

2023



# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

---

## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Volume 53, Issue 9



### **Let's Celebrate Being Together!**

#### **A Message from the Rev. Philip May**

We all remember those days when we were just coming out of covid lockdown. We were tentative at first, and there were a couple of false starts. But did it ever feel good to be together again! I can still remember looking out into the church with a happy feeling of awestruck gratitude, and thinking, "Look at all the people!"

It's a strange blessing, but covid did remind us how much we need to be together, and it reminded us never to take those feelings of gratitude for granted.

Church is all about being together. In his letter to the Romans, Paul reminds us that we need each other, just as much as the different parts of our bodies need each other. Rally Day on September 10th is a celebration of being together. Sunday school classes are starting, choirs are gathering, guilds are planning their years and recruiting new people, programs for our children and our youth are getting into full swing, and we are all catching up with people we may not have seen in a while. Come out and be part of worship at 8:00 or 10:30 or 5:30. Check out a Sunday School class at 9:30. And be sure to join our celebration in the air-conditioned comfort of Munds Hall at about 11:45 that morning. There will be a tropical theme this year, with lots of food, music, activities for kids and, most of all, us, together!

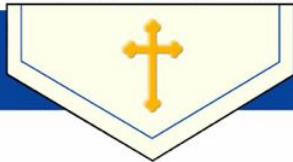
Think about the program year ahead. Consider a new activity, or a new ministry you've never tried before. Find your place to learn and grow in your Christian discipleship. And come join the party!

Philip+

# **Let's Rally!**

# CHURCH MINISTRIES

## Altar Guild



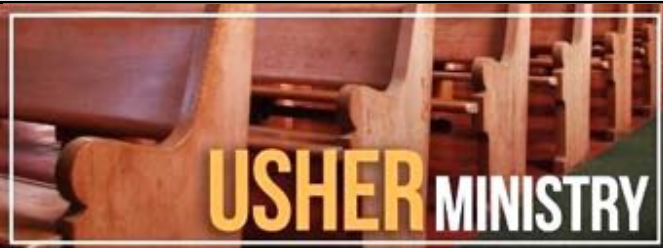
### Join the Altar Guild!

The Altar Guild is a dedicated group of women who are committed to the service of God. They maintain the sacristy and sanctuary, care for the sacred vessels, linens, candles and liturgical decorations used at the altar. Members commit to serving before and after a service, including weekday services, weddings and funerals. They work in teams to prepare for the weekly services. There is no age limit to join! They will teach you everything you need to know. All you need is a willing heart to serve God and our Church.

You only serve once a month!

- You work in teams
- One service a month (a Sunday or a week day). You spend an hour or two "housekeeping" on a day of your choice.

Please contact Amber Fish at 828-612-6231 if you are interested.



### Join our Usher Ministry!

**A great ministry for anyone who wants to serve!**

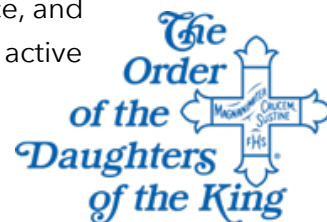
- **Enjoy it as a personal ministry.**
- **Enjoy it together as a family**
- **Enjoy it as a way to get service hours**
- **You can serve as much or a little as you want.**

The Usher Ministry is in need of more men and women to volunteer at each of our 10:30 a.m. Sunday services. The primary duties and responsibilities include welcoming parishioners, passing out the bulletins, taking up the collection, and offering assistance. This is a great opportunity to serve with very little time commitment required. You will serve about once a month, or more if you would like. It is an important ministry!

Schedules are very flexible. You can serve as often as you would like. If you are interested please contact Susan Linnane in the Church Office.

## Join the Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King is an international lay order for Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran and Roman Catholic women who are vowed to prayer, service, and evangelism in their daily lives. The Church of the Good Shepherd has an active chapter which meets regularly to pray and study together. The Daughters of the King pray for our parish, for individuals based on submitted prayer requests and for the wider community and world.



If you are interested in finding out more about the Daughters of the King or would like to join them, please contact Pam Greene who will be the new president beginning in September. Call the church office to get her contact information.



## Men's Life Fellowship

# Tacos & Trap

**Join us for our annual Trap Shoot!**  
**All Men and Women are Invited!**

**Thursday, September 7**

**5:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Corpus Christi Pistol and Rifle Club**

**RSVP to the Church Office at 361-882-1735**

**\$25 for Dinner and 2 Rounds**

## MORNING PRAYER

**Monday - Thursday**

**8:00 a.m.**

**on Zoom w/Rev. Philip May**

Start your day out right!

Join Fr. Philip for a *Morning Prayer* by Zoom, Mondays through Thursdays. The link is on the Church web page, and on our Ministry One app.

This is a very simple service of scripture and prayer, and we'll be finished and ready to face the day in 15 - 20 minutes.

**Find the Zoom link at**

[cotgs.org/worship/morning-prayer/](https://cotgs.org/worship/morning-prayer/)

## September Schedule of Events

September 4 - **Labor Day - Church Office Closed**

September 6 - **Kingdom Kids**

September 7 - **Tacos & Trap**

September 10 - **Rally Day** (Sunday school & Children's Chapel Resume)

September 12 - **Women's Bible Study Begins**

September 13 - **Rev. Fuller's Wednesday Evening Class Begins**

September 17 - **Breakfast Fellowship Resumes**

September 17 - **Celebration Chapel Resumes**

September 20 - **Rev. May's Wednesday Evening Class Begins**

### Words of Encouragement for Milton & Elizabeth

As you know, Rev. Milton Black is currently in Houston going through treatment. We would like to remind Milton and his wife Elizabeth how much they are loved and supported. We invite you to write notes, letters, words of encouragement, prayer, or scripture to share with them.

Bring your letters and notes to the church office and we will send them to the Blacks in Houston. We will send bundles often as the notes are received.

### Mission Trip to South Dakota

Back in June, Bishop Jonathan Folts visited Church of the Good Shepherd to tell folks from the Diocese of West Texas about his ministry in South Dakota, especially among the people of the Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota Nations. To follow up on that presentation, a small group of Good Shepherd folks have been invited to join a mission trip arranged by our friends at Christ Church San Antonio, and the Diocese of West Texas.

Kimberly and Kent Tompkins, and the Rev. Philip May will be in Cheyenne River South Dakota, from September 6-13, to learn, to make friends, to help with projects at various Episcopal churches, and to open a pathway for more visits from Good Shepherd to South Dakota in the future.

This is a challenging ministry, as much about building friendship and trust as any particular building project. Our life experiences are very different from those of the people who will be hosting us. But we are one under Christ, and with His help we can hope for a future of reconciliation and friendship. Please keep this reconnaissance team in your prayers, and consider joining a future trip to South Dakota.

### Call for Adult Volunteers in the Music Ministry

Do you have a song in your heart? Or have you always wanted to sing your heart out? Come, make a joyful noise with the adult choir on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and lead in worship on Sundays. We practice regularly but we understand life happens.

If you want to make a joyful noise but singing is not your thing, come, join the handbell choir on Mondays from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Listening and making music is great for brain, so come make a joyful noise with us! No experience necessary.

**If interested, please reach out to Mi Ou at [mioulee@cotgs.org](mailto:mioulee@cotgs.org)**





## RALLY DAY!

# RALLY DAY

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

Join your Church Family as we kick  
off a new programming year!

**CHURCH SERVICES 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 A.M.**

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL AT 10:30 A.M.**

## Tropical Island Celebration

**11:45 a.m. in Munds Hall**



**LIVE TROPICAL MUSIC**



### TROPICAL FOOD!

Jamaican Jerk Chicken  
Pulled Pork Sandwiches  
Tropical Fruit & Paletas  
Rice Pilaf & Black Beans



**Face Painting, Crafts, and  
Corn Dogs for Children**

# NEW FALL CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

## Adult Sunday School this Fall

(Begins Sunday, September 10)

### LIVING WORD - Going Deeper into Sunday Scripture Readings

**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.

### ARE MY KIDS ON TRACK?

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

In Rev. Campbell's new Sunday school class, we will define emotional, social, and spiritual milestones for our children, break them down for understanding, discuss stumbling and building blocks associated with each, and ask questions to identify practical ways to help equip our kids as they learn, practice, and progress in them. He will utilize the book, *Are My Kids on Track: The 12 Emotional, Social, and Spiritual Milestones Your Child Needs to Reach*.

### THE PSALMS: God's Songs and Ours

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

The Psalms are ancient lyrics that touch our hearts to this day. Whoever uses them finds them able to express our hopes and laments in the best and worst of times. The class will embrace and search through the Psalms to explore God's word for all our moments, from joy to despair and back.

## Wednesday Evening Classes this Fall

### RELIGION & SCIENCE: Conversations Seeking Paths to Truth

**6:30 p.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom - Led by Rev. Frank Fuller**

**Begins September 13**

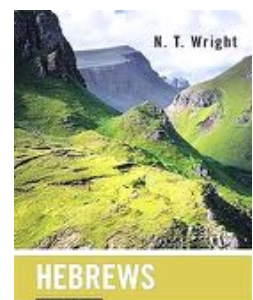
The search to better understand the world through scientific inquiry has seemed for some to deny any search to know God. Are faith and reason friends, enemies, colleagues, or frenemies? The class will examine the historic conversation between science and Christian spirituality to seek a more mature faith and a deeper appreciation of what modern science can achieve and what it cannot.

### EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

**6:30 p.m. in the Parlor - Led by Rev. Philip May**

**Begins September 20**

The Rev. Philip May will lead a class on the Epistles of the Hebrews using Bishop N.T. Wright's book *Hebrews for Everyone* available on Amazon. (For a clickable link visit the Home Page of our website and look under "The Latest" for Wednesday Classes.) This class will be offered both in person and online through Zoom.



# THE BEATITUDES

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

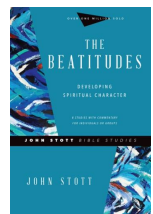
### *The Beatitudes* Developing Spiritual Character

TUESDAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12  
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor

The beatitudes reveal to us qualities that bring God's blessing. Jesus highlighted these to offer both encouragement and instruction to his followers in a world with values much different than God's. Using John Stott's book, *The Beatitudes: Developing Spiritual Character*, we will study these qualities and integrate them into our lives so we can receive the blessing Jesus promised to his followers then and now.

Our Women's Bible Study will be lead by a team of women including Sam Gates, Janie Bruun, Lula Martin, Betty Fuller, June Leibfarth, Claire Campbell, Natalie Werkhoven, and Marcia Mell. If you have questions, contact Betty Fuller at [seedlings@aol.com](mailto:seedlings@aol.com).

**Bring your Bible and the study book. The book can be purchased on Amazon. Search for The Beatitudes by John Stott. (The cost is \$11.19.)**

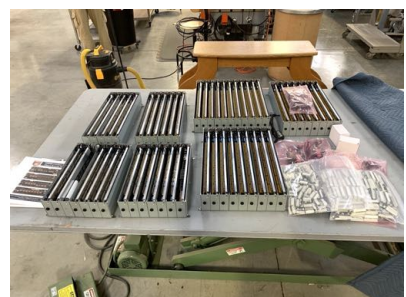
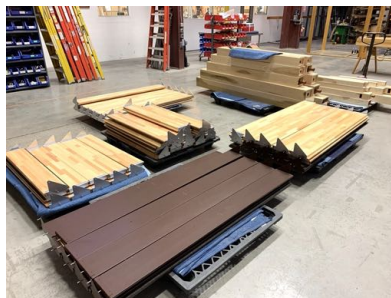




## SING TO THE LORD

### Our New Organ is in Production!

We are happy to report that the organ is coming along on schedule. Below are a few photos showing the progress. You will see photos of chests in various stages of completion, several organ parts which are staged and ready to be erected, a rack which is holding more of the completed action boards ready to go into their chests, several of the electrical relay components which can be considered the "brains" of the organ, and a photo of the blower which will be supplying the wind for it all to work.





# CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES

---

## KINGDOM KIDS

**Wednesday, September 6**

**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Kinder - 6th Grade in the Gym**

**Younger children in the Nursery**



Kingdom Kids is an evening of fun, food, and fellowship for children from St. James and Good Shepherd. There are games and free-play in the gym, as well as dinner and a bible story.

The cost is a \$8 donation paid online at [cotgs.org](http://cotgs.org).

You must RSVP online through our website ([cotgs.org](http://cotgs.org)) or through our Ministry One church app.

---



# CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Children's Choir!

**Mondays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**  
**Beginning September 11th in the Choir Room**

**Please Register by September 1**

Join us on a melodious journey that nurtures their heart, soul, and mind. The Church of the Good Shepherd Children's Choir welcomes **all children** to be a part of something truly special. You do not have to be a member of the church to join!

Gather with us at the 10:30 a.m. services at Good Shepherd on October 22, November 12, and December 3 as we embrace the power of faith through music.

**Please register at <https://forms.gle/MepmrsqrSM79DJfn6>**

**Or use the QR code to the right.**



For any questions, please contact Mi Ou Lee  
at 917-421-2056 or [mioulee@cotgs.org](mailto:mioulee@cotgs.org)

## Confirmation 2023-2024

**ATTENTION 6TH GRADERS:** We will begin a new year of confirmation class for rising sixth graders in September.

Confirmation for our young church members occurs in the 6th grade. 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 in Confirmation next school year, contact Sandy McCampbell at 361-779-7742 or at [sandymccampbell@aol.com](mailto:sandymccampbell@aol.com).

**Important Meeting for Parents and Confirmands:**

9:30 a.m. Sunday, September 10th in Munds Hall Auditorium

## THIRD GRADE BIBLES

10:30 a.m. Service

All third grade Good Shepherd and St. James students will be presented a new Bible at the 10:30 a.m. service on Rally Day. Please join us!

## SUNDAYS FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN

### Sunday School Resumes

Sunday, September 10  
9:30 a.m.

### Confirmation Class Begins

Sunday, September 10  
10:30 a.m.  
Parent Meeting with Confirmands

### Children's Chapel Resumes

Sunday, September 10  
10:30 a.m.

### Celebration Chapel Resumes

Sunday, September 17  
10:30 a.m.

### Youth Group Kick-Off

Sunday, September 17  
6:30 p.m. at the Youth House

## NURSERY

### Ages 6 months - 2 years

**Sundays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

We offer nursery in Dobbins Hall during Sunday School hour and the 10:30 a.m. service.

## The Rt. Rev. David M. Reed Invites Members of the Diocese to Complete Discipleship Survey

As part of the 2023 Bishop's Address, Bishop David M. Reed announced the creation of a Study Group on Formation for Discipleship, led by the Ven. Mike Besson, Archdeacon, and a team from around the diocese. Bishop Reed tasked the group with assessing how discipleship formation is done in congregations throughout the Diocese and to provide resources and recommendations for his successor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. David G. Read as he fashions his vision for the Diocese of West Texas in the years to come.

The Study Group is sharing a five question survey with the diocese, in order to include as many different voices as possible in this conversation. The survey is anonymous, so that everyone may feel comfortable responding candidly, and should take about five minutes to complete. It includes three short questions about the meaning of the word 'disciple', a question asking for a brief story of your personal discipleship, and a request for resources or programs your church finds helpful.

**[Click Here](#)** to take the Discipleship Survey or go to [dwtx.org](http://dwtx.org).

## Diocesan Celebrations of Bishop David & Patti Reed

The Bishop's Transition Committee is excited to invite everyone in the Diocese of West Texas to two celebrations for the shared ministry of the Rt. Rev. David M. Reed and his wife Patti.

**October 7 at Camp Capers in Waring** and **November 4 at St. Alban's in Harlingen**

### **Give a Gift of Gratitude:**

Give a gift of gratitude for Bishop David & Patti Reed to the St. Francis Chapel Renovation! *Make your gift by September 1* to be recognized during the Camp Capers celebration.

You can give only at [dwtx.org/give](http://dwtx.org/give) or mail a check to the diocesan office made out to DWTX and labeled "St. Francis Chapel Gift."

## College & Young Adult Retreat

**Mustang Island Conference Center: September 22-24**

The Diocese of West Texas invites college students and young adults to a special retreat on the beach! Spend a weekend at your island home with friends, faith, and amazing food. We will worship with great music at the beautiful open-air chapel. Registration is \$50 at [dwtx.org](http://dwtx.org).

## Cursillo #289

**Mustang Island Conference Center: October 5-8**

Led by Lay Rectora Michelle Little (Holy Spirit, San Antonio) and the Rev. Tommy Bye (interim St. Luke's, Cypress Mill), Cursillo #289 will take place October 5 - 8. This "short course" in Christian life is a four-day retreat for adults that aims to create disciples - Christians empowered and strengthened through prayer, sacraments, study, and community. Participants will receive practices to live out their faith at home, tools to share the joys of knowing Christ with others, and the support of the 4th Day community.

**[Click here](#)** to learn more and sign up or go to [dwtx.org](http://dwtx.org).



# WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

## Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Traditional Eucharist
8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Fellowship (Begins Sept. 17)
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

6 months - 2 Years in the Nursery 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Located in Dobbins Hall (next to Munds Hall).

## Sunday School Classes

Sundays 9:30-10:15 a.m.  
*Living Word* w/Rev. Black & Rev. May in the Parlor for Adults  
*Are My Kids on Track?* w/Rev. Campbell in Dobbins Hall Class  
*The Psalms* w/Rev. Fuller in Munds Hall Library  
Children meet in Water Street Class 107

## Good Shepherd Office Hours

Monday - Friday from 8:00 - 5:00

## 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.