

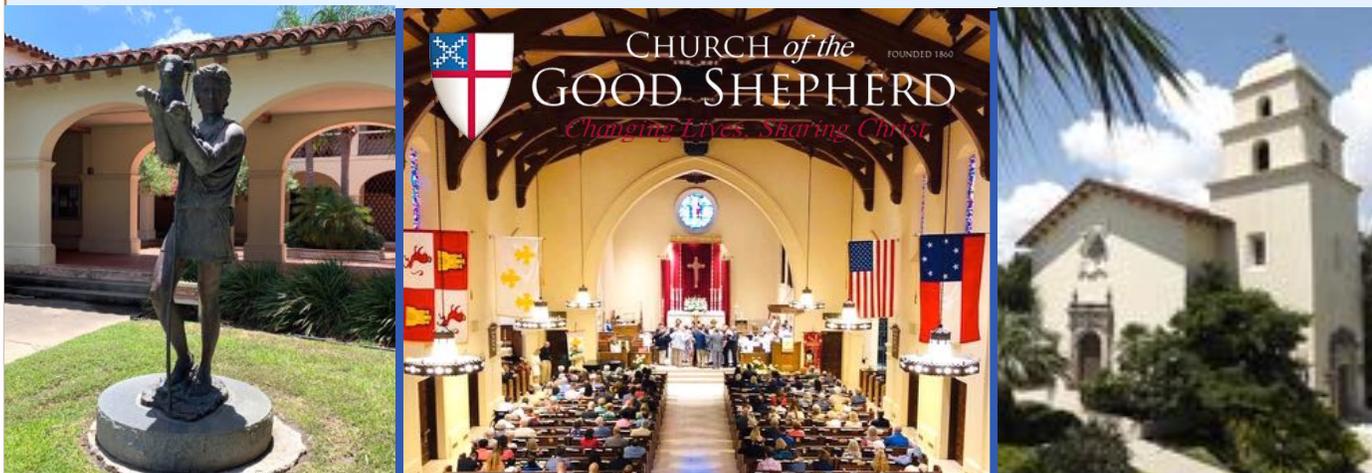
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Let us go to the House of the Lord

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

The pandemic has given us all a deeper appreciation of the Church and its role in our lives. God is powerfully present in His people gathered together. Praise and worship are essential elements of our lives. When we are praising God together, we are fed, encouraged, lifted up, and sustained. We have all been through a desert experience over these last two years and are hungry for deeper communion with God, and there is only one place where that can truly happen, in the house of the Lord.

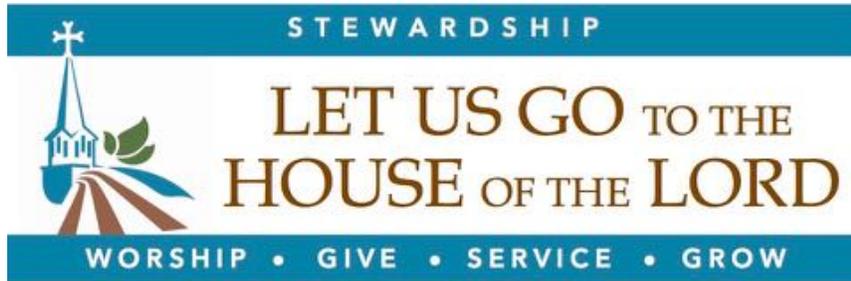
That's why this year's theme has been Psalm 122:1, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" This year has been about getting everyone back together and reclaiming God's Holy Spirit in our lives; returning to the house of the Lord for the essential acts of praise, and prayer, and worship. We need to be praying for each other and with each other.

This is the time of year we give thanks to God as we look toward planning for next year. **Enclosed you will find your 2022 pledge card along with our online giving options.** We ask you to prayerfully consider the many ways in which God is blessing you through His church and take another step in faith. The commitment that you make is a hopeful projection of what you would like to give back to God in the calendar year 2022. It is our prayer that you will take the next step in 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 focus on the importance of giving our time, talent, and treasure back to God, and celebrating the remarkable life that we enjoy here at Church of the Good Shepherd. As a sign of your praise and thanksgiving, we ask that you bring your pledge card to Church on **Commitment Sunday, October 24th**, where we will all come forward and make our offering to the Lord together.

Faithfully, yours in Christ,

STEWARDSHIP 2022



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 24

8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Please join us on Commitment Sunday as we offer our "first fruits" in the form of a pledge. All pledges will be collected and taken to the altar. 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 to the Church Office or bring to church
- **Pledge Online** - <https://cotgs.org/giving/make-a-pledge/>
- **Pledge on our App** - Ministry One

Pledge cards will be mailed the first week in October to every member of our congregation. If you do not receive yours, please call or the Church Office at 361-882-1735.

Pledge cards can be placed in the offertory plate on Commitment Sunday, or anytime you are in church. They can also be mailed or brought to the Church Office.

Pledging Online or on our Ministry One App is the simplest way to pledge for those who would like to use their mobile device or computer.

GIVE ONLINE

Giving Online at cotgs.org

3 Easy Steps:

1. Go to cotgs.org
2. Click the GIVING tab
3. PAY ONLINE & SUBMIT

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

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!

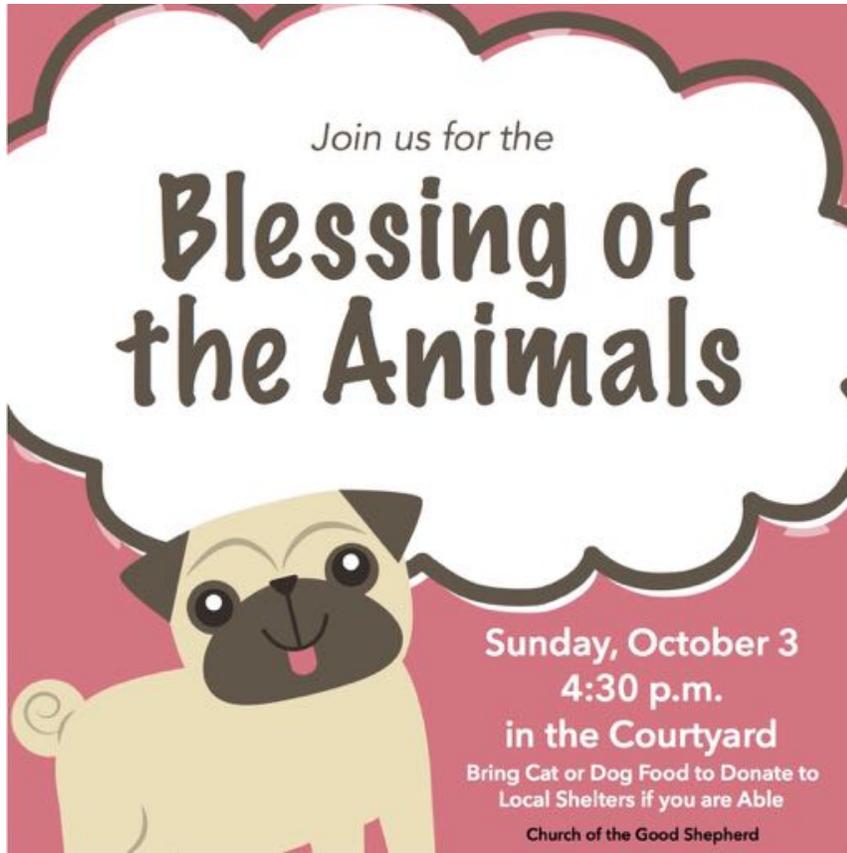
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OUR NEW RECEPTIONIST

We would like to welcome our new receptionist **Julia Palacios** to Good Shepherd! Julia will be working at the front desk Monday through Friday 9:30 - 1:30.

NURSERY POSITION

We are looking for someone to work in the Nursery on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 - 12:00. We would like to provide nursery care for our Women's Bible Study. There are also nursery openings on Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know would be interested, call the Church Office.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's Shoebox Time!

DUE BY Monday, November 15

Please join us again this year as we send gift-filled boxes to poverty stricken children around the world and share the love of Christ.

This is what you do:

1. Pick up a box at the **Church Office**.
2. Choose an **age and gender** of a child.
3. **Pack** box with small toys and toiletries. (No toothpaste or candy)
4. Include a **\$9 donation** in the top of the box
5. **Do not seal the box**. Place a rubber band around the box.
6. Place a **label** on your box and **pray** for the child who will receive your box.
7. Bring your box to the Church by **Monday, November 15th**.

Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with children around the world!



Adult Sunday School

LIVING WORD - Going Deeper into Sunday Scripture Readings

9:30 a.m. in the Parlor - Led by the Rev. Milton Black and the Rev. Philip May

The Rev. Milton Black and the Rev. Philip May will lead a discussion-based class utilizing the scripture readings from each Sunday's services. This is very similar to what we have offered this summer in the Parlor, which has been very popular! The day's scriptures will guide us as we learn from one another and better understand God's Word.

ALL IS [not] FOLLY - Parent Class

9:30 a.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom - Led by the Rev. William Campbell

We live in a crazy world in weird times. The act of worship every week is supposed to keep us centered. The family unit is supposed to provide us with a hope of staying grounded, faithful, relational, and in a practice of sacrificial love. But the daily, inescapable reality is that in neither worship nor family are we in complete control. The Gospel speaks into this, if only we can pause to hear and understand it. Drop your kids at Sunday School, pour yourself a coffee, and join Father William for an "intently haphazard" conversation about parenting, worship, and the lessons we're often too busy to hear or learn.

WALKING YOUR DOGMA, TALKING TO GOD

9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall Library - Led by the Rev. Frank Fuller

Many eyes glaze over when we talk about the Church's Creeds or doctrine. Nonetheless, they form the reservoir out of which genuine authentic prayer arises. Understanding the interplay of prayer and belief will make our prayer life more real and powerful and our faith deeper and more mature. Join Father Frank Sunday mornings!

Sunday Worship Services

8:00 a.m. ✦ 10:30 a.m. ✦ 5:30 p.m.

Live Stream of our 10:30 a.m. service can be found at cotgs.org

Breakfast Fellowship at 8:45 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday Noon Worship Service

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday Evening Worship Service

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday Evening Classes at 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Wednesday Evening Classes

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE: Hearing, Praying, and Living the Eucharistic Prayer

6:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Led by the Rev. Philip May

The heart of our worship is the Eucharist, and the heart of the Eucharist is the Eucharistic Prayer. Take this opportunity to dive deeply into the ancient words of these prayers, their history, their meaning, their spirituality, and their role in our lives of faith. As we open our minds and hearts, these prayers they will become so much more than words we listen to. They will become a way for us to join in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, to be in communion with one another, and to be truly present at the Lord's Supper. Join us Wednesday evenings in the Parlor for the *return of our potluck suppers* and for this time of learning and reflection.



CENTURIES OF SAINTS

6:30 p.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom

Led by the Rev. Frank Fuller

This class is a look at the Church's saints, century by century, tells more than just who the good guys and gals were. The ones that we recognize as saints of God tells as much about us as about them, and much about who we think God is and who he wants us to be. We will look at the people named by the Church as saints, one century at a time, to see how the Church has changed over time and how it remains the same throughout the ages.



Tuesday Women's Bible Study

Led by Elizabeth Black

Tuesdays from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor

1st & 2nd Thessalonians - Living in the End Times

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. For centuries Christians have proclaimed these central truths. The gospel that began in space and time will ultimately be fulfilled at Christ's return. And as we wait and long for Christ's return, this gospel gives us encouragement and a reason for hope. These ten studies on Paul's letters to the Thessalonians open our minds to the truth, lift our hearts to hope, and cause us to worship our faithful, victorious God.

Workbook available on Amazon.

Search for 1 & 2 Thessalonians: Living in the End Times by John Stott (it is the brown book)

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES



OCTOBER YOUTH GROUP

Sundays for All Youth 6th - 12th Grade!

October 3 - Movie Night @ Century 16 Theater

- The Addams Family 2: Meet at 6:35 p.m.
- Middle & High School Combined
- Text Glenn ASAP if you want to go at 210-460-8788

October 10 - Marble Slab

- Middle School: 6:30 p.m.
- High School: 8:00 p.m.

October 17 - Cops & Robbers @TAMUCC

- Middle & High School at 6:30 p.m.

October 24 - Service Project (TBA)

October 31 - Halloween Fun! More Info Coming Soon

COME LEAD CHAPEL!

Attention 7th - 12th Graders

We would love to have all of our middle and high school students come help us lead Celebration Chapel for our 1st - 5th graders on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

You will be given leadership responsibilities such as reading scripture, leading song and music, helping kids learn what to do, and worship!

Each Sunday, come to the Church Office break room between 9:30 and 10:00 to learn your leadership part and eat a breakfast taco!

This is both fun and a meaningful way to worship!



Kingdom Kids is Back!

Wednesday, October 6

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the McNeil Gym

Kinder through 6th grade are invited to the gym for food, fun and fellowship.

(Kid's Zone and Nursery are not available for younger children at this time.)

Cost for Kingdom Kids is a \$5 donation per child. (Pay at the door.)

You must RSVP online at <https://cotgs.org/2021/09/20/kingdom-kids/>

If you would like to volunteer to help with Kingdom Kid's one of the month's of the year, please Sandy McCampbell in the Church Office at 361-882-1735. You only have to commit to the months you would like to help...and it's only one night a month!

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sunday School - Children & Youth

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School

Meet in Water Street Classroom 107
(3 year-olds - 5th grade)

All children are invited to come learn the Word of God together. This is a time of learning, fun, and fellowship!

Confirmation Class - 6th Grade

Meet in Water Street Classroom 106

First Day meet in Munds Hall Auditorium w/Parents.

Confirmation class is designed to provide spiritual direction and teach the traditions of the Church. It is important that all confirmands and parents attend class together on the first day.

Youth Sunday School

Meet in the Church Office Break Room for Tacos!
(7th - 12th grade)

All youth are invited to come to room number 105 to prepare and plan for Celebration Chapel which will be held in Munds Hall at 10:30 a.m. Our youth will lead this service.

Celebration & Children's Chapels

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Children's Chapel

Children age 3 - Kindergarten in the Children's Chapel
Meet in the Children's Chapel for a service just for you! You will learn about Jesus, the Word of God, songs of praise and much more!

Celebration Chapel

For 1st - 6th Grade and Led by Youth 7th - 12th Grade
in Munds Hall Auditorium
All 1st - 6th graders are invited to Celebration Chapel while their parents attend church. This is a service just for you led by our youth. This worship will include scripture, prayer, and music!

*Everyone will join their parents in Church for communion.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

We have begun a new year of confirmation class for 6th graders!

We believe that our young people are on a journey, and that at this age they are in a position to accept for themselves what was accepted for them at Baptism. The confirmation class is designed to provide spiritual direction and teach the traditions of the Church.

If you would like your child to participate, it is not too late. Please contact Sandy McCampbell at sandymcccampbell@aol.com.

HAPPENING #149

Attention 10th - 12th Graders

**Good Shepherd is Hosting
this Happening!
November 19 - 21**

You can "Happen" right here
in Corpus Christi...
at Good Shepherd!

This is a life changing and
extremely fun weekend you will
NOT want to miss!

You can invite a friend to share
the experience with you. You do
not have to be a member of
Good Shepherd to participate.

Register at dwtx.org.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & THE CHURCH



2021 BISHOP'S GOLF CLASSIC

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2021 • CANYON SPRINGS GOLF CLUB

SPONSORSHIP

Gold Sponsor \$2,500

Includes 4 entry fees, sponsorship recognition, 2 tee signs, and "The Extras" (2 Mulligans, Beat the Bishop Contest, etc.)

Silver Sponsor \$1,500

Includes 4 entry fees, sponsorship recognition, and 1 tee sign.

Bronze Sponsor \$500

Includes 2 entry fees, sponsorship recognition, and 1 tee sign.

Hole Sponsor \$100

Includes sponsorship recognition and a tee sign.

Individual Fee \$150

Includes lunch, warm up driving range and putting green.

Registration and Sponsorship Form at dwtx.org/events



DWTX BORDER & MIGRATION MINISTRY

The Border & Migration Ministry Summit, cohosted by the Diocese of West Texas and Episcopal Migration Ministries, will be held virtually, October 21-23, 2021. Registration is \$75. Go to dwtx.org.

LOGOS

LOGOS is the annual magazine of the Diocese of West Texas. An extended edition is available online featuring artistic and written reflections from diocesan artists and authors. Individuals residing within the diocese were invited to submit artistic, creative expressions inspired by the 2021 diocesan scripture theme verse (Luke 10:11), including artwork, photography, and writing.

Go to www.dwtx.org/blog/logos02-extended

The Annual Bishop's Golf Classic benefits Camps & Conferences of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. Our camp programs seek to create safe spaces for children, youth, and adults to experience the love of God, then return to their home communities equipped and inspired to share Christ's love with the world.

Low Net & Low Gross Prizes

1st Place: \$1,000 for your church's youth ministry program.
2nd Place: \$500 for your church's youth ministry program.
3rd Place: \$300 for your church's youth ministry program.

Other Awards

Closest to the Pin (men & women)
Longest Drive (men & women)

Schedule of Events

10:30 a.m. Check-in, driving range & putting green open
12:00 p.m. Socially distant start, hot lunch on course
6:00 p.m. Outdoor awards ceremony & reception

Questions?

Contact Leslie Mixson
leslie.mixson@dwtx.org
(888/210) 824-5387



We Invite You to Join our New Good Shepherd Guilds

Wedding Guild

The Wedding Guild will be comprised of a group of women who will assist the Wedding Coordinator and the Altar Guild at weddings at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Funeral Guild

The Funeral Guild will help organize funeral receptions held at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Flower Guild

The Flower Guild will make arrangements from Sunday altar flowers and deliver them to hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins, or anyone assigned by the church office staff.

PHOTO GALLERY

RALLY DAY



YOUTH BEACH GAMES & WORSHIP



WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Family Eucharist
5:30 p.m. Come As You Are Service

Nursery For the Little Ones

1 - 2 Years in the Nursery 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Sunday School Classes

Sundays 9:30-10:15 a.m. (Resume September 12th)

Children Meet in the Water Street Classrooms

Youth Meet in the Water Street Classrooms

Adults:

Large Group w/Rev. Black & Rev. May in the Parlor

Young Families w/ Rev. Campbell in Dobbins Hall Classroom

Small Group w/Rev. Fuller in Munds Hall Library

Weekday Services

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

Monthly Services

We offer 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. Middle School Chapel
Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m. K- 4th Grade Chapel
Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Preschool Chapels (4 services)
Thursdays at 8:05 a.m. All School Chapel

Parents are welcome at All School Chapel on Thursdays.

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