

# CUTHBERT CONNECTIONS

***Building the Kingdom of God—Together!***

*Come experience the transforming power and accepting love of Jesus Christ.*

## WELCOME

Welcome to St. Cuthbert! We are glad you are here to worship today. If this is your first time to join us, be sure to stop by the Welcome Desk to take home a fresh baked treat!

During the service, children ages four through second grade are invited to participate in **Children's Church** by following the Children's cross. They will return during the exchange of the peace. Children through age five are welcome in the nursery.

We welcome all baptized Christians to join in receiving **Communion**. Those not baptized are invited to receive a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

**Prayer Teams** are available during Communion and after the service for those who have specific prayer needs or desire anointing with oil and prayers for healing. You will find the Prayer Team in the room in the back corner of the Sanctuary on the choir side.

## TAKE NOTE:

### **Sunday, September 9**

Pictorial Directory Photo Booth Open

9:10 Cuthbert Live!

4:00 Youth Group @ BounceBounce

***Please visit [stcuthbert.org](http://stcuthbert.org) for a complete calendar of events.***

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of my parents, Elivara & Ross Snider by Joan Snider Everson; in thanksgiving for the 56th wedding anniversary of our parents, Judy & Paul Spiller, by Stephanie Coleman, Cheryl Scott, and Jeffrey Spiller; and for the birthday of our daughter, April Pantoja, by Sylvia & Rick Newby.



Sunday Morning Services:

8:00 & 10:30 Holy Communion & Children's Church

9:10 Christian Formation for everyone

Nursery available 7:50 - 12:30

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ISAIAH 35:4-7A

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

PSALM 146

Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
***I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.***  
Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,  
***for there is no help in them.***  
When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
***and in that day their thoughts perish.***  
Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!  
***whose hope is in the Lord their God;***  
Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
***who keeps his promise for ever;***  
Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
***and food to those who hunger.***  
The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;  
***the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;***  
The Lord loves the righteous;  
the Lord cares for the stranger;  
***he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.***  
The Lord shall reign for ever,  
***your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!***

JAMES 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

MARK 7:31-37

Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."



We at St. Cuthbert will be intentional to: Captivate visitors with the love of Christ; Connect people to the love of Christ; experience the transforming power and accepting love of Jesus Christ through Community ministry groups; and Commission leaders to build the kingdom of God—together!

### CUTHBERT LIVE!

Experience what makes St. Cuthbert St. Cuthbert! Throughout the morning we are celebrating our ministries and all those who serve in them. Please take the opportunity to learn more about the various ministries which are the building blocks of the Kingdom of God and make St. Cuthbert Alive!

### ST. C SENIORS BIBLE STUDY

The St. C Seniors Bible Study has resumed. The Seniors meet at the church every Thursday at 1:00 for Bible study, fellowship, and fun! They also meet for lunch at 11:30 on the third Thursday of each month at Spring Creek Barbecue, 5935 Highway 6 North. All are welcome.

### ONLINE DIRECTORY PHOTO BOOTH

Every two years the St. Cuthbert community is asked to update their pictures for our Online Directory. Please help keep our Directory up-to-date by stopping by the Photo Booth for a new picture. Say cheese!



### ACOLYTE GATHERING

There will be a Community Ministry Group Gathering for all acolytes on Sunday, September 23, immediately following the 10:30 service. If you are interested in serving God at the altar as an acolyte, you are invited to this meeting. For more information, visit the table in the front hallway or contact Charlie Hubert at [charles.hubert@swbell.net](mailto:charles.hubert@swbell.net).

### BOUNCEBOUNCE

The Youth Group is bouncing into the fall semester! All youth are invited to meet at BounceBounce, 7955 Barker-Cypress, today from 4:00-6:00. The price for bouncing is \$16. For questions, contact Sally Mahon.

### VOLUNTEER FOR TOUCH A TRUCK

Volunteers are needed for St. Cuthbert School's Eleventh Annual Touch A Truck, on Saturday, September 29, from 10:00 - 2:00. At Touch A Truck, kids of all ages can explore and learn about transportation of all shapes and sizes from emergency vehicles to construction equipment to really cool cars. Visit the table in the front hall for more information or to volunteer. Contact Laura Reid at [lreid001@comcast.net](mailto:lreid001@comcast.net) for questions.



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