



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Make Your Time and Talent Offerings Here!



Dear Friends in Christ,

We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at Good Shepherd for **Rally Day, September 13**, as we kick off another exciting Fall Program Year. Come dressed casually and enjoy the food, fellowship, and festivities of Rally Day, and the 166th birthday of the Good Shepherd.

The apostle Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans, "For as the body has many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members, one of another. We each have gifts that differ according to the grace given us." The health and strength of our amazing Church is founded upon generations of dedicated people who have given their time and talent for the building up of the whole body.

Offering our Time and Talent in service to our Lord is our spiritual worship and devotion to God. God uses our offering in countless ways, just by showing up and loving Him. There are many blessings that come our way when we are blessing others, as well as a closer walk with Jesus.

You received a Ministry Catalog in the mail two weeks ago listing many areas in which you can serve the Lord at the Good Shepherd. Please look over the catalog and select all the areas of interest on the **"Time/Talent Offering Card."**

Bring your "Time/Talent Offering Card" to Rally Day, Sunday, September 13, and place it in the offertory basin. The cards will be collected, and someone will be in touch with you to discuss how you would like to participate in a particular ministry.

Make your time/talent offering here at the Good Shepherd! The Church is the "Body of Christ," and we are individually members of it, each endowed with unique gifts. By participating in the life of the Church we participate in the life of Christ. God has blessed this Church community with great health and vitality, and we look forward to all that He has in store for us this Fall.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

CHURCH COMMUNITY

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!**

WHAT HAPPENS ON RALLY DAY?

Nursery

Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Longer on Rally Day)

Sunday School Begins

All Ages at 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Meeting

For Parents and Confirmands at 9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall

Third Graders Receive Bibles

Given out during the 10:30 a.m. Service

Children's Chapel and Celebration Chapel

10:30 a.m. in the Children's Chapel (for children 3 years old - Kinder)

10:30 Celebration Chapel in the gym (for children 1st - 5th grade)

Lunch and Activities

11:45 a.m. in Munds Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2

Kingdom Kids

6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 8

New Women's Bible Study Begins

10:00 am

SEPTEMBER 9

Wednesday Evening Class

Fellowship Kick-Off

6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 12

Daughters of the King Meeting

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 14

Children's Choir Begins

3:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 16

Wednesday Evening Class Begins

6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 20

Breakfast Fellowship Resumes

8:45 am

OCTOBER 4

Blessing of the Animals

4:30 pm

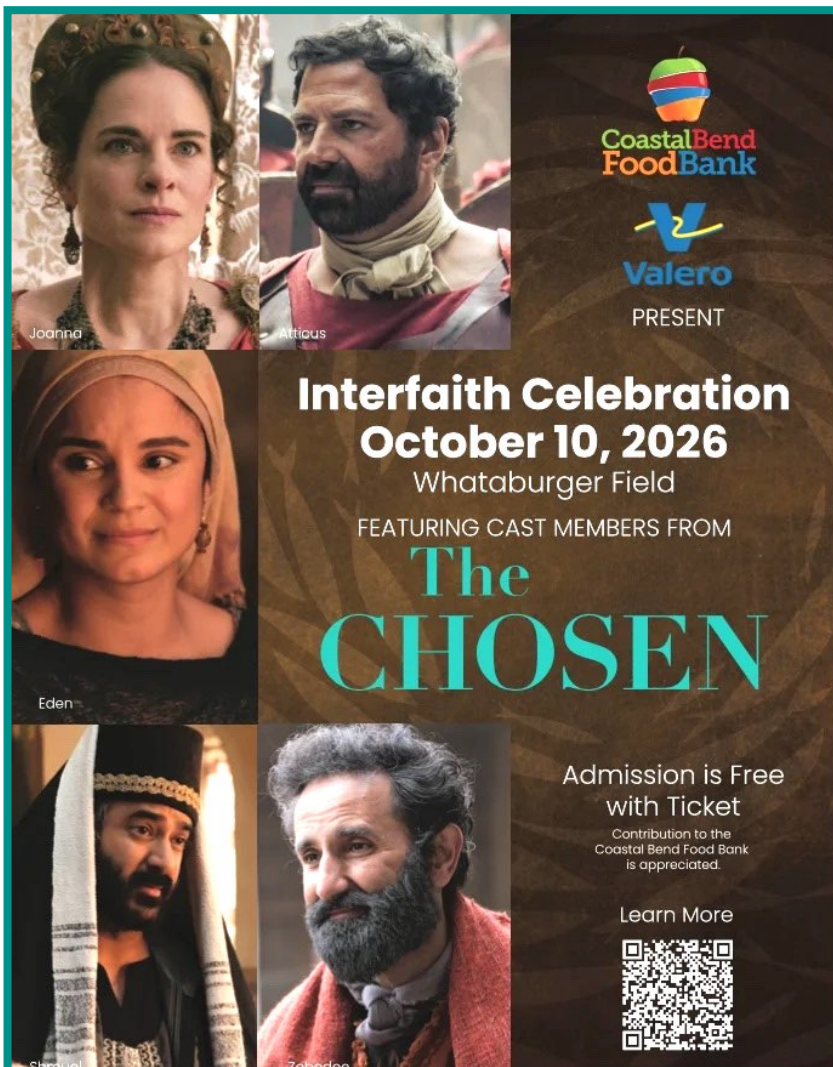
OCTOBER 10

Interfaith Celebration for the

Coastal Bend Food Bank

11:00 am

CHURCH COMMUNITY



The poster features a collage of characters from the TV series 'The Chosen'. In the top left, Joana and Atticus are shown. In the bottom left, Eden is featured. In the bottom right, Shmuel and Zebedee are depicted. The central text reads: 'Interfaith Celebration October 10, 2026 Whataburger Field FEATURING CAST MEMBERS FROM The CHOSEN'. Logos for Coastal Bend Food Bank and Valero are present, with Valero stating 'PRESENT'. Text at the bottom right says 'Admission is Free with Ticket' and 'Contribution to the Coastal Bend Food Bank is appreciated.' A QR code and a 'Learn More' link are also included.

Coastal Bend Food Bank Presents an Interfaith Celebration

The Coastal Bend Food Bank and presenting sponsor Valero will bring the community together for a special event at Whataburger Field to inspire hope, unite our neighbors, and support our local families facing food insecurity.

The event will feature cast members from "The Chosen"!

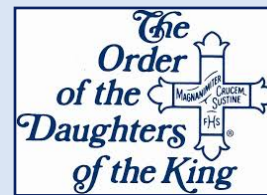
Tickets are free on the Coastal Bend Food Bank website ([click here](#)).

Sponsorship Opportunity:

Be among the first to support one of the most anticipated community events coming to the Coastal Bend.

Your sponsorship will help provide meals, nutrition education, and hope for families across the Coastal Bend. They welcome corporate, organization, or individual sponsorships. [Click here for Sponsorship Information](#)

Your sponsorship at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Supporting Sponsor level will help bring this event to life while helping feed our neighbors.

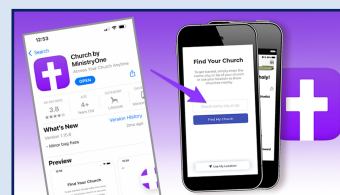


Daughters of the King invites you to Join Them

Saturday, September 12
10:00 a.m. in the Parlor

Come Join this Important Ministry

The Daughters of the King will have their first meeting of the 2026-2027 year on Saturday, September 12. Anyone interested in joining this important ministry is invited to this meeting. The DOK are an international lay order for Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran, and Roman Catholic women who are vowed to prayer, service, and evangelism. They pray for our parish, for individuals, and for the wider community and world. Please come to find out more!



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 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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adult Sunday School this Fall

(Begins Sunday, September 13)

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.

ENNEAGRAM BASICS + PARENTING

9:30 a.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom

Led by Rev. William Campbell and Claire Campbell

Ever feel like your kids are from a different planet? Or like you and your spouse keep hitting the same wall when "life stuff" comes up? Join us as we get into the basics of the Enneagram, an ancient personality type system (think: Myers-Briggs for our generation) that can be used to help you see things through the eyes of the people you love. Our anchor text, [The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery](#), is co-written by a world-renown Enneagram expert and Methodist preacher's wife, Suzanne Stabile, and an Episcopal priest, Ian Morgan Cron. We'll also use podcast episodes by our favorite leading Christian children's counselors [Sissy Goff and David Thomas](#) to guide our journey. You can come to all 8 classes this fall or dip in and out if you're traveling. We hope to see you in DHAC!

THE REFORMATION - Jesus Revolution Continues

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

The Church after 1500 was challenged by corruption, national power struggles, and confusion over the Gospel message. She fractured all over Europe. Seeking for right doctrine led to endless dispute and bloody war but birthed deep spiritual insight and opened new possibilities for worldwide missionary effort and freedom for the church. This mission of Jesus gave birth to the modern world, with new possibilities and with questions we still struggle to answer. Where is that history and God's Spirit leading us today?

Wednesday Evening Class this Fall

(Kick-Off on September 9 and Class Begins on September 16)

ROMANS - Paul's Manifesto: God Has Healed the World

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Parlor - Led by Rev. Frank Fuller

The letter to the Romans has been the powerful message of hope and faith, challenging and revolutionizing the Church again and again through 2000 years. Its message of new life saves lives, and will change yours if you are open to it. Note that this class now meets in the Parlor.

New Women's Bible Study



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. **It is not too late to sign up for childcare.**



Childcare Registration

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Third Grade Bibles

All third graders of the church and school will be given a Bible during the 10:30 a.m. service on Rally Day, Sunday, September 13. If you have a third grade student, please join us and receive this special gift from the Church of the Good Shepherd.



Kingdom Kids

**Wednesday, September 2
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**



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 is open. Children in Jr. K - 6th grade meet in the gym and younger children from 6 months through preschool meet in the Nursery.

Register online at cotgs.org or [click here](#).

There is an \$8 fee per child that you pay online when you register.

Confirmation 2026-2027

ATTENTION 6TH GRADERS

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Resumes September 13
9:30 a.m.**

Preschool through 5th grade
Water Street Classroom #107

Confirmation Class for 6th graders
meets in Munds Hall Auditorium

Youth in 7th - 12th grade
meet in the Church Office Kitchen
Come enjoy breakfast taquitos!

CELEBRATION & CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

**Resume September 13
10:30 a.m.**

Children's Chapel
For 3 year-olds through Kinder
in the Children's Chapel

Celebration Chapel
For 1st - 5th Grade
in the Gym

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.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Group Kick-Off!

Come meet our new Director of Youth Ministries, Madeline Funk!

Sunday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m.
at the Youth House

Madeline is from San Antonio and a recent graduate of the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss).

She was an active member in youth groups at both St. David's, and St. Luke's in San Antonio. She was a "lifer" at Camp Capers and Camp Mystic, and very active in the Bishop's Happening Movement of the Diocese of West Texas. She has served in leadership positions at Camp Capers and Happening.

Madeline comes to us with a strong Episcopal background in our Diocese and will be a wonderful fit in our community.

Join us on Sunday, September 20th to meet Madeline and kick-off a new year of Youth Group!



WELCOME BACK

YOUTH KICK OFF 6:30

PM @THE YOUTH

HOUSE FOR FAMILY

AND YOUTH 09/20

For Youth 6th - 12th Grade and their Families!

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 🎵

<https://forms.gle/bNp5D6ZFbtVKYpLy5>



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 - Water Street Room 107

Youth Sunday School - Church Office Break Room

Adult Sunday School:

Living Word w/Rev. Black in the Parlor

Enneagram Basics + Parenting w/Rev. & Mrs. Campbell in DHAC

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 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.