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New Pipe Organ Update

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you prepare your hearts this Lenten Season to enter again into the paschal mystery of the resurrection of our Lord, we are preparing our sanctuary to receive a wonderful new pipe organ. I want to give you an update on where we are and what we can expect in the months ahead.

The scaffolding went up for a few weeks in January and February, and our old Austin organ was removed and shipped off to a new home. The old console along with some of the old pipes will be reused, while we retained some of our old wooden pipes known as the Open Diapason to be used in our new instrument. Some of our old instrument will live on in the new.

The organ chamber and the back wall of the church balcony have been prepared according to the specifications of the Schoenstein Company to receive the new instrument. The week following Easter Sunday the scaffolding will be re-erected in the front, as well as the back of the church and will remain up for approximately 6 weeks. This time, the scaffolding in the front chancel will block our view of the altar and will necessitate us setting up a temporary altar near the chancel steps. We will have to navigate this arrangement for Confirmation Sunday, May 5th.

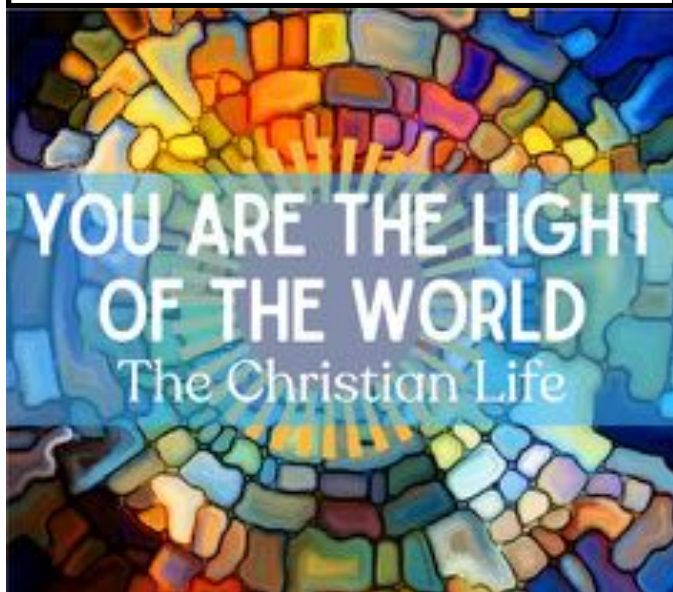
On April 8th and 9th there will be two semi-trucks arriving from California with the organ in many thousands of pieces. We would welcome anyone who would like to assist in carrying small pieces of the organ into the sanctuary for staging. It's a wonderful way for all of us to share in the excitement of the new organ as well as to see the scope of the project. We will send out more information on this opportunity as we get closer.

The assembly of the parts will happen in April and May, and the beautiful wooden case work will be installed in mid-May. The scaffolding will come down the week of May 20th and the voicing and tuning of the organ will begin in June. The tuning process is the most important and technical aspect of the finished product and will require a lot of patience. It may be finished by the end of July, or it could go on until the end of August, but we will not be able to use the organ until the Schoenstein Company has finished its work and signed off on it.

Once the organ is complete, we will plan a dedication sometime in the Fall to celebrate the gift of this new instrument and give thanks for the many people who have made this possible. This new instrument will enhance our worship, further our music ministry, and be a gift to the city of Corpus Christi for generations to come. I am so excited and looking forward to these next several months as we receive this amazing new addition. Come let us sing to the Lord!

Yours in Christ,

Wednesdays in Lent



You are the Light of the World: The Christian Life

Wednesdays in the Season of Lent

5:30 p.m. Eucharist with Healing Service

6:15 p.m. Potluck Supper in Munds Hall

6:45 - 7:30 p.m. Program

February 21 - Why Jesus? ✓

with Rev. Milton Black

Dinner: Roasted Chicken Host: Jenette Hammer

February 28 - Why Church? ✓

with Rev. William Campbell

Dinner: Baked Potatoes

Host: Men's Fellowship & Altar Guild

March 6 - Adopting a Rule of Life

with Rev. Philip May

Dinner: Chicken Strips Host: DOK

March 13 - Why Scripture?

with Rev. Frank Fuller

Dinner: Lasagna Host: Vestry

March 20 - Conclusion - Owning your Story

with Rev. Milton Black

Dinner: Enchiladas Host: Ties that Bind



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist

5:30 p.m. "Come As You Are" Eucharist

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 27

Following the 5:30 p.m. Service

(about 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary)

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28

5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Good Friday

Friday, March 29

7:00 a.m. Communion from Reserved Sacrament

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist with Choir & Brass

Flowering of the Cross between Services in Courtyard

Alleluia Egg Hunt following the 10:30 Service

*No 5:30 p.m. Service

LENT & EASTER

Treat-Filled Eggs Needed for the Egg Hunt

We need volunteers to bring treat filled Easter eggs to the Church Office by Friday, March 29th by noon. (Please do not fill eggs with chocolate; it melts.) Thank you!



Flowering of the Cross

Easter Sunday, March 31

Between Services in Courtyard

The Cross will be located in the courtyard to be adorned with flowers between our Easter services. Everyone is invited to bring fresh flowers to adorn the cross.



Alleluia Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, March 31

Following the 10:30 a.m. Service

The annual Alleluia Egg Hunt will follow the 10:30 a.m. service on the church lawn. (No need to bring your own basket; We will provide Easter bags for collecting eggs.)



Egg Ladies Egg Creations Ready for Pick Up

If you are on the list for Easter eggs, the Egg ladies will have their creations ready for pick up this month.

Drive-Thru Pick Up Dates:

Monday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 13

Monday, March 18 and Wednesday, March 20

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

If you are not able to pick up on these days, come by the church office at your convenience.

Bring a **check or exact cash** when you pick up eggs, or you can **pay online** or through **Venmo** in advance.



Pay Online QR code

Select "Other"

Note: "Easter eggs"



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EASTER LILIES

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Contributions for Easter lilies are now being taken in the Church Office. Lilies will adorn the altar area during our Easter services and your loved ones will be listed in the order of service. Deadline to order is Friday, March 22.

YOUR NAME _____

IN THANKSGIVING FOR _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

AMOUNT DONATED _____

MAIL OR RETURN THIS FORM TO:
Church of the Good Shepherd
700 S. Upper Broadway Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401
or email it to cotgs@cotgs.org

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO COTGS
WITH A NOTATION "EASTER FLOWERS"

**You can give at the Church Office
or online at cotgs.org/giving/online-payment/
or through our Church App - Ministry One**

CHURCH COMMUNITY



Come Help the Altar Guild Make Palm Crosses

Thursday March 21 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

In Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom

They are easy to make and they would love to have your help!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Jesus Christ: Teacher, Servant, and Savior

Led by Elizabeth Black and the Teaching Team

Tuesdays in the Parlor

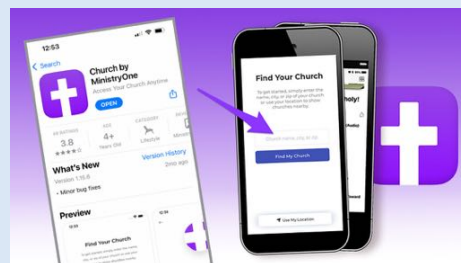
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

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!

DOWNLOAD OUR CHURCH APP!



Many of you have already downloaded our church app and have seen how easy it is to use!

You have access to:

- Our Church Directory
- Church Events
- Registration for Events
- Giving
- And More!

If you have not yet downloaded the app...it is easy!

- Go to the app store on your smartphone and search for **Ministry One**. (It is a purple icon with a white cross in the center.)
- Download the app.
- Search for our church.
- Contact Betty Murry at bmurry@cotgs.org to get your credentials. This will allow you to secure access to our church directory and giving through the app.

Everything on our app is secure and safe to use!

You will have everything you need at your fingertips!

Call the church office if you have any questions at 361-882-1735.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Children's Sunday School in March

Children's Sunday School will meet in the Kid's Zone next to the nursery on the two Sundays of Spring Break (March 10th and 17th).

Sixth Grade Confirmation will not meet on the two Sundays of Spring Break (March 10th and 17th).

Children's Chapel will continue during Spring Break.

Celebration Chapel for older children will not meet March 10th and 17th.

Wednesday Evening Classes (Suspended during Lent)

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 reads and explores 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 season of epiphany (January 3-February 14) for a simple potluck supper, and a time to learn about prayer with Paul. We follow a wonderful book by D.A. Carson, Praying with Paul, available at Amazon.



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

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

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

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

The Rev. William Campbell leads a New Members Class in Dobbins Hall Classroom for anyone interested in officially joining the Episcopal Church. This class gives 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 explores 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?



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 10 - 14

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

3 Year-Old Preschool - 4th Grade

Counselors needed: 5th - 12th Grade

Register Here



**BIBLE - GAMES - CRAFTS
MOVIES - MUSIC - SNACKS AND MORE!**

Register at cotgs.org on the Home Page under "The Latest"
or on our Church App (Ministry One).

ADULT VOLUNTEERS AND COUNSELORS ALSO NEEDED!

Register to be an adult volunteer or a counselor at cotgs.org
on the Home Page under "The Latest".

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

MARCH YOUTH GROUP

Sundays for All Youth 6th - 12th Grade!

Sunday, March 3

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Middle & High School at Retro Arcade in Downtown CC

Sunday, March 10

No Youth Group - Spring Break

Sunday, March 17

11:45 a.m. Middle School Lunch at Executive Surf Club

6:30 p.m. High School Pizza & Movie at the Vanexans

Sunday, March 24

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Aliens! (Meet in Munds Hall)

Sunday, March 31

No Youth Group - Happy Easter!

KINGDOM KIDS



Wednesday, March 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. Register and pay online through our website or through our Ministry One church app. Click Here to register now: cotgs.org

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will Sing on the following Sundays this Spring:

March 3

April 28

May 19

Join us for some
P B & J
Pickle Ball & Jesus!

For Good Shepherd & St. James Children
1st - 4th Grade

Space Still Available!

\$60
Per Month

Wednesdays 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Al Kruse Tennis Center
Payment for March due on March 6

Transportation will be provided between the Church and Al Kruse for drop-off. (Al Kruse provides the van.)
Parent pick up afterwards at Al Kruse.

Church of the Good Shepherd is providing an after school opportunity for your kids to learn to play pickleball and will talk about Jesus and pray together.

The van will pick up your children in the Water Street parking lot at 3:30. Bring a water bottle. Snacks and paddles will be provided.

Pay for the month when you pick up your child on the first Wednesday of each month.
Cash or Credit Card to Al Kruse Tennis Center.

Register Here

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

New Members 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.