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From the Rector:

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

Our kids and grandchildren are a treasured gift from God. It is a privilege, a joy, and a responsibility to raise them to know and follow Christ.

I am thrilled to share that after months of prayer and preparation, in person Christ Church ministries to children and youth have returned!

On Sunday mornings, the nurseries are open on both campuses during the 9:00 and 11:00 services for children 4 and under.

On Sunday mornings, Children's Chapel offers Sunday school to our elementary-aged kids at 9:00 on our historic downtown campus and at 11:05 at Christ Church South.

And Christ Church Youth Group is back! Fifth and sixth graders meet on Sunday afternoons. Seventh and eighth graders gather on Wednesday evenings. And High School students have EYC on Sunday evenings.

All youth groups gather in the beautiful outdoors at the South Campus. And all our ministries to children and youth observe appropriate health protocols to ensure that our kids and their families stay safe while they are deepening their faith.

Please join me in praying for our children and their families. These are challenging times. But we are excited to renew our strong ministries to our kids! And we are committed to strengthening their faith in Jesus.

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.*

an interview with the Reverend *Doctor* Matthew R. Boulter

Fr. David shared in the September 3rd e-blast:

A great story of perseverance and accomplishment comes from our own Fr. Matt Boulter.

Over seven years ago, while continuing his full-time work at Christ Church, Matt began his advanced studies in philosophy and theology at the University of Dallas. There have been many challenging turns on the road to a PhD, but after years of hard work and tremendous effort, Fr. Matt is now officially the Reverend Dr. Matthew Boulter!

The pandemic created one final challenge, but the Rev. Dr. Boulter persevered, and has been awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy from the National University of Ireland in Maynooth, County Kildare, Ireland. His doctorate is a great testament to a brilliant mind, a supportive family, hard work, and exceptional perseverance.

Congratulations, Reverend Dr. Matt!

What did you study for your PhD?

My PhD is in philosophy, which I have had a deep desire for ever since 1994, when an Anglo-Catholic philosophy professor at UT Austin named Louis Mackey planted something deep in my soul. The class was on Kierkegaard & Derrida, and by the end of it I knew that I needed to study philosophy and theology. That I had to do that, as if my life depended on it. Mackey quoted CS Lewis and Karl Barth several times during the course of the class. Also my good friend Nathan Jennings (now the liturgy professor at the Episcopal Seminary in Austin) was in that class. He & I have been close friends ever since.

Right after my MDiv from Westminster Theo Seminary (a Reformed seminary in Philadelphia) I applied to Ph D programs (Univ of Chicago and Villanova). The LORD closed both doors, which was a difficult thing to accept.

When I moved to Tyler in 2010, I went to a friend's birthday party in Dallas, and met a German man who was a brilliant philosopher (who also wrote about theological topics). His name is Philipp Rosemann. He emailed me and invited me to visit with him, which I did. Then he started putting books in my hand and saying, "Why don't you read this book. Let's get together in a month and discuss it."

On thing led to another and I applied to the philosophy PhD program at the University of Dallas, and was fully funded for my entire time there.

What University?

After five years of coursework at the University of Dallas (driving to Dallas twice a week on average) and passing comprehensive exams (the most rigorous experience I've ever had), Dr. Rosemann called me and said that he was leaving UD to become the department chairperson at the National Univ of Ireland (Maynooth campus). He also invited me to "go with him," finishing my dissertation under his guidance.

So, in late October of 2019 (after about a year and a half of focused work, including a stay at the Pope Benedict XVI Institute in Regensburg, Germany doing research) I submitted the dissertation to the University.

I successfully defended it in June (on zoom) in front of John Milbank (an Anglican theologian from England) and William Desmond (an Irish Catholic philosopher who lives and works in Belgium). These two men are two of my absolute heroes intellectually and it was an unbelievably humbling experience to defend and discuss my work with them.

How long did it take?

The entire PhD (coursework, comprehensive exams, the dissertation) took about 7.5 years to complete.

Why the topic?

My dissertation is entitled "Repetition and Mythos: Ratzinger's Bonaventure and the Meaning of History." It deals with the "second dissertation" (it's a German thing!) of Joseph Ratzinger on the last set of lectures given by St. Bonaventure which are in some sense a "commentary" of the days of creation of Genesis 1. Yet this "sermon series"—called the "Collationes in Hexaemeron—is much more than just that: it is really a "theology of history" which deeply redefined how Christians in the West thought about history and eschatology (since previously Augustine had had that "last word" on all that).

I chose this topic for two reasons: one practical and one deeply "existential." Practically, Dr. Rosemann proposed it to me, knowing that it kind of a "sexy" or interesting (and under-studied) topic and that it might fill a gap in the current scholarship and also open doors for me.

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music at Christ Church

Jeffrey Ford / *Choirmaster & Organist*

When you attend church, you hear anthems and other choral music as part of the service. These are chosen most of the time to go along with the readings of the day. In October you will hear two new anthems to our church that are chosen for the appropriateness of the message that we need to hear during these trying times.

October 4 the anthem at the 11:00 Service will be *O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come*.

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?

From ev'ry ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, O Christ for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find the wholeness that,
enriching us, shall reach and prosper human kind.
(Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000)

October 11 the anthem at the 11:00 Service will be *Hope of the World*.

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion, speak to our fearless hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, thy people from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven, bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
still let thy spirit unto us be given, to heal earth's wounds and end all bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways, showing to wand'ring souls the path of light,
walk beside us lest the tempting byways lure us away from thee to endless night.

Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious, who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious; thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign.
(Georgia Harkness, 1891-1974)

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Secondly, I am deeply interested in eschatology and how we ought to think about the end of the world (something we cannot do in isolation from the beginning and middle of the world). Broadly speaking, the question of the relationship of history to ontology, is a huge issue for me.

Anything else you want to say?

Just over the last few weeks (after defending the dissertation) I have—somewhat surprisingly—been having lots of success getting my work published. I have three pieces forthcoming: one on Dante, one on Aquinas' notion of anger, and one (co-authored with Philipp Rosemann) on the same topic (basically) as my dissertation.

I expect that my (revised) dissertation will be published as a book in early 2021.

The opportunity to do this PhD is one of the most deeply satisfying gifts I've ever received, experiences I've ever had. The huge sacrifices have been totally "worth it." I'm thankful to so many people for allowing it to happen!

Interesting facts:

The 1.5 line-spaced document is 240 pages, including a 10 page bibliography, and is 108758 words.

Again, Congratulations Rev. Dr. Matt!!!

children's ministry
Tina McGee / Director of Children's Ministries



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL & NURSERY ARE OPEN.

Children's Chapel for 5yrs to 4th grade will be available at the 9am service CCD, and at the 11:05 service CCS.

There will be a bigger formation component since we are not having Sunday School at the moment.

Nursery will open 15 minutes before the 9:00, 11:00, & 11:05 services on both campuses.

{The nursery will close for cleaning between services. }

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

9/24 **Olivia Pogue**, 9/25 **Cora Garvey**
10/3 **Genevieve Mayes**,
10/5 **Matthew Ford**

youth ministry
Melanie Edwards / Director of Student Ministries



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 Nairobi (Kenya) & Aba Ngwa North & Ikwuano (both in Nigeria)*

The Episcopal Church: *Dioceses of West Tennessee & West Texas*

Diocese of Texas: *All Saints Episcopal Church—Cameron & St. John's Episcopal Church—Carthage*

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

Newly Baptized

On September 19, 2020, **James Stanford Whitney**,
son of Carrie & Russell Whitney, grandson of Beth & Clayton
Whitney and great-grandson of Jane & Bud Whitney.

In Memoriam

Our sympathies to the family & friends of
Josephine Estes Haller, grandmother of Grace Vierling.



**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

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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

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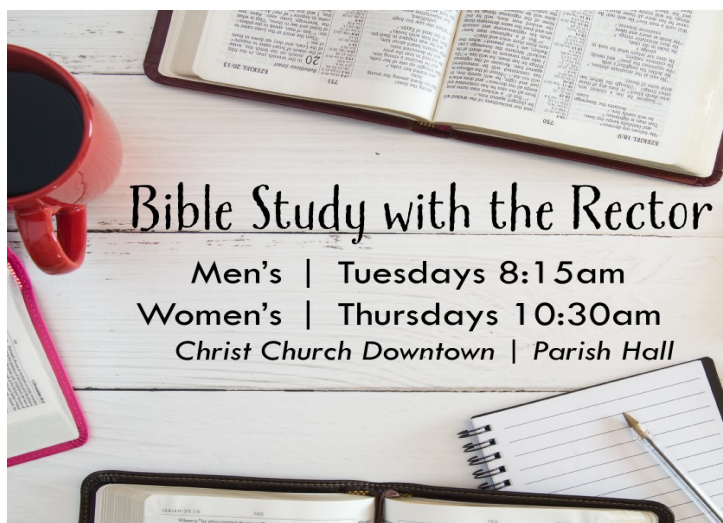
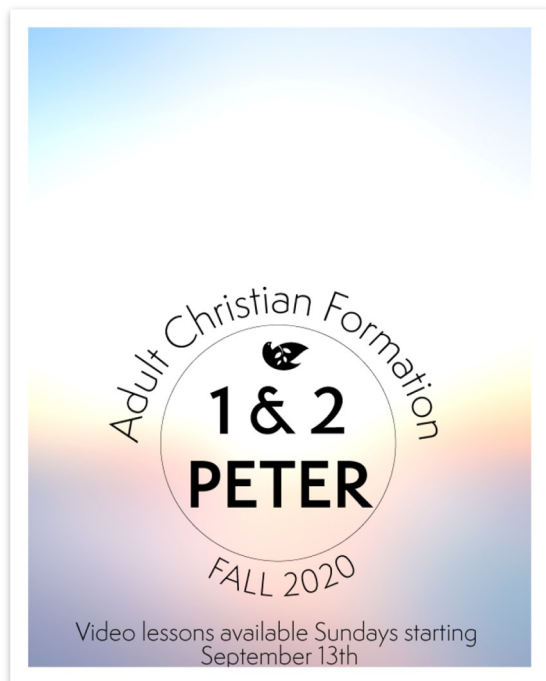
YOUTUBE: www.tinyurl.com/christchurchtyleryoutube

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

Fall 2020: Adult Christian Formation

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

Find links at www.christchurchtyler.org



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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 27

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 21

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-14,
Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:28-32

Sunday, October 4

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 22

Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80,
Philippians 3:14-21, Matthew 21:33-43

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

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