

the Crucifer

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From the Rector:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross. Hebrews 12.1-2

At the Sydney Olympics, the world was introduced to Eric "The Swimmer" Moussambani of Equatorial Guinea. The 22-year-old African had only learned to swim the previous January. He had only practiced in a 20-meter pool without lane markers, and he had never raced more than 50 meters. By special invitation of the International Olympic Committee, Eric had been entered in the 100-meter men's freestyle.

When the other two swimmers in his heat were disqualified because of false starts, Moussambani was forced to swim alone. Eric was, to use the words of an Associated Press story about his race, "charmingly inept." He never put his head under the water's surface and flailed wildly to stay afloat. With ten meters left to the wall, some spectators thought he might drown! Yet the capacity crowd at the Olympic Aquatic Center stood to their feet and cheered Eric on. After the African reached the wall, caught his breath and regained his composure, the swimmer said, "I want to send hugs and kisses to the crowd. It was their cheering that kept me going."

We have a cheering section. We cannot see them all, but the book of Hebrews reminds us that a 'great cloud of witnesses', composed of all the faithful departed, is pulling for us as we make our way through this trying season.

Thanksgiving is approaching. This year, thank God for those who standing and clapping in your cheering section. I am especially grateful for my grandparents and parents, an amazing group of teachers in Corpus Christi, and for YOU.

For whom are you thankful? Remember them in your prayers and thank them if you are able. For whom do you cheer? Persevere in your support for them. It might be the difference between disappointment and victory.

Faithfully in Christ,

David



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. Dr. Matt Boutler / *Associate Rector*

An Update on Tyler in Common

If memory (and the hard drive on my Macbook) serve, I last wrote about our work together in Tyler in Common in June of this year, nine months after our initial “big event” on the fourth floor of Christ Church: a viewing and discussion of the documentary film “Traces of the Trade” dealing with the American slave trade of the nineteenth century.

The impetus for that June update was the contentious set of events which took place last summer involving the shooting of several African Americans by white police officers. Also that month I participated in a “rally” on the downtown Tyler square to commemorate—I believe for the first time ever—the dozens of lynchings of African Americans which took place in Tyler over the previous decades. It was a sobering honor to speak at that event, representing Christ Church and the Episcopal Church.

I come to you again with yet another update on Tyler in Common, this little group of folks (most but not all of whom are Episcopalians) who are prayerfully beginning to come together to advocate for wise justice in our community.

What does “wise justice” mean? Well, we are in the process of figuring that out ... and yet here is an idea or a “seed” which might help provoke the imagination. Consider the public bus system in Tyler. Now, I have never ridden the bus in Tyler (although I frequently did in Austin and prior to that in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia). But I am confident in my assertion that it is not adequate. I have listened to “experts” speak about this; I have read reports and studies on it. How should we think about that? Would an improved bus system—one that is actually reliable as a means of regular transportation—be a wise and loving goal for Christians in this city to have? What would it take to improve the bus system in a meaningful way?

The bus system is only one example among many, including the “food desert” that exists in North Tyler, housing practices in North Tyler, or mental health services for the indigent (to name just a few).

I am not saying that any of these issues are “black and white,” or that solutions will be easy.

However, I am convinced that a) there are real systemic patterns of injustice in our city; b) that Christ calls us to bring healing into such situations; and c) that a fail-proof way to begin that process is by listening deeply to folks who have experienced first hand various forms of suffering in this regard that I have not.

Finally, I wanted to share with you the new vision statement, mission statement, and core values which Tyler in Common has recently adopted (thanks to Mr. Jeff Williams of Tyler Together, the Rev. Brian Lightner of St. James C.M.E. Church, Dr. Paul Wick, and Mr. Stephen Fierbaugh for this tireless efforts):

Tyler In Common Vision

Tyler In Common envisions a beloved community where neighbors work together in harmony, with dignity to transform relationships for an equitable, abundant life.

Tyler In Common Mission

Tyler In Common is committed to responding to racial injustice by growing a beloved community of justice seekers and reconcilers through: acknowledging barriers, seeking equity, and providing needed resources.

Tyler In Common Core Values

- Transformative Justice
- Social Equity
- Supporting the Marginalized

Interested in learning more or getting involved? Give me a call!

music at Christ Church

Jeffrey Ford / *Choirmaster & Organist*

An illustration of a nativity scene. In the foreground, the Virgin Mary is kneeling in prayer, looking at the infant Jesus who lies in a manger. Joseph stands behind the manger, holding a staff. To the right, three wise men on camels are traveling towards the scene. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a dark blue night sky with stylized clouds and a bright yellow star. An angel with wings and a halo is flying in the upper right, blowing a trumpet.

Tidings of Joy

Virtual Noon Time Concert Series

from the Nave Christ Episcopal Church (Downtown)

find links here www.christchurchtyler.org

Orchard Quartet December 1, 2020, noon

Mark Miller, *violin*; Marina Dichenko, *violin*; Ute Miller, *viola*; Laura Ospina, *cello*

Harp, Flutes & Organ December 8, 2020, noon

Lori Smith, *harp*; Sue Bugg, *flute*; Karina McBrayer, *flute*; Jeffrey Ford, *organ*

Baritone & Piano December 15, 2020, noon

David Robinson, *baritone*; Glenda Robinson, *piano*

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9 Lessons & Carols

December 6, 2020, 6pm

Virtual Service from the Nave

find links here www.christchurchtyler.org

children's ministry

Tina McGee / Director of Children's Ministries

Calling all Sheep, Shepherds and Angels!

This year's Christmas Pageant will be pre-recorded. Children will be able to participate in person or from a distance. Cousins, grandkids, neighbors and friends, *all are welcome to participate*. We will record in blocks on December 5th. To register go to the Christ Church Website. Click the Children's Ministry tab and then upcoming events. An email with complete instructions will be sent to those that register.



youth ministry

Melanie Edwards / Director of Student Ministries



EYC & STUDENT MINISTRIES

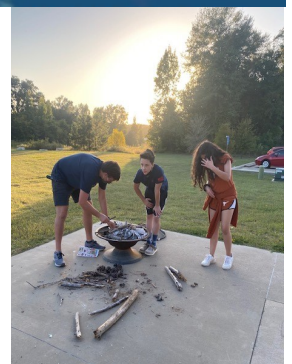
7TH - 8TH GRADES WEDNESDAYS, 6:00-7:30 PM

5TH-6TH GRADES SUNDAYS, 4:00-5:30 PM

9TH - 12TH GRADES 2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS, 6:00-7:30 PM



All EYC meet-ups are being held at Christ Church Downtown. Contact Melanie for more information:
medwards@christchurchtyler.org



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, Lauren, Terri, Paul, Amanda, Jerry, S.C., Tommy, Lucy, Larry, Tom, Kenzie, Paxton, Cynthia, Martha, Joanna, Katie, Randy, Nita, Stephanie, Christi, Roland, Kim, Carolyn, Charles, Gabriel, Elijah, Everett, Tucker, Kim, Toby, Chuck, Susan, Betty, John, Nadine, Linda, Peggy, Rob, Cathy, Caitlin, Marjorie, Bob, Julie, Matthew, Ruthie, Pete, 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, Robin, Nancy, BD

The Anglican Communion: *The Dioceses Saldanha (South Africa) & Duk (South Sudan)*

The Episcopal Church: *Dioceses of Western North Carolina & Wyoming*

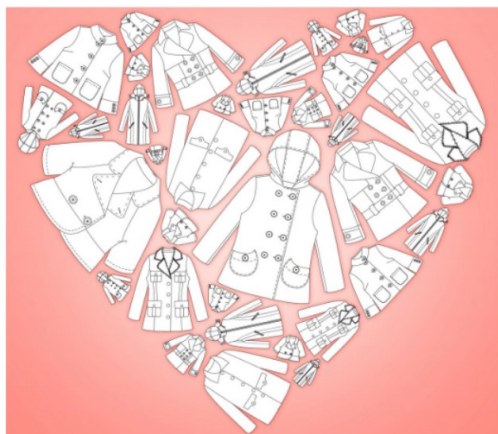
Diocese of Texas: *St. Martin's Episcopal Church—Copperas Cove & All Saints Episcopal Church—Crockett*

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

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

11/3 **Charlie Comte**, 11/7 **Madeleine Ramm**, 11/9 **Connor Hennigan**,
11/10 **Ayleigh Clayton**, 11/12 **Greyson Cassity**, 11/14 **Isla Hanna**

Thank you for the 23 coats that have been donated.



THANKSGIVING *Morning Prayer*
Virtual Service from the Nave
Thursday, November 26, 2020 | 10:00 am

find the links at www.christchurchtyler.org

gathering again

Stewardship Campaign 2021

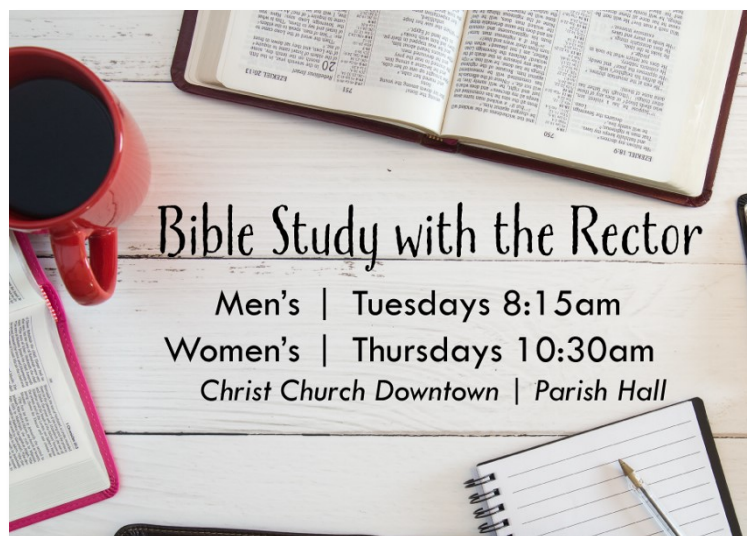
Thank you to the 170 Christ Church families who have participated in our 2021 stewardship campaign (27 online) as of November 11. We are excited to share that we have 13 new pledgors so far. These commitments will help ensure that our virtual presence, Sunday worship, Christian formation, youth and children's ministries, and outreach efforts will continue to be robust tools which God can deploy to bless people's lives.

Understanding that all we possess is a gift from God, and knowing that God delights in multiplying the gifts of God's children, rejoice in the calling to participate in supporting the Lord's work through Christ Church in 2021.

If you have any question about making a commitment please contact Diana Keesey, Parish Administrator, at dkeesey@christchurchtyler.org or 903.597.9854.

www.christchurchtyler.org/give

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.**

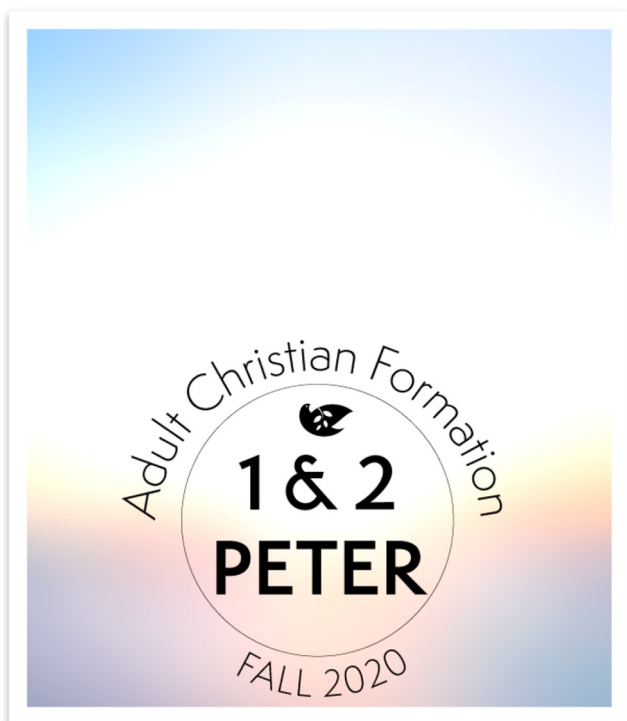


Virtual Opportuni-

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 info can also be found at www.christchurchtyler.org



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

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

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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, November 22
The Last Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 29

Amos 5:18-24, Psalm 70,
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday, November 29
The First Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, 13-14, Psalm 90,
1 Thessalonians 5:1-10, Matthew 25:14-15, 19-29

Sunday, December 6
The Second Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, 13-14, Psalm 90,
1 Thessalonians 5:1-10, Matthew 25:14-15, 19-29

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm **CCS: The Back Porch** *an outdoor service for kids & families*

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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