



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Vacation Bible School - Important Information

We are excited to host another amazing Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd! This year, over 150 children will experience the love of Jesus through music, Bible stories, games, crafts, and movies. Children will also enjoy snacks and fun surprises throughout the week. Our theme this year is Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God. VBS is June 8 - 12 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Important Information for CHILDREN who are Registered:

- **We will begin and end in the Church.** Please bring your children in the church each day.
- **On the FIRST day of VBS, we will have check-in tables set up in the Courtyard.** Please check in your child and then walk them into the Church to find their group. **First day check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m.** T-shirts will be given out at check-in.
- **Your child should come dressed comfortably each day and wear tennis shoes.** Tennis shoes are best for playing games and also for playing on the playground, which is where snack time will be held again this year. The VBS T-shirt can be worn whenever they would like.
- **Do not send water bottles with your children.** They get lost and counselors are not able to carry all of them for the children. Water stations will be provided at various locations.
- **Drop off each day after the first day is at 9:00 a.m.** Please **do not** drop off children before 8:45 a.m. There will not be enough supervision before that time. Please walk your child to their group in the Church each day and sign them in. Then come into the Church at the end of each day to sign them out.
- **Pick-up each day is promptly at 12:00 noon in the Church.** Please be on time.

Important COUNSELOR Information:

We have a great group of counselors signed up to help at VBS! Fifth graders will run snack time on the playground again this year and 6th - 12th graders will travel to activities with a group of children.

Training on First Day: Monday morning counselors will go through a **brief (but important) training at 8:00 a.m.** in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom (next to Munds Hall Auditorium). It is very important to attend this training. Donuts will be provided and T-shirts will be given out.

Counselors need to **arrive at 8:30 a.m. each day after the first day** and sign in at Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom.

Important ADULT VOLUNTEER Information:

If you are signed up to volunteer, we will need help decorating and organizing in Munds Hall on **Sunday, June 7 from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** If you are leading an activity, you can decorate your classroom any time from **June 1 - 5 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Come at your convenience.

Snacks needed for VBS

Everyone in our church community can play a part in the ministry of VBS in various ways. One way we could use your help is by providing snacks for our counselor room the week of VBS. Our wonderful counselors volunteer their time to this important ministry so we like to reward them at break time with delicious treats!

They love chips, bars, muffins, popcorn, trail mix, cookies, brownies... anything yummy!

- You can bring store bought treats to the church office the week of June 1 - 5.
- Homemade treats might stay more fresh if they are dropped off the week of VBS (June 8 - 12).
- Church Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. this summer.

We also accept **monetary donations** if you are unable to get snacks to us. You can give at <https://cotgs.org/giving/pay-online/> or send a check to the **Church Office**. Either way, please make a notation that the donation is for VBS. Thank you!



Summer Mode at Good Shepherd

Regular Sunday Worship Services:

8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Adult Sunday School on Scripture Readings:

9:30 - 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor

Nursery and Kid's Zone on Sundays:

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

Weekday Service:

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.

Church Office Summer Hours:

Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Breakfast Fellowship, children's Sunday school, other adult Sunday school classes, all choirs, and children's chapels will resume in the fall.

Give Before You Go!

If you are planning to be gone for an extended period of time this summer, please consider giving before you go. The church is dependent upon a consistent inflow of your pledge payments even in the summer months.

Three ways you can make a payment:

Online at cotgs.org

On our Church App

Mail a Check to the Church Office

THANK YOU!



O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Youth Summer Mission Trip to Kerrville

Partnering with St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Kerrville

Thursday, July 16 - Saturday, July 18



Who Can Attend

- Students entering grades 6-12
- Parents are encouraged to join us

What We Will Be Doing

We will be serving families and the Kerrville community through ongoing flood relief efforts.

Possible projects include:

- Planting grass along the river
- Cleanup and rebuilding projects
- Delivering items to rebuilt homes
- Other service opportunities identified by St. Peter's

Lodging

We will stay at 'Light on the Hill'

This is a rustic camp-style facility. Participants will need to bring:

- Bedding or sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Towels
- Toiletries

Meals

Some meals and snacks will be provided. Participants should plan to pay for:

- Lunch on July 16
- Dinner on July 17
- Dinner on the way home

Schedule Overview

- July 16 – Travel and begin work in the afternoon
- July 17 – Full work day
- July 18 – Half work day and return home

Commitment Deadline

Please let us know by **May 31** if you plan to attend so we can arrange transportation, lodging, and trip logistics.

Questions or Interest?

Contact Glenn Meschko at 210-460-8788 or reach out through the youth/parent group text for more information.

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES



Good Shepherd Graduating Seniors

Lola Fisher - University of Texas, Dallas

Lyla Landreth - Tulane University

Maddy Rice - University of Texas, Austin

Emma Rister - University of Texas, Austin

Marjorie Veazey - University of Texas, Austin

Grace Vela - University of Texas, Austin

Caroline Welch - Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

Congratulations!
May the Lord bless you and keep you.

SERVICE PROJECT BENEFITTING CHILDREN'S BEREAVEMENT CENTER

Weighted Stuffed Animals Needed

Isla Gates is continuing her Confirmation Service Project benefitting the Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas. She is collecting weighted stuffed animals for Hill Country flood victims. These weighted stuffed animals are a helpful therapeutic tool that calm and comfort children going through a difficult time. She will continue to collect them until July 15th and then deliver them to the Bereavement Center. Her goal is to collect 30 weighted stuffed animals ranging from 1 - 5 pounds. They are available from Target, Walmart, and Amazon. Drop-off is in the Church Office. If you would like Isla to do the shopping for you, you can Venmo her a donation to @samanthagates.



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

No Children's Sunday School in the Summer

Preschool - Kinder are welcome in
Kid's Zone next to the Nursery on
Sunday Mornings from 9:30 a.m. -
12:00 noon.

Children's Chapel

Resumes in September

Celebration Chapel

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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.

CONFIRMATION

2026 Confirmands

On May 3rd Bishop Read confirmed 31 members at Good Shepherd!

We are thankful to all of the sponsors who gave their time and talent to help each confirmand grow in their faith and their commitment to the Lord.

Special thanks to John Perabo and John Mason for their continued leadership of the sixth grade confirmation class. We appreciate you volunteering your time and sharing your faith with them.



6th Grade Confirmands

Samantha Bennett
Avery Brekken
Lovelyn Bruun
Mary Helen Campbell
Easley Ezell
Elliott Frazier
Hallie Garcia
Isla Gates
Amadeus Gignac
Charlie Klager
Gemma Michel
Jack McIntosh
Shaw Pietsch
Max Pohlmeier
Claire Wallace

Sponsor

Michelle Ezell
Stacy Patterson
Lindsey Pietsch
Lindsey O'Connor
Travis Bennett
Johnna Garcia
Ryan Frazier
Haley Bennett
Matt Ezell
Wayne Lundquist
Emily Campbell
Hicks Layton
Janie Bruun
Scott Meares
Chrissy Dorman



Adult Confirmands

Stephanie Alsup
Scout Bates
Michelle Ezell
Pam Freeman
Mila Gignac
Matt McIntosh
Mary McCauley
Laura Nelson
Garrett Overley
Burris McNeal Ray, III
Amy Wallace

Adults Received

Jessica Gignac
Travis Nelson

Adults Reaffirmed

Campbell Alsup
Mark Alsup
Anna Overley



MUSIC MINISTRIES



Handbell Camp!

4th graders - Adults

Monday, June 15 - Wednesday, June 17

6:00 - 7:00 p.m

In the Bell Choir Room

Calling all rising 4th graders through adults!

Ever wanted to try ringing handbells? Now is your chance! This is a no-obligation opportunity to explore handbells and discover what ringing is all about.

There is absolutely no long-term commitment. Just a fun, low-pressure way to try something new and see if you like it.

Whether you are a total beginner or just curious, we would love to have you!

To sign up or to get more information, please contact Joyce Wilcox at 361-779-9665 (call or text).

Come learn something new!



Children's Choir 2025-2026

These children from the church and school blessed us with the gift of song this year. They were recognized for their service on Youth Sunday and received a medal.

Adeline Michel
Aili Kivela *
Amira Lutgen
Annistyn Whitley
Aubree Michel
Belle Bruun
Cameran Castillo
Cameron Nichols
Cameron Swann
Charlotte Smith
Claire Stewart *
David Dorman
Duke Carter
Eleanor Barker
Emilia McDowell *
Everly Hunter

Gigi Sartoris
Gwyneth Gibson
Harper Garcia
Haven Hendley
Henry Bradford
Hewit Bonner
Lana Cruger
Lola Morgan
MaeMae Gainey
Mason Shaddock
Miah Bansal
Nash Nichols
Olympia Beltman
Rhydian Holland
Sam Ford
Samantha Powers

*Members who served 40 hours by attending all rehearsals and services by giving their time and talent to the church.

GOOD SHEPHERD'S Corner RESALE SHOP



Volunteers Needed at the Corner!

Taggers needed Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays
Even 1 Hour of Your Time Would Help

People have been very generous with donations at the Corner. Because of the influx of many items, they need more volunteers. **They need volunteers to put tags on items.**

If you have any extra time on these days, they would love to have some help.
Whether it be an afternoon or just 1 hour...they need help.

High school students that need service hours would be welcome, also.

Please contact the store at 361-883-0281 or Suzie at 361-774-4894.

Thank you for considering contributing to this historic vital ministry.

WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Traditional Eucharist
8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Fellowship (<i>Resumes in the Fall</i>)
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 the Water Street Classrooms - *Resumes in Fall*

Youth Meet in Munds Hall Auditorium - *Resumes in Fall*

Adults:

Living Word w/Rev. Black & Rev. May in the Parlor

All other adult classes resume in the Fall.

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

(Resume in August)

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.