

CHURCHES AND OTHER RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS AROUND AUSTIN COLLEGE

Austin College Students, Faculty, Staff, and Alumni are involved in a variety of Churches and Other Religious Congregations In and Around Sherman
Contact Chaplain John Williams (jwilliams@austincollege.edu) if you have any questions.

CHASE OAKS CHURCH (Plano and Fairview)

NAME OF YOUR CONGREGATION: **Chase Oaks Church**

WEBSITE: <https://www.chaseoaks.org>

PHYSICAL ADDRESS multiple venues...these 2 are closest to AC

- Legacy (main) Campus: 281 Legacy Dr, Plano, TX 75023 (off HW75 and Legacy ... North Plano)
- Sloan Creek Campus: 611 E Stacy Rd, Fairview, TX 75069 (off HW75 in McKinney)

CURRENT WORSHIP SITUATION (in person or online): online (about to transition back to face-to-face...maybe)

IF ONLINE, HOW CAN THE SERVICES BE ACCESSED?: <https://online.chaseoaks.org>

OTHER CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE US TO SHARE WITH NEW STUDENTS

- non-denominational,
- informal,
- diverse,
- outwardly focused (service oriented)

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN (Sherman)

322 W. Pecan, Sherman, TX 75090

CURRENT WORSHIP SITUATION:

Facebook Live through the end of September: "Covenant Presbyterian of Sherman"
10:50am Sunday morning

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EAGLE MOUNTAIN INTERNATIONAL CHURCH (Newark, TX)

The physical address is in Newark, Texas so it takes me an hour and a half to get there. <https://www.emic.org/> is a link to the church web site where they can get more information and directions. In the top right there is a tab saying Service Times and Directions. AN interactive google map link is provided at their site as well as directions. Address: EMIC is located at 14355 Morris Dido Newark Road, Newark, TX 76071.

If someone is interested in following me, I leave at 9:00 to attend the 11:00 service. I can take them in my car if they are interested in doing that.

Our congregation is Word of Faith; interracial, with some international members who are currently here.

Austin College Contact: LadyJane Hickey, lhickey@austincollege.edu



[Eagle Mountain International Church | Where Love is King](#)

This is more than just a place of worship. It is a growing, loving family! Everyone needs a group of friends, a family. Everyone needs a church to call home. We are that kind of church. Our mission is simple: LEARN. GROW. LOVE.

www.emic.org

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH (Sherman)

NAME OF YOUR CONGREGATION: **Fairview Baptist Church**

WEBSITE: fairviewsherman.com/

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 222 W Taylor Street, Sherman TX 75092

CURRENT WORSHIP SITUATION (in person or online): Worship online or in person at 10:30 am

IF ONLINE, HOW CAN THE SERVICES BE ACCESSED? Online Service at www.FairviewSherman.live

OTHER CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE US TO SHARE WITH NEW STUDENTS:

College Bible Study Tuesdays at 6:30 pm - dinner provided

Contact the church for more information at 903.892.3543

Austin College Contact: Janet Clark, jclark@austincollege.edu

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (Sherman)

First Baptist Church of Sherman

400 S. Travis St., Sherman, TX 75090

www.fbcsherman.org

Current Status:

Bible Study – available in person and some classes on Zoom

Worship Service – available in person, live streaming, and via television

How to Access:

Livestream of service Sunday mornings at 10:45am on fbcsherman.org

A broadcast of the prior week's worship service is available in several formats.

On facebook - @fbcsherman

On television - KXII Channel 12(CBS) broadcasts at 11am each Sunday morning

On youtube - at youtube.com/fbcsherman

Other Information:

There is a College and Career fellowship and bible study held on Tuesday nights at the home of the study leaders in Sherman. Snacks or a light meal is provided free of charge.

There are also opportunities for students to get involved with the youth ministry at the church.

For details on these or for any questions please contact Adam Pemberton, Student Minister at (903)892-9121.

Austin College Contact: Amy Gates, agates@austincollege.edu

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Denison)

800 W Woodard Denison, TX 75020

Sundays @ 10:15am In-Person (Social Distancing Required)

Online services @ <https://www.facebook.com/fccdenison/>

FCC Denison seeks to help people find and follow Jesus, invites all who profess their faith to celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday as we worship in a contemporary style in a traditional setting.

Austin College Contact: Edwin Clark, ebclark@austincollege.edu

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH MOSAIC SERVICE (Sherman)

Mosaic – modern service of First United Methodist Church Sherman

<https://www.firstmethodistsherman.org/mosaic>

118 W Pecan Street, Sherman

Hybrid of online and in person

Access the online via their Facebook page

OUR VALUES

AUTHENTICITY

Inviting you to come as you are to explore a relationship with God through Jesus Christ

COMPASSION

Seeking responsible living as a community of faith and in our local community

INTENTIONALITY

Growing in our faith through committed discipleship

Dress casually – come as you are!

9:30 am (has been moved up from 9:45 am as stated on website)

In person worship will require masks and social distancing of 6 feet

Online worship at 9:30 am (<https://www.facebook.com/1stMethodistSherman>)

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

LGBTQ+ and Allies Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lgbtandallies>

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Brandi Mitchell, bmitchell@austincollege.edu

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Denison)

WEBSITE: www.facebook.com/groups/965113283541696 AND www.fpcdenison.net

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 213 N Burnett Ave, Denison, TX 75020 (903) 465-3923

CURRENT WORSHIP SITUATION (in person or online): Online via our YouTube page. We try to experience the worship service together at 11:00 AM on Sundays

IF ONLINE, HOW CAN THE SERVICES BE ACCESSED? Via our YouTube page [www.youtube.com/channel/UCw4Fjmf24iwB47Znvh9Z8Bw] or website

OTHER CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE US TO SHARE WITH NEW STUDENTS

Communion: first Sunday of every month. Additionally, we invite students who would like to play for our service videos to bring musical instruments—we record on Saturdays at 10:00 AM, either at Grand Avenue Presbyterian in Sherman or First Presbyterian in Denison. (Call or email fpcdenison@yahoo.com to inquire about recording schedule.)

Austin College Contact: Genna Bethel, gbethel@austincollege.edu

Grace United Methodist Church (Sherman)

PHYSICAL ADDRESS

2800 Canyon Creek Dr, Sherman 75092

CURRENT WORSHIP SITUATION (in person or online)

Online (<https://www.gracesherman.org/>)

(<https://www.facebook.com/GraceUnitedMethodistSherman>)

OTHER CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE US TO SHARE WITH NEW STUDENTS

Weekly Bible studies in addition to Sunday services online; drive in communion; opportunities to serve

Austin College Contact: Dan Dominick, ddominick@austincollege.edu

GRAND AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Sherman)

WEBSITE: www.facebook.com/groups/123037887405

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 900 N Grand Avenue, Sherman TX (903) 893-1921

CURRENT WORSHIP SITUATION (in person or online): Online via our YouTube page. We try to experience worship together at 11:00 AM on Sundays

IF ONLINE, HOW CAN THE SERVICES BE ACCESSED? Via our YouTube page

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCw4Fjmf24iwB47Znvh9Z8Bw] or Facebook page

www.facebook.com/groups/123037887405

OTHER CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE US TO SHARE WITH NEW STUDENTS Weekly Bible study: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Call or email the church office for Zoom invitation: (903) 893-1921 or gapcoffice@cableone.net. Communion: first Sunday of every month.

Additionally, we invite students who would like to play for our service videos to bring musical instruments—we record on Saturdays at 10:00 AM, either at Grand Avenue Presbyterian or First Presbyterian in Denison. (Call or email to inquire about recording schedule.)

Austin College Contact: Genna Bethel, gbethel@austincollege.edu

KINGS TRAIL COWBOY CHURCH

WEBSITE: <https://kingstrailcowboychurch.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Kings-Trail-Cowboy-Church-173179516072485>

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

King's Trail Cowboy Church, 498 Bethel Cannon Road, Whitewright, TX 75491

CURRENT WORSHIP SITUATION (in person or online):

In person Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Wednesday 7:00 pm

online via Facebook

IF ONLINE, HOW CAN THE SERVICES BE ACCESSED?

Facebook or Website

OTHER CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE US TO SHARE WITH NEW STUDENTS

King's Trail Cowboy Church is a place where everyone is welcome!! Many of those in our congregation regularly travel to rodeos and play days, both to compete and to witness to the changes that God has made in their lives.

We are a family of cowboys, cowgirls, and country folks that are in love with Jesus! If you are not comfortable with traditional services or maybe you have never attended church, come by and visit!

Austin College Contact: Amanda Shepherd at amshepherd@austincollege.edu.

LEGACY BIBLE CHURCH (Sherman)

WEBSITE:

<https://legacybiblechurch.org/>

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

4818 FM 691, Denison TX 75020

CURRENT WORSHIP SITUATION (in person or online)

In person services are held at 9am and 11am on Sunday with online streaming service options.

IF ONLINE, HOW CAN THE SERVICES BE ACCESSED?

Through the website or using the Legacy Bible Church App (Android and iPhone)

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.subsplash.thechurchapp.s_9KCND9&hl=en_US

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/legacy-bible-church/id1021163413>

MOSQUES (Islam)

Sherman:

Denison Central Mosque (DCM)
6544 FM1417, Denison, TX 75020

Plano:

Islamic Association of Collin County (IACC)
6401 Independence Pkwy, Plano, TX 75023

Notes from AC Economics Professor Mikidadu Mohammed:

DCM in Sherman is small and not open all the time but great proximity to campus (about 15 minutes drive). IACC mosque in Plano is large and open most of the time but far from campus (about 1 hour drive). For Jumah or Friday prayer, I perform it at DCM when I am time-constrained. When I do have enough time, I go to IACC. However, due to COVID, I have not been to either one lately. Following CDC guideline, IACC in Plano is now closed completely until further notice but I do not know whether that is the case for DCM in Sherman.

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<https://prayersconnect.com/mosques/48685-denison-central-mosque-denison-texas/show>

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Sherman)

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sherman
727 South Travis Street, Sherman 75090

[St. Marys Catholic Parish - stmarych.org](http://St.MarysCatholicParish-stmarych.org)

Weekday Masses are at 8 a.m. followed by private prayer time until 3 p.m. Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays is bilingual. On Saturdays, Mass begins at 8 a.m. Masks are required and social distancing must be maintained.

Weekend mass is currently be live streamed via Facebook, however in person mass is occurring with social distancing and sanitizing.

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ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

www.saintstephenssherman.org

401 S. Crockett, Sherman, TX 75092

CURRENT WORSHIP SITUATION (in person or online)
9:30am on Facebook live
Up to 10 persons by reservation in person, masks required.

IF ONLINE, HOW CAN THE SERVICES BE ACCESSED?
We're livestreamed on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/saintstephensherman/live_videos/

OTHER CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE US TO SHARE WITH NEW STUDENTS

We are followers of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ, who by death destroyed death and brought life and hope to the world, and we strive to make his power known in our own lives and bring his message of salvation to our community.

Why St. Stephen's?

We combine a love for the Bible with reverent worship
We believe God loves his creation - and works through it in water, bread, wine, fire, ash, and palms
We believe in the Triune God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit , and his holy Church
We believe in the Sacraments
We believe in Eternal Life
We believe in Forgiveness of Sins
We believe in the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ

Our two primary ministries in the community are to support the Grayson County Crisis Center which serves victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse, as well as our adoption of Wakefield Elementary.

Check out our YouTube channel with additional video resources including guided devotions, theology, and some of our worship services
www.youtube.com/c/SaintStephensSherman

Are you on Discord? We now have a server for the Church to begin building online community
<https://discord.gg/jUGnhjJ>

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TEMPLE BETH EMETH (Jewish)

Notes from Congregation President Andy Faber (Austin College Class of 1977):

High Holy Days Services September 18 and 19.

Rabbi Mecklenburger said the Jewish laws state if participation can be unhealthy and cause illness or harm, you do not do it, even if it breaks tradition and customs. We have a perfect example of this very situation. There is no way for us to worship in the sanctuary, but we can as a group through Zoom in our living rooms, connected with the other members of TBE. We will use the same prayerbook we have used for years(more on this in later paragraphs).

Here is how this works, Rabbi Mecklenburger will be in Ft Worth in front of his computer reciting the service just as he would be on our Bima. We will all be attending in front of our computers joining him. If you have a camera on your computer, you can be seen by everyone, just like we were all together in person. You will get an invite for the Zoom teleconference emailed to you and you simply click on the link and enter a code. Then you see Rabbi Mecklenburger and the others who are joining in. We still can recite prayers together as a group, we can see each other standing at the parts of the service when we rise, and still hear the cat calls and comments that some of us blurt out during the services.

Yep, it will be different, but it is the only way to hold the service. Still have Rosh Hashanah eve on Friday night, Sept 18 and Rosh Hashanah day on Saturday morning, , Sept 19. They will not be quite as long and we will miss going for lunch together, but everything else is the same. Yom Kippur will be Kol Nidre on Sunday night, Sept 27 and the next day, Sept 28. The day service will be abbreviated and unfortunately, we will not share foods in the break the fast, but we can still have a Kiddish and blessings over the bread. We need to get a head count of the number of Zoom participants and get prayerbooks to you.

Just set up a place to turn on the Zoom and act like you are in temple. Have nice clothes, maybe some flowers decorating your den, some wine for Kiddish and challah for a blessing and we are all in our own temples. Put a yamaka on your dog or cat while it sits in your lap (also talit for day services and Kol Nidre) and we can make this a pleasant experience. Different this year, yes, but safe and we still get to worship.

There are a couple of housekeeping things to work out. First, who is going to be in attendance. We need to know the numbers of Zoom participants to get our temple registration. Each family unit is one participant, no matter how many folks are watching at your house. Secondly, we need to get everyone a prayerbook for the service which are at the temple. I can bring some to my office for delivery or have a time folks come by the temple and pick one up. Also, get a weekly Siddur for Shabbat services as well in the future.

There you have it, High Holy Days for 2020. This is what every congregation will be doing. Let's take this situation and make it exciting as this is what we have to do this year. Any ideas or suggestions, please call or email. I do need a response to know you will be on the stream and how to get a prayerbook to you.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THESE SERVICES, OR OBTAINING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONGREGATION, PLEASE EMAIL MR. FABER DIRECTLY AT s.a.faber3@gmail.com

TRINITY LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH (Denison)

Trinitylight.org

2915 Spur 503, Denison, TX 75020

903-465-7268

On Line at both the website and on Facebook.

On Facebook at Trinity Light House Church

In-Person at the address

This is a beautiful Church of God. It is a very welcoming and warm church that accepts anyone.

Austin College Contact: Chief Kelle Kennemer, kkennemer@austincollege.edu

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Address: 1515 North Travis, Sherman, TX (Grand Avenue to N. Travis. Turn Left onto Travis head past Albertsons - church will be on your left after the storage units)

CURRENT WORSHIP SITUATION: in Person with Social Distancing and Masks - Communion (individual cups and wafers) service is also online Facebook live and Youtube.

Congregation is a wonderful supporting group with any talents that they share with the local community.

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