

Church of the Good Shepherd Ogden, UT



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Profile Overview

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Location Highlights



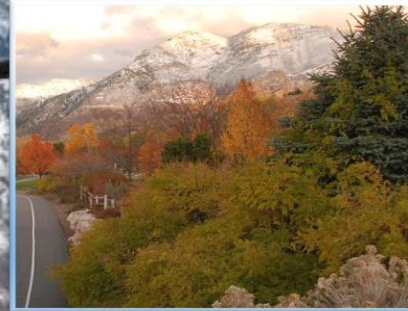
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Church

150 Years in Ogden

Our downtown Ogden location is central and serves parishioners in a 20 mi. radius



Ogden

Ogden has everything!

Recreation
History
Arts
Rodeo
Sightseeing
Shopping and more



Region - SLC

Wasatch Front

Only 30 min. away, find even more wonder and options at SLC. In an hour, find even more wonder and options

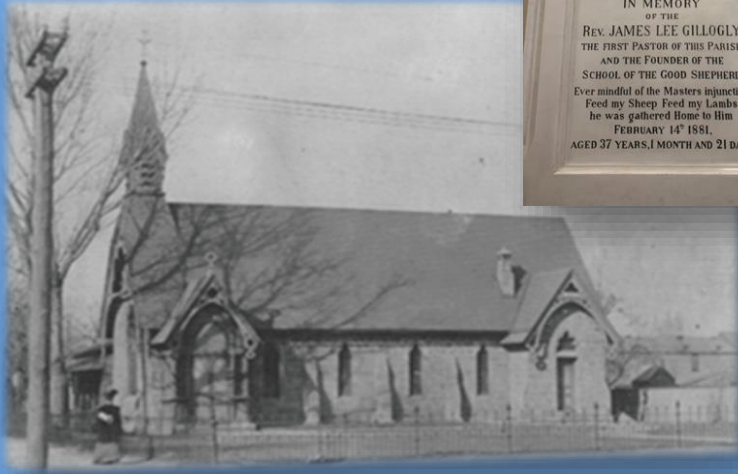


Utah

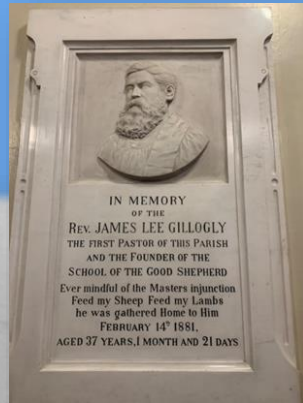
Amazing Utah

5 National parks and over 40 State parks, international airport, and big city amenities. Anything you want is in Utah.

Good Shepherd History



The sanctuary was built in 1874 and is the oldest continuously occupied building in the city.



Established in 1870, predating Utah's statehood by 26 years.

Growth, education and outreach have been in constant focus, starting schools, adding wings, congregational space, and providing food, time, and materials for those in need.



Tuttle Hall was built in 1906 and named for the missionary first Bishop of Utah, Idaho, and Montana

Church members designed and built the Latino Congregation's Chapel. It was consecrated in 2013.



A modern new wing was added to the east side in 2010, adding classrooms and a nursery

Our Goals, Members and Values



Our Mission:

To spread the love and hope Jesus offers to all who yearn to be welcomed home to the family of God in worship and fellowship.

Our Vision

To help people find God's love, grow their faith, discover their purpose and improve the lives of those in our church and community

Who we are

- Our membership originates from as much as 45 min. distant and consists of diverse faith backgrounds, ethnicities, socio-economic status, interests, skills, and abilities. We come from Utah, but also through other states due to nearby Weber State University, Hill Air Force Base, and relocations due to retirement or a growing list of companies that have located in or near Ogden.
- Our one parish houses two worship congregations who look for Christ in others and try to bring Christ into our lives and interactions.
- We are committed to look for the face of the Lord Jesus in everyone we meet and to serve others so that everyone we meet will see the face of the Lord Jesus in us.
- We value worship, having lay-lead Morning Prayer twice a week and Compline Monday evening.
- We strongly foster in-reach and outreach having many ministries devoted to serving others and each other.



Who We Are and What We Hold Dear



Open, engaging, faithful worshipers, active and engaged, we seek times together and enjoy them



Joint choirs

ECW lunch



We enjoy our great outdoors and are golfers, birders, skiers, hikers, bikers, fishers...



Bazaar



We celebrate our lives and our faith in: Mardi Gras, Animal blessings, bell ringing, decorating our spaces, caring for our grounds, commemorating our achievements, and orchestrating pageants

Community Outreach

"Feed my sheep . . . Feed my lambs"

Shepherd's Bowl



About 150 lunches are given out every Wednesday from the basement of Good Shepherd to those in need.

Shepherd's Fold

Provides pillows, sheets, and blankets to those transitioning from homeless to housed.



Family Promise

Good Shepherd's Deacon holds a position on the board.



Lantern House

Starting as a soup kitchen in the '70's, Good Shepherd teamed with Catholic and Lutheran churches which grew to a homeless shelter by 1981, later evolving to St. Anne's Center as a full-service shelter and as Lantern House in 2015. Up to 330 homeless can be housed, fed, counseled, and provided medical care. Good Shepherd maintains a presence on the Board.



Youth Impact

30 years ago, we began a program for youth ministry in our basement which grew and today more than 100 youth from inner-city Ogden are picked up at school, fed, have a place to do homework, attend classes and sports. Our members have been on the Board and held Executive Directorship for 28 years.



Good Shepherd believes in and practices caring not only for our own fold, but for all of God's children in our community. We have done so for many years and several of the initiatives our members began are still active and successful today.

Activities



Altar Guild



Bazaar



Choir



**Blessing of
the animals**



**Daughters of
the King**



**Prayer Shawl
Ministry**



**Dedicate New
Kitchen**



**Mardi Gras/
Pancake
Supper**



**Twining of the
Greens**



**Sandwiches for
the homeless**

Committees



Adult Education



Buildings and Grounds



Family, Youth & Children



Finance



Mission and Outreach



Public Relations & Communications



Prayer and Spirituality



Security



Stewardship

Parish Survey Results

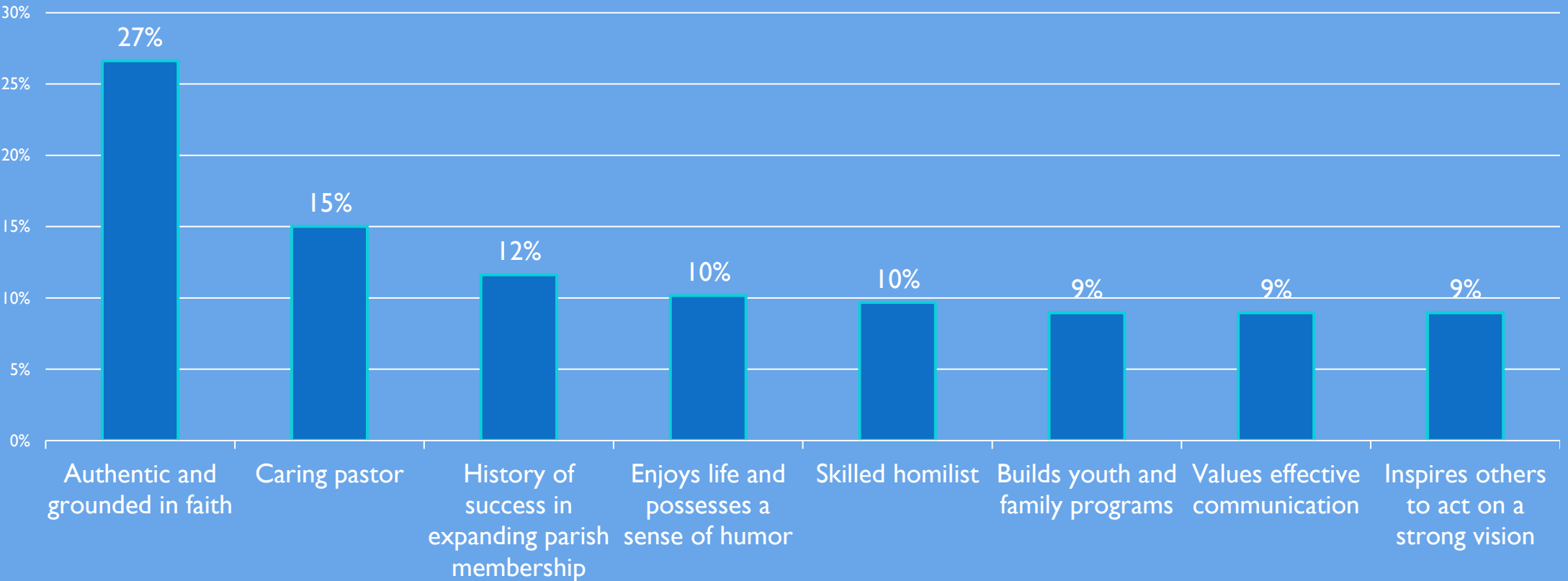


Survey and Responder Data

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| Responder Count | 39 | | | | |
| Responder Status | 92% current members | 5% Former members | 3% Never Member | | |
| Membership Tenure | Avg. 17.4 years | 44% with <5 years | 31% with >20 years | | |
| Major Values | Honoring history with eye to future | Community service | Human dignity | Traditional worship | Christian behavior |
| Aspirations | Christian behavior and discipleship | Neighborhood beacon of hope | Emboldened to do God's will | Welcoming to all | Dedicated servanthood |
| Energizing Visions | Spirit-filled congregation | Bring knowledge of God's love to all | Welcoming, inclusive and accepting | Sharing our rich traditions | Modeling Christ to neighborhood |
| Increase energy and participation | Nametags and focus on visitor comfort | Activities that draw interest | Better understanding of needs | Communication of appreciation, value | Improved member connections |
| Top Needs | Finding our Shepherd | Growth, Youth/Family | Building relationships | Volunteering leadership | Building maintenance |

Future Rector Qualities

Survey results: Weighted % of top 8 qualities



What's Working – Survey Responses

COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

- Feeding the hungry, serving the poor
- Welcoming all, especially the marginalized
- Embracing technology when faced with the difficulties of Covid
- Revitalize community impact
- Devoted and energetic volunteerism, embracing the community with action
- Enjoyment of our traditions in outreach and liturgy

GROWING LATINO CONGREGATION

- El Buen Pastor, established in 2006
- The Rev. Isabel Gonzalez came that year and was priested in 2007
- In 2022 there were 8 baptisms and several first communions, and quinceañeras
- There were 6 baptisms, 9 confirmations and 8 first communions in the first three months of 2023
- Average attendance is 52 and growing

HISTORIC PRESENCE AND BUILDING RENEWAL

- 2022 Successful roof replacement in record time
- 2022 Supplemented grid with solar power during roof renovation
- 2022 Installed new kitchen facility to aid in parish events and outreach meals
- Added Latino chapel for Spanish-spoken worship 2013
- Added new wing for classrooms 2010

Aspirations and Changes

OPPORTUNITIES

- Increasing members through community participation and sharing our facilities
- Expanding quantity and quality of social media outreach
- Increasing awareness of our inclusivity in various communities
- Building awareness and welcoming those from other religious backgrounds
- Increasing interactions between El Buen Pastor and Good Shepherd congregants

CHALLENGES

- Aging church attendee populations and societal church decline
- Increasing membership of young adults and families with youth
- Developing youth and young adult ministry opportunities
- Adult education participation
- Member retention
- Healing and respecting others
- Communication with all members

Could you be our Shepherd?

- Are you an experienced, authentic, caring pastor with a sense of humor?
- Can you see yourself working in a church with diverse congregations in an historical space?
- Will you assist us in communication and lead us in outreach, spiritual and congregational growth?
- Do you have experience in invigorating and involving youth and drawing strength and support from our long-standing members?



Summary

Good Shepherd Ogden is an historical church with a long, impactful history and continues to thrive actively in the community and the Spirit.

Ogden is a beautiful, diverse and growing city with a generous and kind population.

We hope to find a priest who will shepherd us into increasing spirituality, inter-community love and growth.

Please consider joining us. We'd love to meet you.



Thank You

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