

# the Crucifer

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## From the Rector:

*Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

Luke 2.4-7

When Mary, his virgin fiancée approached him and said, “I have great news, Joseph—I’m pregnant with the Messiah!” Joseph’s sorrow and disappointment were palpable.

The story she had told—of angelic visitation and prophecy and the Messiah, was simply too much. Until Joseph was visited in his sleep.

The angel said to him, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to make Mary your wife; for the baby inside her is of the Holy Spirit.” The angel added, “Mary will bear a Son; and you will name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Mary had been true to him! And he had been called by God to raise the Messiah. In a moment, Joseph’s life changed forever.

In a whisper, life can change. From the words, “It’s a girl!” to “there’s nothing we can do.” The celebration of Christmas reminds us that God has chosen to walk with us through life. In good times and in bad. To be our Guide. And our Savior.


The angelic message is more than a word of knowledge for a simple Galilean carpenter. It is a word for you. God loves you! **“Behold—the virgin shall bear a Son, and they will call Him Emmanuel—God with us.”**

God is with you. Today.

May this year’s celebration of the birth of Jesus fill you with hope and warm your heart with the bottomless love of the Lord.

Faithfully in Christ Jesus,

*David*



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TIDINGS of

**TUESDAYS at noon in the NAVE**

November 29, 2022  
**UT TYLER PATRIOT SINGERS**,  
Dr. Cameron Rose, *conductor*

December 6, 2022  
**DUO RENARD**,  
Mark Miller, *violin*; Ute Miller, *viola*

December 13, 2022  
**WOODWIND QUINTET**, *Faculty of UTT*  
Jeffrey Emge, Sue Bugg, Sharon Deuby,  
Sarah Roberts, & Austin Seybert

December 20, 2022  
**vibré**, *Handbell Ensemble*

**TUESDAYS in ADVENT**  
**NOONTIME CONCERT SERIES**  
*followed by a light lunch*



**bonfire**  
*Caroling*

Saturday, December 10  
**Christ Church South**  
15747 Old Jacksonville Hwy

Meet at 6:00pm for **caroling**  
**bonfire** at 7:00pm

*Premium Hot Chocolate Bar!!*  
*-Fun for all ages-*



O come let us adore Him

## Children's Christmas Pageant

Christ Church South

Sunday, December 18 | 11:05am

## Downtown in the Nave

Saturday, December 24 | 4:00pm+

## Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

## Downtown in the Nave

4:00pm Children's Pageant+

7:30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist+

10:30pm Midnight Mass | Candlelight Service

## Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25 11:05am+

Christ Church South **ONLY**

+nursery available

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# children's ministry

Kimber Short / Director of Children's Ministries

## It is NOT TOO LATE to participate in the Children's Pageant!

Email Kimber [kshort@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:kshort@christchurchtyler.org)

**CCD:** The Pageant is Christmas Eve at the 4:00 service.

The first practice will be 12/11 at 10:00.

Dress rehearsal will be Thursday, 12/22 at 9:00 in the Nave

**CCS:** The Pageant is 12/18 during the 11:05 service.

Dress rehearsal will be 12/11 immediately following the 11:05 service.

Lunch provided.



### Christ Church is hiring:

**Nursery Workers** \$15/hr

Contact Kimber at

[kshort@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:kshort@christchurchtyler.org)

or call 903.597.9854

## CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

12/9 Adeline Henninger, 12/10 Kyle Ashley, 12/11 Dominic Hague, 12/15 Beckett Patterson, 12/17 Blayke Harrison,  
1/3 Elizabeth Huggler, 1/7 Jackson Chitty

# youth ministry

Laura Albea / Director of Student Ministries

Have you ever felt limited? Has your humanity ever caught up with you in surprising ways? I feel most limited when I suffer. In the past I would ask, "Why, God?" or "Where are you, God?" Now when suffering occurs, I ask, "What are You going to do about this?" Either God is our Helper or He isn't. I believe He is.

2022 has been a painful year for me, initially in January, again in May, and lastly in September. Each one a different loss, and I really didn't see September's coming. Let me tell you, it knocked me flat out.

Since then, I've kept showing up in life, but I've keenly felt my ability to do so take a dive. I wish grief was something I could simply go over, under, or around (or wrestle into submission). The truth is I can't keep up with what needs to be done in my life and I need to limit my responsibilities. Admitting that is a point of shame for me. I hate feeling weak and unable.

I will step back from youth ministry at the end of the month. Tending to my family, friends, and seeking God's blessing is what's next for me in 2023. I believe God will do more than simply reorder my pain. I hope He will create something new, something good, something beautiful.

Every one of Christ Church's youth have been a delight to get to know. Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings have been a joy. I have gained friendship, fun, and encouragement from these precious kiddos. I hope they feel the same.

Kiddos, ask and listen for Jesus. He is Light, Love, and Life. Jesus is God. He wants you - the good and the ugly. And His Spirit helps you love (even love your enemies). His Spirit redeems and restores. Do me a favor in 2023, ask God these four questions on repeat:

*What do You want me to know?...What do You want me to do?...What do You say about me?...*

*What's unique about me that shows Your beauty to such a broken world?*

All my best, Laura Albea





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

Thank you to the **216** families (36 online) who have participated in

**God's Generosity: Our Response,**

2023 Stewardship Campaign.

As of today, we have 24 new pledgors.

Need more information, contact: Parish Administrator, Diana Keesey  
dkeesey@christchurchtyler.org

## New Sunday School Class

Beginning January 15

Join Fr. David & Fr. Cole at 10:00am for

## The Heart of the Faith: Essentials of Anglican Christianity.

Gathering Sunday mornings each week in the  
Ascension Room downtown and the  
Great Hall at Christ Church South,  
this semester-long adult class will explore  
the essential teachings of our faith.



*The wreaths  
placed on the  
outside of the  
church this year  
during Advent*



*are given to the glory of God and  
in memory of the departed,*

Charlotte Brelsford, Tammy Burnette,  
Betty Gower, Elizabeth "Boo" Marshall,  
Betty McLane, Carolyn Odom,  
Jeanne Rowlett, Patsy Smith, Frances Swann,  
Sandra Valerio, Judy Warren,  
Anne Wheelock, and Jane Whitney  
*by the Episcopal Church Women.*



## a Warm Welcome to the Hartin Family!

We are thrilled that the Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin will begin his  
ministry at Christ Church in January! Join us as we welcome  
Fr. Cole and Mrs. Amy Hartin and their four young sons to the Christ  
Church family on Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup>. We will hold two receptions for  
Fr. Cole and his family: at 10:00 in the parish hall and at 12:15 at  
Christ Church South.

We will also offer a number of smaller Coffee & Dessert  
gatherings throughout the winter and spring, both at church and in  
people's homes, in which smaller groups will gather to meet and visit  
with Fr. Cole. If you would like to participate, please contact Valerie  
at the church office  
(office@christchurchtyler.org or 903-597-9854).



**GREEN THUMB** help wanted!

*garden guild*

We are shaking the bushes for some youngins and even someone with a  
truck for seasonal hauling, for the Downtown Garden Guild. Contact Lynne  
Bordeaux if you are interested at 512-608-2171 or lynne0429@aol.com.



# 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, Angela, Mary, Gregg, Joy, Earl, Tommy, Victoria, Lynda,  
Jim, Chaley, Sophie, Chesley

**The Anglican Communion:** *The Diocese of Ogburn (Nigeria)*

**The Episcopal Church:**

*Dioceses of Southern Virginia & Southwest Florida*

**Diocese of Texas:** *St. Peter's—Pasadena & St. Andrew's—Pearland*

## 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

**Jane Whitney**

*mother of Clayton Whitney.*



*Pleased to introduce our most recent confirmands!*

**Confirmed 11.20.22 Christ Church South**

Back row: **Sandy Forde**, (*Fr. David, Bishop Fisher*),

**Mason Simmons, Stephanie Simmons,**

**James Lestor.** Front row: **Stan Ward, Jeremy Wait,**

(*daughter, Ivy*), **Kristina Wait, Stacy Shew,**

**Jyll Richburg, Delany Shew, & Fredericka Brown.**

## UPCOMING

Sunday, December 11

2:00pm **Primetimers** Theater | Salad Social  
([www.christchurchtyler.org/primetimers](http://www.christchurchtyler.org/primetimers))

Tuesday, December 13 (see graphic on p. 2 for more info)

Noon **Tidings of Joy Advent Concert—CCD**  
Light Lunch to follow in the Parish Hall

Sunday, December 18

11:05am **Christmas Pageant—CCS**

Tuesday, December 20 (see graphic on p. 2 for more info)

Noon **Tidings of Joy Advent Concert—CCD**  
Light Lunch to follow in the Parish Hall

Saturday, December 24

4:00pm **Christmas Pageant—CCD**

7:30pm **Christmas Eve Service—CCD**

10:30pm **Midnight/Candlelight Service—CCD**

Sunday, December 25 *no Christian Formation*

11:05am (*The only*) **Christmas Day Service—CCS**

Sunday, January 1, 2023 *no Christian Formation*

7:30am **Holy Eucharist Rite I—CCD**

10:00am **Holy Eucharist Rite I—CCD**

11:05am **Holy Eucharist Rite II—CCS**

Sunday, January 8

10:00am **Welcome Reception for the Hartins—CCD**

12:15pm **Welcome Reception for the Hartins—CCS**

Tuesday, January 10

8:00am **Men's Bible Study** with the **Rector** resumes

Thursday, January 12

10:30am **Women's Bible Study** with the **Rector** resumes

Sunday, January 22

**Annual Parish Meeting & Vestry Election**

**Office closings:**

Dec 23 closes at noon & reopens Dec 27-29 from 8:30 –12.  
Closed December 30-January 2, 2023.

## Clergy and Staff

**The Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle**

*Bishop of the Diocese of Texas*

The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher  
*Bishop Suffragan*

The Rt. Rev. Kai Ryan  
*Bishop Suffragan*

The Rt. Rev. Hector Monterroso  
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Mr. Kendric Milton *Assistant Sexton*

Ms. Jennifer Ducote *Office Assistant & Housekeeper*

Mr. Anthony Moore *Sexton, Christ Church South*

Ms. Laurel Maynard, 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. 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, 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 A BCP 1979 Lectionary

**Sunday, December 11** **Sunday, December 25**

**Advent 3**

**Christmas Day**

Isaiah 35:1-10

Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12

Psalm 146

Psalm 97

James 5:7-10

Titus 3:4-7

Matthew 11:2-11

Luke 2:[1-14] 15-20

**Sunday, December 18** **Sunday, January 1, 2023**

**Advent 4**

**Christmas 1**

Isaiah 7:10-17

Isaiah 61:10--62:3

Psalm 24

Psalm 147

Romans 1:1-7

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Matthew 1:18-25

John 1:1-18



**You are invited to participate in the celebration of Christmas at Christ Church through the CHRISTMAS FLOWER & MUSIC FUND.**

<<— Scan the QR code to the left or complete the form (find at the reception desk) if you wish to contribute to the placement of poinsettias in the church or help to underwrite the music presented on Christmas Eve. Deadline December 18.





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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](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

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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.*