

2009 Action Highlights

- Hold a special event each month for members to use in inviting friends and neighbors.
- Begin search and hire a gifted, trained, passionate youth minister.
- Establish committee to begin developing a second weekly worship service to debut in 2010
- Join with local Episcopal parishes and immediately begin holding a weekday middle school youth group.
- Hold a parish-wide Easter Season evangelism training and emphasis program
- Establish an ongoing working chair and group for Stewardship
- Hold parish event to identify our spiritual gifts and passions and create a volunteer coordinator position.



Continue this new season at Good Shepherd, O God!

- Establish a Rector's Pastoral Care Awareness and Response Group
- Create a wellness program and a Bible study for the Community Lunch
- Send youth on a Summer Mission Trip with other congregations
- Hold first Men's Ministry event
- Hold first Couple's Ministry event
- Implement "First Friend At Good Shepherd" newcomer program

How can you help? Let's count the ways!

One: PRAY for your church daily using our parish prayer on the front of this brochure.

Two: ATTEND church every Sunday and while here, sing and pray with passion and integrity.

Three: INVEST YOURSELF in this good work using the gifts and passions God has given you.

Four: GIVE an ongoing percentage of your income to the work of God through Church of the Good Shepherd.

Five: PERSONALLY INVITE and SHEPHERD someone who doesn't have a church home into the life and ministry of your church. You'll be giving them a wonderful gift!

Remember: More than 90% of people who visit and then join a church are invited by someone they know who then takes a special interest in helping them find their place. That's called "shepherding".

Growing in Faith,
Friendships, and
Numbers

Church of the Good Shepherd

Five Year Plan

2009 Action Summary

Recreating God, continue this new season at Good Shepherd. We commit ourselves to grow in our faith, friendships, and numbers. Sweep through us, Holy Spirit; shake us from complacency; fill us with enthusiasm and joy; and overflow through us into your world. Amen.

Growing Together in Our Faith, Friendships, and Numbers

Our Vision: Good Shepherd is a joyful, growing Christian congregation with great children and youth ministries.



Children loving God and each other grow into teenagers who do the same, and God's Kingdom grows!

When we pray, when we dream, when we look to the future with hope, we know who God calls us

to be: joyful and growing people, who love and follow Jesus Christ, and who are especially known in our community for great children's and youth ministries.

To help us move from here to there, we have developed a five year plan. The purpose of this brochure is to summarize the most important aspects of that plan for 2009 and to show how you can help.

We have several specific targets for 2009, but the biggest one is simple:

Increase our Average Sunday Attendance by at least 25% .

The Foundation of our Plan

Our plan grows out of the commitment we have all made as members of Good Shepherd to:

- love and follow Jesus Christ;
- pray every day as individuals and worship together every Sunday;
- study Holy Scripture seriously and in Christian community;
- and personally invite and shepherd people into the life and faith of Jesus' church.

Our Five Year Goals in Six Critical Areas

As we look ahead, we see six primary areas in which we want to grow in our health and vitality over the next five years. The goals below describe who we *want* and are *working* to be:

- Children and Youth Ministry: A thriving children and youth program that is focused on a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.



Teens loving God and each other grow into adults who do the same; and God's Kingdom continues to grow!

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- Adult Faith Development: Adult members with growing spiritual lives and the ability to articulate their faith in Jesus Christ.

- A Culture of Friendship and Fellowship: Opportunities to which to invite friends and neighbors and within which to move beyond small talk to genuine Christian fellowship.
- Outreach Ministry that Serves and Equips: A growing spirit of outreach ministry that involves more members and equips people for better lives.
- Stewardship of our Building and Grounds: Facilities and grounds that reflect our joy and pride in the abundance of God and are used for the building of God's kingdom.
- Stewardship of our Resources and Finances: A congregation moving towards a 50/50 budget, with 50% of our budget going to the work of God outside the walls of Good Shepherd.

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