



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Exciting Times: A New Team Member



Dear Good Shepherd Family,

I am pleased to announce that we have hired Charissa Fenton to join our ever-growing children's ministry team to work alongside Sandy McCampbell and Julia Prickett. Charissa is from San Antonio and has recently completed her MA in Religion at Trinity Anglican Seminary. Additionally, she has a BA in Cinema and New Media Arts from Houston Baptist University. Charissa is the daughter of an Episcopal priest and was raised in Christ Episcopal Church, San Antonio, where she has exercised a variety of different ministries.

Charissa brings a heart for Jesus and a lot of creative energy and experience in story-telling and teaching the scriptures through a variety of stimulating means. She will be a full-time employee beginning June 1, 2026; just in time for VBS! Please join me in warmly welcoming Charissa Fenton to our children's ministry team.

We are still actively seeking to call an additional priest to join our clergy team. As I have said before this is a patient and prayerful process. We do not have the luxury of abundance here. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we seek to find the person that God has called to be with us. We would love to have someone in place this summer, but it is all in the Lord's hands.

Bishop David Read will be with us for Confirmation on Sunday, May 3rd where he will confirm and/or receive 35 people into our fellowship. This is an incredible testimony of God's Holy Spirit at work throughout our church family. You can feel the energy and excitement on our campus as our kids and families gather in celebration of our common life.

The month of May is always an exciting time as we celebrate our Youth and their accomplishments for the year on Youth Sunday, May 17th. It is always a moving experience to hear our Seniors express in their own words the impact that this church community has made on their lives. I'm grateful to Lyla Landreth and Lola Fischer for their willingness to share their stories.

"Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness", and everything else will be ok. We do see the results of trusting the Lord in all things.

These are exciting times!

Milton +

CHURCH COMMUNITY



Our Mother's Day Offering is an opportunity to recognize the women in our lives who nurture, teach, and lead with a gift in their honor or memory. You can give a donation in her name.

This year we have chosen **Foster Village Corpus Christi** as the recipient of our Mother's Day Offering. Foster Village was started three years ago by our own Rebecca and Jamin Welch. They have created a place to use as a resource center and a place to offer support to children and families in foster care.

There are over 400,000 children in the foster care system in the United States with 1,000 of them in the South Texas area. Children in the foster care system often grow up with PTSD and depression, are more likely to become homeless, make up 80% of human trafficking victims, and 90% of youth with five or more foster care placements enter the criminal justice system. But it does not have to be this way. When these youth are given nurturing environments, they get the tools they need to succeed.

When a child is placed in foster care, they often arrive with only the clothes on their back. Foster Village offers a place for families and children to get clothing, new beds, car seats, toiletries, and other basic necessities completely free and within 24 hours of being placed.

Foster families experience unique challenges when caring for children who might have been abused, neglected, or have been separated from their family. When others who have been on the same journey of fostering children can provide support, caregivers are strengthened and encouraged as a steadfast source of healing and safety to children. Foster Village provides access to support groups, respite care, parents' nights out, and other important resources.

Scan the QR code above to give in someone's name with an acknowledgement card to be sent to them.

Or

[Click Here](#) to Give in Someone's Name and we will send an acknowledgment to the person you are honoring.

[Click Here](#) to give without an acknowledgement to a particular person. (Type "Foster Village" in the notation.)

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Group in May

6th - 12th Grade

Sunday, May 3

Pizza & Beach Games
We will begin at the Youth House.
4:30 p.m. Middle School
6:30 p.m. High School

Sunday, May 10

No Youth Group - Mother's Day

Sunday, May 17

Youth Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.
Acolyte Training at 11:45 a.m.

Pool Party for Middle School: Corpus Christi Yacht Club 4:00-6:00 p.m.
(An end-of-the-year High School gathering is being planned, as well.)

Confirmation Sunday



Sunday, May 3

9:00 a.m. Confirmation Fair

10:30 a.m. Confirmation Service

Everyone is encouraged to join us on Confirmation Sunday to show support for our confirmands! Bishop Read will be with us for the Confirmation Fair and the service. Join us in Munds Hall Auditorium at 9:00 a.m. for our Confirmation Fair. Our confirmands will display their posters and give their faith statements. Then at the 10:30 a.m. service the bishop will preside and confirm all of our confirmands.

Youth Summer Mission Trip



Thursday, July 16 - Saturday, July 18

Kerrville, Texas

Mark your calendar!

Our youth ministry is exploring an upcoming mission opportunity in Kerrville, partnering with St. Peter's Episcopal Church for continued flood relief efforts. This will be a meaningful chance for students and families to help alongside a community in need, working directly with St. Peter's and supporting their ongoing recovery efforts.

While details are still being finalized, we invite you to begin praying about being part of this work. More information, including how to get involved, will be shared soon.

YOUNG FAMILIES

BUS Event for Families

Sunday, June 28

Light Bites and Fellowship following the 10:30 service at BUS

Pool Party for Families

Monday, July 27

Santa Fe Swim Club

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Beach Eucharist for Families

Sunday, August 16

Location and Time TBD

SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Children Preschool 3 - 5th Grade
Water Street Classroom 107

Children's Chapel

10:30 a.m.

for 3 year olds - Kinder

Celebration Chapel

10:30 a.m. in the Gym

1st - 6th Grade

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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will sing on Youth Sunday which is May 17th.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

JOIN US FOR YOUTH SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, MAY 17
10:30 A.M. SERVICE**

Acolyte Recognition & Awards
Senior Recognition
Youth-Led Service

Please join us in celebrating our youth ministry on Youth Sunday!
Our youth will participate in many aspects of our service including
giving the homily and reading our scriptures.

ALL 7th - 12th grade Acolytes will be acknowledged
this year and some will even receive awards!
We encourage ALL Acolytes to attend!

The Children's Choir will sing for us and also receive recognition.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

6TH GRADE NEWLY CONFIRMED
and
7TH - 12TH GRADE ACOLYTES

MAY
17

Meet in the
Sanctuary

11:45-12:45

THIS TRAINING WILL FOLLOW OUR YOUTH
SUNDAY SERVICE AND IS MANDATORY.



Middle School

YOUTH GROUP POOL PARTY

6TH - 8TH GRADE

SUNDAY, MAY 17 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM
CORPUS CHRISTI YACHT CLUB
SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Camper Registration

June 8 - 12

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

for 3 year olds - 4th grade

\$50 per child

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



Counselor Registration

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

Adult Volunteers Needed for VBS

Vacation Bible School is a thriving outreach of our church to kids of our church and our community. It's a wonderful way to teach who Jesus is and show His love. But it could not happen without volunteers.

Whether you are a parent, a grandparent, or someone with a servant heart...come be a blessing to the kids at VBS. **We have all kinds of jobs to offer adults that will appeal to the type of volunteering you are most interested in doing**...crafts, games, Bible stories, movies, snacks, decorate, or travel with our toddlers.

Register online and let us know what kind of volunteering you are most interested in doing! You can go to cotgs.org or simply scan the QR code to the right. It's a very short online form!



Adult Volunteer Registration

CHURCH COMMUNITY

Wednesday Evening Class

Last Day is Wednesday, May 20

I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED... (or "Stump the Parson...")

Wednesdays - Led by the Rev. Frank Fuller

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

We've all had questions we've pondered all our lives long, and may have been afraid to ask. This class takes up questions previously posed by class members to allow for comment and group discussion: "Does God really exist?"... "What does the Bible say happens after we die?"... "Why does the Old Testament matter today?"... "Why does God let bad things happen?" This could get rowdy. Seek the truth, come whence it may, cost what it will.

Sunday School Classes

Last Day of Sunday School is May 17

LIVING WORD - This class continues year round.

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.

PLEDGE STATEMENTS VIA EMAIL

Starting June 2026, the church will be sending pledge statements, end of year contributions statements and other important information to your email on file and if you are married and contributing together, to your spouse's email.

We will send a note to your email address on file. If that is not the email you want us to use, please contact the church at (361)882-1735 or send a note to ehernandez@cotgs.org.

We will reach out to you if we don't have your current email address.

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.

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THE CORNER 55th ANNIVERSARY



WOMEN OF THE WORD SPRING LUNCHEON



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.