



CHANGING LIVES, SHARING CHRIST
THE GOOD SHEPHERD

May Newsletter

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Important Safety Update



Hospitality and Safety are top priorities for us at The Good Shepherd. Unfortunately, we live in a dangerous world where indiscriminate violence is perpetrated against the unsuspecting innocent. While we welcome all people without judgment, we must also be aware that there are people who would take advantage of our openness to do us harm. We are a downtown church with a very open campus. We must remain vigilant and aware of our surroundings at all times, while maintaining God's gift of hospitality.

Please pay close attention to your surroundings, your belongings, and most importantly your children. Our children should never be left unattended while at church and should never go to the restroom alone.

Over this past year we have made the following significant security improvements to our campus. 1) We have increased our security presence with a regular off-duty uniformed Corpus Christi Police officer on Sunday mornings, and other times during the week. 2) We have radios located in the chapel, the nursery, and with the Vestry person of the day, for communication with our police officer on Sunday. 3) We have electronic defibrillators and fire extinguishers mounted in Munds Hall and the Narthex of the Church. 4) The Safety Committee has been meeting with Ushers, Greeters, Vestry and Staff, on plans, procedures, and improvements that will help us to be better prepared for a variety of emergencies.

Additionally, the Vestry has approved the installation of new hardware on all of our Sanctuary doors for the purpose of emergency exit functionality. The hardware has been compromised over the years and many of the doors are not functional. The new hardware is currently being installed with attention to detail, aesthetic, and security. Please be aware that we are planning to have a "fire drill" in place of the regular service dismissal later this month when the doors are completed.

We believe that security and hospitality are central to our mission of Changing Lives and Sharing Christ. If we want to be a hospitable place, we need to be a safe place. We need to be prudent and vigilant in our desire to keep God's people safe. Please stay tuned for more information and announcements in the coming months on this subject.

Yours in Christ,

Milton +



The Resurrected Life

During the Season of Easter

Part 3 of our 4-Part Series on *The Christian Life*

Our theme for 2019, *The Christian Life*, is designed to draw us, the Body of Christ closer to God and closer to each other as we walk through the liturgical year together. We have completed *The Believing Life* and *The Crucified Life* in this series. During the season of Easter, we will begin *The Resurrected Life*. The Bible promises that those who are in Christ are “new creatures.” But how does that transformation take place? What does it look like to live on the other side of the cross? This unique Easter-season curriculum provides a space in which we can discover what it truly means to live a new life.

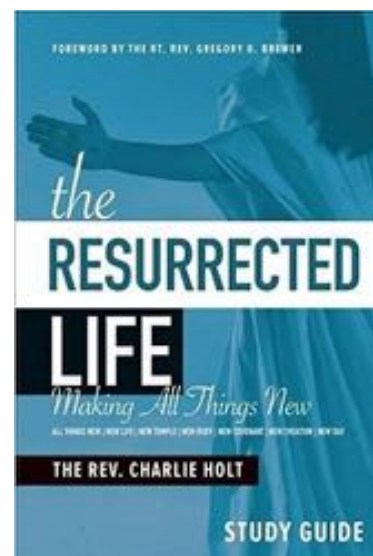
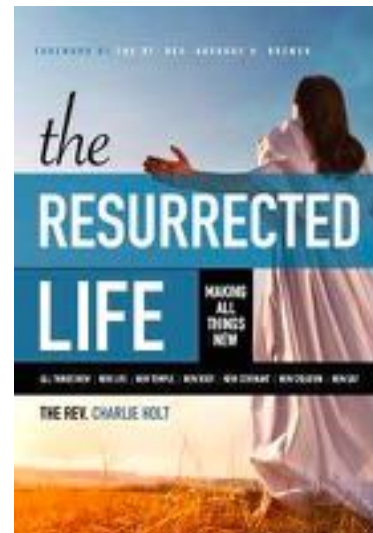
The theme of *The Resurrected Life* will be covered in our Sunday School classes, during our church services, and our Wednesday evening class.

The Resurrected Life - Books are Now Available

Study guides and devotional books for *The Resurrected Life* are available in the Church Office for a \$10 donation. You will receive both the devotional book and the study guide. These are excellent resources for our journey through this part of our series on *The Christian Life*.

The Resurrected Life Devotional provides a daily Scripture and meditation by which you’ll learn how Jesus Christ is making all things new—right now!

The Resurrected Life Study Guide explores seven key areas of life transformation as Jesus heals, redeems and makes us new. Explore in-depth Biblical teaching and the power of God in Christ in community.



The Resurrected Life - Inspiration from the Bible

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ~ John 11:25 - 26

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ~ Revelation 21:5

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. ~1 Corinthians 6:19-20

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. ~ Titus 3:4-7



ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION



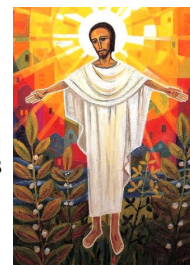
Wednesday Evenings

“Encountering the Risen Jesus”

Led by the Rev. Philip May and Youth Minister, Matthew Bloss

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Parlor - Begins Wednesday, April 24

After Lent, Fr. Philip and Matthew will continue the Wednesday evening classes with an Easter Season class called *Encountering the Risen Jesus*. The post-resurrection encounters between Jesus and the disciples provide us with some of the most profound and personal moments to be found in all of Scripture. The risen Christ comes to his disciples in all their brokenness - their sadness, fear, doubt, shattered dreams and failure - and calls them to a future filled with hope, confidence, confirmed faith, new beginnings and restored lives.



Adult Sunday School

The Christian Life Series: Lent - *The Resurrected Life*

Led by Rev. Milton Black and Rev. Philip May

9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall Auditorium

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Will Our Children Have Faith?

Led by Rev. William Campbell

9:30 a.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom

The Rev. William Campbell would like to personally invite you to join other parents as we engage *The Christian Life* by exploring how we talk about what we believe within our homes and with our children. This class will continue through Easter with “The Resurrected Life” (through Pentecost--June 9) and pick up again in the Fall with “The Spirit Filled Life.”



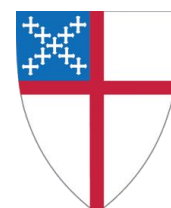
Episcopal 101: Foundations for Mature Faith

Led by Rev. Frank Fuller

9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

This class is especially designed for those who want basic Christian education on the foundations of the Episcopal Church and adults who would like to be either confirmed or received in the Church. We are excited to have the Rev. Frank Fuller lead this important course. You will learn more about our faith as Episcopalians, the Episcopal tradition, and expectations of membership at Good Shepherd. Topics will include:

- **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)





The Ties that Bind

At Church of the Good Shepherd, we believe in the rich gift of family and community in Christ, and in this vein, we are seeking to expand our ministry and offerings to young families through the group *The Ties That Bind*.

Three years ago, vestry members with young families founded a small group with a big plan. They formed *The Ties That Bind* as a way to grow and strengthen families' bonds with each other and with God—while having plenty of fun and becoming a support network for each other along the way.

We are grateful for these vestry members' dedication and leadership. The group's founders are now expanding the committee to bring in new ideas about ways to serve the growing number of young families at Good Shepherd.

Thank you to all those—returning and new—who have accepted the call to serve *The Ties That Bind*. We are excited about what's coming for young families!

In a church as big and full as Good Shepherd, we're defining "young families" as families with children from newborns up through Confirmation, which we teach during the 6th grade school year.

In the coming weeks, *The Ties That Bind* Committee will develop and send out an email survey designed for you to let us know how we can serve you in our Church community.

We want to do whatever brings us together in fellowship during this unique and challenging phase in our lives. We know that your time is precious, and we want you to be confident that your feedback will guide the committee's planning efforts.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful responses.

His Peace,
William+

Claire and William are excited to announce that Sarah Jane Campbell was born on April 24th!



Thank You from the Campbells

Claire and I are so grateful that you have shared in our excitement and anticipation of our little girl's arrival. Thank you for holding us in prayer throughout the pregnancy, and for celebrating with us at our baby shower. Sam Gates and her crew's efforts turned Munds Hall into a joyous space where we felt surrounded by love and family. We look forward to introducing you to Sarah Jane soon!

Peace,
William

Blessings for Baby

I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him.

~ 1 Samuel 1:27

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

~Psalm 139:13

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'

~Jeremiah 29:11

Every good and perfect gift is from above.

~James 1:17

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

~Joshua 1:9



MISSION & OUTREACH



Salvation Army Mobile Canteen

Monday, May 27
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 Corpus Christi. We need help with donating food items, as well as preparing and delivering dinner. Please call the Church Office if you have any questions at 361-882-1735.

Wheelchair Ramp Ministry

Next Ramp Build:
Saturday, May 18 at 8:00 a.m.
Location to be announced.

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.

DWTX - World Mission Top Golf Fundraiser

May 14
5539 N. Loop 1604 West
in San Antonio

Support World Mission initiatives at Top Golf! Register as an individual player (\$100) or as a team (\$600) for a night of delicious food, a silent auction, and prizes for the winning teams! For more information or questions, contact Tatiana Hoecker at tatiana.hoecker@dwtx.org.

Beach to Bay Help Needed

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



Saturday, May 18

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.

An Egg Lady's Job is Never Done!

Our wonderful Egg Ladies love what they do and work year round creating beautiful egg creations! There are some things that they need from you.

Eggs

As you use eggs in your home, keep the Egg Ladies in mind. They are in need of empty egg shells. There are two easy ways to do this:

- Make a tiny hole in the top and a slightly larger hole in the bottom and blow the contents into a bowl. Please rinse.
- Make one slightly larger hole in the bottom and break the yoke with an ice pick or pin and dump the contents into a bowl. Please rinse.

They also need:

Plastic Water or Soda Lids with No Writing

Metal Champagne Lids (see photo)



Community Outreach

The Egg Ladies have been donating their proceeds to organizations in our community for many years. If you know of a local non-profit that has a specific need that the Egg Ladies could monetarily assist, please send your request to the Church Office.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Vacation Bible School



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

June 10-14

9 am - 12 pm

Cost is \$35 and includes
a VBS T-Shirt

3 Year Olds - 4th Graders

Register at cotgs.org

Adult VBS Volunteers Needed

Join us for this
fun week!

Be a blessing and be
blessed in return!

June 10 - 14
9:00 - 12:00

Join us for a week of fun as we share the love of Jesus through games, crafts, movies, songs, Bible stories, snacks, and much more! Our theme is *Roar! Life is Wild - God is Good!*

We are blessed to have **Michelle Ezell** and **Christina Sasser** lead VBS this year! They would love to have you join them in helping with activities.

Please call or text them if you want to be part of this fun week!

Michelle Ezell
(361)244-7509

Christina Sasser
(361)813-2838

*The Nursery is available for volunteers during the week!

BE A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR!

Calling all youth in 5th - 12th grade! We would love for you to help the church by volunteering to serve as VBS counselors. Your job will be to take the younger children around to all of the fun activities. If you are in 5th grade, you will run the snack hall! Being a counselor is personally rewarding and it's a great way to earn service hours.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Youth Group In May!

Hello Youth and Families!

May marks the last month of the Youth Group "year", so we are planning to wrap things up with a with a bang! We will begin by hosting a quiz show reviewing the scripture we have been studying for the past several months, with a plethora of prizes for the victor(s)! Next we have our mighty Beach to Bay Fundraiser! This fundraiser is instrumental in supporting our youth activities here at Good Shepherd, and we need support from all across the congregation, not just youth families! There is a morning and an afternoon shift, so please feel free to pick the one that best suits you!

Then the real "party" begins with the celebration of Youth Sunday! Youth Sunday at Good Shepherd is all about lifting up and celebrating the young people of our parish. We will be having the youth lead our worship, awarding our outstanding acolytes for their constant service, and recognizing our graduating seniors. The Christian way of life is very difficult and challenging for young people, now more than ever. There are an untold number of voices telling kids that faith is, at best, a "secondary" part of their identity. One step we must take to combat those voices is publicly lifting our kids up, so that our whole congregation can sing and pray encouragement into them, and overpower those voices of this world. To that end I hope to see all of our Youth Families on May 19! Afterwards we will then conclude the youth year by grabbing lunch together at Executive Surf Club!

Matthew Bloss

May 5: Bible Gameshow Night @ Youth House, 6:30pm - 8:00pm
 May 12: No Youth Group this Sunday (Mothers Day!)
 May 18: Beach to Bay Parking Fundraiser, @ Good Shepherd, 8am - 1pm
 May 19: Youth Sunday! @ Good Shepherd, 10:30am Service
 - Lunch Gathering @ Surf Club, after 10:30am service

Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 19 at the 10:30 a.m. Service

Join us for a special service led by our Good Shepherd youth. We will have a graduating senior give the homily, seniors will receive a special gift from the church, Acolyte awards will be given out, and youth will do the readings.

Acolyte Training for New Confirmands

Sunday, May 5 at 12:00 noon

All 6th grade confirmands are encouraged to serve the church as an acolyte. Acolytes perform ceremonial duties during church services and are important to each service. If you have questions, contact Matthew Bloss at 484-886-9898.

No Kingdom Kids in May

Sunday School

Last Day of Sunday School before Summer is May 19

Children: Ages 3 - 2nd Grade
 "Godly Play"

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
 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"

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
 Water Street Classroom 104

Our older elementary students are learning about Mission & Outreach.

6th Grade Confirmation

Magee Beach Party on May 5th

Youth - 7th - 12th Grade

Water Street classroom 106

3rd Annual St. James Fishing Tournament!

Friday, May 10

Captains Meeting & Calcutta Party

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 The Gold Fish
 724 N. Mesquite Street

Saturday, May 11

Weigh-in (By 5:00)

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 Corpus Christi Yacht Club

Awards and After Party

5-8 p.m.
 Corpus Christi Yacht Club
 If you have questions contact Marcus Veazey at marcus.veazey@gmail.com





WORSHIP SERVICES



Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist (Rite I)
 8:45-9:30 a.m. Breakfast Fellowship
 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

Sundays from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Children: *Godly Play for 3 Year-Olds thru 1st Grade*
Mission & Outreach for 2nd-5th Grade

Confirmation: (6th Grade) *Confirmation Class*

Youth: (7th-12th Grade) *"The Christian Life" in Munds Hall*

Adults: *Three Classes: The Christian Life with Rev. Milton Black and Rev. Philip May in Munds Hall Auditorium; Will Our Children Have Faith with Rev. William Campbell; Episcopal 101 with Rev. Frank Fuller in Munds Hall Library*

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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