

# the Crucifer

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## From the Rector:

With the Winter Olympics approaching, I recall the story of a U.S. figure skater Janet Lynn.

In 1972, Janet knew she had no chance at the gold medal—she had been blown away by Austria's Trixie Schuba in the compulsory figures. She was saddened by her performance and argued with God, saying, "I wanted to do it for You, my nation, and my coach."

She remembers, "Then I thought, 'Perhaps there's a bigger purpose to my skating, to show God's love and express the gift for skating he gave me.'" With that attitude, she skated.

Then the unthinkable happened—Janet fell to the ice. The crowd grew very quiet.

Yet, "I was able to keep smiling," she recalls. And the crowd roared it's support for the grit, perseverance, and attitude of this American figure skater.

Janet's smile became an image, as one Tokyo hotel employee explained, that meant "there is hope, even in failure."

Winter is always a season which demands perseverance and grit. Perhaps now as much as ever.

In Epiphany, we remember the perseverance of the wise men, who traveled for many weeks through thick and thin led by God through the light of a bright star.

As we endure another trying winter, be encouraged by Lamentations 3: *"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

*"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."*  
*The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him."*

May the Lord help you to persevere through difficult moments, drawing hope from the love and faithfulness of Christ Jesus.

Faithfully yours in Him,

David +



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# from the associate rector...

The Rev. Dr. Matt Boulter / *Associate Rector*

## Tyler in Common: poised for a new moment

When a group of about 60 folks from all across Tyler gathered on the fourth floor of the Grelling Spence building about two and a half years ago to view and discuss a documentary film about the African slave trade and its connections to one Episcopalian family in the New England, I never could have imagined the future. I never could have imagined what lay ahead for this web of relationships that, with the support of the Episcopal Health Foundation, would become Tyler in Common.

Despite the interruptions—going on two years now—of a crippling pandemic, I never could have imagined that our little group would be awarded \$150,000 by the Episcopal Health Foundation to launch a community organizing effort in Tyler. Yet this is precisely the news I received last Fall, the results of months of networking, meeting, and vision casting.

But what *is* community organizing? Sometimes the best way to define or describe something is to say what it's *not*. I know of two things community organizing is not. It is not flash-in-the-pan activism that tends to die out after an initial burst of passion, the kind of thing we've seen repeatedly in the news and on the streets of American cities, in response to the murders of African American victims such as George Floyd. Our God calls us to work for justice, but if a movement is "here today and gone tomorrow," what, really, has changed? Sometimes the cynicism that results from such makeshift efforts leaves things even worse than before.

On the other end of the spectrum is an equal and opposite social phenomenon which clarifies what community organizing is *not*. Several years ago Christ Church hosted an event featuring the author of *When Helping Hurts*. The point of this book is that there is no magic salvation that occurs when people of means write checks to charitable nonprofit organizations. Now, funding is crucial for the success of vital organizations and institutions. And yet, sometimes when well-intended folks write a check, this serves only to keep the needy at arm's length. When you observe the life and ministry of Christ, or the lifestyle of the apostles in the Book of Acts, a different picture emerges: far from keeping folks at arm's length, the narrative shows us the power of relationship.

Speaking of relationships, near the heart of community organizing is importance of listening. What are the pressing needs which actually afflict the families and neighborhoods of North Tyler? It's easy for a white leaders such as myself to make assumptions, or to project my own biases. Yet the inner dynamic of community organizing is bringing folks together from both sides of the divide—you might say "from North Tyler and from South Tyler"—and fostering an ethos of *listening*.

Many times of the last two and a half years I've sat at a table or in a room with several black colleagues, who throw up their hands and say, "Too much empty talk and impotent words! I've had enough *talking*. It's time for *action*. We need to *do something*!" There is real energy behind those words ... and yet what I've learned from gifted organizers over the years is that when we *act*, we need our action to be successful. It's so easy, again, to fizzle out with no long term result. But for our actions to be successful, they must be well chosen and wisely executed.

And for *that*, guess what is needed? Listening. Folks from both sides must communicate clearly. White folks from South Tyler must listen deeply and openly to what North Tylerites are saying (and vice-versa). This is why I often say, "In Tyler in Common, we don't gather just to *talk*; we gather just to *listen*."

Does community organizing sound interesting to you? If so, keep Tyler in Common in your prayers, and let me (Father Matt) know that you are interested. By the grace of God, Tyler in Common is well-poised for this moment, when we anticipate the end of the pandemic (please, God!).

# music at Christ Church

Jeffrey Ford / *Choirmaster & Organist*

## WINTER MUSIC SERIES

January 30 February 20 March 27

Guest instrumentalist will be brought in to offer music on these days. Familiar hymns will be sung and beautiful anthems will be sung. Invite your friends to hear the music at Christ Church.

### In the Nave, Downtown at 9am & 11am

January 30, 2022

Flute trio featuring SUE BUGG, KARINA MCBRAYER, and JESSICA OGILVIE.

February 20, 2022

Music to include The Heavens are Telling from Creation, Haydn & Church Sonata in F K. 244, Mozart

SUE BUGG, flute

Adjunct Flute Instructor at UTT, ETBU, & SFA

MARGARET P. FAY, bassoon

Instructor of Bassoon & Music History at SFA

GRAHAM MACKENZIE, oboe

Instructor of Oboe at SFA

The Music Ministry along with the Children's and Youth Ministry present...

# MARDI GRAS

## Save the date!

Tuesday - March 1

Christ Church Downtown

The **GEORGE FABER** will be at the piano

**J.T. PUNDT** on trumpet

**JOE MONK** on the drums

*This will be an evening for the whole family.  
Plan now to come hear this fantastic combo,  
as well as eat delicious gumbo.*

&

## Save the Date

Choral Evensong | March 27, 2022 | 6:00 in the Nave





# children's ministry

Tina McGee / *Director of Children's Ministries*



Tuesday, March 1 in the Parish Hall at Christ Church Downtown. Trac & friends will be here for balloon creations and face painting. Crafts and goodies for the kids too.



Saturday, April 16 10:00am (hunt begins at 10:30)  
The Pavilion at Christ Church South



## VBS 2022

June 20-24 at ASES

June 27 - July 1 Promise Academy

## CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

1/24 Louisa Boyd, 1/28 Emmi Ingram, 1/29 Carter Boyd,  
2/5 Frederick Hodges, 2/6 Ellie Boulter, 2/7 Caroline Khalaf,  
2/8 Lark Hesskew

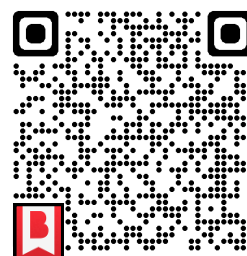
youth ministry  
Laura Albea / *Director of Student Ministries*



Christ Church family, Sunday, January 30th will be our first confirmation class for our youth (7th grade and up). We will meet nearly every Sunday through April to enjoy lunch together, dedicate space in our hearts and minds for God through prayer, reflection on 1 Peter, and learn foundational Christian beliefs (AKA: the BIG, AMAZING story of

God giving His very best, Jesus Christ, to bring us close to Him again). Will you please pray for the Spirit of God to fill us as we meet together so we will all grow in our understanding of the crazy-kindness and ALL IN love that God has for those who are in Christ?

Also, it is not too late to download the app Bible In One Year. After you download, switch the mode from "Classic" to "Youth". The commentary is brilliant and, if you play the audio, most days are only 12 minutes long. It is an easy listen getting ready for the day, driving in the car on the way to school, or winding down for sleep. If you do not have a spiritual discipline in this season of your life, give Bible In One Year a chance. While the app is not the answer to all the problems in the world, it may be the opportunity God uses to repair and restore yours.



# 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, Marilyn, Julia, Anne, Maxwell, Alexa, Donald, Shelly, Kerry, Patsy, Diedre, Zoe, Gage, Brittini, Woody-Kaye, Rodgers Family, Paul, Lucy, Vickie, Gina, Betsy, Monalee, Katie, Greg, Marie, Tommy, Debby, Sally, Lloyd, Kristi, Walt, Betty, Memphis, Greg, Vonice, James, Gregory, The Mercer family, John, Diane, William, W, Maxine, Carol Ann, Venetia, Jan, Mary Ruth, Pat, Nika, Ray, Brady, Jessica, Rylan, Vivian, Frieda, Penny, Rhonda, Isaiah, John

### **The Anglican Communion:**

*The Diocese of Kajiado (Kenya)*

### **The Episcopal Church:**

*Dioceses of Louisiana & Maine*

### **Diocese of Texas:**

*Santa Marla Virgen Episcopal Church—Houston  
& Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church—Houston*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

*We will reset the prayer list as of The Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany, January 30, 2022.*

## *In Memoriam*

Our sympathies to the family & friends of

**The Rev. Canon Jack D. Russell**

and

**Dr. Glen C. Dyer,**

*husband of Sue Dyer.*

2022

CHRIST  
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ANNUAL  
PARISH  
MEETING

*SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 / 10:00AM BOTH CAMPUSES*

It's not too  
late...  
you can still  
start!

Have you  
ever read  
the Bible from  
start to finish?

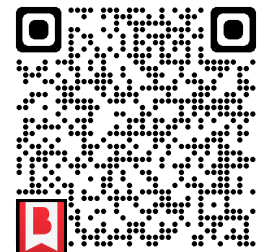
Start a new chapter  
Bible in One Year



Christ Church family,  
we are going to do it together in 2022.

Christian Formation will be based on  
these readings all year.

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CHRIST CHURCH TYLER \ **VESTRY2022** \ Nominees

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**KIM YELAS MEYER**

I am a cradle Episcopalian born and raised in the Philippines where my father was an Episcopal priest. I graduated from an Episcopal college and have taught kindergarten in Episcopal schools in CA and Hawaii. I left Hawaii in 2000 when we adopted our two grandchildren and moved to Tyler, both attended ASES. My husband and I are both very involved in church activities (VBS, Children's Chapel, Greeters, Supper Club, Loaves and Fishes). I would be honored to serve on our vestry!

**DANNY NOTEWARE**

I was born in Sulphur Springs, TX. As a child my family moved to Tucumcari, NM where I finished high school. I came back to Texas as soon as possible and obtained an undergraduate degree in English from the University of Texas at Austin and a law degree from Baylor University Law School. In 2006, I moved to Tyler to accept a job with the Potter Minton law firm. Tyler is where I met and subsequently married the love of my life, the former Ms. Mercedes Chase. In 2017, I opened my own law office—the Noteware Law Firm, P.C. Mercedes and I have two children: Evelyn Palmer Noteware ("Evie") who is 7, and Daniel Alan Noteware, III ("Tripp") who is 4. In the little spare time I have away from doting on my children and work, I enjoys watching sports, playing golf, and listening to live music.

**SHERYL RICHTER**

I have been a hairdresser my entire life. I owned a salon for 13 years until I sold it and we moved to East Texas in 1998 from Las Colinas, TX. For a time we lived at Callender Lake until my husband passed away, then I came to Tyler. I have 3 grown children and 2 beautiful grandchildren. I have been attending Christ Church South Campus since its doors opened and was confirmed in 2017. I serve as an usher & greeter and really enjoy attending Women's Depth Group. Christ Church has been such a blessing to me and I look forward to serving in any area needed.

**MAK SAIGUSA**

I was born and raised in Tokyo, Japan. I first came to the United States as an high school exchange student. I returned to the US and graduated from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. After completing University of Alabama School of Dentistry, I came to San Antonio to complete University of Texas Medical School and Oral Surgery training. I came to Tyler in 1997 to join ans Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery practice in Tyler. I am married to Jill Saigusa and have two sons, John and Jack. I was confirmed and have been a member of Christ Church South since 2017.

**JAMES DANIEL TONEY**

I have been a member of Christ church since 1980. I am married to Linda, we have two daughters. Leigh and her husband, Wynn Brown, have two sons, Bates & Pierce; and Katie and her husband, Forrest Wynn, have a son, JD, and daughter, Isobel. I have served 2 past terms on the vestry at Christ Church, I have been lay reader, chalice, and worked with childrens ministry. I graduated from University of Texas - Austin in 1964 and UT Medical Branch in 1968. Completed residency in otolaryngology at Southwestern Medical School in Dallas in 1973. Served as head of ENT at Martin Army Hospital Ft. Benning, Georgia. Ear nose and throat specialist in Tyler since 1975 .



## SCHEDULE:

Sun, Jan 30

10:00am | *Annual Parish Meeting* CCD & CCS

Tues, Feb 1

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

Wed, Feb 2

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

10:00am | Wednesday morning small group

6:00-7:30pm | EYC

6:00-8:00pm | Women's Depth Group CCS

Thurs, Feb 3

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

6:00pm | Loaves & Fishes

Tues, Feb 8

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

Wed, Feb 9

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

10:00am | Wednesday morning small group

6:00-7:30pm | EYC

Thurs, Feb 10

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

6:00pm | Loaves & Fishes



**Set your minds on things that are above**

## **The Epistle to the Colossians**

**Bible Study with the Rector > Winter 2022**

Men - Tuesdays 8:00am > Women - Thursdays 10:30am

Christ Church Downtown > Parish Hall



## Adult Confirmation Course

Sundays, January 23 - April 3, 2022  
10:00am, in the Ascension Room  
on the Third Floor of the Grelling-Spence Building  
Christ Church Downtown.

The course is open to any adult seeking confirmation in  
The Episcopal Church or any confirmed Episcopalian  
desiring a refresher course.


## Supper Club

Join us!



Friday, February 18

contact Kim Meyer (903) 530-6186 or Stacey McLinley (903) 939-0125



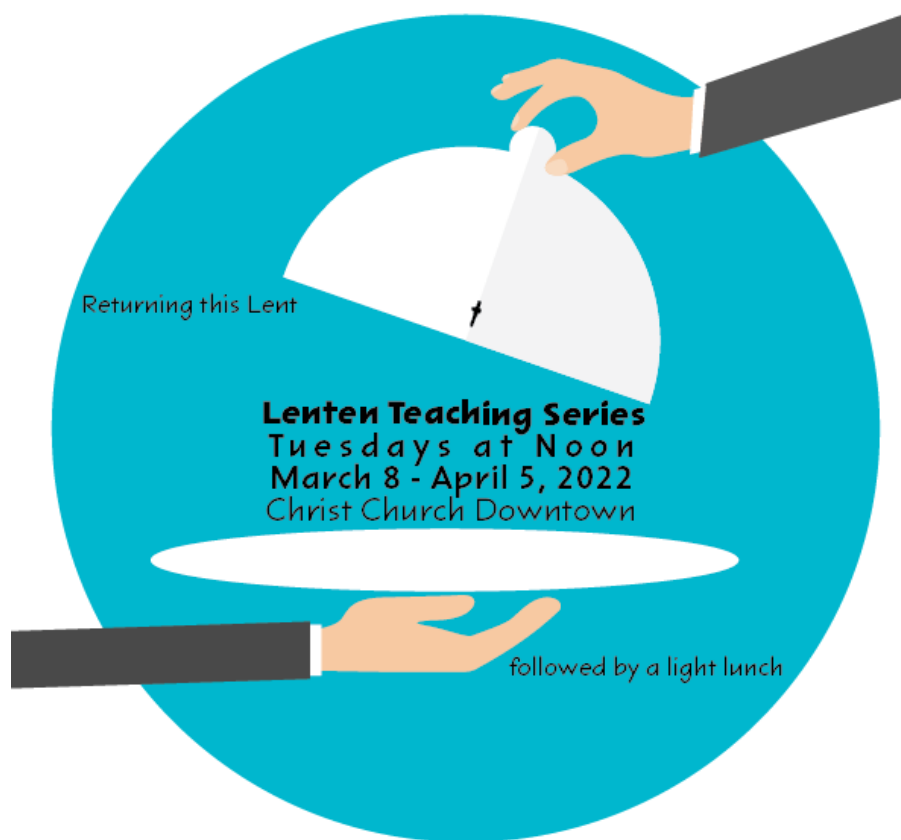
## Women's Depth Group

1st & 3rd Wednesdays starting in January  
6:00 - 8:00 pm @ Christ Church South

*Sensible Shoes A Story About The Spiritual Journey*  
by Sharon Garlough Brown

Contact Karen Courville for more info:  
[casey@reagan.com](mailto:casey@reagan.com)

*and coming this spring...*



## The Bob Rowlett Memorial Open Golf Tournament



**Friday, May 6, 2022**

*Pine Springs Golf Club*

5630 CR 334 | Tyler, TX 75708

## 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. Parker Massey, Mrs. Allison Hernandez *Nursery*

## The Vestry

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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.*

### Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year C BCP 1979 Lectionary

*Sunday, January 30th*

The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-17

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

Luke 4:21-32

*Sunday, February 6*

The 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Judges 6:11-24a

Psalm 85

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11





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## 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*

11:05 am~ CCS: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*

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to be recognized as a joyful,  
spirit-filled community of  
apostles reaching out and  
transforming lives for Christ.*