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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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A Message from the Rector for 2024 *“You are the Light of the World”*

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope you had a joy-filled Christmas and are looking forward to a wonderful New Year. I am so thankful for your prayers and grateful to be fully back, healthy and strong. We have a very exciting year ahead with tremendous energy and growth across all of our ministries along with the coming installation of a wonderful new pipe organ beginning in April. As you consider your New Year's resolutions, I hope you will resolve with us in living lives in the Light of Christ and shining more of your light into the darkness of our world.

Our focus this year will be on claiming the Light of Christ in our personal lives, in our families, and shining His Light into the world around us. Jesus said in Matthew 5:14, “You are the Light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.” Lamps are not meant to be hidden, so let your light shine brightly before all people so that the whole world can see it and come to it.

Jesus invites us to share life with Him and participate with Him in His ongoing mission for the sake of the world. He calls us to be His followers and disciples. A disciple is a learner, a student, an apprentice; one who learns from the master to do the things that He does. He is the Light of the world who has called us out of darkness and fills us with His light so that we can give light and life to others. We are all students of the Master who are growing in our capacity to know Him more and to make Him known, Changing Lives and Sharing Christ. The Church of the Good Shepherd is a city on a hill and a bright light to all in our community.

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28th in Munds Hall from 9:00-10:00 a.m. We will have breakfast, vestry elections, and reports from the Wardens and Treasurer. Please try to be present at this important parish meeting. If you are unable to be there, be sure you come by the church office to vote absentee for vestry beginning January 15th. Please join me in thanking all of those who were willing to stand for election to the vestry this year and keep them in your prayers. We will elect six people to serve a three-year term.

We continue to give God our thanks and praise for the health and vitality of this amazing community of faith. You are the Light of the world and the world desperately needs our collective light to shine much brighter so that others may see it and come to His saving grace. Looking forward to a great year!

Yours in Christ,

P.S. Thank you so much for your generous Christmas Love offering to me and the other clergy. We are so very grateful.

THANK YOU FROM THE CLERGY

We want to thank each and every one of you who so generously contributed to a Christmas offering for all of us. Your generous offering blessed us, not only by the amount, but by the spirit in which it was given. We would also like to thank those of you who brought Christmas sweets and goodies for the office staff to share. What a treat! Thank you for all of the Christmas blessings!

Gratefully and humbly yours,
Milton, Philip, William, and Frank



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Jesus Christ: Teacher, Servant, and Savior

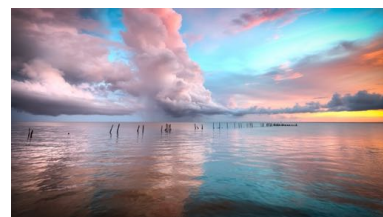
Led by Elizabeth Black and the Teaching Team
Tuesdays beginning January 9th
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor

How we understand the person of Jesus, and whom we believe him to be is the foundation of our Christian faith. How can we answer the call to love the Lord with all our heart unless we know him? If you would like to learn more about the most important and central figure of history, and deepen your faith in the One who manifests God's love today, come join this study.

This winter and spring, we will follow John Stott's study, Jesus Christ, Teacher, Servant, and Savior. John Stott was one of the world's leading and most-loved Bible teachers and preachers, named by Time Magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World". We will explore how Jesus is revealed in the scriptures - the proper object of our worship, witness and hope. This study has the potential to change forever how you know, experience and love Jesus, the "incomparable Christ."

Please join Elizabeth Black and the teaching team for this 14-week study. **You will need to purchase the study booklet, Jesus Christ, Teacher, Servant, and Savior, available through Amazon or your favorite book retailer.** Bring your Bible and a friend. Everyone is welcome!

WOMEN'S RETREAT



Save the Date!

February 28 - 29

Mustang Island
Conference Center

Speaker:
Elizabeth Black

Registration will open soon.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adult Sunday School - Begins January 7

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. 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

The Rev. William Campbell will lead an Adult Inquirers Class in Dobbins Hall Classroom in the new year for anyone interested in officially joining the Episcopal Church. This class will give a wealth of information about the Church and what it means to be an Episcopalian. Please call Fr. William in the Church Office at 361-882-1735 if you have any questions about this class or officially joining the church by being confirmed or received.

NATIONS RISE & FALL: GOD ABIDES

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

Crisis times are normal through all human history, just like today. This class will explore the prophetic works of Jeremiah and Ezekiel as they endured their times of crisis in Judah and Exile in Babylon. God's word to his chosen people during judgment and redemption set the stage for a new world and the coming of Christ. What can their words say to us in our times?

Wednesday Evening Classes - Begin January 3

C.S. Lewis - Short Writings, Long Thoughts

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom

Led by Rev. Frank Fuller

C.S. Lewis remains the most beloved Christian writer of the 20th century. Many know his longer works like Mere Christianity. This class will read and explore his shorter works, such as The Abolition of Man, to find Lewis' insights into his changing times and ours

Praying with Paul

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Led by Rev. Philip May

Prayer features in every one of Paul's letters, and Paul can teach us how to pray more faithfully, and more deeply. He encourages us to see prayer as an opportunity to grow into greater intimacy with God, and cultivate compassion for one another. Join Philip in the parlor on Wednesdays in the season of epiphany (January 3-February 14) for a simple potluck supper, and a time to learn about prayer with Paul. We will be following a wonderful book by D.A. Carson, Praying With Paul, available

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING



Sunday, January 28
9:00 a.m.
in Munds Hall Auditorium



Come hear about the impact of the Church in 2023
and the direction we are headed for 2024

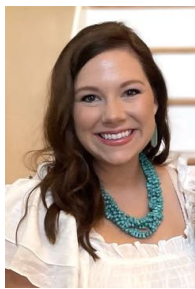
Breakfast will be served at 8:45 a.m.

The Vestry is a lay led board of 18 members who are elected by the congregation and serve a 3-year term. It makes the governing decisions for the business and ministry of the church. The following members of Good Shepherd have been nominated to serve on the Vestry. We will elect 6 new members at our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 28th. (Absentee voting can be done in person in the Church Office from January 15th - 26th.) Thank you to each of these members for faithfully agreeing to be nominated.



Drake Beauchamp

Greetings to all. I am Robert Drake Beauchamp, MD and better known to all my friends and family as "Drake". I have been an Episcopalian all my life, from my baptism at St. Michael's and All Angels in Dallas. I was raised at Christ Episcopal Church in San Antonio where I was confirmed and then married my wife, Nancy. We have both been active members here at Good Shepherd where I have been involved in adult Sunday school, helping with the children's Sunday school and youth group events, Frank Fuller's Wednesday evening Bible Study class and the Tuesday Morning Men's Fellowship. It has been my pleasure to be a practicing Radiologist in Corpus Christi since 1995. Along with my work, I have enjoyed being active in the local medical community, Boy Scouts, school related fundraisers and sports activities. I love the Church of the Good Shepherd family, our clergy and all the fellowship this church has to offer. It would be my honor to serve as a member of our vestry.



Rebecca Dueitt

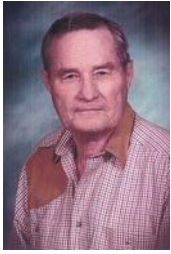
Rebecca Wyatt Dueitt was born and raised most of her life in Corpus Christi. Raised as a Methodist minister's daughter, Rebecca was a member of the Methodist church all her life. She and her husband, Drew, were married at First United Methodist Church in 2009. After returning to Corpus Christi from Katy, Rebecca and her family joined the Church of the Good Shepherd in 2015. Rebecca and Drew have two daughters, Charlotte and Caroline, who both attended St. James Episcopal School during their primary school years. Rebecca teaches 4th grade at London ISD and is a Travel Agent with Fairytale Journeys Travel Agency. She is a member of the Junior Cotillion and has served as President of Cotillion II. She is a member and legacy of P.E.O. and an alumna of Delta Delta Delta. Rebecca has been an active volunteer with Vacation Bible School and has taught Sunday school. She has a passion for serving and leading through ministry and is currently serving on the Evangelism committee.



Duane Herbst

I am a lifelong Episcopalian and Good Shepherd has been an important part of my life here in Corpus Christi. I have four grown children (Monica, Stevens, Blake and Brett) who all grew up and were confirmed at Good Shepherd, also attending St. James School through middle school. My wife, Janet, and I have always been active members of the Church of the Good Shepherd. I have previously served on the Vestry including two years as Junior Warden and was chairman of the Building Committee for the Growing in Grace Capital Campaign. I also served two terms on the St. James School Board, and was Chairman of the Board for two of those years. In addition I am a former member of the Endowment Committee at both St. James and the Church. I am humbled to be nominated for Vestry and would be honored to serve again.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & VESTRY BIOS



Mike Kershaw

Upon relocating to Corpus Christi in 1984, my wife BJ and I visited several Episcopal churches in the area before deciding to make Good Shepherd our home of worship and have been blessed by doing so. We have had two sons with five grandchildren. I have been a professional mariner all of my adult life but have had the pleasure to be active in Rotary, CC Mustangs, Seamens center, conservation efforts, school board, vestry, etc. My primary hobby interests are upland bird hunting and reading about/visiting First People sights of historic interest. It would be an honor to serve the Church of the Good Shepherd if elected to do so.



Justin Lee

The Church of the Good Shepherd is a very special place to me. I have spent most of my life knowing this wonderful place. It has impacted the way I live my life in all the best ways. I was raised in Corpus Christi. I was baptized and confirmed here in the church. Growing up I was very much involved in youth group, served as an acolyte, and even had a solid run in the church choir. I also had the pleasure of attending St James Episcopal School from age 3 through the 8th grade. My wife Ashlee and I have two wonderful kids. Bennett (6) and Webb (4). They both have been baptized in the church and currently attend St James. Growing up here in this church and now being an active member of the congregation, has taught me so much about Faith, God, Family, and Friends. This church truly is a blessing and I am so thankful that it is a part of my life. I am grateful to have been nominated for the vestry and it would be an honor to serve as a vestry member if elected.



Sara Smith

The Church of the Good Shepherd is my church home, and I have been a member almost since birth. I would enjoy being a part of the vestry because I believe that my knowledge of the church community both past and present would enable me to be an insightful leader. My Husband and I were married in this church 10 years ago and are raising two boys, Cuatro and Walter, at Good Shepherd and St. James Episcopal School. We enjoy spending time with friends, both old and new, and inviting them to church because God is Great, and the Good Shepherd is a wonderful place to worship.



Robby Sterett

Robby Sterett is 35 years old and was born and raised in Corpus Christi. He and his wife Kristen have three daughters; Winnie (5) Audrey (2) and Maggie (9 months). Robby was baptized and confirmed in the Church of the Good Shepherd where he also served as an acolyte in middle school and high school. He is a Petroleum Geologist for DAHCO Exploration.



Debi Welch

I have been an active member of the Good Shepherd since 1979 when my husband, Gordon, and I moved to Corpus after he completed his medical training. I grew up in Houston where I belonged to the Presbyterian Church. Gordon and I have two grown children, Robert, and Jennifer, who participated in church youth activities, the Sunday School program, and the Acolyte Program throughout their formative years. They both attended St. James School. I have served as president of the Women of the Church, the Jenette Hammer Guild, Friends of St. James, and the Good Shepherd's Corner. I have volunteered at the Corner for over a decade and continue to this day. I served on the Vestry from 2003-2006. Gordon and I were part of a medical mission team in Honduras when our church sponsored these trips. I love our church family and would like to be a positive influence in supporting our membership and the programs we offer to attract people of all ages to make the Good Shepherd their place of worship. I would be honored to serve on the Vestry if elected.



Susanne Wood

My husband, John, and I have attended the Church of the Good Shepherd since 2015 when Corpus Christi became our home, and we were confirmed in 2018. In addition to worship service, I attend Sunday school, serve as a lay reader and usher with John. I was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith in Canada but found personal peace after when I began attending the Anglican church. Outside of the Good Shepherd, I am a manager at the Driscoll Health Plan which is a Medicaid plan for children, adolescents, and pregnant women. I also serve on the Amistad Health Center Board of Directors. I am honored to be considered for vestry and if elected, will serve to the best of my ability.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



JANUARY YOUTH GROUP

Sundays for All Youth 6th - 12th Grade!

Youth Group resumes January 7th.

Sunday, January 7 - Urban Air - Middle/High School 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 14 - No Youth Group

Sunday, January 21 - Tacos not Bombs Bag Prep - MS 6:30 & HS 7:30

Sunday, January 28 - Serve at Tacos not Bombs after church.

KINGDOM KIDS

Wednesday, January 3

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.

You must RSVP online through our website or through our Ministry One church app.

OUTREACH FOR JANUARY: PLEASE BRING A BAG/BOX OF DIAPERS FOR LOCAL FOSTER CHILDREN.

THANK YOU ANGELS!

Thank you to everyone who brought gifts for children attending **Kostoryz Elementary** whose names were on the **Angel Tree!**

You are making a difference in a child's life. The gift you have given is beyond just the items in your package...you shared the love of Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Resumes January 7

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

CELEBRATION & CHILDREN'S CHAPELS

Resumes January 7

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 (Led by Youth 7th - 12th grade) in Munds Hall Auditorium

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 6 months - 2 years in Dobbins Hall during Sunday School hour and the 10:30 a.m.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PHOTO GALLERY



WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Traditional Eucharist
8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Fellowship
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:

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

Inquirer's Class 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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