



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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A SPIRIT-FILLED FAMILY

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

The Good Shepherd is a Spirit-Filled Family! Whether you are young or old, whether you have kids or not, whether you are married or not, whether you have been here all your life or just arrived, you are a very important member of this Family, God's Family.

In baptism we were all adopted into this Family and joined together by His Holy Spirit as brothers and sisters in Christ. Being "Family" has important implications for us all. It means we care for each other, we are committed to each other, and we sacrifice for each other. We all have an important role in the nurturing of each other's faith, and together we grow into the full stature of Christ.

Our mission of *Changing Lives and Sharing Christ* begins right here with our own "Faith Family" making sure that **we are nurturing one another down the path of a mature faith and passing this precious gift on to the next generation.** The Spirit of the Lord is alive in us when we are involved and invested. It's a multi-generational effort where everyone has something to contribute, and everyone has something to gain. That's the way God intended it.

You should have recently received **a letter from the church with a 2020 pledge card enclosed** along with new online giving options. The commitment that you make is a hopeful projection of what you would like to give back to God in the calendar year 2020. It is our prayer that you will take the next step in your faith and increase your pledge as a percentage of your income from year to year, working toward the biblical standard of the tithe (10%).

Over the next several weeks, we will be focused on the importance of giving our time, talent, and treasure back to God. As we all seek to grow in our faith, we ask you to prayerfully consider the many ways in which God has and is blessing you, and take another step in faith. As a sign of your praise and thanksgiving, we ask that you bring your pledge card to church on **Commitment Sunday, October 27th**, where we will all come forward and place our offering on the altar of our Lord.

Good Shepherd is a Spirit-Filled Family, where all people are invited to come and grow in God's Love and be empowered by His Holy Spirit to see the world with new eyes. The journey of faith is best experienced together, and I'm so grateful to be in it with you.

Faithfully, your brother in Christ,



Stewardship falls in the category of discipleship. Part of discipleship is the use of our money, gifts, abilities and resources. As followers of Jesus, we are called to leave the kingdom of this world and come under the rule and reign of God. When we choose to follow Him, we serve a new master and everything we have belongs to Him. We give back to God as His instruments on earth with praise and thanksgiving.

Commitment Sunday

**Sunday, October 27 during all services:
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

Please join us on Commitment Sunday as we all move towards the altar with our "first fruits" in the form of a pledge. This motion is a beautifully sacramental action. We are taking something that represents our life and bringing it to the altar to dedicate it to God. We invite each of you to reflect on the ways in which your life, and the lives of your loved ones, have been impacted through God's mission of Good Shepherd. It is not about the amount, it is about recommitting yourself to Him.

Ways to Pledge

- **Pledge Card** - mail or bring to the Church Office; or place in the offertory plate in Church
- **Pledge Online** - <https://cotgs.org/giving/online-pledging/>

Pledge cards have recently been mailed to every member of our congregation. If you did not receive yours, please call or come by the Church Office. You will also find pledge cards in the pew racks in the Church. We appreciate your commitment to Good Shepherd. It takes all of us, as members, to run our facility, grounds, and programs, as well as help our community through mission and outreach. Pledge cards can be placed in the offertory plate on Commitment Sunday, or anytime you are in church. They can be mailed or brought to the Church Office, or you can go on to cotgs.org and make a pledge or payment online.

WAYS TO GIVE ONLINE

Giving Online is simple on our new website!

4 Easy Steps:

1. Go to cotgs.org
2. Click the GIVING tab
3. Scroll down to PAY ONLINE
4. Fill in the page; click SUBMIT

The drop-down menu gives options to pay on your pledge as well as the ability to make other contributions.

You are also able to indicate that you would like your gift to be recurring with the click of a button!

**THE SITE IS
SAFE
& SECURE!**



If you have a QR code reader on your mobile device, scan over the image below and it will take you directly to our Online PAYMENT page!



Beginning Sunday, October 6th, there will be reusable cards in the pews that say "I Gave Online" so that you will have something to place in the offertory plate.



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 6
4:30 p.m.
in the Courtyard

Please bring dog or
cat food to donate to
area shelters.

Sponsored by
the St. Francis Guild

Women of the Church OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Journey through the Holy Land

The Rev. Milton & Elizabeth Black will give a slide
show presentation of their trip through the Holy Land

Tuesday, October 8

11:15 Business Meeting
Dobbins Hall Classroom

12:00 noon Luncheon
Munds Hall Auditorium

Free Valet Parking
Nursery Available
\$10 Suggested Lunch Donation

RSVP to the Church Office
361-882-1735

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY FESTIVAL!



Educational Fun for All!

Sunday, November 3
9:30 a.m.

Munds Hall Auditorium

Everyone of all ages join together
in Munds Hall Auditorium during
Sunday School for the All Saints
Sunday Festival! This will be a fun
and informative day to "meet"
some of the Saints.

Adults and youth will be **dressed as
specific saints** and will give you
information about their lives.

What to expect:

- Meet & Greet with the Saints
- Saints of God Scavenger Hunt



*I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

YOUTH-LED SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

We are excited that our Middle & High School Youth are working along-side adults to teach our Children's Sunday School! We have had a wonderful turn-out by both the children and the youth. They are excited to give their time to this ministry.

Children 3 years old - 1st Grade

9:30 a.m. in Water Street Classroom #106

The Spiritual Life for Young Children

Children 2nd - 5th Grade

9:30 a.m. in Water Street Classroom #105

The Spiritual Life for Elementary Children

Each Sunday we follow this format:

- Guitar/Song with Preschool - Elementary together
- Bible Story
- Craft or Activity
- Prayer Circle



KINGDOM KIDS

Wednesday, October 2

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

in the McNeil Gym

All kids in Kinder through 6th grade are invited to the gym for food, fun and fellowship. Younger children are welcome in the Kid's Zone and in the Nursery. Cost for Kingdom Kids is a \$5 donation per child.



If you would like to volunteer to help with Kingdom Kid's one of the month's of the year, please call Sandy McCampbell in the Church Office at 361-882-1735.

Outreach Project for October:

Please bring small toiletries items to donate to Driscoll Children's Hospital.

ST. JAMES FALL FESTIVAL

Friday, October 25

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

St. James will hold their annual Fall Festival on the school campus Friday, October 25th.

This is a fun family affair! Wristbands are available in the school office.





YOUTH GROUP

We are starting something new for Youth Group! Youth will meet on Sunday evenings in the Youth House. (There will be other gatherings at other locations throughout the year, so be on the look-out for those.) Middle School (7th - 8th grades) will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth House. Then High School (9th-12th grades) will join them for dinner at 7:30 p.m. Following dinner, Middle School's time will be complete and High School will stay for their special Youth Group time. We are asking congregation members and groups to help minister to our Youth by providing the weekly meal that they will share. Call the Church Office if you are interested.

Sunday Evenings in the Youth House:

- Middle School Youth Group (7th - 8th) 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Middle and High School Dinner Together 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- High School Youth Group 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Service Opportunity for 7th - 12th Graders!

This Fall we have begun something new and exciting! Youth are teaching preschool and elementary Sunday School classes along side adults. This is like a mini VBS on Sundays! Not only are the younger children benefiting by learning from the Youth, but the Youth are growing in their own faith through teaching.

Youth are teaching in teams and are assigned particular Sundays. Therefore, they will not have to be present every week, just when it is their team's turn, but they are also welcome to join us on their "off" Sundays!



HAPPENING #144

Calling all 10th - 12th Graders!

November 22 - 24

Church of the Epiphany, Kingsville

A Happening is an encounter with Jesus Christ! The Happening Movement believes that Christianity penetrates



the many areas of daily life and can transform the world. During this weekend, faith is examined in a relaxed, fun and informal atmosphere. Those who attend gain the desire to understand and serve our Lord and the church. This is often a life-changing experience!

WHO? For 10th - 12th graders...led by their peers. The Diocese of West Texas sponsors three weekends each year in various locations.

WHEN? Begins Friday evening at 7:00 p.m., and ends at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

HOW do I sign up? Go to <https://www.dwtx.org/calendar-events/happening/>. Weekends fill quickly, so don't delay! The cost is \$50.

WHY attend THIS Happening? Kingsville is close! And Rev. William Campbell will be serving at this Happening.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Calling ALL Acolytes

Sunday, October 20

11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

All acolytes are required to attend our beginning of the school year training. It is important that everyone be there. Lunch will be provided!



Adult Sunday School

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

Led by Rev. Milton Black & Rev. Philip May

9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall Auditorium

Jesus calls the Holy Spirit a "gift" who will guide us, lead us, and empower us. Yet many believers don't experience the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. This class provides a space in which we can explore what it means to "walk in the Spirit."

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE for YOUNG FAMILIES

Led by Rev. William Campbell

9:30 a.m. in Dobbins Hall Classroom

We are examining the life-giving and creative work of the Holy Spirit for, not only our own lives, but to help guide our children, as well. The greatest ministry we can offer children is to help their parents know Jesus as our Lord and Savior and to embrace his teachings.

PRUNE JUICE FOR THE SOUL

The Gospel for Folks Getting Old & Those who Love Them

Led by Rev. Frank Fuller

9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall Library

Rev. Frank Fuller explores how faith resources can apply for those experiencing age, illness and all that comes with those chores. This class is for our more "seasoned" church members, as well as those who love them.

Wednesday Evening Classes

SPIRIT-FILLED BIBLE STUDY

Led by Rev. Philip May from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Rev. Philip May takes a deeper look into our theme for the Fall, *The Spirit-Filled Life*. This class offers the opportunity to hear in-depth Biblical teachings and openly discuss what we will learn as a group. We will strengthen the bonds of community as we grow together, allowing our lives to be powerfully changed.

BRAVE NEW WORLDS

Led by Rev. Frank Fuller from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
in Munds Hall Library

Everyone wants to know what the future will bring. Biblical prophets strove to make clear God's will to save his ornery people. Some of the clearest insights in the last hundred years have come from novelists who tackled the power of technology, the weaknesses of human nature and where that might take us. This class explores prophetic visions of humanity's future and faith in the works of three 20th century writers.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The Gospel of Matthew
Tuesday Mornings

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

in the Parlor

Women of all ages are welcome to join this study led by Elizabeth Black.

The Gospel of Matthew is the story of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the story of a man, a teacher, a healer, a prophet, a king - and how he came to save the world. Matthew sets out to show how Jesus "completes" or "fulfills" all the promises ever made about God's anointed King who would come to save the world.

Bring a pen and your Bible. A study booklet is available for \$10.

Elizabeth has her Bible Study available to those who cannot attend on Tuesday mornings. A weekly audio recording can be found at elizabethheadblack.com.

MISSION & OUTREACH

GOOD SHEPHERD'S Corner RESALE SHOP

Bring Us Your Donations & Consignments

Bring us your furniture!

The Good Shepherd's Corner has a great furniture business. If you have unwanted furniture that you would like to donate or place on consignment, please call Julie at the Corner.

Other Items to Donate or Consign

Examples of other items:

- Clothing in good condition (Please bring clothing that matches the current season. Call ahead to see what they are currently accepting.)
- Accessories: purses, belts, shoes, jewelry
- Vintage Items
- Home decor
- Kitchen items and Dishes
- Books
- Artwork
- Electronic or Mechanical items in working condition

Contact Julie at 361- 883-0281 if you have any questions.

Come by and shop!
**There are many treasures
to be found!**

Ushers Needed

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

We need new ushers to help on Sunday mornings at the 10:30 a.m. service. This is an easy, fun job and a great way to meet new people in the church. Please contact Susan Linnane in the Church Office if you are interested or want more information at 361-882-1735.



WHEELCHAIR RAMP MINISTRY

Monday, October 19

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.

The location for October will be announced soon. Look for it in our upcoming Church emails and our Sunday announcements.

Email Doug Wayland if you have questions at dwayland@stx.rr.com.

SALVATION ARMY MOBILE CANTEEN

Monday, October 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.

EGG LADIES

The Egg Ladies are always in need of blown out eggs to make their beautiful egg creations. They work throughout the year on the eggs for Easter. Please bring your blown out eggs to the Church Office any time. Thanks for your support of this important ministry!

WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

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 9:30-10:15 a.m.
Children Meet in the Water Street Classrooms
Youth Meet in the Water Street Classrooms
Adults:
Large Group w/Rev. Black & Rev. May in Munds Hall Auditorium
Young Families w/ Rev. Campbell in Dobbins Hall Classroom
Small Group w/Rev. Fuller in Munds Hall Library

Weekday Services

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

Monthly Services

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*

Tuesdays at 8:05 a.m. Contemporary Morning Prayer (Middle School Chapel)
Tuesdays at 8:40 a.m. Contemporary Morning Prayer (Lower School Chapel)
Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. St. James Preschool Chapel
Thursdays at 8:10 a.m. Contemporary Morning Prayer (All School Chapel)

* During the school year

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