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From the Rector:

I agree with Hal Borland, who writes that "Of all the seasons, autumn offers the most to man and requires the least of him."

We have entered a pleasant season of college football and pumpkin spice latte. And a time for the renewal of marvelous ministries of fellowship at Christ Church.

The past year and a half has moved many of us to keep away from other people. It has affected so many aspects of our lives. Yet our need to worship and fellowship, to touch and be touched, to see others smile when they see us – those needs are very real.

As the autumn dawns, we expect that the Delta wave will break over the coming weeks. Mindful of the need to be careful and of our need to pray and fellowship with other people, I invite you to renew your participation in worship, Bible study, Sunday School, neighborhood groups, supper club, and all the wonderful opportunities for faith formation and fellowship that Christ Church has to offer.

As it is written in Hebrews 10, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another."

May the Lord bless you with a healthy and refreshing autumn!

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,

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. Ted Welty / *Associate Rector of Christian Formation*

PREACHING THE GOSPEL WITHOUT USING WORDS:

October 4 is the Feast Day of St. Francis, and we can remember St. Francis on Sunday, October at 3:00 at Bergfeld Park. We will have a Blessing of the Animals to celebrate Francis' life and ministry. In my opinion, St. Francis is our most popular saint. If the government census included the concrete statues of St. Francis found in this country, with the bird sitting atop his shoulder, and the squirrel at his feet, it would probably double our population. In a special issue in 1992, *Time* magazine put together a list of the ten most important people of the previous 1000 years. The list was interesting; musicians – Mozart; inventors – Gutenberg; statesmen – Jefferson; explorers – Columbus; artists – Michelangelo; authors – Shakespeare; scientists – Galileo and Einstein; religion – Martin Luther and (guess who?) St. Francis.

The *Time* magazine released recently listing the 100 most influential people of 2021 is an illustration of how much our country and our values have changed. On the cover of the magazine and at the top of the list of most influential people are Prince Harry and Meghan, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. The list of the 2021 most influential includes Britney Spears, Naomi Osaki, Tom Brady, and a man named (I am not kidding) Bad Bunny. I am sorry to say, that scanning the list, I was unable to find any of the 100 most influential people who were even remotely associated with Christianity.

Today, St. Francis is known mostly for his love of God's creation, of nature and animals. Once, Saint Francis and his companions were making a trip through the Spoleto Valley near the town of Bevagna. Suddenly, Francis spotted a great number of birds of all varieties. There were doves, crows and all sorts of birds. Swept up in the moment, Francis left his friends in the road and ran after the birds, who patiently waited for him. At this the birds began to spread their wings, stretch their necks and gaze at Francis, rejoicing and praising God in a wonderful way according to their nature. Francis then walked right through the middle of them, turned around and came back, touching their heads and bodies with his tunic. Then he gave them his blessing, making the sign of the cross over them. At that they flew off and Francis, rejoicing and giving thanks to God, went on his way.

Perhaps the most famous story of St. Francis is when he tamed the wolf that was terrorizing the people of Gubbio. According to the story, Francis went outside the town, spoke to the wolf who agreed to stop the attacks for which the people of the town would provide food for the wolf. Francis shook the wolf's paw as a sign of agreement. The wolf kept his word, there was peace in Gubbio. Who knows whether or not any of these stories about St. Francis contain any truth, yet there is no doubt that he loved animals and lived in overwhelming awe of the created order. He loved the simplicity of the animals' spirituality, and applied this simplicity to the way humans should receive God.

The popular image of St. Francis preaching to the birds and rambling through nature like a 13th century hippie contains some truth, but maybe only a partial truth, because even though Francis loved nature, Jesus Christ was the cornerstone of St. Francis ministry. After giving up a life of privilege, St. Francis dedicated himself to a life of living the Gospel – imitating the life of Jesus. Francis was not physically imposing, just four feet something in height and actually not much taller than one of the garden statues. He was apparently very charismatic, attracting people in droves to his ministry wherever he went. The focus of St. Francis ministry was Jesus Christ, and his missionary strategy was to preach the Gospel everywhere and to all who had not heard of Christ. St. Francis believed that people are more influenced by what we do rather than what we say. He wanted his followers to be missionaries of peace and goodness, living lives of simplicity that imitated Christ, and sometimes he told his brothers before entering a town, "Preach the Gospel, and if necessary use words." St. Francis took a vow of poverty, chastity, and obedience, living the life of the Christ of the Gospels as closely and literally as he could. From the General Thanksgiving in the *Book of Common Prayer*:
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord...

Blessings in Christ,

Ted+



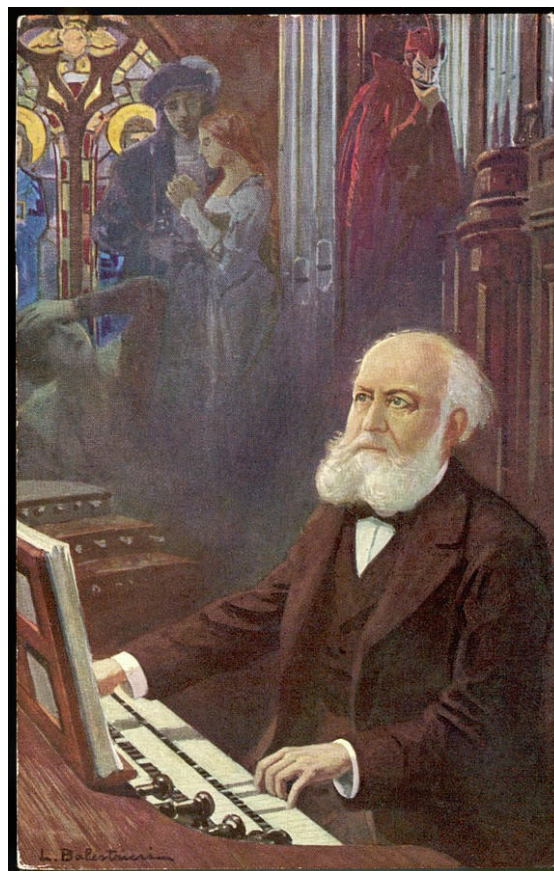
October 10, 2021 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Service

Selections of the Mass in C No. 7 by Charles Gounod will be performed by the Chancel Choir throughout the service.

Charles Gounod was born on June 17, 1818 in France. He started his musical training at home where his mother taught him. He attended the Paris Conservatoire in 1836 and from there he went to Italy to study religious music and the music of famous Italian musicians. His studies also took him to Austria and Prussia. It was during this time that he met Felix Mendelssohn and was greatly influenced by him.

He considered becoming a priest but choose to write music instead. He wrote 12 operas, a large amount of church music, many songs, and popular short pieces. Some of his most famous compositions include: Ave Maria, Faust, and Funeral March of the Marionette.

This particular Mass is one of 23 that he wrote.



music at Christ Church
Jeffrey Ford / Choirmaster & Organist



Gear Up Sunday was a wonderful day. Thank you for all who attended.

And know it is not too late for gearing up for the Fall at Christ Church. Go to our NEW website www.christchurchtyler.org or contact the office 903.597.9854 to find out where you can fit in.

Door prize (from Stanley's, Andy's, Foundry, Sweet Gourmet) winners:

CCD : Stephen Bentley, Jolana Damkroger, Joyce McGee, Jake Godbold, Janice Hamman, Maggie Taliaferro

CCS: Kevin Short, Linda Witzky, Nancy McReynolds, Joel Nolen, Karen Courville, Gabriel Clayton, Hal Meyer, Steve Tiller





THE END OF SUMMER HAS BEEN SO MUCH FUN!

Fall Sunday School is at 10:00 am on both campuses.

Godly Play curriculum for Pre-K–1st grade.

Holy Moly curriculum for 2nd–4th grades.

Faithful and fun teachers are needed on both campuses.

Please contact Ms. Tina for more information.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

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

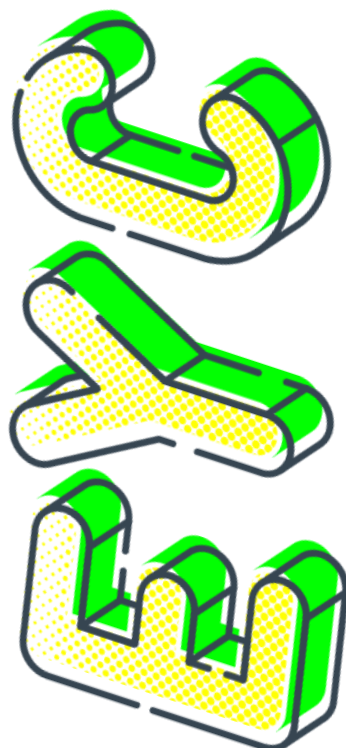
Baptism

Eliza Dos Santos,

daughter of Queila Dos Santos

at Christ Church South, Sunday September 9.

Your are sealed and marked as Christ's own forever.



Today is the second Wednesday night EYC of the school year, and it is an understatement to say I am excited! I have many hopes for each student: I hope they clearly hear the word of God; I hope they deeply feel eternal truths and that they sweetly think of the Lord; but, above all else, I hope they experience more & more that the truest way to worship is by submitting their hearts & opinions to be changed by God. That change is called repentance. It is a plea to move closer to the mercy, grace, & righteousness of God, and it is a never-ending practice for those who love both God and neighbor. Please pray for the youth, volunteers, and me as we work to submit ourselves to God.

Wednesday Night EYC @CCS *dinner provided*

September 22nd

MS - 5:30pm-6:45pm

HS - 6:15pm-7:30pm

SUNDAY Youth Spiritual Formation
study of THE GOSPEL OF MARK
join us...breakfast provided
DOWNTOWN: 10am @ 4th Floor

thanksgivings & supplications

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Jennifer, Lisa, Drew, Virginia, Chad, Lauren, SC, Nita, Stephanie, Christy, Cynthia, Christi, Charles, John, Jim, Dalton, Kirby, Chris, Austin, Lynn, Jeremy, Barbara, Lindsey, Emmi, James, Matthew, Sarah, Betsy, Nina, Steve Cindy, Gregg, Josiah, Savonah, Marilyn, Julia, Anne, Maxwell, Alexa, Donald, Shelly, Kerry, Patsy, Diedre, Zoe, Gage, Francis, Brittini, Woody-Kaye, Rodgers Family, Paul, Lucy, Vickie, Gina, Betsy, Monalee, Katie, Patrick, Greg, Marie, Tommy, Debby

The Anglican Communion: *The Diocese of Fianarantsoa (Madagascar)*

The Episcopal Church: *Dioceses of Fort Worth & Georgia*

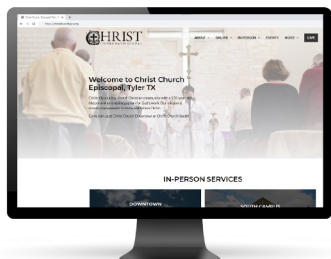
Diocese of Texas: *St. John the Divine—Houston & St. Luke the Evangelist—Houston*

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

In Memoriam

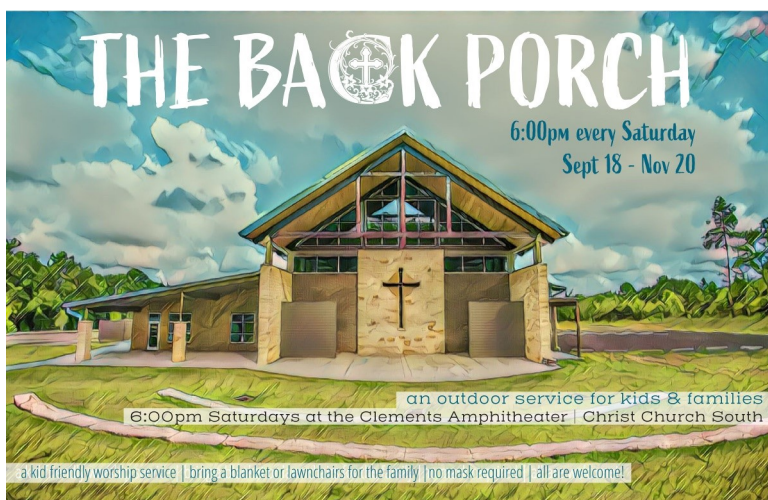
Our sympathies to the family & friends of
Wade Clark Ridley, Sr.,
father of Tom Ridley

BAPTISMS: November 7, 2021 *All Saints Sunday*
If interested in being baptized or having an infant or child baptized Downtown or Christ Church South contact the church at office@christchurchtyler.org or call 903.597.9854.



new
WEBSITE

www.christchurchtyler.org



THE BACK PORCH 6:00 service & join us this Saturday the 25th afterwards for hamburgers & hotdogs on the grill. Special music from a local house band.

ECW MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14
11:45am

ALL WOMEN INVITED
(bring a friend)
LUNCH SERVED

RSVP BY Monday 10/11
dkeesey@christchurchtyler.org
or 903 597 9854

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Guest Speaker:
DR. PAUL WICK, Master Gardener,
share with us the new
BOTANICAL GARDEN SECTION
happening at the
TYLER ROSE GARDEN

SCHEDULE:

Sat, Sept 25

6:00pm | **The Back Porch** CCS Amphitheater
followed by Hot Dogs & Hamburgers on the grill

Tues, Sept 28

8:00am | **Men's Bible Study with the Rector** CCD Parish Hall

Wed, Sept 29

7:15am | **Wednesday Men's' Bible Study** CCD Undercroft

10:00am | **Wednesday morning small group**

5:30-7:30pm | **EYC**

Thurs, Sept 30

10:30am | **Women's Bible Study with the Rector** CCD Parish Hall

6:00pm | **Loaves & Fishes**

Sat, October 2

6:00pm | **The Back Porch** CCS Amphitheater

Sun, Oct 3

3:00pm | **Blessing of the Pets** Bergfeld Park

Tues, October 5

8:00am | **Men's Bible Study with the Rector** CCD Parish Hall

Wed, October 6

7:15am | **Wednesday Men's Bible Study**
CCD Undercroft

10:00am | **Wednesday morning small group**

5:30-7:30pm | **EYC**

Thurs, Oct 7

10:30am | **Women's Bible Study with the Rector**
CCD Parish Hall

6:00pm | **Loaves & Fishes**

Thurs, Oct 14

11:45 | **ECW meeting** (*lunch served*) CCD Parish Hall
RSVP by 10/11 office@christchurchtyler.org

Fri, Oct 22

6:00pm | **Supper Club** *small groups*

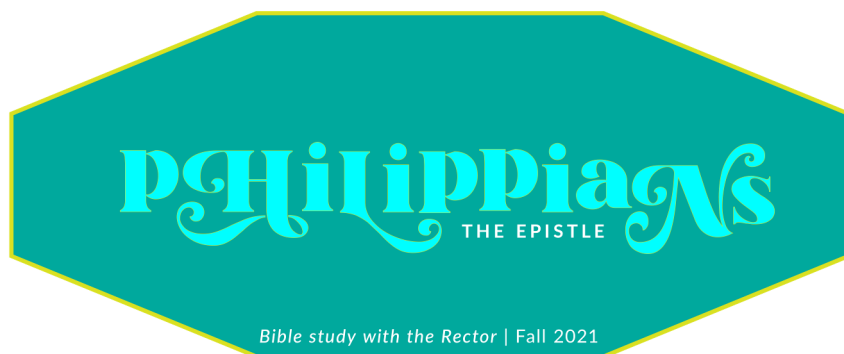
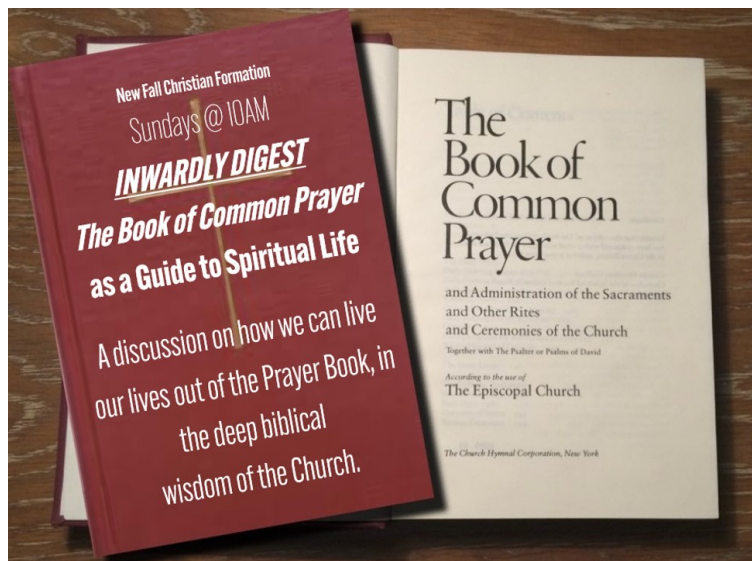
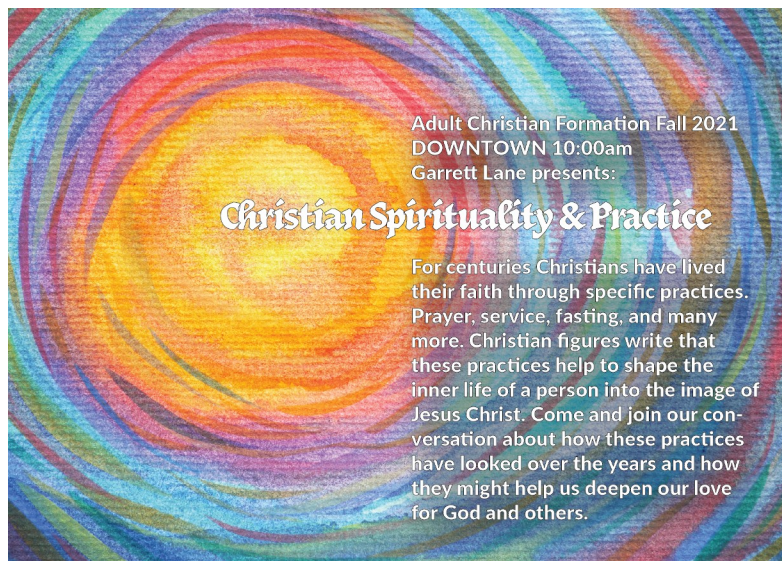
Sun, Oct 24

5:30pm | **Fall Festival** CCS

NEW Adult Christian Formation classes:

CCD: Christian Spirituality & Practice

CCS: Inwardly Digest: The Book of Common Prayer



Bible Study with the Rector Fall 2021

Men: TUESDAYS at 8:00am
Women: THURSDAYS at 10:30am

Join Fr. David in a study of the Epistle to the Philippians, in the Parish Hall, Downtown.

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Mr. Austin Green,

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Class of 2023

Pastoral Emergency Contacts

In the event of a pastoral emergency,
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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, September 26

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 21

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalms 19

James 4:7-12 [13--5:6]

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Sunday, October 3

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 22

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms 8 or Psalm 128

Hebrews 2:1-18

Mark 10:2-9

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship Schedule

Sunday Schedule

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* {live-streamed christchurchtyler.org}
11:05 am CCS: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II* {live-streamed christchurchtyler.org}

CHRIST CHURCH: ONE CHURCH—TWO CAMPUSES

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