

# the Crucifer

The Newsletter of Christ Church/Episcopal

Vol. XXIV, No.17

September 7, 2022

christchurchtyler.org



## From the Rector:

Since the Resurrection, Christians have gathered together on Sundays for worship. We read and reflect on the Scripture, we pray, we profess our faith. Often, we also sing and fellowship with other believers.

God knows that we NEED to worship. Indeed, the Lord has called us to worship, telling the Church through Colossians 3.16, “Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.”

We also need to read Holy Scripture and incorporate God’s word into our lives. Psalm 1 teaches:

*Blessed is the one who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.  
He is like a tree planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.*

With the coming of the autumn, a new season is upon us, a time to renew, to refresh, and to deepen our faith. Christ Church offers powerful worship services every Sunday at multiple times on two campuses. And beginning this month, we offer many opportunities to read and study Holy Scripture with other believers.

Beginning September 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, for men and women respectively, the rector’s Bible study will explore the book of Genesis. Also beginning in September, neighborhood groups will begin to gather across the community on most evenings for adult Christian fellowship and study.

We all need to worship. We all need to read and study the Holy Scripture. Beginning this month, worship and study with your Christ Church community.

There is a place reserved for YOU!

Faithfully in Christ Jesus, *David*

# from the associate rector...

The Rev. Ted Welty, *Associate Rector*

## Update on our Ukrainian Refugees



In July, our church committed to supporting the mother and younger sister of Tyler Junior College tennis player Yeva Kononovych. Yeva is here from the Ukraine on a tennis scholarship and is unable to return home because of the war. Yeva's mother Iryna and sister Nora were in a very difficult refugee situation in Germany. Christ Church arranged for them to fly to the U.S., and they arrived in Tyler on August 8.

Retired TJC professor, Dr. Charles Johnson is their named sponsor with the financial support of Christ Church. Fortunately, we were able to find a house for Iryna and Nora through a member of the Tyler tennis community. The house is an Airbnb so it is fully furnished and equipped with everything the family needs. 12-year-old Nora is enrolled at Moore Middle School. Like her sister, Yeva, Nora is a tennis player and has practice every morning at Tyler Legacy High School at 7:45 am. Charles has been driving her to practice, and then the school provides bus transportation to Moore. Nora is a very good student, especially in math. Her English is good and improving every day. The TJC tennis coach has a son at Moore, so his wife is able to take Nora home after school. Christ Church administrator, Diana Keesey has pitched in, and has driven Nora for immunizations, and various other appointments.

Iryna doesn't speak English, and she is severely vision impaired. Diana has taken her to see an eye doctor, but apparently her condition is not one that can be corrected. Iryna is enrolled at the Tyler Literacy council for English as a Second Language classes. Last week she was able to complete the computer course that is required before attending class. She will have an appointment this week for placement in a class.

Iryna and Nora were at Christ Church Downtown last Sunday. They are lovely people and very appreciative of everything you are doing for them. Of course, they are very worried about their husband and father, Yevgeny who has remained in the Ukraine to care for elderly relatives. Their hometown, Nikopol, is on the front lines, across the river from the nuclear plant that has been in the news recently. The town is shelled by the Russians daily, and Nora's school was destroyed last week. It is less than a mile from her home.

Mrs. Keesey is the Christ Church point person for support of the Kononovych family, and according to Dr. Johnson is now a family friend and advisor. She is working to get benefits for them. Government support is limited, and the financial needs are substantial. Please consider donating to the Ukraine Refugee Fund. A check should be made out to Christ Church with Ukraine Refugee Fund on the memo line. You can also give electronically at [christchurchtyler.aware3.net/give/](http://christchurchtyler.aware3.net/give/) select fund: Ukraine Refugee Fund or contact Diana Keesey at [dkeesey@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:dkeesey@christchurchtyler.org). Please pray for an end to the war in the Ukraine, and for protection and blessing for the Kononovych family.

Blessings in Christ,  
Ted+

**Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny & Nora  
back in Ukraine.**



**Nora's first day of school  
at Moore Middle School.**



# music at Christ Church Jeffrey Ford / Choirmaster & Organist



**CHRIST Church • EPISCOPAL** *Music* in the Nave

**Choral Evensong**  
 Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.  
 David Poulter, *organist*

**Tidings of Joy Tuesday Noontime Concert Series**  
*followed by a light lunch*

Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 12:00pm  
 UT Tyler Patriot Singers, Dr. Cameron Rose, *conductor*

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 12:00pm  
 Duo Renard, Mark Miller, *violin*; Ute Miller, *viola*

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 12:00pm  
 Woodwind Quintet, Faculty of UTT  
 Jeffrey Emge, Sue Bugg, Sharon Deuby, Sarah Roberts,  
 & Austin Seybert

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 12:00pm  
 vibré, Handbell Ensemble

**Service of Nine Lessons & Carols**  
 Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.  
**Chancel Choir;**  
 Jeffrey Ford, *conductor*; A.J. Meals, *organist*

**Choral Evensong**  
 Sunday, March 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.  
**Chancel Choir;**  
 Jeffrey Ford, *conductor*; A.J. Meals, *organist*

**Missa Brevis in d minor, Mozart**  
 Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.  
**Chancel Choir with Mark & Ute Miller**

Jeffrey Ford, *organist/choirmaster*  
 A.J. Meals, *assistant organist*



# GEAR UP

CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 11, 2022

<p><b>DOWNTOWN</b></p> <p>10:00am <b>MINISTRY EXPO</b> with coffee &amp; goodies</p> <p>[Nursery available]</p>	<p><b>SOUTH</b></p> <p>10:15am <b>MINISTRY EXPO</b> with coffee &amp; goodies</p> <p>12:15pm <b>EXPO</b> continues &amp; grill out lunch</p> <p>[Fun &amp; games for Children &amp; Youth] <i>face painting inflatable (wet) slide Pokey O's</i></p>
---	--

**youth ministry**  
 Laura Albea / Director of Student Ministries



**EYG**

This weekend is Gear Up Sunday! Let's look at our church's ministries and commit some time and love pointing others to Jesus. If we have experienced Jesus' restoration, we cannot help but work for others to experience Him. While we are imperfect at loving one another (and actually grieve God when we harm one another), we should not give up on serving the perfect Jesus through serving others. This looks like the fruit of the Spirit. These are acts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. These acts are daily, many, good, and honestly... seem insignificant. But God's nature is to take the seemingly insignificant and multiply its goodness with math that "don't make sense".

Meanwhile, our culture obsesses over soothing their inner distress via the rat race of what they have, what they do, who they know, and what others say about them. But we who believe the gospel continually surrender our inner distress to our loving Creator, Who gave us His Son Jesus Christ to be our righteousness and hope. More and more, Jesus needs to be enough. We belong to Him. We are called to surrender to Him. Surrender is *difficult* and often done through fearful tears, but when we belong to someone as good as Jesus, we believe Him when He says, "If your first concern is to look after yourself, you'll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to Me, you'll find both yourself and Me" (Matthew 10:39). Let's continue telling others how Jesus forgives sins and provides what we are all looking for: union that grows into eternity.

**CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!**

**9/14 Lucius Reynolds, 9/17 Blake Birdwell,  
 9/18 Amelia Mercer, 9/18 Grace Peveto**

*Women's Depth Group*

1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS  
 6PM- 8 / CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH  
 15747 OLD JACKSONVILLE

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:  
 KAREN COURVILLE  
 903.360.2797 / CASEY@REAGAN.COM

WE WILL BE GOING THROUGH THE 2ND BOOK  
 IN THE SENSIBLE SHOES SERIES BY SHARON GARLOUGH BROWN.  
 TWO STEPS FORWARD: A STORY OF PERSEVERING IN HOPE





YOU'RE INVITED  
*Ladies Luncheon*  
Guest Speaker:  
The Rev. David Luckenbach  
Thursday, September 15th  
11:45am  
Christ Church Downtown  
RSVP by September 12  
903.597.9854 or christchurchtyler.org

# Supper Club



Join us!

Friday, Sept. 9th  
6:00pm

@ Jennifer & Doc Plato's

For more info & RSVP:  
Kim Meyer (903) 530-6186 or Stacey McKinley (903) 939-0125

## Genesis

Bible Study with the Rector

The Hebrew word BERESHITH means  
**in beginning**

*The book of Genesis tells the story of a series of beginnings: the beginning of the universe, the beginning of life on the earth, the beginning of relationships between people, and the beginning of a relationship with God between the Lord and humans, who are made in the image of God.*

**Join Fr. David this year for a deep study of the Book of Genesis. The Men's Tuesday a.m. study begins on September 13th at 8:00. The Women's Thursday Bible study begins on September 15th at 10:30. We will gather in the Epiphany room in the Grelling-Spence building at our historic downtown campus. We are excited to begin this new study of God's word!**

# thanksgivings & supplications

## *In Our Prayers*

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

Lisa, Cynthia, Christi, Charles, John, Jim, Diane, Jennifer, Virginia, Dalton, Kirby, Chris, Sally, Rhonda, Isaiah, John, Gregory, Russell, Mike, Mark, Linda, Marian, Larry, Paul, Frieda, Suzanne, Diane, Ian, Frieda, Betsey, Wayne, David, Jerry, Etienne, Marie, Will, Duke, Kim, Paul & Lucy, Edward, Brinley, Yeva, Glenda, Anthony, Ricky, Julie, Carl, Phil, Mimi, Sandy, Greg, Kitty, YK, Dave, Ann, Trinity, Tammy, Sandy, Ivette, Larry, Courtney, Max, Charles, Virginia, Colin, Teresa, Anne, Hal, Jeff, Sue, Cal, Art

**The Anglican Communion:** *The Diocese of Mityana (Uganda)* | **The Episcopal Church:** *Dioceses of Pennsylvania & Pittsburgh*  
**Diocese of Texas:** *Trinity Episcopal Church—Marble Falls & St. John's Episcopal—Marlin*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*In Memoriam* Our sympathies to the family & friends of **Patsy Smith, Dewey Bond,**  
**Tammy Burnett, wife of Jerril Burnett,** and **Breck Watson, husband of Linda Watson.**

## UPCOMING

Friday, September 9  
 6:00pm **Supper Club** @ the Plato's Home

Sunday, September 11  
**Gear Up Sunday**  
*Return to Normal Service Times*

7:30 CCD Rite I Holy Eucharist  
 9:00 CCD Rite II Holy Eucharist  
 10:00 CCD & CCS Christian Formation  
 11:00 CCD Rite I Holy Eucharist  
 11:05 CCS Rite II Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, September 13  
 8:00am CCD Men's Bible Study with the Rector

Thursday, September 15  
 10:30am CCD Women's Bible Study with the Rector  
 11:45am CCD Parish Hall Ladies Luncheon

Sunday, September 18  
 12:15pm CCD Primetimers in Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 21  
 6:00pm CCS Women's Depth Group

Sunday, October 2  
**Blessing of the Pets** Bergfeld Park

Sunday, October 16  
**Baptisms**



### *Holy Baptism*

The next scheduled date for baptisms is Sunday, October 16.

If interested in baptism on this date, please contact the church office, 903-597-9854 or office@christchurchtyler.org.



**Primetimers will return  
 September 18th!**

**After the 11:00am  
 service, in the Parish  
 Hall. Details to follow.**

RSVP to Stacey McKinley at  
 jmckin959@aol.com

**Primetimers**

**Attention all 50 or over!**

## Clergy and Staff

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

The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher                      The Rt. Rev. Kai Ryan  
*Bishop Suffragan*                                      *Bishop Suffragan*  
The Rt. Rev. Héctor Monterroso  
*Bishop Assistant*

The Rev. David Luckenbach  
*Rector*                                      dluckenbach@christchurchtyler.org

The Rev. Ted Welty  
*Associate Rector*                                      twelty@christchurchtyler.org

The Rev. Stephen Stine  
*Deacon*    ssti@tjc.edu

The Rev. Kevin Wittmayer  
*Assisting Priest*

The Rev. Tim Kennedy  
*All Saints Episcopal School Chaplain, Assisting Priest*

Mrs. Diana Keeseey  
*Parish Administrator*                                      dkeeseey@christchurchtyler.org

Mr. Jeffrey Ford  
*Organist/Choirmaster*                                      jford@christchurchtyler.org

Mr. A.J. Meals  
*Assistant Organist*

Mrs. Kimber Short  
*Director of Children's Ministries*                      kshort @christchurchtyler.org

Mrs. Laura Albea  
*Director of Student Ministries*                      lalbea@christchurchtyler.org

Mr. Uriah Johnson  
*College Missioner*                                      tylertxcanterbury@gmail.com

Mrs. Valerie Huggler  
*Parish Secretary*                                      office@christchurchtyler.org

Mrs. Samantha Hague  
*Director of Communications*                      shague@christchurchtyler.org

Mr. Robert Finney  
*Music Leader, Christ Church South*              epiphanyttx@gmail.com

Mr. Ledell Reed    *Sexton*

Mr. Kendric Milton    *Assistant Sexton*

Ms. Jennifer Ducote                                      *Office Assistant & Housekeeper*

Mr. Anthony Moore                                      *Sexton, Christ Church South*

Ms. Laurel Maynard, Ms. Tamarian Britton,  
Mr. Erik Haan, Mrs. Allison Hernandez                                      *Nursery*

## The Vestry

**Mr. Tim Alexander**                      Treasurer  
**Mr. Peter Boyd**                      Asst. Treasurer  
**Mrs. Lou Ann Berman**                      Class of 2022  
**Mr. Steve Hardy**                      Class of 2022  
**Mrs. Christi Khalaf, Clerk**                      Class of 2022  
**Mr. John Owen, Senior Warden**                      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, Jr. Warden CCD**                      Class of 2023  
**Mrs. Terri Squyres**                      Class of 2023  
**Mr. Bob Westbrook**                      Class of 2023  
**Mrs. Kim Meyer**                      Class of 2024  
**Mr. Danny Noteware**                      Class of 2024  
**Mrs. Sheryl Richter**                      Class of 2024  
**Dr. Mak Saigusa**                      Class of 2024  
**Dr. Dan Toney**                      Class of 2024

## Pastoral Emergency Contacts

In the event of a pastoral emergency, you may reach The Rev. David Luckenbach, Rector, at 903-279-8777, 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, September 11**  
14th Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 32:1, 7-14  
Psalm 51:1-18  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

**Sunday, September 18**  
15th Sunday after Pentecost  
Amos 8:4-7 [8-12]  
Psalm 138  
1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Luke 16:1-13



Christ Church | Episcopal  
118 S. Bois d'Arc  
Tyler, TX 75702

903.597.9854  
office@christchurchtyler.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

## 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*  
11:05 am ~ CCS: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*  
~live-streamed [christchurchtyler.org](http://christchurchtyler.org)

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

CCD: Christ Church *Downtown*, 118 S. Bois d' Arc, Tyler, TX 75702 (office address)

CCS: Christ Church *South*, 15747 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703

[www.christchurchtyler.org](http://www.christchurchtyler.org) | [office@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:office@christchurchtyler.org)

Please Note: *The Crucifer* is published twice monthly (except July and December).  
If you have something you would like to see published in *The Crucifer*, please contact  
Samantha Hague at 903-597-9854, [shague@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:shague@christchurchtyler.org).



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