



Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. 1 Cor. 12

Attending worship is a ministry!

On Sunday morning there are three different worship services. At **7:45 a.m.** we gather for a more traditional worship service. There is a music on the first Sunday of the month but no music the remainder of the month. At **9 a.m.** and **11 a.m.** the worship is a bit more contemporary with hymns and songs of praise at both services.

Child care for children ages 0 months to 4 years old is provided from 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Child care is also provided for church activities when it is indicated – please check the announcement or telephone the Church office. If you would like to attend the 7:45 a.m. service but are in need of child care, please call the Church office.

Nametags are available at the entrance to the Church. Nametags are completely optional but we get to know each other much faster when we wear nametags.

Ways to Serve on Sunday Morning

There are many ways to serve God and respond to God's call in your life. Each of the ministries below are actively involved in our Sunday worship. Training is provided for all ministries and additional information is available at our website (stbarnasfbg.org).

Acolytes participate in the procession and assist at the altar for worship services. Anyone in fourth grade or older can serve. The schedule is available online at

<http://stbarnasfbg.org/ways-to-get-involved/>

Altar Guild is responsible for preparing the altars and the altar areas for all services, including baptisms, weddings, funerals, and feast days. Altar Guild members are assigned to a team and serve approximately once a month.

Eucharistic Ministers distribute the wine at worship services.

Greeters are the first people to welcome Sunday guests to St. Barnabas. Serving at the entrances, greeters help make St. Barnabas a welcoming church.

Intercessors lead the “Prayers of the People” on Sunday during services.

Lectors read the Bible lessons on Sunday during services.

Ushers greet and welcome the congregation to the worship space; assist with seating, worship bulletins, the offering and tidy the space for the next service.

MUSIC

HANDBELL CHOIR add to the beauty of worship on various Sundays and special services. It is open to those with all levels of musical experience. The handbell choir rehearses on Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 p.m.

PARISH CHOIR. The choir rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School Opportunities

There are a variety of Sunday School/ Christian Education offerings on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Updated information about Sunday School is published in the weekly announcements handed-out on Sunday mornings.

There are currently four **Adult Sunday School** classes:

Lost and Found — A book study for women meeting in the Church library.

Seekers — A Bible Study for men and women that meets in the Christian Education Building.

Living the Question — A book study for men and women that meets in Christian Education Building.

Rector's Class — Conversations regarding the Episcopal Church and Christianity that meets in the old Encouragers classroom next to the Nursery.

Children's Formation St. Barnabas offers Christian formation program for children in preschool through 5th grade. Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. with a gathering in room 122. Classes end at 10:50 a.m.

Youth Formation (Grades 6-12): Grades 6-12 meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Christian Education Building for Youth Formation. This time offers a safe place to explore life through the lens of faith. We use a variety of tools including scripture, music, art, and prayer practices to wrestle with the questions in our minds and on our hearts.

Confirmation is an opportunity for those who were baptized at an early age to make a public affirmation of their baptism, and receive laying on of hands by the bishop. **Reception** is for baptized persons who have been members of another Christian fellowship and who wish to be affiliated with the Episcopal Church may make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism in the presence of the bishop. **Reaffirmation** is an opportunity to reaffirm you baptismal vows in the presence of the bishop. This is ideally suited for a person returning to the church after a period of unbelief or by a person who has entered a new level of spiritual life. There will be classes for Adults and Youth throughout the year.

Other Opportunities for Study

Education for Ministry (EFM) is a program of theological education created by School of Theology of the University of the South. Students sign up yearly for this four-year program which covers the basics of theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology. Groups meet weekly for two hours from September-May.

St. Barnabas' School of Wisdom is open to the curious and the serious – to all seekers of Christian wisdom and spirituality. The purpose of the School is to open our hearts and awaken our minds toward the growth of the soul. Together we engage in study and practice rooted in the Christian tradition while honoring the other world's great faith traditions, encouraging compassionate commitment to self and others, and informing our daily lives through the working of Spirit.

Recovery Ministry

Recovery Ministries A Spiritual Retreat in Recovery weekend is held twice a year, the first full weekend in May and the first full weekend in October, for anyone participating in or anyone who has participated in a 12-step recovery process. The retreat will provide a safe place to deepen one's spiritual journey. The retreats are provided for anyone recovering from alcoholism or addictions to other substances, and to the families and friends who have been affected by the disease.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is an international mutual aid fellowship founded in 1935 by Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith in Akron, Ohio. AA's stated “primary purpose” is to help alcoholics “stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety”. There are various meetings throughout the week in the Christian Education Building at St. Barnabas: Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat. at 8 pm; and a Closed Meeting for Women on Thurs. at 7 pm. Additional information can be found at aa12.org

Al-Anon is a worldwide fellowship that offers a program of recovery for the families and friends of alcoholics, whether or not the alcoholic recognizes the existence of a drinking problem or seeks help. There are meetings in the Christian Education Building at St. Barnabas on Monday and Friday at 6:30 p.m.

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

A **Community Dinner** is served every Sunday night from 5:30 until 6:30 pm. A group of people decided they would like to cook a meal and offer it to the community — no strings attached. Rich or poor, young or old, one person or a large family — you are invited to dinner. Please join us for dinner or to volunteer.

Community of Hope is a group of lay chaplains who have participated in a 14-week training on the basics of pastoral care and Benedictine spirituality. They are available to accompany you through a

challenge or change by visiting you at home or in the hospital, bringing communion, praying with and for you, bringing you a meal, just providing a comforting presence. In collaboration with the clergy, these trained volunteers provide a vital ministry in a parish as large as St. Barnabas, helping assure that people in need don't "fall through the cracks." To request the support of a member from Community of Hope or for more information about training contact Steve Neale in the Church office.

St. Barnabas Men's Breakfast Group meets each Thursday morning, 7–8 a.m., for breakfast and lively conversation.

Women's Lunch Group is a monthly meeting open to any women in the church that meets at the Herb Farm Restaurant (but that can change) to get to know each other better with no cooking required. A time to just be together. We usually start with a prayer and end with a hug.

Kairos Prison Ministry brings the light, love and friendship of Jesus Christ into the lives of prisoners and their families. The Kairos program is a weekend that consists of carefully structured talks, meditations, and individual and group activities led by same gender volunteers. It is an invitation to live in a personal relationship with the living Christ.

The **Water Well Ministry** coordinates and participates with our Diocese in the drilling of water wells in Honduras. The actual drilling is done by Honduran crews, but there is other work to be done at the project site, health and hygiene training for people in the surrounding area, and Bible school for the children in the village and surrounding area.

Hospital visitation If you are going to be in the hospital or know someone who is, please let us know by calling the Church office. Both the clergy and members of the Church routinely make hospital visits. If you are interested in joining this ministry, contact the Church office.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Mom's Morning Off (our Day School) is a wonderful place for young children to learn, play, and have fun in a safe and structured environment. Our program is designed for children ages twelve months through four years. Many activities are offered: Chapel, Music, Outdoor play, Art, and Bible Stories. Christian faith, manners, consideration and cooperation are practiced in each classroom. Our qualified Teachers are committed to the program's core virtues: Competence ~ Creativity ~ Character ~ Compassion.

Fabulous First Friday is an opportunity for you to drop off your children at church on the first Friday of the month during the school year 6:00pm - 9:00pm. Your children will be cared for by an incredible and loving staff. There is a cost and reservations are needed, please call the Church office to reserve a place.

Camp St. Barnabas is for children one year old through Kindergarten (just completed) held every June. Activities are themed based and will include Bible stories, music, playground time, crafts, Imagination Station, games and snacks.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) offers children the chance to pray, play, sing, make art, and make new friends while growing closer to God and learning important lessons from Scripture. Vacation Bible School typically occurs on the last full week of July. Look for online registration in the Spring!

Additional Multi-generational throughout the year, include Communion Preparation, Advent Wreath-making, Christmas Pageant, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Easter Egg Hunts, and more.

SPECIAL CHILDRENS' ACTIVITIES

Summer Camp at Camp Capers is a program that offers people ages 8-18 the opportunity to experience the unconditional love and friendship of a Christian community through each of our one-week sessions. Leadership at camp is provided by paid staff and volunteer counselors who go through a rigorous selection process including background and reference checks and face-to-face interviews. Each session is guided by deans, chaplains, and teachers who are clergy and lay leaders from the Diocese of West Texas.

Mid-Winter Camp at Camp Capers is three weekend sessions of exciting & meaningful Mid-Winter Camps in January, hosting a different age group each weekend. Each session has a separate staff and clergy team. We encourage your child to come to this action-packed weekend that is similar to a "compressed" summer camp session.

Summer Camp at Duncan Park offers a camping experience unlike anything that can be found in Texas, with sessions for Middle School and High School, college students, and adults! This completely "off the grid" camp has a roaring creek, a log-cabin Main Lodge, beautiful trees, and easy access to the numerous hiking trails in Roosevelt National Forest.

Family Camp at Mustang Island allows you to spend meaningful time with your family at the beach! At Mustang Island Family Camp your family has the

opportunity to unplug, relax, and reconnect with what is most important – family, faith, community, and God's glorious creation. Each family stays in a beautifully furnished room with a private deck and view of the Gulf of Mexico. The program begins on a Thursday afternoon/evening and continues through Sunday lunch.

Happenings (older high school students), and Vocare (college students) are spiritual renewal weekends led by their peers. The diocese sponsors retreat weekends each year in various locations.

Mother-Daughter Weekend/ Father-Son Weekend is a weekend for mothers/fathers, mother/father-figures, and their daughters/sons to grow in faith together, to spend quality time together, and (of course) to have fun together! Attendees will arrive for dinner on Friday and stay through Sunday with activities and worship led by clergy and lay retreat leaders.

RETREATS

Thanksgiving on the Island will once again be at Mustang Island Conference Center Wednesday through Saturday of Thanksgiving Week. Come with your family and friends and enjoy a relaxing and peaceful get-away at your island home. A traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the sides and pies will be served on Thursday, and in true Thanksgiving fashion, guests can enjoy leftovers afterward. Play games, stroll on the beach, eat, pray, and be in community with each other.

Women's Retreats occur twice a year (April and October). The topics vary from session to session but it is a great opportunity join other women in exploring various spiritual topics.

Diocesan Council, the annual gathering of the diocese, is held every February at alternating locations within the diocese. The business of the Diocese is done during this time along with presentations, speakers, worship, and fellowship.

Cursillo is a four-day, three-night spiritual retreat for adults. During the Cursillo weekend, participants engage in study, reflection, fellowship, and worship.

Additional Church Groups

N.E.A.T. leads the Saint Barnabas community in environmental stewardship through service, education, and sustainable practices. This ministry includes exploring ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle—both within the Saint Barnabas community and beyond, as well as fostering a greater appreciation and respect for all the gifts of creation.

Columbarium Committee — *col-um-bar-i-um (kă-ləm-ber-ē-əm): a vault with niches for urns containing ashes of the dead* — Saint Barnabas' Columbarium is located just outside of the Sanctuary and next to the Chapel. The Committee is responsible for setting the rules for the Columbarium and assisting the Rector with the Columbarium in whatever ways requested.

The **Church Finance Committee** meets on a regular basis (typically monthly) and is responsible for preparing the annual budget, review the receipts and disbursements of funds, insure that quarterly and annual personal finance statements are sent by the financial secretary.

The **Endowment Committee** is responsible for the Saint Barnabas Endowment Fund which is a collection of gifts that are used to empower ministry above and beyond the everyday work of the Church. These assets are not placed in the Church's general account, rather they are set aside and invested to provide a reliable source of long-term income for the Church's ministries.

The **Stewardship Committee** works to increase understanding of stewardship and to promote good stewardship of all resources within the parish. Stewardship is "the practice of celebrating all of life as a trust to be managed on God's behalf".

The **Saintly Sewers** are a group of people who work on their own and only gather twice a year as a group. But it is a way for those who sew to gather items to donate to World Missions with little to no pressure put on it's members.

The Library Guild maintains a lending library, located across from the Parish Offices. The library is self-serve, and books, movies, and audios can be checked out anytime during office hours. Please sign-out the book on the card provided and return it when you have finished.

The **Biblical Garden** (behind the Parish Hall) and the landscaping of the Church are maintained by dedicated group of gardeners. They are always looking for additional volunteers.

Flower Group — A new Flower Guild is being organized. Wholesale flowers will be made available. We hope to have enough volunteers so that we may be arranging flowers for the altar once every two or three months. Training will be available.

Special Events Ministry is a group of people who assist the with conferences and banquets—serving meals, greeting guests, setting up, and more. Scheduled on an as needed basis.