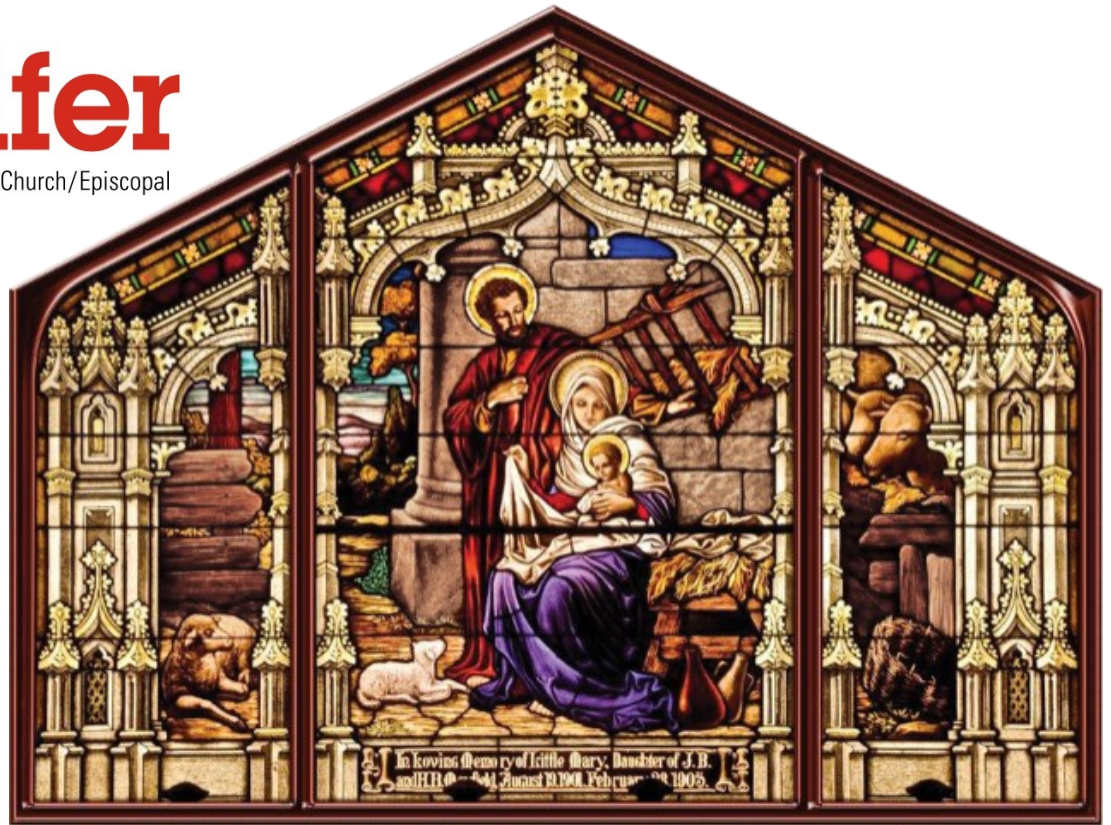


# the Crucifer

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## From the Rector:

The Grace of Christ be with you!

Happy Labor Day weekend! The recent rain raises hopes that hot days of summer are almost over. Much that has changed over the past six months. But some essential parts of life endure.

Beginning the week of September 13, Christ Church will offer a series of new ministries – both on campus and online, to strengthen the faith of our church family. We will begin a new streaming Sunday school class exploring *1 & 2 Peter*. And Deacon Stine will lead a timely online study – *The Church in Tumultuous Times*.

Beginning September 15, we will renew Men's and Women's midweek Bible study and renewed Christ Church Neighborhood groups! This autumn, we will complete our study of 1 Timothy, then begin a new study of the Letter of James.

The Rector's Men's Tuesday and Women's Thursday Bible studies will be offered both on campus and online. Likewise, Christ Church will offer neighborhood groups both online and on campus. All groups will gather in the parish hall, which has been arranged for social-distanced seating. And all participants will need to wear a mask on campus. Please let Paula ([office@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:office@christchurchtyler.org)) know if you intend to come to study the Scriptures on campus.

We are renewing on campus ministry to youth and children as well. The Christ Church nurseries will re-open on September 13 and youth with new protocols to protect public health. And Youth Groups for our 5th-12th graders will gather again! All of our on-campus ministries will continue to prioritize the health and safety of participants, volunteers, and staff. The buildings are clean. Social distancing is in place. Hand sanitizer is at the ready! And pandemic or no, Christ Church is committed to fulfilling our mission – equipping disciples of Jesus Christ.

Whether you are on campus or on line, deepen your faith this fall at Christ Church.

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,



*The vision of Christ Church is to be recognized  
as a joyful,  
spirit-filled community of  
apostles reaching out and transforming lives for  
Christ.*

## from the associate rector...

The Rev. Ted Welty, *Associate Rector of Christian Formation*

### Neighborhood Groups

Acts 2:42 *And they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. This passage from Acts, Chapter 2 reflects what the believers were doing after the great Day of Pentecost. Maybe this was the birthplace of the neighborhood group.*

Neighborhood groups were established at Christ Church several years ago to strengthen members spiritual lives and their connection to the church and each other. Members met for food, fellowship, prayer, and study. Locations of the groups stretched from Lindale to Flint, with most of the groups meeting twice per month. Studies of Holy Scripture or spiritual books were led by lay members, and clergy sometimes celebrated Holy Eucharist in the home setting. Most moving for me are the stories of the spiritual support that members of the neighborhood groups have given one another during difficult times. There is no doubt in my mind that neighborhood groups make Christ Church stronger, and strengthen the members of the groups relationship with Jesus and with each other.



With the beginning of Covid-19 mitigation procedures in Tyler last March, the neighborhood groups, along with everything else at Christ Church were seriously affected. Meetings at the church or in members' homes were impossible. At that point, many of us had never even heard of Zoom communication. Neighborhood groups pretty much ceased to function. We simply can't let that happen. I think that it is safe to say that we will be living in the masked and socially distanced era for quite a while.

Covid-19 has changed the way we live and with the help of our Almighty and Everliving God we will adapt. Neighborhood groups are relaunching this month, but in a Covid-19 aware format. Our groups have decided that meeting in members' homes is not practical given the need to maintain social distancing and sanitizing. We are blessed to have Zoom technology that enables our groups to meet virtually. While not the same as meeting face-to-face, Zoom works pretty well for meetings. Christ Church vestry meetings are being held via Zoom, and the Christ Church Zoom account is available for neighborhood groups to use as well.

The church is the Body of Christ, and we are the church. During this difficult time of pandemic, neighborhood groups enable us to continue some of the things that we miss so much – prayer, fellowship, and Bible study...together. As we relaunch neighborhood groups this fall, existing groups will begin meeting again, but new groups will be forming. Don't worry about Zoom technology, it is easy to use, and there will be plenty of help available. For those of you who are technologically challenged, there is good news; there is a group that meets every Wednesday at 10:00 AM at Christ Church Downtown masked and socially distanced of course.

Please seriously consider joining a neighborhood group. You can email me at [twelty@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:twelty@christchurchtyler.org) or text or call me at 903-714-7052.

Blessings in Christ,  
Ted+

# music at Christ Church

Jeffrey Ford / *Choirmaster & Organist (and comedian)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Aren't we thankful that THESE didn't appear in our newsletter, the Crucifer!**

- The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water  
The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things no worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- This evening at 7 P.M. there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 A.M.. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.



**STAY  
CONNECTED**



In this time of social distancing, we need to stay connected. **Please make sure Christ Church has your cell phone number and email address,** as that is our primary and quickest form of communication.

Go to [www.tinyurl.com/christchurchupdateinfo](http://www.tinyurl.com/christchurchupdateinfo) to update your contact info today!

Also subscribe to our YouTube channel and like our Facebook page. Both links to these can be found on the homepage of **christchurchtyler.org**.

## children's ministry

Tina McGee / Director of Children's Ministries



Looking forward to seeing  
your smiling faces in the  
Nursey & Children's Chapel,  
Sunday, September 13th.

Stay tuned for more info!

### CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

9/10 **Bella Boulter**, 9/14 **Lucius Reynolds**,  
9/17 **Blake Birdwell**, 9/18 **Millie Mercer**,  
9/18 **Grace Peveto**

## youth ministry

Melanie Edwards / Director of Student Ministries

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# EYC & STUDENT MINISTRIES

## IN PERSON MEET-UPS BEGINNING SEPT. 16!

7TH - 8TH GRADES WEDNESDAYS, 6:00-7:30 PM  
5TH-6TH GRADES SUNDAYS, 4:00-5:30 PM  
9TH - 12TH GRADES BI-WEEKLY SUNDAYS, 6:00-7:30 PM  
\* ALL MEET-UPS WILL BE HELD AT CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH \*

# thanksgivings & supplications

## *In Our Prayers*

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Jennifer, Lisa, Chesley, Drew, Virginia G., Betsey, Evans, Chad, Karen, Christy, Drew, Shelly, W.F., Lauren, Terri, Paul, Amanda, Jerry, Christian, S.C., Tommy, Samuel, Lucy, Larry, Tom, W.W., Kenzie, Paxton, Cynthia, Martha, Joanna, Katie, Randy, Nita, Stephanie, Christi, Roland, Kim, Yvonne, Carolyn, Charles, Gabriel, Elijah, Everett, Tucker, Kim, Toby, Chuck, Susan, Betty, John, Nadine, Linda, Peggy, Rob, Cathy, Caitlin, Marjorie, Bob, Julie, Lauri, Matthew, Sarah, Ruthie, Pete, Rudy, Shirley, Gil, Mark, Brian, Bob, Jason, Mimi, Phil, Carl, Marie, Ann, Mary, Len, Kathy, John, Jayne, James, Lynne, Hudson, Steve, John, Charles, Caroline, Jim, Christian, Stacy, Frank, Phil, Gene, Betty, Beverly, Alice, Randy

**The Anglican Communion:** *The Dioceses of Mthatha (South Africa) & Yei (South Sudan)*

**The Episcopal Church:** *Dioceses of Washington (DC & MD) and West Missouri*

**Diocese of Texas:** *Church of the Epiphany—Burnet & Church of the Epiphany—Calvert*

Please contact The Rev. Stephen Stine with prayer list changes or additions 903.530.8168

## *In Memoriam*

Our sympathies to the family & friends of  
**Robert Edwards**, *brother of Barbara Olajide*;  
**Don McReynolds**, *husband of Nancy McReynolds*; &  
**Judy Huffman**, *sister of Maggie Edwards*.



**The Bob Rowlett Memorial  
Open Golf Tournament**

**Friday, October 2, 2020**  
Oak Hurst Golf Course  
6212 CR 152 West | Bullard, TX 75757

Jesus is Lord  
The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Inc.  
Prayer  
Study  
Service

*Registration & Sponsorship*  
information can be found at

[www.tinyurl.com/golf-christchurch](http://www.tinyurl.com/golf-christchurch)

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# *gathering again*

**An email & text will be sent with the link to RSVP Monday mornings at 9:00am, reservations will stay open until the service is at capacity or until noon on Friday. There is also a link on the website, to RSVP, or you can call the Parish Secretary, Paula Harrison at 903.597.9854.**

## **Virtual Opportunities *still* Available:**

**Sunday Services are live streamed**

**at 11:00am from the Nave & 11:05am from Christ Church South**

FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/ChristChurchTyler](http://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchTyler)

YOUTUBE: [www.tinyurl.com/christchurchtyleryoutube](http://www.tinyurl.com/christchurchtyleryoutube)

Christian Formation / EYC / Children's Ministry links can also be found at [www.christchurchtyler.org](http://www.christchurchtyler.org)

### **Fall 2020: Adult Christian Formation**

*Enjoy these 2 new classes, they will be offered by video weekly!*

*Find links at [www.christchurchtyler.org](http://www.christchurchtyler.org)*

Adult Christian Formation  
**1 & 2  
PETER**  
FALL 2020

Video lessons available Sundays starting  
September 13th



We still a few spaces left to sign up for  
**Education for Ministry.**

If you're not familiar with the program, it is a 4 year study that includes Old and New Testament, the history of Christianity and developing your own theology.

*If you are interested contact  
Clyde Beaty at*

*903 752 5180 or [cbefml@gmail.com](mailto:cbefml@gmail.com)*

## *Morning Prayer*



## Clergy and Staff

**The Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle**  
*Bishop of the Diocese of Texas*

The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher <i>Bishop Suffragan</i>	The Rt. Rev. Kai Ryan <i>Bishop Suffragan</i>
The Rt. Rev. Héctor Monterroso <i>Bishop Assistant</i>	

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Mr. Kendric Milton *Assistant Sexton*

Ms. Jennifer Ducote *Office Assistant & Housekeeper*

Mr. Anthony Moore *Sexton, Christ Church South*

## The Vestry

Mr. Ted Walters, *Sr. Warden, Class of 2021*  
Mr. John Owen, Jr. *Warden Downtown, Class of 2022*  
Mr. Tim Quinn, Jr. *Warden CCS, Class of 2022*  
Mr. Tom Ridley, *Clerk*

Mr. Bill Clawater	<i>Treasurer</i>
Mr. Tim Alexander	<i>Asst. Treasurer</i>
Mrs. Karen Barrett	<i>Class of 2020</i>
Mr. Tommy Davis	<i>Class of 2020</i>
Mrs. Sherry Dunn	<i>Class of 2020</i>
Mr. Francis Kay	<i>Class of 2020</i>
Mr. James Wynne	<i>Class of 2020</i>
Mr. Travis Albea	<i>Class of 2021</i>
Mr. Clyde Beaty	<i>Class of 2021</i>
Mrs. Susan Bracken	<i>Class of 2021</i>
Mr. Rodney Schroeder	<i>Class of 2021</i>
Mr. Ted Walters	<i>Class of 2021</i>
Mrs. Lou Ann Berman	<i>Class of 2022</i>
Mr. Steve Hardy	<i>Class of 2022</i>
Mrs. Christi Khalaf	<i>Class of 2022</i>

## Pastoral Emergency Contacts

In the event of a pastoral emergency,  
you may reach The Rev. David Luckenbach, Rector,  
at 903-279-8777, The Rev. Matt Boulter, 903-944-8494,  
The Rev. Ted Welty, 903-714-7052 or  
The Rev. Stephen Stine at 903-530-8168.  
*You may also call the church office, 903-597-9854,  
during normal business hours.*

### Scripture Readings for upcoming Sundays Year A BCP 1979 Lectionary

#### *Sunday, September 13* **The 15th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 19**

Ecclesiasticus 27:30—28:7, Psalm 103,  
Romans 14:5-12, Matthew 18:21-35

#### *Sunday, September 20* **The 1st Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 20**

Jonah 3:10—4:11, Psalm 145,  
Philippians 1:21-27, Matthew 20:1-16

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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## Worship Schedule

Sunday	7:30 am	CCD: The Holy Eucharist <i>Rite I</i>
	9:00 am	CCD: The Holy Eucharist <i>Rite II</i>
	9:00 am	CCS: The Holy Eucharist <i>Rite II</i>
	11:00 am	CCD: The Holy Eucharist <i>Rite I</i> {live-streamed also}
	11:05 am	CCS: The Holy Eucharist <i>Rite II</i> {live-streamed also}
	5:30 pm	CCD: The Holy Eucharist <i>Rite I</i>

***Reservations must be made for each service.  
Find link on the website or contact the church office.***

**CHRIST CHURCH: ONE CHURCH—TWO CAMPUSES**  
CCD: Christ Church *Downtown*, 118 S. Bois d' Arc, Tyler, TX 75702 (office address)  
CCS: Christ Church *South*, 15747 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703

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