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St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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250th Ramp Build Saturday, 2/15 8:00 am 660 Robert St.

The Access Plus Wheelchair Ramp Ministry will hit a *huge* milestone this Saturday as they complete their 250th ramp! (How many wood screws do you suppose they've drilled?)

Jerry Pierce and Dick Johnson and the Holy Spirit started this ministry in 2001. Jerry and his wife Kay moved to Houston in 2009. Since then Doug Wayland has been leading this ministry with many wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ joining in.

Jerry Piece and Kay will be here to help celebrate this momentous occasion. Stop by Ninfa's house at the above address to help with this historic build *or* to help celebrate.



The Encounter Tuesdays beginning February 25, 6:00 pm at St. Mark's

Not getting much out of church these days? Not feeling close to God? Life seem to be going nowhere? Come to The Encounter! This time-tested course is proven to make one's faith come alive. Seniors in high school are welcome to join the adults.

There is no cost to those attending the Tuesday Night Program. There will be a retreat midway through the course, April 3-5, at Camp Zephyr near Mathis. The cost will be nominal.

Bring your children! They will have their own program.

The first night (Feb. 25) will be combined with our **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. We'll enjoy "Pancakes Plus" and some games before we start the Encounter. Anyone who comes for the pancake supper is welcome to stay for the first session to check it out.

There are blue brochures on the name-tag table in the sanctuary to use to invite others to come or [click here](#) to print your own. There is a registration form in the brochure and there will be goldenrod colored forms in the Sunday bulletins.

[Click here](#) for a copy of just the registration form if you'd like to print your own.

THE ENCOUNTER - 2020

Mark your Calendars today!



Ministry Moment Jeff & Malcom Chilcoat The Body of Christ Thursday Night Street Ministry by Jeff Chilcoat

Have you wondered what it would be like to have nothing? No home, no where to sleep or no way to keep warm and dry or clean and healthy? It's hard to imagine, but try. There are about 500 people in Corpus

Christi struggling with this every day.



Their stories are as varied as their faces, but the one thing they all have in common is the daily need for food, shelter and clothing. For some, it is that simple. Some have amazing faith

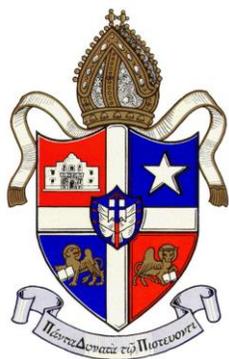
and hope and others are lost and have found themselves in hole with no apparent way out. What would Christ do? What can we do?

The challenge is huge and no one individual, organization or political party has the answer. But we as Christians, as one person, can make a difference in the life of someone in dire need. We are the Church and we can do as Christ teaches us, to go out and help and love our neighbors, to give and spread the good news that there is hope and salvation. But we have to act. If not us then who will do it? Somebody else? There is a ministry through First Baptist Church that takes action every week, 51 weeks every year for the past 25 plus years. The Body of Christ Street Ministry invites all Christians of every denomination to join the mission. We can all have a role to play. Perhaps it's donating clothes, shoes and backpacks or helping make and deliver the meals on Thursday evenings. Give and do as much as you can. Isn't that what Christ would ask? God gives us so much and we are so blessed, so please consider those less fortunate with so much basic need. We can all reach out and do the smallest thing that can make an impact on someone's life.

It's a handshake, a warm greeting or words of encouragement and hope that can really help.



Come pray with us and bring your Bible and read Scripture to someone in need. Share your faith and just listen. You could reach someone like you never have before. You might be surprised who you meet out there. Let your light shine and come walk with Christ. You just may be the miracle that somebody needed that day!



2020 Diocesan Council February 20-22 American Bank Center Corpus Christi

All Saint's Episcopal Church and Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church are co-hosting Council. They are asking the area churches for help with baking cookies and keeping the cookie trays full in exhibit hall at the American Bank Center.

They will have a hospitality table during the council business sessions filled with drinks and cookies. There are two ways you can choose to help out.

1. Volunteers are needed to help keep the cookie trays filled. Each shift will be about two hours or whatever time you can spare.
2. You can also make lots and lots of cookies, any kind, any flavor, sugar free, gluten free, etc., it is your choice. Please box them up with a card describing what kind of cookies you made, freeze them, and bring them by All Saints' Episcopal Church at 3026 S. Staples on **February 16 or 17**. If you should have any questions or need additional information please contact Judy Haven (361) 215-9996.

If you want to be a volunteer at Council, you will need to register as a volunteer. Click on the blue link in the first paragraph. Click on the "Individual Registration" button to fill out the form.

THANK YOU!!

The Season of Lent Begins February 26th

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Our annual Pancake Supper will be Tuesday, February 25 at 6pm. We'll enjoy breakfast for dinner, fellowship, some games and music. The Encounter begins that evening as well and those who are participating will join us. If you'd like to stay to find out more about The Encounter, you're welcome to do that.

Ash Wednesday--February 26th marks the beginning of Lent with services for Ash Wednesday at 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. Drive through Ashes will be available from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and again from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm.



Lenten Discipline

Need an idea for your Lenten discipline? How about picking up a copy of "The Cross: How the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Changed Everything" devotional to read during the season of Lent? You'll be able to explore how your present life is changed by Good Friday and Easter.

You can either read the devotional individually or join a group that Ron George will lead to discuss each week's readings. The group will meet Sundays after our worship service. The devotional books will be available Sunday, February 23rd for the nominal cost of \$2.



Adult Bible and Book Studies

Sundays at 9:00 am - Bible Study in the fellowship hall library where the coffee is hot and the donuts are fresh.

Sundays at Noon - Fr. John's class meets in the Sanctuary Parlor. Anyone can join in.

Mondays at 11:30 am - Women's Book Club in the fellowship hall library. One of the ladies reads to the group and then they discuss what they heard.

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm - The Thursday Night Bible Study and Prayer Group has moved to Tuesdays in the sanctuary. They are currently studying Hebrews.

Wednesdays at 10:00 am - Bible Study with Fr. John Hardie at Brookdale Senior Living Center.

Fruit of the Vine Book Club is a women's group that meets monthly at a restaurant to share a meal and discuss a book that they read the month before.



Small Group Opportunities

Families with Young Children Group - This group met for the first time last Saturday at Brewster Street Ice House on Holly. They had a great turnout and fun was had by all. Contact Brianna Mangold for more information. [Click here](#) for the link to the Facebook page. This is a private group, so if you're not a member, click on the button to ask to join to get approval.



Just look at these happy faces!

Dinner for Eight Group--This group is a work in progress. Dinner for Eight will be a group of eight people (couples and/or individuals) who meet in each other's home for dinner and fellowship, usually once a month. If more people want to be a part of this group, another dinner group will be formed. So, it's not limited to just eight people. If you're interested in joining, here is [the link](#) to the Facebook group. This is also a private group, so be sure to click the button for approval to join. Visit with Susan Ames to get more information.



Search Continues for New Youth Director and Children's Ministry Director

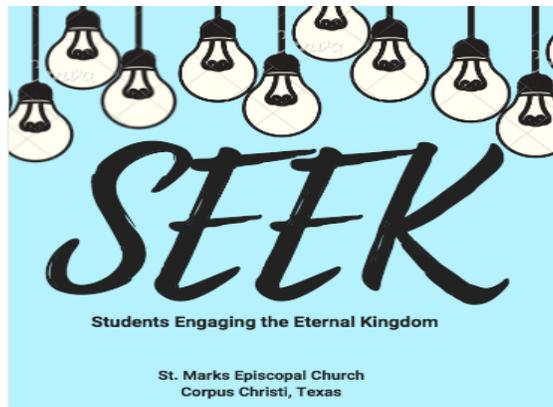
Job flyers available-click the links below.

The search has been underway to find two special people: our new Youth Director and Children's Ministry Director. The job flyer for the Youth Director is available [here](#) and the Children's Ministry Director is [here](#). Share this link with those you think might be interested in either position.

The MOST important part of this process is PRAYER!

Please pray for:

- the persons whom God intends to fill these positions
- God to make the path easy for them
- unity in our decision process
- our youth group and children's ministry during this time of transition
- anything else that the Holy Spirit leads you to pray



SEEK Youth Ministry
Students Engaging the Eternal Kingdom

"But SEEK first His Kingdom and His Righteousness, and all things will be given to you."
Matthew 6:33

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Schedule:

Sunday, February 16 12:00 pm-- SEEK Youth Group

**Please pray for our next Youth Director.
We trust that God is already working in the life of
this person to bring him or her to us.**

Below are some helpful links for SEEK Youth Ministry.

[St. Mark's Youth Facebook Page](#)

[Diocesan Youth Ministry Events](#)

Children's Ministry



Sunday, February 16 12:00 pm -- Kids in Christ

Please pray for our next Children's Ministry Director. We trust that God is already working in the life of this person to bring him or her to us.

* **Children's Chapel--during the 10:00 am worship service**

* **Kids in Christ--begins after fellowship time, about 11:45 am, after the Sunday morning service**

Kids in Christ Children's Ministry is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

Click here [St. Mark's Kids in Christ Facebook](#) to go to St. Mark's Kids in Christ Facebook page.

Calendar and Ministry Schedule

Click [here](#) for February Lay Ministry Schedule.

Let the office know if you can fill any of the open spots. **THANK YOU!**

February 15 - Saturday

8:00 am - Access Plus Ramp Build--661 Robert----**250th Ramp**

10:00 am - Wrapped in Prayer--Yarn Texas, 1122 Morgan Ave

6:00 pm - Valentine's Dinner--Fellowship Hall

February 16 - Sunday

9:00 am - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall Library

10:00 am - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary

11:15 am - Coffee Fellowship--Fellowship Hall

11:45 am - Kids in Christ--Fellowship Hall KIC Area

SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room

Fr. John's Class--Sanctuary-Parlor

February 17 - Monday

11:30 am - Women's Book Study--Fellowship Hall Library

6:30 pm - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

February 18 - Tuesday

10:00 am - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

1:00 pm - H.U.T. Chess Club--Fellowship Hall Library

7:00 pm - Bible Study and Prayer Group--Sanctuary

February 19 - Wednesday

10:00 am - Free on Wednesday Bible Study--Brookdale Senior Living Center

11:30 am - Old Guys Lunch Bunch--Location to be determined

12:00 pm - Elders Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

February 20 - Thursday

6:45 am - Elders Prayer Group--Sanctuary Parlor

1:00 pm - Diocesan Council Begins--American Bank Center

Helpful Links

Below you will find several links to websites or Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.

[St. Mark's Church Website](#)

[Donate to St. Mark's Church](#)

[St. Mark's Church Facebook](#)

[St. Mark's Youth Ministry Facebook](#)

[St. Mark's Children's Ministry Facebook](#)

[EMC2 Facebook](#)

[Diocese of West Texas Website](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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