

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church 2800 Trimmier Road Killeen, TX 76542



About Us

St. Christopher's was established in the early 1950s and has been a steadfast presence in Killeen for more than fifty years. Many of our charter members were military families stationed at nearby Fort Cavazos (then Fort Hood).

We are a welcoming and caring parish, desiring to grow, with a commitment to sharing the Gospel. Whether visitors are seeking a church home or searching for a community which will embrace them as they are, we extend our hearts and hands to share our faith unconditionally.





Worship at St. Christopher's takes many forms. We enjoy the liturgies and old hymns, while also accepting and using more contemporary styles of worship and music as well.

We believe in the power of prayer, the sovereignty of God, and the work of the Holy Spirit through our risen Lord.

Worship

St. Christopher's has a traditional service structure without being high church or low church.

On special occasions, our past rectors have chosen to sometimes use incense, sanctus bells and chant.

Generally, we are using the Rite II service from the Book of Common Prayer, with a Rite I service on the first Sunday of each month. Our current Eucharist Service is every Sunday at 9:30am; and presently, we are averaging 55-65 in attendance. We live stream our services each Sunday on our Facebook page.

In the past, we have had an early service at 8am for those parishioners who prefer Rite I, and a more contemporary service with Rite II at 10:30am.

During this past Holy Week, we had services for Maundy Thursday, Stations of the Cross, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

Christmas programs include a children's pageant on Christmas Eve, a later candlelight service, and a Christmas morning service.

St. Christopher's has many worship participants including lectors, ushers, lay eucharistic ministers, children's chapel teachers, an organist and special occasion choirs, and those serving on Altar Guild.



Fellowship

St. Christopher's embraces any opportunity for fellowship among parishioners, and it takes many forms here.

Our coffee hour after the service is well attended and well stocked with goodies to enjoy. It is a moment to unwind and relax with friends, share news and prayer requests, talk about the surrounding communities and our families, and build relationships with one another. These become celebrations when we have baptisms or confirmations. Cake is served, photos are taken, and extended families of the baptized and confirmed are welcomed to enjoy our food and fellowship.

Twice monthly, the Men's Prayer Breakfast meets for delicious 'home cooked' brunch, bible study and prayer. Likewise, we have a chapter of the Daughters of the King who also meet for food, study, prayer and fellowship.

During Lent and Advent we have often had dinners in tandem with a specific study for the season, meeting once a week on Wednesday evenings.

We have some small groups currently meeting, among them our Lunch Bunch bible study at noon on Wednesday, the Thursday DOK prayer group at 10am, and Vintage Hearts for dinner and fellowship once a month.

Throughout the year there will be various potlucks or dinners, usually serving to fund one of our Outreach projects.



Outreach

St. Christopher's has always had a heart for outreach to our community. We have been involved in many local programs throughout the years such as Kairos Prison Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, Christian Assistance Network, Hope Pregnancy Center, Honduras Good Works, to name just a few.

We currently assist with both donations of items and time, as well as funds, for several local charities. We have an annual auction as our major fundraiser for those charities. We spotlight each charity for a month during the year, collecting donations at that time, too.

St. Christopher's has a Meal Ministry spearheaded by a vestry member and assisted by several other parishioners. We maintain a stocked freezer full of cooked, ready to eat meals to assist shut-ins, the elderly, someone who is ill, and anyone else in need for any reason.

We have a Vacation Bible School every summer, open to the community. We support and open our doors to the Scouts of America. We are a military community and parish, so we support deployed soldiers with care packages we send out quarterly. We sponsor Bingo at a local nursing home, providing treats and prizes.

We support the Food for Families annual food drive and are a drop off station for that drive. In addition, we collect food for our local Food Bank on a regular basis.

For many years we have participated in the Angel Tree Gifts program for children of incarcerated parents. Our parishioners love to do this program, often choosing more than one child and giving multiple gifts.



Pastoral

Currently, we are a parish without a rector. We have enjoyed a wide variety of locally available priests to celebrate the Eucharist, and we have been able to establish a Supply Plus relationship with one of them during our transition. He has maintained office hours one day a week, has made hospital and home visits to several parishioners, and has given communion to those unable to attend in person.

It is our hope that the rector we choose would have a heart for continuing this care of our ailing members, as well as establishing office hours for the express purpose of ministering to parishioners one on one.

In the meantime, we try to maintain a level of pastoral care through our prayer groups, DOK chapter and Men's Prayer Breakfast. We have members of the Order of St. Luke praying with parishioners each week during communion. We maintain a meal ministry and have several individuals who visit shut-ins on a regular basis.





St. Christopher's Episcopal School 2800 Trimmier Killeen, Texas76542 254-526-8380 Monday - Friday 8:30am - 2:30pm Extended Care 7am - 5pm Serving 15 months - Kindergarten

St. Christopher's Episcopal School (SCES) is a community of young learners with approximately 110 students. SCES is staffed by 20-25 certified and degreed staff members. Students can attend school 3 or 5 days per week with an extended day option. SCES was reaccredited through SAES in 2022 with membership in NAES. Spiritual growth is fostered in the students by weekly chapel that has been voluntarily provided by rectors and deacons throughout the Central Texas area in the absence of spiritual leadership.

Through a deep faith, spiritual direction and grants, SCES has updated much of the building and grounds. The playground was added in Fall 2022-2023 as well as new floors, walls and cabinets for the school.

Many of our students are from military families in search of a family community while serving Ft. Cavazos. The school is united with St. Christopher's Episcopal Church to grow and serve our community. It is the intention of the Head of School and School Board to continue the mission of SCES to provide this community an education through 5th grade in the next 3-5 years.

