



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Returning to Joy - From One Generation to the Next

On September 15th, the Good Shepherd marked 165 years of "Changing Lives and Sharing Christ" in Corpus Christi, Texas. She has been the "Mother Church" of South Texas since 1860, responsible for planting all the Episcopal Churches in the area, supporting countless local missions and other ministries, and spreading the gospel of Jesus far and wide from generation to generation.

It is truly an exciting time to be a member of the Good Shepherd as we continue to add many new families and members of all ages. As we grow in number, we also must grow in our financial giving to support staff, increased expenses, quality programs and faithful teachers. As you give thanks for the amazing gift of this wonderful faith family, we ask that you give generously in support of the mission and ministries of your Church.

This is the time of year when we renew our financial giving for the coming year 2026. We ask each of you to prayerfully consider your financial giving to God through the life of the Good Shepherd by taking another step in faith. Your financial pledge is a hopeful projection of what you would like to give back to God in the calendar year 2026. The strength of our Church is founded upon the many generations of faithful supporters like yourselves, and we thank you very much for your ongoing participation.

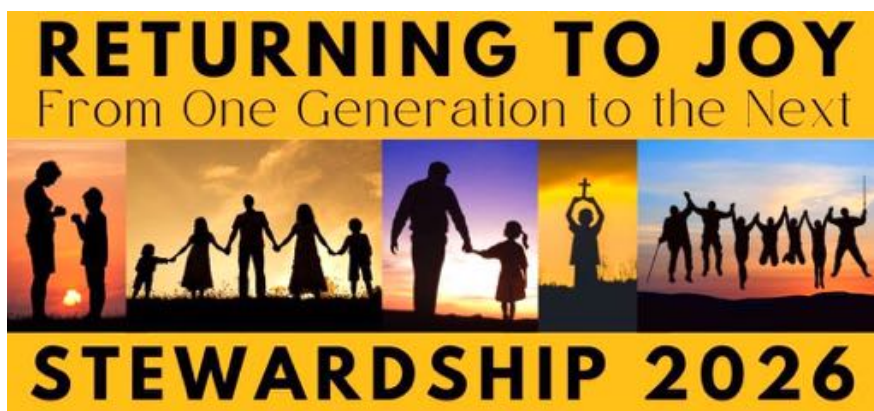
As we embrace the wonderful challenge of growth in the coming year, it is our prayer that you will consider increasing your pledge by 10% over last year. Please use either the pledge card that was mailed to you or the ones in our pew racks to record your desired giving for 2026. If you would prefer you can pledge through our website at cotgs.org/giving/make-a-pledge/.

The Church is the only hope of the world that we live in, and the place where faith in Jesus is passed down to the next generation. Please join us in supporting our vital mission and ministries. As an expression of our praise and thanksgiving, please bring your pledge cards to Church on **Commitment Sunday, October 26th**, where we will all come forward together and make our sacramental offering to the Lord.

Thank you for your support of the Good Shepherd.

Faithfully, yours in Christ,

CHURCH COMMUNITY



Stewardship 2026

It is that time of year when we consider all that the church means to us and all that the Lord has provided for us. After your prayerful consideration, we ask that you make a pledge for the coming year. Pledges can be made in church, by mail, on our website (cotgs.org), or on our Ministry One app.

Pledge cards have been mailed out along with a letter from Father Milton about Stewardship and our theme, "Returning to Joy: From One Generation to the Next" as we give thanks and offer praise to Him who gives us all that we have.

Ways to make your Pledge:

- Bring your Pledge Card to Commitment Sunday on October 26
- Mail your Pledge Card to Church Office (700 S. Upper Broadway)
- Pledge Online at cotgs.org under the Giving tab
- Pledge through our Church App
- Scan the QR code below



Commitment Sunday

Sunday, October 26

On Commitment Sunday, we will go forward to the altar with our "first fruits" in the form of your pledge. This motion is a beautiful sacramental action. We are taking something that represents our life and bringing it to the altar to dedicate it to God. So, please bring your pledge card with you to church on Sunday, October 26 to make this commitment to God.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

OCTOBER 1

Kingdom Kids

6:30 p.m. in the Gym

OCTOBER 2

Altar Guild Luncheon

11:30 a.m. in the Parlor

OCTOBER 5

Blessing of the Animals

4:30 p.m. in the Courtyard

OCTOBER 5

Youth Group

4:30 p.m. Middle School

6:30 p.m. High School

OCTOBER 12

Youth Group

4:30 p.m. Middle School

6:30 p.m. High School

OCTOBER 13-17

St. James School Fall Break

OCTOBER 19

Beach Eucharist & Dinner

5:30 p.m.

Mustang Island Conference Center

OCTOBER 19

Youth Group

4:30 p.m. Middle School

6:30 p.m. High School

OCTOBER 24

St. James Fall Festival

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 26

Commitment Sunday

All Sunday Services

OCTOBER 26

Youth Group Halloween Party and Outreach at Foster Village

4:30 p.m. Middle School

6:30 p.m. High School

Adult Sunday School

LIVING WORD - Going Deeper into Sunday Scripture Readings

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

The Rev. Milton Black leads 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.

GOOD GRIEF - Christian Formation for Parents

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

The experience of loss is a part of life from the moment of birth. Teaching children about grief is crucial for emotional development and well-being—it helps them to understand and cope with loss of any kind (not just death). But the benefit doesn't stop there. According to the National Institutes of Health, when children are given the tools to accurately appraise and overcome stressful situations and experiences they are more likely to experience emotional healing that builds resilience across all aspects of life. Join Rev. William for a class on grief, grieving, and finding meaning with the particular focus on framing the subject for our children.

FROM NICAEA TO MOHAMMAD - The Jesus Revolution Goes On

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

The Church experienced many new challenges and changes after three centuries of persecution under Roman rule. Did the Church capture the Empire, or the Empire capture the Church? And what happens when the civilized world collapses? This class will explore how the message of Jesus inspired hope and courage in the leaders, thinkers, and martyrs of the fading classical era. They saw God's transforming work revolutionizing the world: what can their faith and teachings say to us today?

Wednesday Evening Class

RAMS HORNS TO ROCK BANDS

The Spirit in the Church's Music through the Generations

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom - Led by Rev. Frank Fuller

This class looks at the changing forms of music in Christian worship from the Apostles' church down to today. Different times call forth different music, and the Christian people have expressed their faith in many different musical ways. We hope to broaden our appreciation of how the Spirit speaks to us in song across the centuries and today. (You don't have to be a singer to enjoy this class!)

Beach Eucharist

for the whole congregation!

Mustang Island Conference Center

Sunday, October 19

5:30 p.m. Eucharist in the outdoor Chapel

6:15 p.m. Dinner at MICC!

Deadline to RSVP is October 12

You can come as early as 4:00 p.m. to enjoy the beach.

Dinner choices are shrimp or chicken strips with sides.
(a vegetarian option is available)

\$15 for Adults \$7.50 for Children

RSVP is required for the dinner.

Payment is required at the time of your RSVP.

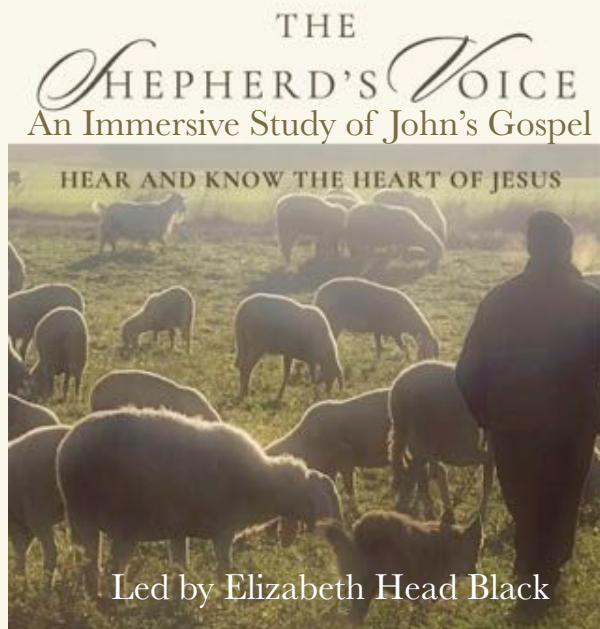
RSVP at colgs.org or scan the QR code.



Scan the QR Code to RSVP

CHURCH COMMUNITY

New Women's Bible Study



Tuesdays this Fall
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
In The Parlor

**All materials will be provided,
with a small fee to cover printing costs.**

Please join Elizabeth Black for her **NEW** study **The Shepherd's Voice**. Immerse yourself in the drama of Jesus' life, getting to know his character and becoming familiar with his voice, as He calls us to do. This study will combine the ancient practice of Lectio Divina (a holy reading of scripture) with Immanuel Prayer exercises (listening prayer) allowing the Holy Spirit to teach and lead us through the Gospel of John. **The Shepherd's Voice** draws upon the reader's spiritual imagination, rational processing, and personal perspective, to make a uniquely individual experience of entering scripture. If you have ever wanted to hear God speak, or speak more clearly, this course will provide the tools to know, hear and respond to the Shepherd's voice, calling you by name.

Books are available for a small fee.



Sunday, October 5
4:30 p.m.
in the Courtyard

All pets and their owners are welcome for a special blessing. Please bring your pet on a leash, in crates, or in cages as needed. If you would like to help a local animal shelter, please bring dog or cat food to donate.



Children's Choir Schedule

Our Children's Choir is under the direction of our Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Mi Ou Lee.

They are scheduled to sing at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday services on the following dates:

October 26
November 16
December 7
February 22
March 29
April 19
May 17

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

KINGDOM KIDS

Wednesday, October 1

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



Kingdom Kids is an evening of fun, food, and fellowship for children of St. James and Good Shepherd. Children in Kindergarten - 6th grade will come to the gym for games, a Bible story, and dinner. Younger children are welcome in the Nursery and Kid's Zone.

REGISTRATION IS ALREADY FULL.

Outreach for October - Diapers

This month we are asking for you to bring diapers in sizes medium or large for Foster Village and the Purple Door.

CELEBRATION CHAPEL

**For 1st - 6th Grade
10:30 a.m. in the Gym**

Children who are in 1st - 6th grade are invited to join us for their own unique chapel service in the gym during the 10:30 a.m. service. Come see the changes we have made!

October Youth Group

Middle School Youth (6th - 8th Grade)

Sundays at 4:30 p.m.



High School Youth (9th - 12th Grade)

Sundays at 6:30 p.m.



Sunday, October 5

Movie & Pizza
at the Youth House



Sunday, October 12

No Youth Group - Fall Break



Sunday, October 19

Beach Eucharist & Dinner

5:30 p.m. Eucharist

6:15 p.m. Dinner

Mustang Island Conference Center

If you are attending, please RSVP through the website.



Sunday October 26

Halloween Party and Outreach at Foster Village

At Regular Times (4:30 and 6:30)

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

**Ages 3 years - Kindergarten
Sundays in the Children's Chapel
10:30 a.m.**

Children who are 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to join us in the Children's Chapel for their own special chapel service during the 10:30 a.m. service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Ages 3 years - 5th grade
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
in Water Street Class 107**

Children that are 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to learn more about the Bible stories and grow their faith during Sunday School!

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.

20TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S GOLF CLASSIC

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

The Club at Sonterra
901 Sonterra Blvd.
San Antonio, 78258

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Help a child experience the joy of a God-centered camp program while enjoying a day of golf and fellowship!



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:30 A.M.

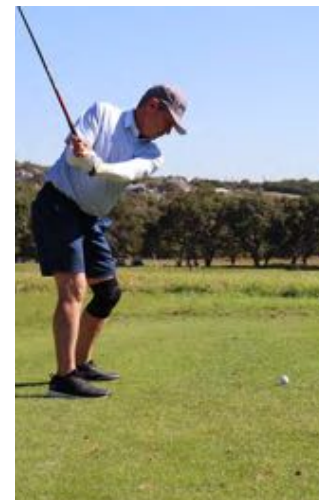
Check-in, Silent Auction opens, driving range and putting green open

11:30 A.M.

Shotgun start, lunch on course

4:30 P.M.

Awards ceremony with hors d'oeuvres, Raffle and Silent Auction closes. Must be present to win Raffle items.



Prizes

Prizes: Awarded to each Winner's Episcopal School or Church Youth Ministry Program
Low Gross in each category

- 1st Place: \$1,000
- 2nd Place: \$800
- 3rd Place: \$600
- 4th Place: \$400
- 5th Place: \$200
- . . . and the coveted next to Last Place: \$100

- Closet to the Pin
- Longest Drive

Registration

Sign up by September 30 for the Early Bird(ie) Discount!

Individual Entry Fee: \$175

Team of Four Entry Fee: \$700

Beginning October 1

Individual Entry Fee: \$200

Team of Four Players: \$800



**CLICK OR SCAN
TO REGISTER**

DWTX.ORG/GOLF

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

6 months - 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 Water Street Classroom 107

Confirmation in Munds Hall Auditorium

Youth Meet in Munds Hall Auditorium

Adults:

Living Word w/Rev. Black in the Parlor

Good Grief w/Rev. Campbell in DHAC

From Nicaea to Mohammad w/Rev. Fuller in Munds Hall Library

Weekday Services

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 8:20 a.m. Preschool Chapels (4 services)

Thursdays at 8:05 a.m. All School Chapel

Parents are welcome at All School Chapel on Thursdays.