



August 2020

Dear Beloved of God,

These are hard times - no doubt about it. We have never done this before and the path forward is murky at best. ***One thing remains true in and thru it all — God is with us! We are not alone!*** There is much uncertainty regarding the safety of returning to in person worship at this time. As so, we continue with online worship and we pray for wisdom from God regarding when and how to regather to worship in person. We also remember our faith. We recall God's truth and character and recall the stories of the faithful who have gone before us.

For August, we will be focusing on cultivating Holy Resilience. **What is Resilience?** It is the ability to endure pressure or hardship & retain or regain your original form.

We will look to the scriptures and the saints who've gone before us with courage and faith into the unknown. We seek to gain wisdom from about how to proceed as people committed to walking in the way of love. In spite of their difficult circumstances, these leaders of old maintained or regained their core Christian values and lived them in spite of the pressures around them. They did not do it perfectly. Some fell down and even failed, but God did not abandon them. He redeemed what seemed lost. He will do this for us as well. We will learn spiritual practices to help us grow in Holy Resilience. As Christians, this means the ability to endure stress and even hardship and continue to exhibit the fruit of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. It doesn't just happen on its own. What we choose to believe and focus on shapes and informs our actions. Knowing what Holy Resilience is made of, however, and actually fostering it in ourselves and our community are two different things.

**HOW DO WE CREATE FERTILE SOIL FOR THE  
SPIRIT'S MYSTERIOUS WORK?**

The Scripture offers a wealth of resources for our present struggles to foster resilience. Consider revisiting these when needing to foster resilience. A list is available for you in your packet and online under worship. You might consider reading them for each week and meditating on them by writing them on a card and posting them on your bathroom mirror or by your chair. This will make space for the Holy Spirit to ground you and bear fruit.

Below are the four themes we will be covering:

**August 9th—This is hard.**

**August 16th—You aren't alone.**

**August 23rd—You can do something.**

**August 30th—There is hope within you.**

I hope you find this helpful.

Blessings and peace,

*Pastor Robin<sup>+</sup>*

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## Cooking for Christ Fundraiser

Thank you for helping make our fundraiser such a success! We sold \$2,000 worth of Chicken Spaghetti and Ribs. It was great to watch members not only buy Chicken Spaghetti and ribs for themselves but also for neighbors in need! We are surely spreading God's love one dish at a time!

Special Thanks to David Kautz, Susan and Haynes Dunn, Sharon Willingham, Herb & Eleanore, Laura Graham and Kim Ford for organizing and cooking! We also want to thank Tennile for the use of their BBQ pit.



# Cooking for Christ

Many of you have reported how having a home cooked meal delivered every so often has been a blessing and helped you feel connected to the St. George's community. We do this out of love for God, you, and our neighbors.

Cooking for Christ began delivering meals on Easter Sunday and ever since, it has grown. Since then, we have taken meals to members, friends of St. George's, and neighbors in need. It's been a great way to stay connected while in self isolation and share some home cookin' Love.



We give thanks for all the donations made and for those who've helped cook, assemble, and deliver the meals every two weeks. It's been fun!

The Cooking for Christ Group is comprised of the following:

**Cooks:** David Kautz, Susan Dunn, and Sharon Willingham

***Those who help assemble the packets, meals, and make deliveries:*** Herb and Eleanore Wuthrich, Kent and Beverly Ross, Haynes and Susan Dunn, Doug and Tina Mullen, Byron Hambrick, Sandy Tompkins, Marie Carlson, Jim Deslatte, Olive Krell, Raquel Balderas, David and Robin Kautz, Ernie and Sharon Willingham, Lanette Harris, Kim Ford, and Laura Newsome Graham.

Due to scheduling changes and school starting, we are in the process of evaluating what day and how frequently we will do these meals. ***We will be delivering only the first week of August while we regroup.*** We welcome your input and comments, please send them to us at [hope@stgeorgestc.org](mailto:hope@stgeorgestc.org) or call us. If you would like to make a donation to help our ministry, we would welcome any but we do this out of love.

Again we thank all the volunteers who have helped this dream become a reality!

# Compassion Camp

## Starting our Youth Group back up for the Summer!



On July 6th, we began our 5 week VBS class; our youth painted Signs of Hope, wrote thank you cards & get well soon cards, planted seeds, created hand motions for the compassion camp songs, and ultimately had fun all the while learning more about God and how to be more compassionate like Him!

*Left Corner:* Youth group having fun making and eating s'mores during their last VBS class – August 4th.

*Middle:* Filming some of our campers signing their compassion song from the Garden of Hope to share with our camp cohorts at Grace Episcopal. See the video in the enewsletter!

*Right Corner:* Compassion Campers wrote notes of encouragement to some of our members and firemen in the community. Nothing like getting snail mail!



# Ambassadors of Hope

Youth attending our compassion camp ended up picking signs of hope from our field of hope to share with others. Better than Easter eggs – these signs remind us of the Easter truth – God loves us so much He sent His boy to die for us. In and through Jesus’ work on the cross, we find hope.



This is not our home. Heaven is for those who believe in Jesus Christ. Don’t get too comfortable; it’s not our home here – Heaven is. Don’t be surprised as these earthen vessels deteriorate. They were not made to last but we are. We’ve been born into new and eternal life. This is just the beginning. Take comfort in this good news!

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## We Grow as We Pray God’s Word and Share Our Stories . . .

As part of our VBS Compassion Camp, we had our Noonday Prayer Meditation follow this theme too. Members talked about seeing compassion in family, friends, and strangers and even discussed the various scriptures they found that showed compassion like Jesus wept.

You can catch up by going to <https://www.stgeorgestc.org/noonday-prayer/>

If you would like to lead Noonday Prayer (*training provided*), call Susan Dunn at 409-797-4968.

If you have a story of compassion or a favorite scripture, tell us about it at [hope@stgeorgestc.org](mailto:hope@stgeorgestc.org).

# **History of St. George's Episcopal Church Texas City, Texas**

On Easter Sunday 1913 the first Episcopal service of Holy Communion was celebrated in Texas City by the Reverend Chaplain C.W. Freeland of the 6th Cavalry, U.S. Army. Chaplain Freeland became the congregation's first clergyman when it was organized as a mission of the Diocese of Texas in the summer of 1913. The name of the mission, St George's was suggested and Rt. Rev. G.H. Kinsolving, Bishop of Texas agreed because at the time there was no church with that name in the Diocese of Texas.

Worship services were held in the homes of members of the congregation until the spring of 1915 when an abandoned army recreation building was purchased and relocated following the closure of the army base. The first services were held on Easter Sunday 1915.

Due to damage from the August 1915 hurricane St George's relocated again in 1922 to a store building with the first service again on Easter Sunday 1922. In 1923 members voted to build a new church on lots purchased and donated. A new frame chapel was erected on these lots. St George's was raised from mission to parish status in 1940.

Disaster again struck when the devastating 1947 explosion caused extensive damage to the parish building as well as to most structures in the area. Membership and communicants voted to solicit funds toward a new church and facilities. Lots were purchased at the current location with groundbreaking in November 1949 and first service in the new building held on July 2, 1950. The old location was sold and a rectory built and completed by Christmas 1950. In 1955 work began on a new parish hall and classrooms which were completed and dedicated in 1957.

Hurricane Carla hit in 1961 flooding the sanctuary up to the top of the pews leaving mud covering all the floors requiring months to clean up and refurbish. During this time services were held in Quinn Hall.

1963 marked the 50th anniversary and on Easter a big celebration was held with several hundred parishioners, former members, rectors, and friends joining in the celebration.

The latest disaster to strike occurred during the early morning of January 16, 1983 when fire destroyed the sanctuary and adjoining building leaving only the walls standing. Further damage was caused by Hurricane Alicia in August of the same year. The current building was completed and dedicated on November 5, 1984.

Post WWII saw an increase in membership peaking in the late sixties. Like most mainline churches, membership has seen a steady decline since. Despite this trend St Georges has continued to try to meet the needs of our neighbors and members. Throughout the years we have had programs such as Cub and Boy Scouts, EYC, MDO, Keys program, and vacation Bible School to support our youth. Recently we have worked with the local schools with a Garden of Hope teaching kids how to grow vegetables and eat healthy. Additionally we host a cooking class monthly along with a local chef to teach children healthy cooking and eating. Another program started recently involves utilizing our facilities as a gathering space for home school mothers to socialize and have group teaching ability.

Following Hurricane Harvey in 2017, the church modified its fall fundraiser to be a beacon of hope for the community that suffered so much by bringing together many of the social service organizations, government, and aid agencies in one location and created a fun and welcoming atmosphere for the entire community. We strive to walk in the way of love by looking outward to embrace our community and restore hope.

Spirit-filled worship for our members and guest are currently conducted online each Sunday at 9:30 in the Episcopal tradition as well as special services according to the religious calendar. Pastoral care is has been a constant for our members by taking the Eucharist to the homebound, sending cards, and visiting those who can no longer get out. We seek to be ambassadors of peace, love, and hope in the world. We want others to know that God loves them no matter what and so do we.

# Getting Our Property "TIP TOP"

Many thanks for recent accomplishments by Rip Howell, Haynes Dunn, Lee Sanders, and Kent Ross. They have flushed A/C units, replace the Vent hood over the stove replaced, the garden and front beds weeded and mulched, trees trimmed, street grass removed, the back of the church scrubbed free of mold, and the kitchen grill cleaned and re-seasoned.



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Thank You for all your Hard Work!

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# **Giving Thanks & Holding In Prayer**

## ***What are you thankful for?***

As we continue to self-isolate due to Covid-19, some are finding meaningful connection online on Zoom on Sundays after the 9:30 a.m. service. Feel free to join anytime from 9:15-12 p.m. (9:30 a.m. Sunday Service; 10:15 a.m. Coffee Hour; 11 a.m. Bible Study)

Pastor Robin is available to meet with you on Tuesday's under the Oak Tree in front of the church with masks on between 4-5 p.m. Come visit with her or give her a call at 832-922-7022.

## ***Thank you for your prayers! They make a difference!***

They helped Derri Clark, Beverly and Kent Ross get through the Covid-19. They appreciate those who prayed and called to check on them. We pray for those who are currently hospitalized or recapping at home: Wayne Moore, Lenny Ciancinato, Sharon Willingham, Terrilynn Rotramel May God restore, uphold and give them strength.

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## **Sunday, September 13, 2020**

Servolution Churches in Texas City, LaMarque, and Dickinson unite in prayer for our youth, parents, teachers, and healthcare workers.

Yard signs will be available for \$5 to show your support to local families, teachers, and healthcare workers! Order yours by Saturday, August 15th at [hope@stgeorgestc.org](mailto:hope@stgeorgestc.org).

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## **Mask Making @ St. George's (Quin Hall)**

Thursday, August 13th

11:45-2 PM

# **25 Most Powerful Bible Verses:**

## ***How to Apply Them to Your Life***

There are times when we need a breakthrough in our lives. Whether we need strength, hope, courage, inspiration or perspective, nothing can substitute for experiencing the overcoming power of God. Here are 25 hand-picked **powerful Bible verses** that will help you experience God's power, so you can personally know His peace, joy, and comfort.

To read more about each verse, go to <https://pursuitbible.com/what-are-the-most-powerful-bible-verses/>

### **When You Feel Weary & Need God's Strength**

Ephesians 3:16-19  
2 Peter 1:3  
Ephesians 6:10  
Philippians 4:13  
2 Corinthians 12:9  
Isaiah 40:29-31  
Colossians 1:9-15

### **When You Need Hope, Freedom & Deliverance**

Exodus 15:26  
Luke 11:20  
2 Timothy 1:7  
Matthew 6:14-15  
Revelation 12:11  
Romans 8:31-32; 8:37-39  
1 Corinthians 10:13

### **When You Need Courage to Serve and Minister to Others**

Acts 1:8  
Matthew 28:18-20  
Luke 10:19  
1 Peter 4:11  
Romans 1:16  
1 John 2:20, 27  
Ephesians 1:17-21

### **When You Need Inspiration & Fresh Perspective in Life**

John 3:16-17  
Revelation 21:4-5  
1 Thessalonians 4:15-18  
Ephesians 1:3

# Family Preparedness

From  
Diocese

1 Plan what you'll do



2 Gather your supplies



3 Know what's happening



## 1. Make a Plan

- Family Emergency Plan
  - Share a written plan with someone who lives a distance away
  - A completed plan is useful for all kinds of emergencies which may involve leaving you home; information like . . .
    - Name and Address
    - Medical, Homeowner/Renter Insurance
    - Out-of-town meeting place
- For Regions affected by Hurricanes
  - Learn your evacuation zone
- COVID-19 Considerations
  - Check current levels of risk
  - Social distancing is especially important if you are going to a shelter or have others staying with you during a hurricane

## 2. Get Prepared

- Assemble a Disaster Supply Kit in advance so you are prepared, whether you shelter in place or evacuate
- Pets—list of supplies needed

## 3. Stay Informed

- National Hurricane Center <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>
- National Weather Service <https://www.weather.gov/>
- Galveston County—Office of Management <https://gcoem.org/x-hurricanes/>

Go to <https://www.epicenter-prepare.org/family-prepare>, for more information.

# Ways you can connect online with us!

*If you need tech support, even a device, let us know!*

Sunday Service FB or Zoom @ 9:30 AM;  
Website & YouTube after the Service

Sun. Coffee Hour  
Zoom @ 10:15 AM

Sun. Bible Study  
Zoom @ 11 AM

Coffee Hour via Zoom

Sundays

10:15-10:45 a.m.



Bible Study via Zoom



M-F Noonday Prayer  
Facebook @ 12 PM

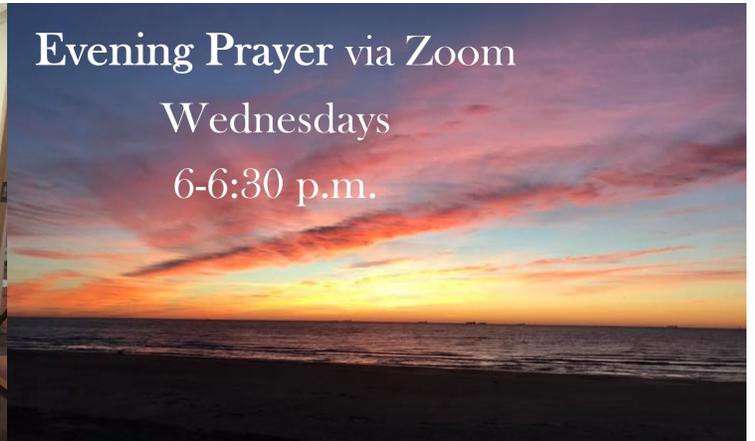
Wed. Evening Prayer  
Zoom @ 6 PM



Evening Prayer via Zoom

Wednesdays

6-6:30 p.m.



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St Georges Texas City

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St. George's Texas City

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