you go!" The church is dependent upon a consistent inflow of your pledge payments even in the Summer months.

Three ways you can make a payment:

In the Church on Sunday or the Church Office
Pledge or Make Payments Online at cotgs.org

Mail Payments to: 700 S. Upper Broadway
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

THANK YOU!

It is Easy to Make a Pledge for 2018!

If you have not returned your pledge card for 2018, now is a great time! It is not about the amount, it is about the commitment. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks and in the Church Office, or **you can pledge online**. To pledge online go to cotgs.org and click the "Giving" tab.

Or Mail Pledge Cards to:

Church of the Good Shepherd
700 S. Upper Broadway
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you. ~ Deuteronomy



AROUND THE DIOCESE



Cursillo #279

Thursday, May 3 - Sunday, May 6

Mustang Island Conference Center

Cursillo #279 will be held at Mustang Island Conference Center Thursday-Sunday, May 3-6. Cursillo is a spiritual retreat weekend that gives church members the tools and "rules of life" to enthusiastically share the joys of knowing Christ with others in their everyday environments. The Rectora for the weekend is Debbie Gardiner from St. Andrew's, San Antonio, and the Spiritual Director is the Rev. Jonathan Wickham, from All Saints, Corpus Christi. Register at <http://www.dwtx.org/calendar-events/cursillo/>.

For those who have Ever Attended a Cursillo

The diocese is taking a survey and would like your help. They would like to know how many church members in our diocese have participated in a Cursillo at any time and any location. If you have attended, please call Susan Linnane in the Church Office at 882-1735 or email her at cotgs@cotgs.org.

Camp Capers



Camp Capers summer camp program offers people ages 8-18 the opportunity to experience the unconditional love and friendship of a Christian community. Camp Capers is committed to offering fun, life-changing experiences to children and youth in a safe, Christ-centered community. Each session is guided by deans, chaplains, and teachers who are clergy and lay leaders from the Diocese of West Texas. Register at <http://www.dwtx.org/departments/camps/capers/>.

Summer Camp Dates

Sr. High Camp A: June 10 - 16 (10th-12th grade)
 Primary Camp A: June 17 - 23 (3rd-5th grade)
 Jr. High Camp A: June 24 - 30 (8th & 9th grade)
 Intermediate Camp A: July 1 - 7 (6th & 7th grade)
 Sr. High Camp B: July 8 - 14 (10th-12th grade)
 Jr. High Camp B: July 15 - 21 (8th & 9th grade)
 Good Sam Camp: July 23 - 27
 Intermediate Camp B: July 29 - August 4 (6th & 7th grade)
 Primary Camp B: August 5 - 11 (3rd - 5th grade)

Meditative Yoga Retreat

Friday, May 11 - Sunday, May 13

Mustang Island Conference Center

The Meditative Yoga Retreat combines the healing, rejuvenating, life-giving practices of yoga, meditation, and contemplative Christian prayer. This retreat is open to all, no matter your yoga or meditation experience. Instructors Agatha Wade and Mary Carpenter will offer multiple classes, and the Rev. Mary Earle, as chaplain, will make the connection between Christian theology and yoga. Check-in is at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, and the retreat concludes after lunch on Sunday. Come spend a relaxing weekend on the beach participating in a mix of peaceful solitude and community fellowship. A licensed therapist will be onsite to offer massages (\$70/hour). The cost for the retreat is \$330 single occupancy; \$260 double occupancy; or \$125 without lodging. Costs include all meals. Scholarships are available. Contact Lynn Corby at 361-749-1800 or lynn.corby@dwtx.org.

Hurricane Harvey Recovery

Saturday, May 19

The second Community Connections Event in the Coastal Bend for Hurricane Harvey recovery will be held on May 19th, at Trinity by the Sea, Port Aransas. This event will bring together local resources for those in the community of Port Aransas affected by Hurricane Harvey who are still trying to put their lives back together. Volunteers are needed from other areas to help with logistics, hospitality, serving as a listener / prayer minister, promotions, entertainment, and serving as vendor / presenter liaisons. If you would like to help from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., contact Gayle Gottlich at 361-563-1452 or pathfinderggc@earthlink.net.

Abide in Me

Saturday, June 9 at TMI in San Antonio

The tenth Abide in Me Conference will be held at TMI in San Antonio with registration opening at 8:00 a.m. and the program beginning at 9:00 and lasting until 3:30 p.m. Keynote speaker is the Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, bishop of the Diocese of Olympia, Washington. Two workshops sessions will be offered with 14 choices of topics. You can view a list of workshops at dwtx.org/abideinme. Lay leaders from every church in our diocese are encouraged to attend. The cost per participant is \$25 and includes a boxed lunch. Childcare will be provided (\$10/child), but children must be pre-registered. Please contact Leslie Mixson in the diocesan office with any questions, 210/888-824-5387, leslie.mixson@dwtx.org.



WORSHIP SERVICES



Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist (Rite I)
- 8:45-9:30 a.m. Breakfast Fellowship (Last Day: May 20)
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Family Eucharist (Rite II)
- 5:30 p.m. "Come As You Are" Eucharist (Rite II)

Nursery For the Little Ones

0 - 2 Years in the Nursery, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 3 Years - Kinder in Children's Chapel, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
From Children's Chapel they join their families in Church before Communion.

Sunday School Classes (Last Day: May 20)

Sundays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.
 Children: Ages 3 - 2nd Grade in *Water Street Class #107* and
 3rd - 5th Graders in *Water Street Class #104*
 Confirmation: (6th Grade) in *Water Street Class #105*
 Youth: (7th-12th Grade) in *the Munds Hall Library*
 Adults: *Boundaries* with Rev. Milton Black and Elizabeth Black in the
Parlor; Foundations for Mature Faith with Rev. Frank
 Fuller in *Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom*

Weekday Services

- Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. Midday Eucharist (Rite II)
- Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Evening Healing Service with Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Monthly Services

The Church of the Good Shepherd offers a service of Holy Communion at the Trinity Towers retirement community at 3:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month.

St. James Chapel Services*

- Mondays at 8:30 a.m. St. James Preschool Chapel
- Tuesdays at 8:10 a.m. Contemporary Morning Prayer (Middle School Chapel)
- Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Morning Prayer (Lower School Chapel)
- Thursdays at 8:10 a.m. Contemporary Morning Prayer (All School Chapel)

* During the school year

"Come, let us bow down and worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care." Psalm 95:6



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