



CHURCH OF THE  
**Good Shepherd**

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**AUGUST 31, 2025**

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**Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd!**

We are excited to welcome you here. Please visit the welcome table in the narthex following the service to learn more about ways you can join in.

If you have not already, please complete the Connect Card in the pew in front of you so that we may better welcome you!

**Women's Bible Study | Today is the Last Day to Register**

Our study begins on September 17! We'll be using the Nancy Guthrie study guide for the book of Acts, entitled *Saved: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts*. Contact Julie at [julieburson@cgsonline.org](mailto:julieburson@cgsonline.org) with your questions.



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August 31, 2025 | 10:45 AM

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## Welcome & Announcements

**Local Ministry Alms Offering** | Libby Coles, JusticeMatters

**Call to Worship** | Spencer Johnson, Pastor of Youth Ministry

**Song** | *"King of Love"*

**Song** | *"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"*

**Scripture Reading** | Elder, Kyle Osborne, Psalm 81:5-10, pg. 492

## Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Dismissal of Children** | *(Ages 3 to 3rd grade)*

Q: What is our prayer for our children?

A: To know and enjoy God and his Word.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**Scripture Reading** | Luke 11:1-13, pg. 869

**Sermon** | Bob Burns, Pastor of Spiritual Formation

*This week our Kingdom Stories sermon series continues.*

**Song** | *"Lord, I Need You"*

## Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon | Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper\*

*Communion is for anyone who is united by faith to Christ and joined to any Christ-centered church.*

## Song | "Behold the Lamb"

*We invite you to either join in singing or meditate quietly during this time.*

## Prayer of Response

## Song | "Over & Over Again"

*The alms offering will be taken up at this time.*

## Benediction

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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*\*White grape juice is located on the outer ring of the tray; red wine is on the inner rings.*

*The pre-packaged elements in the center of the tray are certified gluten free.*

*The baked bread is prepared using a gluten free mix. Cross-contamination with common allergens is possible.*

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## GROW TOGETHER

Learn more at [cgsonline.org](https://cgsonline.org) or RSVP with the QR code below.

### Sundae Fun Day | Tonight

Join us at 6:00 p.m. tonight for our last Sundae Fun Day of the summer. All ages welcome! Meet us at Jeni's Splendid Ice Cream in Chapel Hill.

### Quarterly Town Hall: A Season of Vision | September 7

Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. as we begin the journey of shaping the work and direction of our church by listening to God, to one another, and to the unique story Christ is telling through our people.

### CGS Neighborhood Picnics | September 7

Join your CGS Neighborhood for an afternoon picnic on Sunday, September 7 to connect with neighbors, meet your leaders, and learn about our upcoming **Mission and Vision** work this fall. Check your email this week for specific details about your neighborhood's picnic location and time. If you're new, contact Mark Whipple ([markwhipple@cgsonline.org](mailto:markwhipple@cgsonline.org)) who will connect you to your group!

### Parenting Seminar | September 12-14

Parents of children and youth are invited to participate in our "Navigating the Adolescent Years" seminar. Register to hear local counselor Erik Potter share hard-earned wisdom on how to navigate the challenges of raising adolescents. Childcare will be provided.

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## SERVE TOGETHER

### Alms Offering | Today

JusticeMatters, a ministry borne out of CGS, promotes policies and practices to both prevent human trafficking and ensure survivor access to trauma-informed, victim-centered services. [justicemattersnc.org](https://justicemattersnc.org)

### Choir Rehearsals Resume | September 10

Join us on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. No auditions required! If you love to sing, contact Greg Wheatley ([greg.a.wheatley@gmail.com](mailto:greg.a.wheatley@gmail.com)) to find out more about our choir programs.

### Seeking Paid Childcare Workers | Starting September 17

The Women's Bible Study provides childcare during the weekly Wednesday morning study from 9:45-11:45 a.m. Contact CGS Childcare Coordinator Courtney Johnson ([courtneyjohnson@cgsonline.org](mailto:courtneyjohnson@cgsonline.org)) to learn more.

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## CGS FINANCES

For Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Total Annual Budget:	\$1,830,500
Actual Contributions received as of 7/31/2025:	\$139,373
Difference (Annual Budget and Actual Contributions):	\$1,161,127

Scan the QR code to  
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## CGS LEADERSHIP

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### ELDERS

Norman Acker  
Doug Betts  
Andrew Carlson  
Stephen Eckel  
Steve Jones  
Dave Long  
Kyle Osborne  
Alex Robeson  
Todd Rust  
Ray Toher

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