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# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## MAY NEWSLETTER

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### A Message from the Rev. William Campbell

Whether you're gearing up for Buc Days, deciding on a Mother's Day gift, celebrating the end of the school year, or preparing for summer, May is a busy month—blink and you'll miss something!

Here at Good Shepherd, we are also in high gear:

- On May 7 at the 10:30 a.m. service, we will celebrate **24** youth and adult confirmands as they affirm their faith. Our bishop, The Rt. Rev. David M. Reed, will pray over them in our annual service of Confirmation—this will be his last official visit to our Church before retirement.
- On May 21 at the 10:30 a.m. service, we will showcase and celebrate our graduating seniors, acolytes, and children's choir. After the service, our graduating acolytes will lead a training to raise up new leaders and welcome new acolytes to the fellowship and ministry.
- May 21 and May 24 conclude our Spring Sunday School and Wednesday Classes.
- On May 25-26, our beloved St. James Episcopal School will recognize the good work completed in this school year and graduate its 8<sup>th</sup>-Grade scholars in Celebration, Baccalaureate, and Graduation services.
- On May 28, we will begin our Summer Lectionary Study during the Sunday School Hour—diving deeper into God's Word via the Scripture we hear on Sunday mornings.

In the midst of these things, we will observe the conclusion of the Easter Season, venerate Christ's ascension into Heaven, and join with Christ's disciples as they pray for their community and await the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, our Holy Advocate, to lead them—and us!—out into the world in love and service modeled in Christ's life and ministry. We will also observe the historic arrival of that Spirit—the birthdate of the Church as we know it—on Pentecost Sunday, May 28.

The season of Pentecost recognizes where we exist today and every day—that Christ has gone on before us to prepare a place for us who take part in His ministry. In the same ways that we observe the coming and going of seasons, the rotation of our calendar perpetually forward, and mark our progress through life—another school year, another confirmation class, another graduating class, another passage of seasons—we recognize, too, that we live and minister and wait for some great thing beyond ourselves and our expectations. And Christian waiting is never an idle thing—ministry doesn't break for summer. We participate in Christ all along the way by continuing to come together in worship and in prayer, by gathering around the Lord's table, going out to do the work of His Kingdom, and by raising up new generations to follow us.

Month to month, season to season, year after year—our lives look and feel a little different, but the same wonderful opportunities to gather and follow Christ in His ministry await us—to know him in each other and to share him with those who know not yet of him. In this way, Pentecost is the season of Christian life and work.

Summer may feel a little different with its change of pace and routine—but summer is no less busy. June brings Vacation Bible School (June 12-16) and the hundreds of young lives it shapes. We'll be called to pray for our Youth Group as it travels to Camp Duncan Park in Colorado. And, as always, we'll have opportunities to gather in fellowship and to learn about Christ as we wait, minister, and take joy in all God does for us.

No matter where this new season pulls you, we hope you'll join us in fellowship, worship, and prayer to change lives and share Christ.

## SABBATICAL PRAYER for REV. MILTON BLACK

As you know, the Rev. Milton Black is currently on Sabbatical. Clergy in our diocese are encouraged to take a sabbatical every seven years. Sabbatical is a carefully planned period of time to promote a priest's spiritual, intellectual, and emotional renewal and growth in order to be a more effective minister and to shepherd God's people. Father Milton began his sabbatical the day after Easter and he will return on July 30th.

A key element of sabbatical is for us, as a congregation, to lift Milton in prayer. **Please pray for him daily. Pray for his faithfulness, for rest and good health, for his family life and friendships, for his wisdom and direction, and for provision.** Below you will find a pray we can all say in addition to our own prayers for him.

*Almighty Father, we thank you for your faithful servant, Milton and for our life together at Good Shepherd. We praise you, Father, that your eyes are on him and that your ears are attentive to his prayers. Renew Milton in the Holy Spirit. Place the whole armor of God on him to protect him during this time. We pray for good rest and good health providing him with peace and comfort as you refresh his mind, body and spirit. Give Milton the power of discernment and the perfect wisdom and direction that he needs. Hold him in the palm of your hands as he walks by faith knowing that you will provide for his every need as well as the needs of his family. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.*

## BELLS BY THE BAY CARILLON SERIES WILL FEATURE OUR OWN ALEX KIRKLAND

The 2023 Bells by the Bay Carillon Series will begin on Sunday, May 14 at 3:00 p.m. on the front lawn of First Baptist Church, 3115 Ocean Drive. **Corpus Christi is fortunate to have two carilloners who will be the featured performers. Alex Kirkland, carillonneur at Church of the Good Shepherd, and Loyd Lott, carillonneur at First Baptist Church,** will share a 50-minute concert featuring folk songs, hymn tunes, and carillon compositions, which will be played on the Glasscock Memorial Carillon at First Baptist. The new bell tower was completed in September of 2021 by the Verdin Company of Cincinnati, OH. The carillon concert series began in 1977 on the 51-bell instrument after the construction of the first bell tower by the Royal Eijsbouts Bellfoundry of Asten, Netherlands in 1976. The last concert series ended in 2002 when a bell fell on the playing cabin. Subsequently, the bells had to be taken down and the tower dismantled due to severe corrosion. With the new tower in place, the concert series will resume this year.

The second concert will be in the evening on July 4th before the fireworks over the bay front. This concert will feature resident carillonneur Loyd Lott performing a patriotic concert. The final concert will be performed by Lisa Hart, carillonneur at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City in October.

**Please bring your chairs and blankets to sit on the First Baptist grounds. Concerts will be performed rain or shine. Guests may roll their windows down on their cars to hear the bells.** All concerts are free, but a donation box will be available at the concerts for attendees to help support the Glasscock Memorial Carillon for guest recitalists and maintenance on the bell tower.

# CHURCH COMMUNITY

## Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 7

9:00 a.m.

Confirmation Fair in Munds Hall

10:30 a.m.

Confirmation Service

Bishop David Reed will be with us on this special day!

**\* No Sunday School, Breakfast, or Celebration Chapel**

## Wednesday Evening Classes

(Last gathering is May 24th)

### HOW WE GOT THE BCP: Prayer Books through the Centuries

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Led by Rev. Frank Fuller

Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom

We continue our study in the Book of Common Prayer as a treasure mine of spiritual experience built on thousands of years of human exploration with God. We look at what history can teach us and how our lives can be enriched by the BCP.

### THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN: Following Jesus Through the Gospel of Matthew

6:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Led by Rev. Philip May

Rev. May will begin a new study on the Gospel of Matthew called The Kingdom of Heaven. Join him in the Parlor and share in a potluck dinner!

## GREETERS & USHERS NEEDED

Hospitality is an important part of our Sunday mornings. We are looking for men and women (youth and children are also welcome) to serve as Greeters before our Sunday morning church services. The only requirements are a smile and warm greeting to everyone who approaches the church doors. Please contact Susan Linnane if you are interested in this important ministry at 361-882-1735.

## Adult Sunday School

### LIVING WORD

9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

Led by Rev. Milton Black & Rev. Philip May

The Rev. Milton Black and the Rev. Philip May lead a discussion-based class utilizing the scripture readings from each Sunday's services. The day's scriptures will guide us as we learn from one another and better understand God's Word.

### INQUIRERS CLASS

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

Led by Rev. William Campbell

This class is for anyone interested in officially joining the Episcopal Church. It gives a wealth of information about the Church and what it means to be an Episcopalian.

### WISDOM IN THE HEBREW BIBLE

9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall Library

Led by Rev. Frank Fuller

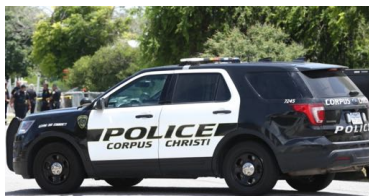
Some of the lesser known writings in the Old Testament grapple with the most difficult challenges of life. This class explores God's lessons on despair, folly, cynicism, and passion.

## CHANGING LIVES, SHARING CHRIST

The mission of the Church of the Good Shepherd is "Changing Lives, Sharing Christ." Your financial commitment to our church helps us do exactly that. Here are some ways your support has helped us in our mission in the last quarter.



New Carpet in Music & Bride Rooms



Off Duty Police Officers serving as our Security



Music Ministries



Martin Luther King Day Celebration

### Care Portal Volunteer Opportunity

**Next Bed Build is Saturday, May 20 in Portland**

CarePortal helps local families find the things they need to take care of their kids.  
One of the most requested items is beds.

CarePortal will be hosting a community bed build, where volunteers will build 12-15 beds, on May 20 in Portland. If you would like to take part, visit <https://www.agaperanch.org/bedbuild>.

### Metro Ministries Tours

**Tours by Appointment at Noon**

Come tour and learn more about how Metro Ministries serves our community. Tours are by appointment and begin at noon. Lunch is provided. Contact their Director of Development at [cgriffith@ccmetro.org](mailto:cgriffith@ccmetro.org) to set an appointment.

## WORLD MISSION MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

On Sunday, May 14, the Rt. Rev. David M. Reed invites congregations to take up a special World Missions Mother's Day Offering, focusing on the global impact of this gift and raising awareness of the mission partnerships supported by the local church and the Diocese. The annual World Missions Mother's Day Offering is an opportunity to recognize the women in our lives who nurture, teach, and lead with a gift in their honor or memory.

This year, in honor of Mother's Day and in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the World Missions Department, donations will go towards building a one room cinder block house for a widow and her children in Guatemala. World Missions hopes to raise enough funds to not only build the home, but to install solar lights, an ONIL block stove, and a pila for water collection and washing.

To make a contribution to honor your favorite mom, mentor, or friend, visit the World Missions Giving page at [dwtx.org/give](http://dwtx.org/give) and select Mother's Day Giving. You may also give online by texting "MothersDay" to (210) 796-6805 or send a check made out to the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, 111 Torcido Drive, San Antonio, TX 78209, putting Mother's Day on the memo line.

You can request a postcard from World Missions to let the important women in your life know you have made an online donation. Email Catherine Markette to request the postcards at [Catherine.markette@dwtx.org](mailto:Catherine.markette@dwtx.org).

**The Rev. Dr. Ben Nelson will be traveling with this group!**



**5 NIGHTS: June 25 - 30, 2023**

**For Current 9th - 12th Graders**

**HIKING. ROCK CLIMBING. CAMP FIRES. FISHING.  
RIVER RAFTING. GAMES. BIBLE. & MORE!**

Duncan Park is an Episcopal camp operated by the Diocese of West Texas in the beautiful Colorado Rocky Mountains.

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- You will stay in cabins and will have some free time to relax
- You will hike in the beautiful mountains
- You will go on a river rafting trip
- You will fish, play games, and do more fun activities

**TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:**

- Airfare is included from San Antonio to Denver
- All transportation to and from the camp are included



**COST INFORMATION: Great Discounted Price!**

- Cost is \$800 (Airfare included), but more like \$400 OR LESS
- At least half of your cost will be covered by the donations we have received (maybe more than half)

**friends**

Don't want to go without a friend? Ask them to go, too!  
Their cost will be discounted by at least half, as well.

**REGISTER TODAY** at <https://www.dwtx.org/what-we-do/children-youth/duncan-park> **YOU DO NOT NEED TO PAY WHEN YOU REGISTER.**

# YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## MAY YOUTH GROUP

Sundays for All Youth 6th - 12th Grade!

**Sunday, May 7**  
**Capture the Flag**

Meet at the Youth House at 6:30  
The Kona Ice truck will be there!



**Sunday, May 14**  
**Rock and Rollin' Ice Cream**  
2033 Airline Rd.

6:30 p.m. Middle School  
7:30 p.m. High School  
Bring your moms for Mother's Day  
if they want to join us!



**Sunday, May 21**  
**Youth Sunday**  
10:30 a.m. Service

**Acolyte Training**  
11:45 a.m.

Meet in the Parlor for lunch first.

No Youth Group in the Evening of May 21st.



## YOUTH SUNDAY

**Sunday, May 21**  
**10:30 a.m. Service**

Please join us on May 21st at our 10:30 a.m service for Youth Sunday. Representatives of our youth program will read from our lectionary readings and give the homily. We will present acolyte awards of recognition and honor our graduating seniors. Our children's choir will sing for us, as well!

## ACOLYTE TRAINING

**Sunday, May 21**  
**11:45 a.m. Meet in the Parlor for a quick Lunch First**

We love our Acolytes! All acolytes have mandatory training on May 21st. The older acolytes will help train the new acolytes and the younger acolytes to prepare them for all positions.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

### Upcoming Performance Date

**Sunday, May 21**  
10:30 a.m. service

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

**9:30 a.m.**

Sunday School is offered for all ages.  
Each week we offer a bible story  
with fun activities.

3 Year Olds - 5th Grade: Room 107  
6th Grade Confirmation: Munds Hall

**Last day for Sunday school before  
Summer Break is May 21st.**

## CELEBRATION & CHILDREN'S CHAPELS

**10:30 a.m.**

### Children's Chapel

for children ages 3 - Kinder  
in the Children's Chapel

### Celebration Chapel

for children in 1st - 6th grade  
in Munds Hall Auditorium

Last day before Summer is May 21st.

Each Chapel is a special service created especially for children. Children will join their parents in church for communion.

## NURSERY

**Ages 1 - 2**

**Sundays from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon**

We offer nursery for children ages 1 - 2 in Dobbins Hall during Sunday School hour and the 10:30 a.m. service.



## **Vacation Bible School**

### **STELLAR: SHINE JESUS' LIGHT**

Registration is open at [cotgs.org](http://cotgs.org)!

**June 12 - 16**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

**3 Year-Old Preschool - 4th Grade**

**Counselors needed: 5th - 12th Grade**

**GAMES! CRAFTS! MOVIES! SNACKS! BIBLE STORIES! MUSIC!**

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## **Adult Volunteers and Counselors Needed**

We need your help to make VBS a success! Please consider this fun ministry to the children of our church, school, and community. You can choose the activity you would like to lead or assist.

Counselors are needed who are rising 5th - 12th graders.

**Register at [cotgs.org](http://cotgs.org) for both. Link is under "The Latest" on the Home page.**

# WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

## Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Traditional Eucharist
8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Fellowship (Last day is May 21)
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 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

## Sunday School Classes

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

Children Meet in the Water Street Classrooms

Youth Meet in the Church Office Break Room

Adults:

Living Word w/Rev. Black & Rev. May in the Parlor

Inquirer's Class w/ Rev. Campbell in Dobbins Hall Classroom

Wisdom of the Hebrew Bible 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/Brookdale 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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