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From the Rector:

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4.10

Our family vacationed in Yellowstone again this year. We love the wildlife, the views, the lodges, and the amazing hiking. People throughout the world are able to enjoy the national parks because of the work of staff and volunteers today, and the commitment of thousands of others over the past century and more.

For the past century and more, families at Christ Church have raised children in the faith through the teaching, time and resources of many hundreds of volunteers. But our children today are in great need of a renewed Children's center in the Bell building and a new Children's Ministries center at Christ Church South.

Over the past few weeks, scores of families have made a financial commitment to the Hallelujah Campaign to make this vital effort possible. Thank you!

But we have more to do.

Please join my family by making a financial commitment to repair and develop our Children's ministry spaces. Together, we will provide our children, and future generations of Christ Church children, with excellent Christian formation.

Gratefully in Christ Jesus,

David F

The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin,
Associate Rector

One of the practices I've developed over the past several months is a lunch-time jog around the Christ Church neighbourhood¹ on Fridays. When I started this practice in the late winter, I would leave my warm office, don my underlayer, and run in the damp cold until my body warmed up enough to make life tolerable. On really cold days, I would barely break a sweat. By the time I would return, I would be glad to get inside to warm up.

Now in the summer heat, I leave the chill of my office to sweat it out in the baking sun. I now run with a water belt too, to make sure I stay hydrated. When I return to the office after running several kilometres², I am grateful for the cool, air-conditioned building.

Running in both winter and summer has been a great way to get a feel for the city of Tyler, but it's also served as a kind of living parable of what the Church does for us as Christians.

Before and after running, I take shelter in the church building – it is the place of comfort, whether that means warmth and light in the winter; or cool and shade in summer. It's where I leave and return to when I set out in the pleasing but challenging work of running. No matter the season, it is the place of refuge, providing what I need.


Is this not the way the Church functions in our spiritual lives?

Each week we gather in a building with a community of people we call the Church. Here we find shelter in the midst of a world that at times can feel chaotic. Sometimes this world is bitter cold, leaving us isolated and alone. And other times the world is red-hot with violence and anger, leaving us frustrated and fearful.

When we come to the Church, we find relief. We are warmed by the words of Holy Scripture, and our hearts are softened by the beauty of choral music, or the wonderful folk songs we sing at Christ Church South. We find strength in the prayers of our siblings in Christ as they lift up the needs of our hearts and give thanks for the faithfulness of God. We find shelter from the sultry days or bitter nights in the wounds of Jesus. We are nourished and filled by him as we receive his body and blood. At the end of the liturgy, we “go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord”, back into the world for another week of holy work.

Now, I am not saying that we can exhaust the meaning of “the Church” by referring to a building, the people who gather in it, or the service of worship we participate in each week. The Church is certainly so much more than these. It's the mystical body of Christ. But it is not less than this building, these people, this gathering. And part of God's purpose for this building, these people, this gathering is to bolster us for the sojourn of each week as we live out the vocations that God has for us. This is one of the rhythms of the Kingdom of God, one of the ways the Spirit supports us as we follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God for the Church!

 ¹ This is how we spelled “neighborhood” in Canada.

² This is how we measure distance in Canada. Each mile is 1.6 kilometres.

Praise for the Past | Faith for the Future

Our HALLELUJAH Capital Campaign is off and running! The kickoff party Wednesday night, June 28, was great fun, with fine music, delicious food, and good fellowship. Kid's activities included a water slide and pizza. Fr. David did an excellent job of presenting our campaign goals. Many thanks to Patrick Willis, Zoe Lawhorn, and Whitney Patterson for pulling off a memorable event. Also, to Kimber Short for providing a fun time for the kids.

Now it is time to get to work. This is a campaign to construct a new wing at the South Campus and to restore and renovate areas Downtown- *all primarily for children ministry*. It is vital to the future of Christ Church (ONE CHURCH TWO CAMPUSES) that we add and renovate these structures to provide a welcoming and fun environment for our children. If you haven't already received a packet of information about the campaign, you will soon. Please look over the information and pray about how you can be a part of this exciting time. Our goal of \$3 million is attainable, but can only be reached with the support of all of us.



Jeffrey Ford,
Choirmaster & Organist

Thank you to Randy Gilbert & the CANNON CREW:
Mike Martin, Joel Greater, Bill Osborn, Jim Huggler, Howard Gurnas, Harriet Gilbert, and Debbie Finley,
for the cannon blasts on July 2nd during the Patriotic Eucharist.

Also, a thank you to the chancel choir for the great musical offerings that were presented in that service.
They now have started their 6-week summer break



Mark your calendars for:

CHILDREN'S CHOIR @ CHRIST CHURCH

Director: SUSIE FERGUS

Who: Children in Kindergarten – 5th grade

Where: Christ Church Downtown

When: REHEARSAL: Wednesdays beginning August 16 5:30pm-6:30

Three performances (September, October, December) during a Sunday Service - more info to come

Contact the church office [903.597.9854 office@christchurchtyler.org] to reserve your spot!



children's ministry

Kimber Short,
Director of Children's Ministry


How Does Your Garden Grow?

I love to garden. But I really love to pull weeds. For me it's not only immediate gratification but a mindfulness practice. Perhaps my love of weeding is a need for order in a time when I don't always feel so "orderly". Whatever it is, it is my Zen place. But if we are talking about a metaphor for the Garden, asking me how it's growing would depend on the day. I might wake up with the best of intentions but something throws me off and I find I'm sowing seeds on concrete expecting something to grow. Isn't that how life is sometimes? But it's our ability to pivot, be flexible and resilient that gets us through those days. And the only way we can do that is by trusting in God. Laying it all at his feet. Waking up every day and saying "help me" and going to bed each night saying "thank you".

This is truly the overarching principle of what I'm trying to impart to our children every Sunday. And I try to hit it in multi-sensorial ways, inviting the kids into an experience and trying to connect each lesson with something familiar. This summer we've been digging deeper into the Gospel lesson each week and I have found it to be a whole lot of fun. I hope the kids have too!

Speaking of our senses, I've been sensing that it's ridiculously hot! And what better way to cool off than with a pool party? So if you are 4ish through rising 5th graders (*I'm not ready to give you up to the Youth Program yet!*) Come make a splash at our **SUMMER'S ALMOST OVER POOL PARTY**, Friday July 28, 10am-12pm, 825 Blenheim Place in Tyler.

Please RSVP to kshort@christchurchtyler.org.

Kimber 

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

7/19 **Grif Hackney**, 7/19 **Allen Hansen**, 7/26 **Jonathan Luckenbach**, 7/28 **Joss Hennigan**, 7/29 **Cline Cavender**,
7/31 **Hunter Martin**, 8/1 **Harrison Scott**, 8/2 **Dorothy Mayes**

student ministry

Sarah Jones,
Director of Student Ministries



My parents moved to Texas from Pennsylvania right after they got married. Everyone else stayed in Pennsylvania. I saw my grandmother on my Dad's side twice before she died two years ago and that is the case with most of my extended family.

However, I was not lonely. The church I grew up in was a very small, constantly struggling storefront church that relied mostly on supply priests. We had a few full-time rectors but they never lasted more than a year or two. While this made it difficult to grow our attendance numbers it did grow the strength of our community. Being the small church we were, everyone knew everyone else's business but no one felt the need to pretend that things were okay when they weren't. What a blessing!

The wonderful people of that church became surrogate family to me. One member taught me how to sew. One member who owned a consignment store would put dresses aside for the girls during prom season. Our grumpy Sr. Warden taught me all the ins and outs of a church service and when I started driving he sold my parents an old car of his for close to nothing. One member taught Sunday school every week and planned it all himself even though there was usually only two of us in class. There was a member that sold Mary Kay who did my make up on my wedding day and several others that helped with set up. One member made me a beautiful quilt (see picture to the right). I didn't even know her that well but that didn't matter to her because I was a part of her community and therefore an extension of her family.

Due to physical distance my family had a lot of holes but I had a village and God sent me someone that was a perfect fit for every empty space. I felt seen, I felt supported, and I felt loved. Again, what a blessing.

What I learned from this is that I may have no idea how much of an effect some simple time and attention might have on someone. What empty spaces I might be filling, unaware that they even exist.

Blessings, Sarah





come make a splash at our

summer's almost over pool party

age 4ish - rising 5th graders
(I'm not ready to give you up to the youth program yet!)

Friday July 28 . 10am-12pm
825 Blenheim Place, Tyler

Please RSVP to kshort@christchurchtyler.org.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

& STUDENTS -)



AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT TIME CHILDREN & YOUTH WILL BE INVITED TO COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE A BLESSING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13
DOWNTOWN 10:00AM
SOUTH 11:05AM

BACK TO SCHOOL



5TH GRADE THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

EYC

FRIDAY . AUG 11
2-5 PM **Lake Day!**

@ THE SHORT'S LAKE HOUSE
16442 EASTSIDE RD, TYLER 75707

RSVP TO SARAH, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES
[SJONES@CHRISTCHURCHTYLER.ORG](mailto:sjones@christchurchtyler.org)

SUMMER ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The letter to the

Hebrews

SUNDAYS CCD 9:00am
CCS 10:00am



Loaves & Fishes provides meals to the homeless, poor and working poor of Tyler.

This ministry, established over fifteen years ago, serves on average 75 meals each Thursday evening in the Undercroft. Four different teams of 3 to Christ Church volunteers cook, serve, and clean every Thursday to provide this ministry.



We would love to have new faces join this rewarding ministry, contact Lynne & HV Bordeaux at lynneo429@aol.com.

thanksgivings , supplications & fellowship

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Lisa, Paul & Lucy, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Rob, Tom, John, Mike, Mark, Linda, Dalton, Chris, Marian, Carl, Mimi, Phil, Jennifer, MB, Raymond, Arnold, George, Pam, Julie, John, Ahmet, Will, Luke, James, Gregg, Cynthia, Lynda, Ann, Frank, HB, Anne, Oleg, Luba, Cris, Lloyd, Ben, Angela, Samuel, Serena, Dot, Roger, Patty, Christine, Pam, Tommy, Robert, Lynn, Curt, Kaden, Julia, Ben, Cal, Bob, Maggie, Julia, Jerry, John, Isabelle, Delight Ministries, Evon, Frank, Tarrie

The Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Victoria Nyanza (Tanzania) , The Episcopal Church: Dioceses of Western North Carolina & Wyoming, Diocese of Texas: St. Paul's—Waco & Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit —Waco

Congratulations on the marriage of:
Jamie Weyand & Ted Walters
July 2, 2023

In Memoriam
Our sympathies to the family & friends of
Bob Nash,
Husband of Gretchen Nash.

upcoming

Friday, July 28 Children's Ministry Swim Party
10:00-Noon at Kimber Shorts Home (see graphic on p. 5)

Friday, August 11 EYC Lake Day
2pm—5 at The Shorts Lake House (see graphic on p. 5)

Sunday, August 13 Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 10
Serve BEYOND Sunday Ministry Festival
10:00am at both campuses
Service schedule returns to regular times
Downtown: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00



NOW AVAILABLE IN THE GIFT SHOP!!!
PORCH CULTURE COFFEE

Porch Culture is a small batch, craft coffee roasting company in Tyler, Texas. They strive to bring you profoundly good coffees that are responsibly sourced, mindfully roasted, and creatively distributed.

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The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin 903-952-3850,
The Rev. Ted Welty 903-714-7052 or
The Rev. Stephen Stine, Deacon, 903-530-8168.

Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year A BCP 1979 Lectionary

Sunday, July 23

Proper 11

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Psalms 86

Romans 8:18-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 30

Proper 12

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalms 119:121-136

Romans 8:26-34

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-49a



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Worship Schedule

Sundays through Labor Day

7:30 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*

10:00 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist

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

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