

the Crucifer

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From the Rector:

*May God grant to the living, grace; To the departed, rest;
To the Church & the World, peace and concord;
And to us sinners, eternal life.*

Traditional Anglican Blessing

I first read these words eight years ago. Silvia and I were at Canterbury cathedral, and read this prayer engraved on the outside wall as you enter the magnificent nave through the great doors. I saw them again engraved on an outside wall of Westminster Abbey in London.

This prayer has been used by Anglican Christians since at least the reign of Elizabeth I. On occasion, we have used it as a blessing at the conclusion of worship services at Christ Church.

The Feast of All Saints is approaching. Our culture remembers this day by dressing in costume and trick or treating in the neighborhood. But long before we began our American Halloween rituals, the Church began gathering on All Saints to remember the faithful departed.

The venerable Anglican blessing inscribed on the walls of the greatest Anglican cathedrals in the world captures the heart of our hopes on All Saints—that God would bless us all—the living and the dead. And that by remembering the faithful departed, we would be reminded of the gift of life and inspired to pursue a better world in their memory, as ambassadors of the Lord.

We will observe the Feast of All Saints on Sunday November 6. We will recall the lives and ministry of the faithful departed. We will baptize children into the Christian faith. And in the evening, we will gather in the nave for a powerful Choral Evensong.

As the leaves fall away and the sun shine wanes, may God grant you and yours grace, peace, and eternal life.

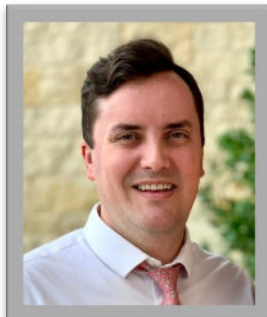
Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus,

David H



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We have officially kicked off our **God's Generosity: Our Response** 2023 Stewardship Campaign & commitment Sunday is October 30. Make your pledge now at christchurchtyler.org/give.



One of the most sacred moments of my week is when we stand as a congregation and sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." As the offering is brought forward and the elements lifted, we are reminded that all we have comes from God. We can only offer back to Him what He has already given to us.

For me, this is what stewardship is all about - our humble returning to God a portion of the countless blessings he has given us. Yes, our tithes and offerings are an act of obedience, but first and foremost, they are an act of love.

Who among us, after receiving a year's supply of food from a friend, would not likewise offer to host him for dinner with joy? In the same way, we also offer our selves, our souls, our bodies, and our resources back to God.—Travis Albea

So far, as of time of printing, we have received 105 pledges! Thank you!

youth ministry
Laura Albea / Director of Student Ministries



FALL FESTIVAL & CHILI COOK-OFF

CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH
15747 OLD JACKSONVILLE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
5PM-7PM

\$10/person (age 4+)
\$25/family

Chili Cook-Off \ Pouncy Pounce Obstacle Course \ Face-Painting \ KornPop \ Hay Rides
House Band \ Pumpkin Painting \ Food & treats for kids & adults

ENTER THE CHILI-COOK-OFF {\$25 ENTRY FEE}
• TEXAN • YANKEE • HOTTEST • VEGETARIAN •

SCAN tickets, cook-off entry & all the info

All proceeds go to EYC.

music at Christ Church


Jeffrey Ford / *Choirmaster & Organist*

Christ Church | Tyler

Choral Evensong

6:00 p.m. | Sunday, November 6
118 S. Bois d'Arc | Tyler

Guest organist: **Weston Jennings**
Director of Music & Organist, First Presbyterian Church



Music will include:
Psalm 149 Cantate Domino, C | Villiers Stanford
Preces and Responses | Richard Ayleward
Canticles in E-flat | Charles Wood
 Anthem: **The River of the Water of Life** | Malcolm Archer
 Retiring Hymn: **The day that thou gavest**

Organ Voluntaries begin at 5:45 p.m.

Jeffrey Ford, conductor

If you have someone that you would like to know about the musical presentations here at Christ Church please give their name and mailing address to the church office and we will get them on the mailing list.

WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

1. During the Opening Voluntary

- read my emails on my phone
- take the time to read the morning lessons
- talk to my neighbor to see where they are going for lunch
- respectfully quiet those around you so that you can really enjoy it

2. During the opening and closing hymns

- open the hymnal and hold it with both hands so that one can get a deep breath and really sing
- watch the choir as they process in and out to make sure there are two pews between themselves
- Stand and follow the words if it is the case that you haven't found your singing voice

3. During the Closing Voluntary

- sit and listen as it is being played
- see if you can talk louder than the organ when you are greeting your neighbor
- go walk to the choir stalls and have a seat to really enjoy it

Answers: 1. b d, 2. a c, 3. a c

children's ministry
 Kimber Short / Director of Children's Ministries

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

Baptisms always make me tear up. And I don't think I'm the only one! As I look around the congregation during any given baptism there are usually a few misty eyes. I don't know what it is, the innocence of the baby/child/youth/ adult when they are asking for this precious sacrament, or the opportunities that lay before them as a sealed child of God.

I love that we as Episcopalians baptize infants! They will never know a time when they did not belong to God! And that is a wonderful foundation for a young child to have when they enter Christian Formation. **Children as young as three** participate in our **GODLY PLAY** curriculum. *A gentle, Montessori based, multi-sensorial way to explore the stories of the Bible that have been shared for over two-thousand years!* For the **2nd-4th graders** we are currently using a fun program called **HOLY MOLY**. *It continues to strengthen the child's knowledge of the "key players" from the stories they learned in Godly Play and builds on them in an age appropriate way.* There is a time for wonder, discussion and always a fun project! But Baptized or not, member of Christ Church or just visiting, I invite all children to participate in the rich offerings we have to train up children in the way they should go.



See you Sunday!

Kimber

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

10/22 **Carter Bangco**, 10/25 **Brighton Lee**,
 10/26 **Joseph Peveo**, 11/1 **Nash Bergfeld**

PICNIC AT THE PAVILION
 for children & youth families

October 30th, CCS, after the 11:05AM service

ALL SAINTS DAY will be celebrated November 6.

- **Prayer List for All Saints Sunday.** If you would like to add a name to the list of the departed read during services on October 31, please scan the QR code >>> or contact the church office by Tuesday, November 1.
- If interested in **BAPTISM**, please call the church 903.597.9854 or email office@christchurchtyler.org.



UPCOMING

Sunday, October 23
 5pm—7 **Fall Fest & Chili Cook-Off** CCS

Tuesday, October 25th
CANCELED — Men's Bible Study with the Rector

Friday & Saturday Oct 28 & 29
Mockingbird Tyler Conference—mbirdtyler.com

Sunday, November 6 (*Daylight Savings Time ends*)
 12:15pm **Newcomers Luncheon with the Rector** CCD
 6pm **Choral Evensong** CCD

Thursday, November 10
 11:45am **Ladies Luncheon**—CCD Parish Hall

Friday, November 11
 11:45am **Ladies Luncheon**—CCD

Sunday, November 20
 6:00pm **Supper Club** small groups in homes
 (contact Kim Meyer velas4@suddenlink.net or 903.530.6186)

ORDINATIONS:
(See invitation in the previous Crucifers 9.21 & 10.5.22)

David Beadle 10.22.22 10:00 a.m.
The Cathedral Church of St. Matthew, Dallas

Ian Hyde 10.28.22 7:00 p.m.
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Terrell

Gavin McAdam 10.29.22 10:00am
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Irving

Ladies Luncheon

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 10, 2022 | 11:45AM

PARISH HALL | CHRIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN

OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE JOANNA REAGAN.
JOANNA WILL BE SHARING HER BEAUTIFUL COLLECTION
(& HISTORY) OF WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS!
EACH ONE HAS A FASCINATING STORY.

RSVP BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
CHRISTCHURCHTYLER.ORG/LADIES-LUNCHEON OR CALL 903.597.9854

OCTOBER 28-29, 2022

MOCKINGBIRD
TYLER CONFERENCE

**REAPING
GRACE**

Register today: mbirdtyler.com

Becca Stevens is an Episcopal Priest

Join Us for the

15th Annual
Power of the Purse Luncheon

Featuring

Becca Stevens

Author, Priest,
Social Entrepreneur,
Thistle Farms Founder
& President

November 8, 2022
CrossWalk Conference Center
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Women's Fund
OF SMITH COUNTY
Lighting the Way • Inspiring Lives

Tickets & Sponsorships Available
www.womensfundsc.org

Attention Primetimers (those 50 & above)

SAVE THE DATE! December 11th

Arrangements are underway for us to attend "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at the Tyler Civic Theater, with dinner to follow at the Church Parish Hall.

Details to follow.

Primetimers

Supper Club Join us!

Friday, Nov 11th
6:00pm
meet in small groups

For more info & RSVP:
Kim Meyer (903) 530-6186

NEWCOMERS

LUNCH WITH THE RECTOR
NOVEMBER 6 @ 12:15PM
CHRIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN
118 SOUTH BOIS D'ARC
RSVP: CHRISTCHURCHTYLER.ORG

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, Fred, Steve, Victoria, Kristi, Georgene, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Claudia, Rob, Alberto, Bobby, Jenna

The Anglican Communion: *The Diocese of Ndokwa (Nigeria)* ; **The Episcopal Church:** *Dioceses of San Diego (CA) & San Joaquin (CA); Diocese of Texas: St. Catherine of Sienna Episcopal Church—Missouri City & Christ Episcopal Church—Nacogdoches*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Welcome the newly baptized:

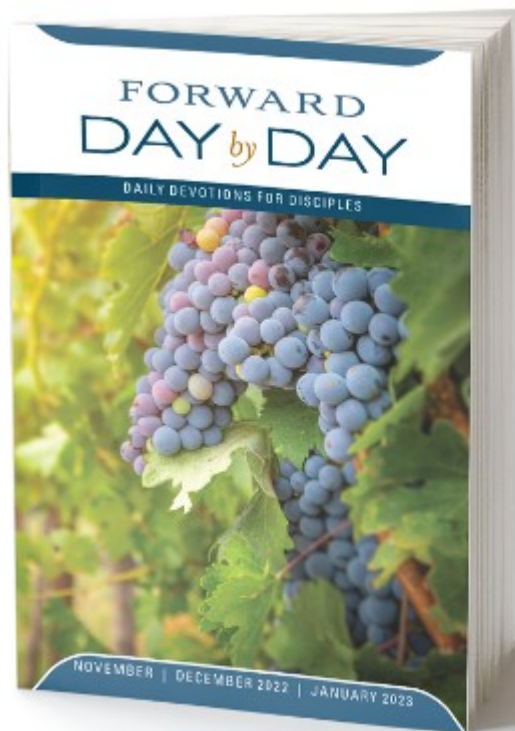
Olivia Grace Crawford

daughter of Lauren Chitty & Benjamin Crawford.

October 16, 2022 at Christ Church South.

In Memoriam

Our sympathies to the family & friends of
Marcus Turman, father of Terri Squyres.



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Todd Hague, an English teacher, husband, father, and sports enthusiast, attends Christ Episcopal Church in Tyler, Texas.

Pick up the latest "Forward Day by Day". The daily devotions for November are written by our very own Christ Church Parishioner, Todd Hague!

Day by Day, is a devotional magazine and ministry of the Episcopal church, and I was humbled by the opportunity to write the meditations for the month of November. They also did a podcast interview that will be released at the end of the month.

As a young man I participated in numerous youth ministry opportunities. Often-times, these opportunities offered me a sense of significance, as though I was performing a service only I could. But as I reached adulthood, I arrived at the unmistakable conclusion that ultimately the ministry in which I was participating was a ministry to me. More was accomplished in me than in anyone else I was supposedly "helping." I have tried to approach this endeavor with that same perspective. As I look over these entries for the month of November, I can read in them my own "Stuff" being worked out. I realize what a blessing the opportunity to write has been, how it has forced me to contemplate scripture at a time when I really needed it. I apologize in advance for the parts that are rough, trite, or out of tune with some of our theological leanings. I've tried to be honest about where I am and how I think. Hopefully they will mean something to someone else as well.



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

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