



Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

7400 Hampton Boulevard
Norfolk, Virginia 23505

***“To Know Christ and To Make Him Known
With Joy, Faith, and Service.”***

September 15, 2010

Parishioners and Newcomers,

As your Senior Warden, I welcome you to the 2010 – 2011 Season at Good Shepherd! We are pleased with increased participation in worship, education programs, and our service ministries this year, and we are very excited about the ministry programs that we have planned.

Last year your Vestry affirmed that active members at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd:

- Attend worship regularly
- Participate in spiritual growth and renewal
- Serve in our ministries
- Pledge financially to our Parish

Through these experiences, we thrive in knowing Christ and making Him known with joy, faith, and service.

Consider how you can invest yourself in our Parish using our theme “***Engage Your Gifts and Passions.***” Our key goal for the coming year is for you – each member and newcomer to our church – to discern your individual talents and gifts, and then engage them in our ministry programs about which you are truly passionate.

On October 10th, we will be holding a Parish Ministry Fair to provide more information on our ministry programs. We have nearly eighty ministry activities across a broad spectrum of interests. We expect that everyone actively engage and participate in one or more of them.

To help you and church leaders identify where your gifts and talents may best be used, your household will be receiving a “gifts and talents” survey by mail in the next week or so. Please return the survey promptly.

We are also finalizing our proposed parish budget for 2011 now, with a strong emphasis to continue to achieve the specific goals in our long-range plan, completed several years ago. I will be sharing further details of the proposed 2011 budget with you in the coming weeks.

My personal priority for your Parish life this year is to increase service in our ministries. Please join us through your active engagement of your passions in the ministries of our Parish! As always, we welcome your feedback. Call me at (757) 222-6286 or send an email to wardens@goodshepherdnorfolk.org.

John Chandler, Senior Warden