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Following Jesus with our Lives



Dear Friends in Christ,

Following Jesus means giving our lives to Him and entrusting Him with everything, all that we are, and all that we have, all the time. When we acknowledge that everything we have, and everything we are, is a gift from Him, we can offer everything to Him in thanksgiving, and find that He returns it to us, along with much more, blessed by the Holy Spirit. This is the Kingdom of God right here in our midst.

God created us to love, and to give, and to care for others. We will never be able to satisfy ourselves by focusing more and more on ourselves. Our ultimate satisfaction, peace, and happiness will only be found by getting "outside of ourselves." By giving, serving, and caring for others, we will experience God and His many blessings in ways that could not have previously been seen or understood.

The most precious thing we have to give is our time and attention. It appears to me that everyone is so busy running here and there, trying to do everything and more, that there is no time for the Lord. It may sound counterintuitive, but the more time we give to God, the more time we will have to do everything else. That is the way of God's kingdom and economy. In putting the Lord first, our lives are reorganized in a more beautiful and life-giving way.

In the next two weeks each household will be receiving a letter from the Church along with a "Time/Talent Offering Card" and a catalogue of opportunities to choose from. We ask each of you to prayerfully consider your offering of time and talent in service of the Lord here at the Church of the Good Shepherd. There are so many ways to participate in the life and work of the Lord through our Church. You will experience the satisfaction of serving, caring, and giving, that we were created for, along with a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Rally Day will be Sunday, September 13th. It will mark the beginning of a new and exciting programmatic year with many opportunities to serve our Lord. We are asking everyone to bring your "Time/Talent Offering Card" to Rally Day and place it in the offertory basins. The cards will be collected, and someone will be in touch with you to find out how you would like to participate in a particular ministry of the church.

We give thanks and praise to God for the health and vitality of this amazing community of faith and look forward to all that God has in store for us as we step out in faith this Fall.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Milton +

CHURCH COMMUNITY

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2

Women of the Word Mahjong Event

12:30 - 3:00 pm

AUGUST 9

Baby Shower for Mi Ou

11:45 am

AUGUST 16

Back to School Blessing

10:30 am Service

AUGUST 16

Beach Eucharist for Young Families

5:00 - 7:00 pm

AUGUST 19

St. James Episcopal School First Day of School

SEPTEMBER 2

Kingdom Kids

6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 8

New Women's Bible Study Begins

10:00 am

SEPTEMBER 13

Rally Day

Services: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:30 pm
Sunday School Resumes - 9:30 am
Lunch - 11:45 am

SEPTEMBER 16

Wednesday Evening Class Begins

6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 20

Breakfast Fellowship Resumes

8:45 am

Church of the Good Shepherd

Women of the Word Summer Gathering



MEET for MAHJONG

Sunday, August 2

12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Munds Hall Auditorium

Women of the Word is ready for their next fellowship gathering!
Come for an afternoon of Mahjong!
This is for women of the church and their friends.

There will be:

Open Play - Guided Play - Beginner Class

Please bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert to share.

Debbie Newman is a Mahjong instructor and a member of Good Shepherd. She will coordinate the event with other WOW helpers and she will teach the Beginner Class.

For Guided and Open Play, please bring your NMJL 2026 card.

For Beginners, all materials will be provided.

Register Online using the QR code to the right.
(or you can call the Church Office)



Suggested donation is \$5 to cover beverages, staff, and utilities.

Update your Information

If you have changed your mailing address, email address, or phone number, we would like to have your updated information. You can use the card in the pew rack that says **"Get Connected"** and place it in the offertory plate, or you can go to cotgs.org or **click here** to make updates.

If you do not already have our **church app**, please download it. Go to the App Store and search for **Church by Ministry One**. You can update your information through the app, as well. **Please include a photo of yourself in your profile!** The app allows you to view our church directory. This is only available to our church members, so your information is safe, not public, and the list is not shareable.

CHURCH COMMUNITY

Join us for a
Baby Shower
In honor of
MI OU & VISHAL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
FOLLOWING THE 10:30 AM SERVICE
MUNDS HALL AUDITORIUM

HOSTED BY THE CHURCH STAFF & CHOIRS
LIGHT BITES PROVIDED

Join us for a baby shower honoring our Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Mi Ou Lee and her husband Vishal.

To help the family prepare, you can view her registry at
<https://my.babylist.com/baby-mi-ou>
Gift cards from Amazon, HEB, and Walmart are also greatly appreciated



Foster Village Back-to-School Donations Needed



CORPUS CHRISTI

[Click Here to Donate](#)

Foster Village Corpus Christi needs your help! Their Back-to-School Fundraiser will help foster children and their families get the supplies they need. They are raising money for backpacks, shoes, socks, and reusable water cups.

Thank you in advance for your support of Foster Village! Your investment in this outreach creates a better future of our community, our children, and the caregivers who raise them.

Click the link above or scan this QR code to donate directly to Foster Village Corpus Christi.



Scan Here to Donate

GOOD SHEPHERD
YOUNG FAMILIES

BEACH EUCHARIST
and Cook-Out

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
5:00 - 7:00 PM

For families with
children from 0 - 6th Grade

Come to Whitecap Beach
on Padre Island



Church of the Good Shepherd

RALLY DAY

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Let's Celebrate being back together!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Services - 8:00 am, 10:30 am, & 5:30 pm
Sunday School - 9:30 am

THIRD GRADE BIBLES GIVEN AT 10:30 SERVICE

LUNCH IN MUNDS HALL
11:45 AM

CHICKEN STRIPS, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, FRUIT, & DESSERT

***DRESS COMFORTABLY!**

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES



Confirmation 2026-2027

ATTENTION 6TH GRADERS: We will begin a new year of confirmation class for rising sixth graders in September.

Confirmation for our young church members occurs in the 6th grade. We believe that our young people are on a journey, and that at this age they are in a position to accept for themselves what was accepted for them at Baptism. The confirmation class is designed to provide spiritual direction and teach the traditions of the Church.



If you would like your child to participate in Confirmation this school year, contact Sandy McCampbell at 361-779-7742 or at sandymccampbell@aol.com.

Important Meeting for Parents and New Confirmands:

Sunday, September 13
9:30 a.m.
Munds Hall Auditorium

KINGDOM KIDS

Save the Date

Wednesday, September 2

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

In the Gym

All children of Good Shepherd and St. James Episcopal School are invited to join us the first Wednesday of each month during the school year for fun, food, and faith development. Registration will open the second week in August.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Resume September 13th

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. in Water Street classroom 107.

Children's Chapel resumes at 10:30 a.m.

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.

KID'S ZONE

Ages 3 years - Kinder

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

Kid's Zone is available next door to the Nursery for children age 3 - Kindergarten until Rally Day when we will transition back to Children's Chapel for the school year.

New Women's Bible Study



THE SCANDAL OF THE KINGDOM

A STUDY ON THE PARABLES OF JESUS

**Tuesdays beginning September 8
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor**

Please join us for a **NEW** women's bible study this Fall. We are excited to offer a dynamic course on the parables of Jesus, beginning Tuesdays in September. Each week we will unfold the mysterious, challenging and explosive parables of Jesus to discover God's love, grace, forgiveness, abundance, and joy. Under the guidance of esteemed theologian Dallas Willard and his extensive teaching, we will explore the secrets of the Kingdom of God. These simple stories teach us how to love passionately, live abundantly, and grow in our faith, ushering us into a new, dynamic way of being human. Be prepared to be inspired and invigorated by the reality of God's kingdom in plain view, in the here in and now.

What to Know:

- Everyone is welcome and childcare will be available for those with young children.
- This is a 15-week study held on Tuesdays, from 10:00 -11:30 a.m., in the Parlor at the Church of the Good Shepherd, beginning September 8.
- We will use the workbook entitled, *The Scandal of the Kingdom, How the Parables of Jesus Revolutionize Life with God*, available on Amazon for \$10.99. [Click Here](#) for the workbook.
- Childcare Available: Please scan QR code to register your child for childcare. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, August 25, 2026.
- This study will be led by Elizabeth Black, Pam Greene, Kathy Howden, Lula Martin, Kimberly Tompkins, and Allison Webster.

Childcare will be Provided in the Nursery: [Click Here to Register](#) for childcare

The Church and the Tuesday Women's Bible Study ministry are pleased to offer childcare **for children age 3 years and under** on Tuesday mornings for Bible Study participants. This ministry is provided through the generous donations of the Bible Study members and is **free of charge**. Upon registration you will receive additional sign-up information including drop-off and pick-up times, nursery location, and any necessary release forms. The deadline for registration is August 25, 2026.



Childcare Registration

MUSIC MINISTRIES

🎵 JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY! 🎵

Have a song in your heart? Join our Music Ministry and share your talent in worship!

No music reading skills required – just a passion for music and the desire to lead in worship. Making music is great for your mind, body, and soul!

We are currently seeking volunteers for the following music groups:

- **Adult Choir** 🎵 – Starting August 27

Share your love of singing and join our Adult Choir! Rehearsals are held on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 PM, and we sing special music 2-3 times a month during services from September through July. Make new friends while making a joyful noise unto the Lord and enjoy a delightful potluck dinner with us once a month!

- **Handbell Choir** 🔔 – Starting August 31

If singing isn't your strong suit but you have a passion for making beautiful music, our Handbell Choir might be perfect for you! Led by Joyce Wilcox, the Handbell Choir leads worship on the second Sunday of each month from September through May. Rehearsals are held on Mondays from 6-7pm.

To sign up or learn more about the Music Ministry at Church of the Good Shepherd, please contact Mi Ou Lee at mioulee@cotgs.org. We look forward to making beautiful music together, praising our Lord in song.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Grades 2 - 8 | 2026 - 2027

Discover the Joy of Music

Join the Children's Choir at the Church of the Good Shepherd!



Information 🎵

- Open to ALL! even non-church members
- No fees to be part of the choir
- Earn service hours for participation
- Medals and pins awarded at the end of the year
- Acolytes and Confirmands can serve in the choir
- St. James scholars picked up from carpool

Schedule 🎵

Begins Monday, September 14

Rehearsals: Mondays 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Service dates:

October 25, November 15, December 6, February 21, March 21, April 25, May 23

Registration 🎵

[Click Here](#) to Register or scan this QR code



For inquiries, please contact: Dr. Mi Ou Lee, Director of Music (917)421-2056 or mioulee@cotgs.org

WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Traditional Eucharist
8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Fellowship (<i>Resumes September 20</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
Kid's Zone is available for children ages 3 - Kindergarten

Sunday School Classes

Sundays 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Children's Sunday School - *Resumes September 13*

Youth Sunday School - *Resumes September 13*

Adult Sunday School:

Living Word w/Rev. Black in the Parlor

All other adult classes resume September 13

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.