



Setting Our Hearts on God



Paul reminds us, "Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." Colossians 3:1-4

Authentic relationship with God in Christ is never complete until the heart of a person has been freely given. Intellectual assent must be made from an accurate understanding of the Gospel. Study and application of Gospel truths and principles are an essential element of the Christian journey, with Christian formation being a life-long process. Paul also says it this way in 2Corinthians, "we are transformed into the image of the Lord from one degree of glory to another."

Somewhere in this growth process the heart must be engaged: that is, there must be a visceral commitment deeply felt in an abandoned love for Jesus Christ, which cannot be explained by the logic of carefully crafted words. The heart is the fire of our commitment; it ignites our passion which compels us to move into communion with our Lord. Christian faith cannot grow and mature, much less endure, without heart, and without passion!

Heart commitment is the mature commitment to God in Christ, evidenced by action and lifestyle. As one author has commented, "Nothing is easier than saying words; nothing is harder than living them day after day."

The book of James reminds us that faith without deeds is not faith at all. Our faith must be authenticated by our actions, not for others to see, but so that we might fully engage the heart in communion with our Lord. There is no other way for us to experience the faith than by testing God in the areas of our life that qualify as a sacrifice. If it doesn't cost us anything, there really is nothing at stake. Pure and simply put: our faith must be lived in order for it to be real. It is a matter of setting our hearts on God.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Milton +



WEDNESDAY LENTEN SUPPERS & SPEAKERS

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

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

(please bring a side dish to share)

6:45 p.m. Speaker in Munds Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

The Rt. Rev. Gary Lillibridge

Retired Bishop, Diocese of West Texas

Dinner: Lasagna and Breadsticks - Host: Daughters of the King

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

The Rt. Rev. Dr. David G. Read

Bishop, Diocese of West Texas

Dinner: BBQ- Host: Men's Fellowship/Tuesday Morning Group

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

The Rev. Bert Baetz

Rector, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Kerrville

Dinner: Chicken Strips - Host: Young Families Ministry

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

The Rt. Rev. Angela Maria Cortiñas

Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of West Texas

Dinner: Enchiladas - Host: Vestry

Palm Sunday

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

LITURGY OF THE PALMS & HOLY EUCHARIST
8:00 AM | 10:30 AM | 5:30 P.M.

We will begin in the Courtyard for the 10:30 service and process into the Sanctuary.



Easter Lilies



HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Contributions for Easter lilies are now being taken in the Church Office. Lilies will adorn the church during our Easter services and your loved ones will be listed in the order of service. Deadline to order is Friday, March 27.

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

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



You can also give online at cotgs.org or scan this QR code.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29

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

Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist
(10:30 service begins in the Courtyard)

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



Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 1

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2

5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy



Good Friday

Friday, April 3

7:00 a.m. Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy



Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5

8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist w/Choir & Brass

Flowering of the Cross
Bring Fresh-Cut Flowers to Adorn the Cross Between Services

10:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist w/Choir & Brass

Alleluia Egg Hunt
Following the 10:30 a.m. Service

*No 5:30 p.m. Service





Treat-Filled Eggs Needed

We need volunteers to bring treat filled Easter eggs to the Church Office **by Friday, April 3rd** by noon. (Please do not fill eggs with chocolate; it melts.) Thank you!



Flowering of the Cross Easter Sunday, April 5 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, April 5 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 Pick-Up Dates

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

Drive-Thru Pick Up Dates:

Monday, March 16 and Wednesday, March 18

Monday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 25

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

If you are not able to pick up on these days, come by the church office
March 30th through April 3rd from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The cost of the eggs is **\$30**.

Bring a **check or exact cash** when you pick up eggs, or you can **pay online** (choose "Other" as the fund and put "Eggs" in notes).



QR Code for Giving



Eggstraveganza!

A Showcase of Eggs over the Years!

February 25 - March 25 in Dobbins Hall

Weekdays 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evenings 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

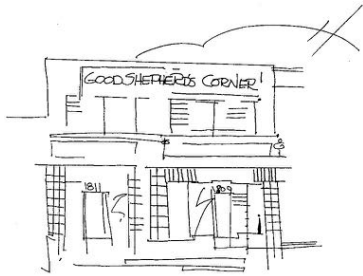
The Egg Ladies and the Church of the Good Shepherd have been partners for at least 70 years. Since there are a number of new families at COTGS that may not be aware of what the Egg Ladies do, they want to celebrate their anniversary and showcase their Eggs. There is a display of eggs in Dobbins Hall hallway (near Munds Hall Auditorium). The display will be up through **March 25th during school hours (9am-3pm) and on Wednesday evenings during our Lenten Suppers (6-7:30pm)**. Please come see the Egg Collection!

The Egg Ladies have some past Egg creations FOR SALE!

If you have a broken one, or you find one that speaks to you, or you want to add to your collection or start a collection, check out what they have! They do not have extras of ALL the eggs, but they have a lot to choose from. Each egg is \$5 (a box of 6 for \$30). The money they raise each year from the sale of Eggs goes back to the church for special projects, to the community in support of helping others (food bank, Metro Ministries, etc.), to relief (hurricane, flood) causes, and to other outreach opportunities. Come by to look or to shop!

CHURCH COMMUNITY

The Corner Celebrates 55 Years!



The Week of April 13 - 17

Save the Date!

In 1975, a group of ladies from the Church of the Good Shepherd founded The Good Shepherd's Corner to support the community as a mission-driven resale shop. As a resale shop, The Corner gives the community a place to recycle gently used items while earning money through consignments.

As a non-profit, The Good Shepherd's Corner supports the community in the form of grants to organizations like Good Samaritan Rescue Mission, Metro Ministries, Palmer Drug Abuse Program, Hope House, and The Food Bank.

The Corner is Looking for Historical Items

If you have any old photos, documents, or stories of interest that pertain to the Corner that you could share for this special anniversary, please contact Caryl Devlin at caryl.devlin@att.net or call the Good Shepherd's Corner at 361-883-0281.

Sunday School Classes

LIVING WORD

Led by the Rev. Milton Black from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor

This is 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.

FROM ISLAM TO THE REFORMATION—JESUS' REVOLUTION CONTINUES

Led by the Rev. Frank Fuller from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. in Munds Hall Library

The Church inherited the ruins of the western Roman Empire, and helped preserve learning and faith for a thousand years of chaos and darkness. This class explores how the mission of Jesus continued to reshape the world and opened the rebirth of the West.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS - FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION

Led by the Rev. William Campbell

9:30 - 10:15 a.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom

This class is for anyone wanting to officially join the Episcopal Church. It gives a wealth of information about the Church and what it means to be an Episcopalian. If you have any questions, please call Fr. William.

BE A GREETER!

**Are You Available 1 or 2
Sundays a Month?**

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 **10:30** Sunday morning church service.

The only requirements are a smile and warm greeting to everyone who approaches the church doors.

Please contact Elizabeth Vanexan if you are interested in serving the church in this important way.

Elizabeth's contact info:

361-728-3625

k-evanexan@sbcglobal.net

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

On Sundays in the Courtyard we have coffee and water for anyone who would like to enjoy fellowship following the 10:30 service.

HAPPENING #162

March 6 - 8

St. Albans, Harlingen

For 10th - 12th Graders

Come experience this life-changing event that is led by high school students in our diocese.

Register at dwtx.org/events/happening-162



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Camper Registration

June 8 - 12

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

for 3 year olds - 4th grade

\$50 per child

Camper Registration is open!
Scan code to the left or go to cotgs.org.



Counselor Registration

Counselors: 5th - 12th grade are invited to be Counselors! [Scan the code to the right above to register a counselor.](#) There's no cost to be a counselor, and you can get service hours!

Children's Washing of Feet

Sunday, March 22 at 10:30 a.m.

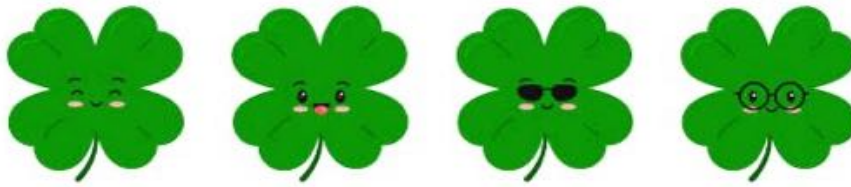
Children's Chapel & Celebration Chapel

Washing feet acts as a powerful, symbolic reenactment of Jesus washing his disciples' feet during the Last Supper, demonstrating extreme humility, love, and servant leadership. This ritual reminds Christians to serve others, echoing Jesus' command to love one another as he loved them.

On Sunday, March 22nd our Children's and Celebration Chapels will recreate this symbolic action to teach humility and serving others.



CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES



Youth Group in March

6th - 12th Grade

Sunday, March 1

Cops & Robbers - Pizza will be provided!

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at TAMUCC for Middle and High School

Sunday, March 8

No Youth Group - Spring Break

Sunday, March 15

Pizza & Ice Cream at Mia Mia Pizzeria

4:30 p.m. Middle and High School

Sunday, March 22

Youth House

4:30 p.m. Middle School and 6:30 p.m. High School

Sunday, March 29

Aliens!

6:30 p.m. Middle and High School Meet in the Courtyard

CHILDREN'S WEDNESDAY LENT PROGRAM

Wednesdays in Lent

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

6:45 p.m. Program for Children in Dobbins Hall Classroom & Kid's Zone

Each week we will have a lesson with a meaningful activity that teaches children to seek first the Kingdom of God. For the older children, we will also have guest speakers from our youth program.

Infants/Toddlers 6 months - 2 years in the Nursery

3 year-olds through Kindergarten in Kid's Zone

1st - 6th grade in Dobbins Hall Classroom

February 25 - Seek Jesus

March 4 - Trust Jesus

March 11 - Follow Jesus

March 18 - Praise Jesus

March 25 - Serve Jesus

KINGDOM KIDS

Wednesday, March 4

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Kingdom Kids is a fun evening of fun, food, and fellowship for children from Good Shepherd and St. James. There are games and free-play in the gym, as well as dinner and a bible story for children in 1st - 6th grade.

The nursery and Kid's Zone are available for Infants - Kinder. The cost is \$8 paid online at cotgs.org.



SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Children Preschool 3 - 5th Grade

Water Street Classroom 107

Confirmation (6th Grade)

Munds Hall Auditorium

Children's Chapel

10:30 a.m.

for 3 year olds - Kinder

Celebration Chapel

10:30 a.m. in the Gym

1st - 6th Grade

***No Sunday School and Chapels during Spring Break: March 8 & 15**

(Infants - Kinder can come to the Nursery and Kid's Zone during SS and Church. Older children should attend church with their parents.)

NURSERY

Ages 6 months - 2 years

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

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

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

New Member Class w/Rev. Campbell in DHAC

From Islam to the Reformation 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.