

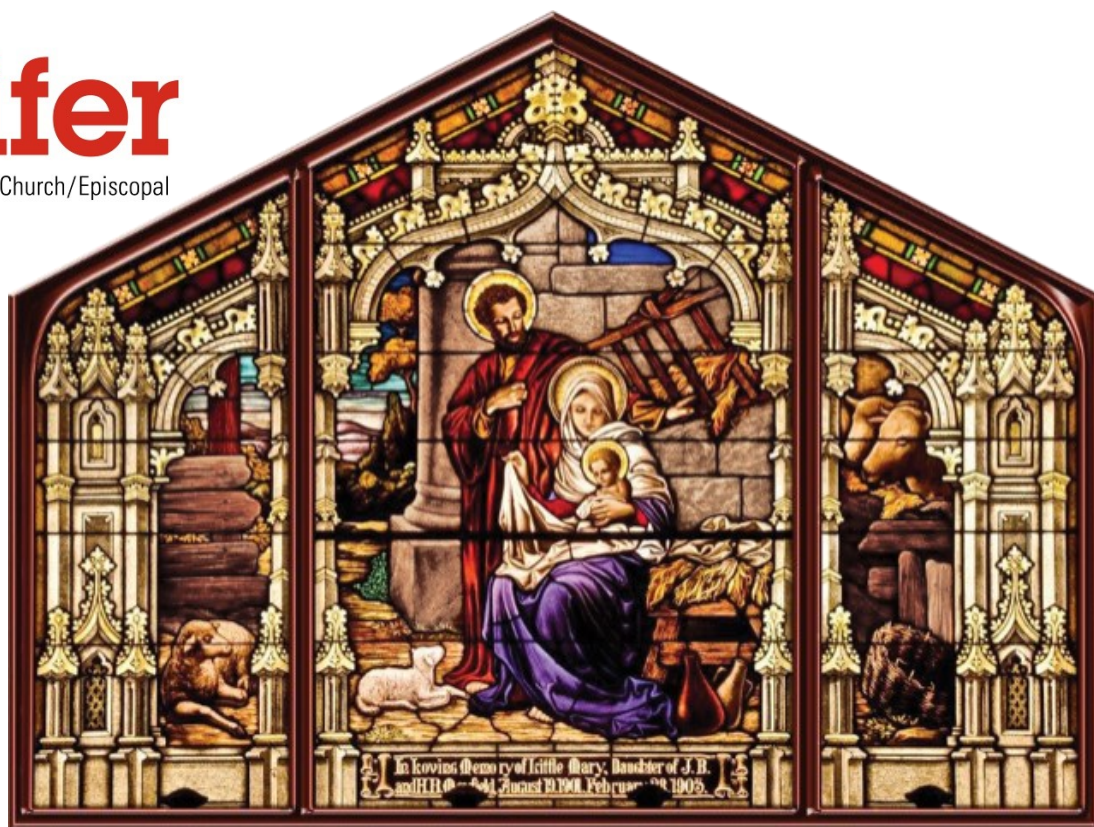
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From the Rector:

In Romans 12:5-6, it is written, *“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”*

These past six months have reminded the world how interdependent we are.

We have reluctantly embraced public health measures because of our interdependence.

Romans 12 teaches that followers of Jesus are even more than that.

Not only do we need and rely on one another. Not only are we family. We are one body.

We minister to others as a body. We worship as a body.

As a congregation, we pool our resources as a body. Since the pandemic hit Tyler, in the absence of ushers and greeters, a hundred members of Christ Church serve as hosts, warmly greeting folks outside the building with a smile and a bulletin. Throughout this trial, our members have prepared and served meals for the hungry, prepared the buildings for gathered and online worship, and prayed, helped, and loved one another in extraordinary ways. And despite the economic uncertainty we continue to face, Christ Church families have continued to strongly support our ministries with their time, talent, and treasure.

The coming year is filled with unknowns. But regardless of the pandemic, we will worship, serve, study, learn, fellowship, laugh, and love as a body.

Thank you for your amazing perseverance and extraordinary generosity!

Faithfully 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*

It is that time of the year. School has started (well sort of). The weather is cooler. Football season has started (sort of), and Covid-19 is still with us. Fall also is a time in the life of the Church when we turn our attention to stewardship. Covid-19 has changed many things, but not the need for us to focus on the finances needed for Christ Church to continue sharing the Gospel, training disciples, and serving the community in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. By now, you have probably received a letter from Stewardship Chairman, Bob Westbrook along with an excellent brochure that gives the theme and an overview of the Christ Church 2021 Stewardship Campaign. Many thanks to our talented Director of Communications, Samantha Hague, who went above and beyond to get these materials completed. Please give stewardship materials your prayerful attention.

When I think about stewardship, the name Hudson Taylor comes to mind. He was the founder of the China Inland Mission, and he believed that stewardship was not just about money, but was more importantly about faith and prayer. Taylor was born into a devout Methodist family in England in 1832, and his parents dedicated him to the Lord while he was yet in the womb. While still a child, Taylor decided that he wanted to be a missionary to China. He studied medicine and surgery in London, but trained for the missionary life in China during his studies by choosing to “live by faith.” His living quarters were in a London slum, and he subsisted on brown bread and apples. He read everything he could find on China and studied the Chinese language.

Taylor’s first mission to China was a disaster, and he suffered a health breakdown. During the six years that he was recuperating in England, Taylor became burdened for the eleven provinces of inland China that were without a single missionary. Taylor formed the China Inland Mission, and arrived in China in 1866 with a small group of inexperienced missionaries with no denomination behind them and no visible means of support. These raw recruits faced incredible hostility and opposition, but they persevered, mighty in faith and fervent in prayer. By the time that China fell to the communists in 1948, and China Inland Mission was forced to leave the country, they were the largest mission agency in China with 1,400 Western missionaries and a church membership of over 100,000. Today, it is estimated that there are over 100 million Christians in China in spite of the persecution by the Chinese government.

Hudson Taylor’s influence went far beyond China. My connection is through the Bible Study Fellowship whose founder, A. Wetherell Johnson was a China Inland Mission missionary, and the Trinity School for Ministry whose financial plan is based on the China Inland Mission model. J. Herbert Kane, a former CIM missionary writes, “The secret of Hudson Taylor’s life may be summed up in four simple propositions:

There is a living God.

He has spoken his word.

He means what He says.

And He is willing and able to perform what he has promised.”

The cornerstone of Taylor’s theology was a firm belief in the faithfulness of God. He said many times that God’s work carried on in God’s way would never lack God’s supply. Remembering Hudson Taylor, let’s approach this Stewardship Campaign 2021 in faith and prayer.

Blessings in Christ,
Ted+

music at Christ Church

Jeffrey Ford / *Choirmaster & Organist*



All Saints Choral Evensong

November 1, 2020 6:00 P.M. on [YouTube.com/christchurchtyler](https://www.youtube.com/christchurchtyler)
Virtual Service from Downtown In the Nave

Music will include the following:

O Gracious Light Phos hilaron, Victor Schramm

Preces and Responses, The St. James Service, Robert J. Powell

Psalm 34: 1-10, Edgar Day

Canticles: Michael McCabe

Anthem: *Blessed Are The Pure In Heart*, Walford Davies

Anthem: *Hide Me Under the Shadow of Thy Wings*, John E. West

Jeffrey Ford will be conducting and Ian Aipperspach will be at the organ.
Singers will be Holly Marsh, Candice Aipperspach, Chris Raney, Jerry Bieritz.

Stewardship 2021 is underway!

For as in one body we have many members,
and not all the members have the same function,
so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,
and individually we are members one of another.
We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:
prophecy, in proportion to faith;
ministry, in ministering;
the teacher, in teaching;
the exhorter, in exhortation;
the giver, in generosity;
the leader, in diligence;
the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Romans 12:4-8

Body of Christ
in Action

Commitment Sunday: October 25th

Stay tuned for a fun & safe
event at the South Campus.

Stewardship packets with commitment cards have been mailed.
If you need one please contact Diana Keesey, Parish Administrator,
at dkeesey@christchurchtyler.org or 903.597.9854

The logo is an expression of the physical body of Christ represented in the cross. The dots are the individual members of the church that are in action, with their gifts, forming the body of Christ!

children's ministry

Tina McGee / Director of Children's Ministries



Our Nursery Workers are ready to care for your children while you attend worship.

Downtown 9 & 11 South Campus 9 & 11:05

Nursery: birth - 4yrs.

youth ministry

Melanie Edwards / Director of Student Ministries



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EYC & STUDENT MINISTRIES

7TH - 8TH GRADES WEDNESDAYS, 6:00-7:30 PM
5TH-6TH GRADES SUNDAYS, 4:00-5:30 PM
9TH - 12TH GRADES 2ND & 4TH 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, Matthew, 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, Beverly, Betty, Alice, Randy, Sarah

The Anglican Communion: *The Dioceses of Ndokwa (Nigeria) & Akobo (South Sudan)*

The Episcopal Church: *Dioceses of West Virginia & Western Kansas*

Diocese of Texas: *Christ Episcopal Church—Cedar Park & St. John's Episcopal Church—Center*

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

Body of Christ Stewardship 2021 in Action



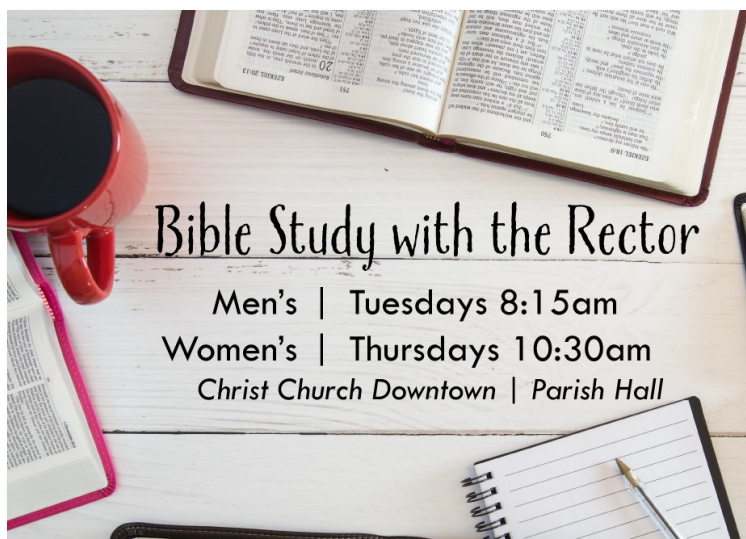
Tim and I have been blessed to be a part of the special family that is Christ Church for 40 years. We have been supported and loved through all of life's celebrations and trials. We are so thankful for years of friendship and community, worship and study, opportunities for leadership and opportunities to care for those in need. 2020 is a very

different year. Worship is different, fellowship is different, and the stewardship campaign is different. Let us not focus on the things that are different this year, but the things that are not. Raising our children to be faithful followers of Christ, feeding the hungry, and worshipping together are just a few of the things that we hold dear and are the core of our faith. Let us focus how we support these ministries, with or without a virus, and let us be grateful for our gifts and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I would ask that you prayerfully consider giving your support to all the ministries of Christ Church.

Sheryl Alexander

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

10/8 **Jos Garvey**, 10/8 **Wilder Tate**, 10/9 **Ezra Fierbaugh**, 10/10 **Claire Godbold**, 10/13 **Maley Bergfeld**



Bible Study with the Rector

Men's | Tuesdays 8:15am
Women's | Thursdays 10:30am
Christ Church Downtown | Parish Hall

On campus & in person

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

YOUTUBE: www.youtube.com/christchurchtyler

Christian Formation / EYC / Children's Ministry links can also be found at www.christchurchtyler.org

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



If you can't make it to Bible Study with the Rector, you can find recordings of it on our youtube channel too!!

www.youtube.com/christchurchtyler

Clergy and Staff

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Mr. Kendric Milton *Assistant Sexton*

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Mr. Anthony Moore *Sexton, Christ Church South*

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Ms. Tamarian Britton, Ms. Elizabeth Haan *Nursery*

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, October 11
The 17th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 23

Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23,
Philippians 4:4-13, Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 18
The 18th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 24

Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96,
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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)

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