

# the Crucifer

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## From the Rector:

*'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3.5-6*

This past year, we have learned much about the limits to our 'understanding.' In my wildest imagination, I never conceived of the twists and turns we have endured together.

The Pandemic has been, is, and will be a source of tremendous strain and challenge. It also is and will be a tremendous opportunity for spiritual growth.

If strong self-reliance is an obstacle to living by faith in Christ, consistently experiencing surprise, disappointment, and uncertainty most certainly invites us to 'trust in the Lord with all our hearts.'

Our faith is nurtured by the Holy Spirit. And the Spirit uses worship, prayer, study, service, Christian fellowship, and holy living to deepen our faith in the Lord.

Most believers in the West have worshipped online for fifteen months. With the dramatic decline in the presence of Covid in Smith County, *now is the time to come back to church, to receive the Sacrament, pray, sing, and profess your faith.*

*The buildings are clean. The worship spaces are holy. And masks are no longer required.*

We cannot wait to see you!

Faithfully yours in Christ,



*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 Boulter / *Associate Rector*

## Keeping the Flame Alive (at Christ Church South)

In our beautiful sanctuary at Christ Church Downtown, right above the aumbry, there is a candle. I suppose it's called the "aumbry candle." It symbolizes the presence of Jesus Christ, whose Body, in the form of consecrated, eucharistic bread, resides in the aumbry itself. That candle is a vivid reminder of "Emmanuel," that God is with us, always.

Now, we don't have an aumbry candle (or even an aumbry) at Christ Church South. And yet in my opinion this is nevertheless an apt image for how things have been at Christ Church South during the Coronavirus Pandemic of 2020–21.

For, during the pandemic, and thanks to a small army of sacrificial "volunteer saints," we have kept the flame alive at Christ Church South. The flame of God's love in Christ. The flame of the Gospel. The flame of Christian hope.

Truly, for much or most of the pandemic we at Christ Church South have been doing triple duty with a skeleton crew. Two years ago, there was one service of Holy Eucharist at Christ Church South. For much of the pandemic, we have had *three*: in addition to the 11:05 service, we had the 9:00 and the Saturday Night Back Porch Service. Each service required hosts, altar guild, audio-visual staff, and musicians.

And when you add on top of all that, the tricky business of live-streaming those services (together with some of the Christian formation classes)—and things got *especially* tricky in the wake of the "2021 polar vortex" which wreaked havoc on our Christ Church South facilities—this meant that we were bearing a heavy load indeed. All in the midst of a virus which, with good reason, tended to freak many people out (if I might put it like that).

The devil wants to divide us (that's literally what *diabolos* means in Greek), but "greater is he who is in us than he who is in the world."

But who is "us"? Who is "we"? Who are the people who bore this load, who sacrificed to keep the Gospel flame of love alive? Too many to name, they are the courageous, sacrificial leaders who served as hosts, as altar guild members, as audio-visual tech team members, as "stream-team" folks (who got countless videos uploaded YouTube and Facebook), and as our wonderful Christ Church South musicians. The leaders of these teams (and the folks who deserve honorable mention) include: Laura Zeiher (host teams), Linda Watson and Nancy McReynolds and Samantha Hague (altar guild), Paul Squyres and Justin Mayes (audio visuals & stream team), and Robert Finney (music). Other names I cannot *not* mention are Tim Quinn, our valiant & tireless Christ Church South Junior Warden, and Gabe Clayton and Lindzay Boone, who led music at the Saturday Night Back Porch Service on multiple occasions, Patrick Willis who hosted on Saturday afternoons, and Anthony Moore, our wonderful Christ Church South sexton. (Thanks be to God for our nursery workers, overseen by Tina McGee!)

Thanks to these folks (who will be recognized this Sunday at a 10AM reception at Christ Church South with coffee & goodies), Christ Church South is poised to spring back into action in a post-pandemic season (God willing)!

For them, and many more, I am profoundly thankful. Thanks be to God!



## Choir School of East Texas 2021 High School GRADUATES

Congratulations are in order for Jaiden, Kaitlyn, and Kara as recipients of the CSET College Scholarship of \$8000. These scholarships were earned by their dedicated participation in our program for more than six years. These wonderful singers plan to attend Tyler Junior College for two years and then move on to a four year school.

The flowers given to our graduates were arranged from Sunday's altar flowers given by Connally and Bolivia Powell. At this event they were presented in memory of Walter Connally Powell, Jr.



**Jaiden Craig**  
Cumberland Academy High School



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Jaiden will be attending  
Tyler Junior College /UT Tyler  
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**Kaitlyn Crawford**  
Cumberland Academy High School



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**Kara Crawford**  
Cumberland Academy High School



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## University GRADUATES

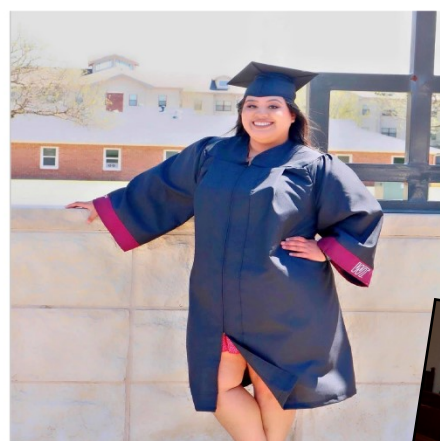
**Samuel Hsieh**  
Furman University



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BMus Clarinet Performance & Accepted into  
LSU Masters Program for Clarinet Performance  
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**Caitlynn Sandoval**  
West Texas A&M



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BA Theater Technology & Design emphasis on  
Scenic Design & Stage Management  
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**Deverre Borah**  
All Saints Episcopal School



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Deverre will be attending UT Tyler  
[#uttylerpatriot](#)

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**Parker King Bracken**  
All Saints Episcopal School



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Parker will be jumping into the workforce.  
[#makingthemoney](#)

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**Lauren Combest**  
Chapel Hill High School



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Lauren will be attending University of North Texas [#UNTEagles](#)

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**Harper Hesskew**  
Brownsboro High School



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Harper will be attending Texas Tech University  
[#RedRaiders](#)

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**Blythe Maynard**  
Good Shepherd School



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Blythe will be attending Dallas Baptist University  
[#DBUPatriot](#)

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**Gabrielle Meyer**  
All Saints Episcopal School



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Gabby will be attending University of Arkansas  
[#razorbacks](#)

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## children's ministry

Tina McGee/ Director of Children's Ministries

### CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

5/27 **August Hanna**, 5/29 **Carter Edwards**,  
5/30 **Marigny Teagarden**,  
6/4 **Benjamin Ashley**



~~All Saints Episcopal School  
June 21-25/ 9am - 12pm  
Children 4k-4th grade  
Space is limited~~

**ASES VBS is FULL!**

**VBS 2021 Volunteers and Participants *Register NOW!***

# Congrats

## CLASS OF 2021

**Austin Green**  
Whitehouse High School



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Austin will be attending TJC/UT Tyler  
[#TJCtoUTTyler](#)

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**Ford Wooldridge**  
TK Gorman High School



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Ford will be attending  
University of New England [#WeAreUNE](#)

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**Scholarship Recipients**  
Christ Church Tyler



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Congratulations to Gabby Meyer for receiving  
the ECW scholarship & Austin Green for  
receiving the Clawwater-Shaw Award  
[#ChristChurchisproudforyou](#)

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## Welcome our new College Missioner

# URIAH JOHNSON

*Uriah serves as the  
College Missioner  
for the Northeastern  
part of the Diocese,  
primarily focused on UT  
Tyler as well as TJC and  
Texas College Students.*

A native East Texan, Uriah was born, baptized, and confirmed as a Lutheran before he started to attend services at Christ Church in 2016 and was received into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Jeff Fisher in November 2017. Prior to receiving the call from the Diocese Uriah has served in many capacities before and since his time Christ Church including EYC Ministry, Lay Reader, Church Council president and many others. Amongst getting the chance to share the love of Christ to area college students, Uriah is passionate about his love of local food spots, basketball, the Buffalo Bills and R&B/Soul music (especially his favorite musician, Prince, whom he shares a birthday with).

Uriah considers this calling to be the greatest honor and privilege of his life to have the opportunity to further community and serve God here in Tyler and the Northeast Convocation of the Diocese of Texas.

Volunteer & Participants Register  
Online at

[www.christchurchtyler.org](http://www.christchurchtyler.org)

All Saints VBS is full but there are still spots at Promise Academy!

June 28 - July 2 / 8:30-12

Hurray! Only 20 participant spots left!

Volunteers needed!



## SCHEDULE:

Sunday, May 30 | **Reception for Melanie Edwards\***

10:00am in the Parish Hall (\*new date & location)

Wednesday, June 2 | **Men's Summer Depth Group**

5:45pm at Christ Church South

Sunday, June 6 | **Baptisms**

Contact church office if interested

June 21-25 | **Vacation Bible School (full)**

9-12 at All Saints Episcopal School

June 28-July 2 | **Vacation Bible School**

8:30-12 at Promise Academy



Adult Christian Formation Bible study

***The Resurrection Life: Hope during Difficult Times.***

*Please join us for at 10:00 AM Sunday at Christ Church Downtown in the Ascension Room—3rd Floor.*

Virtual Opportunities still Available:  
[www.youtube.com/christchurchtyler](https://www.youtube.com/christchurchtyler)

### SUNDAYS

11:00am Worship from the Nave available

11:05am Christ Church South /live on Facebook and YouTube



### CHRIST CHURCH GIFT SHOP [We are open again!]

We have a beautiful, affordable Caspari cards in the Gift Shop. {Think graduation & Father's Day cards.} Choose now while we have lots of choices.

*Our Card Lady is George Ann Reed. We are so grateful to her for ordering, organizing, and filing the cards. It is a big job. Thank you, George Ann.*

And don't forget our line of Scriptorium small cards \$1.00 each. We buy from the All Saints Sisters Convent. Each one is a blessing.

Contact us at [giftshop@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:giftshop@christchurchtyler.org).

Sundays 8:30 -12:30 or Tuesday & Thursdays 10-1

### *In Our Prayers*

***Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:***

**Jennifer, Lisa, Drew, Virginia, Chad, Lauren, SC, Nita, Stephanie, Chesley, Christy, Cynthia, Christi, Charles, John, Jim, Carey, Chesa, Dalton, Kirby, Chris, Austin, Lynn, Jeremy**

**The Anglican Communion:** *The Diocese of Central Ecuador*

**The Episcopal Church:** *Diocese of Dominican Republic & Diocese of East Carolina (NC)*

**Diocese of Texas:** *St. Barnabas Episcopal Church—Houston & Church of the Ascension—Houston*

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

## Clergy and Staff

**The Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle**

*Bishop of the Diocese of Texas*

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*Bishop Suffragan*

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*Bishop Suffragan*

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Mr. Anthony Moore *Sexton, Christ Church South*

Ms. Blythe Maynard, Ms. Laurel Maynard,  
Ms. Tamarian Britton, Ms. Elizabeth Haan *Nursery*

## The Vestry

**Mr. Tim Alexander** Treasurer

**Mr. Peter Boyd** Asst. Treasurer

**Mr. Travis Albea** Class of 2021

**Mr. Clyde Beaty** Class of 2021

**Mrs. Susan Bracken** Class of 2021

**Mr. Rodney Schroeder** Class of 2021

**Mr. Ted Walters, Senior Warden** Class of 2021

**Mrs. Lou Ann Berman** Class of 2022

**Mr. Steve Hardy** Class of 2022

**Mrs. Christi Khalaf, Clerk** Class of 2022

**Mr. John Owen, Jr. Warden CCD** Class of 2022

**Mr. Tim Quinn, Jr. Warden CCS** Class of 2022

**Mr. Stephen Bentley** Class of 2023

**Mr. Mark Burton** Class of 2023

**Mr. Jerry Sanders** Class of 2023

**Mrs. Terri Squyres** Class of 2023

**Mr. Bob Westbrook** Class of 2023

## 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 B BCP 1979 Lectionary

***Sunday, May 30th* - The 1st Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 3:1-6

Psalms 93

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-16

***Sunday, June 6th* - The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost,  
Proper 5**

Genesis 3:[1-7] 8-21

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

Mark 3:20-35

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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## Worship Schedule

### Sunday

7:30 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*  
9:00 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*  
11:00 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*  
11:00 am *Virtual* Worship from the Nave | [youtube.com/christchurchtyler](https://youtube.com/christchurchtyler)  
11:05 am CCS: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II* {live-streamed on Facebook & YT}

### **CHRIST CHURCH: ONE CHURCH—TWO CAMPUSES**

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