

# the Crucifer

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## From the Rector:

*Psalm 63.1-4:*

*O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

*So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.*

*Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.*

*So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.*

Human beings have been moved to worship God for thousands of years. Before the Israelites were firmly established as the people of God, Genesis 14 describes Melchizedek as the 'priest of God most high.' Many centuries before the Bible was written, people gathered to worship the one true God.

As we continue to endure triple digit days, it is hard to believe that autumn is coming. But September is a week away.

With the approach of the fall, 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 on two campuses. And beginning this coming month, we will offer many opportunities for worship.

Throughout the world, as at Christ Church, Anglican services are noted for their rootedness in the Biblical, beautiful and reverent services in the Book of Common Prayer. Christ Church offers worship services which meet the needs of many people. At 9:00 and 11:00 (*resuming Sept 10*), we offer powerful, elegant services featuring excellent traditional music in our historic



downtown nave. At 11:05, we offer a beautiful, less-formal worship service featuring a contemporary music ensemble at Christ Church South on Jacksonville Highway. And at 7:30 in the morning, we offer a lovely, more contemplative traditional worship service in the nave, downtown.

Colossians 3.16 commends us to worship:  
*“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.”*

Mark your calendar. On Sunday September 10, we will celebrate an exciting new season at Christ Church. The Ministry Festival begins at 10. We will worship the Lord all morning long.

Faithfully in Christ Jesus,

*David +*

One of the things I love about the Christian tradition is the church calendar. Every year we are brought to confront the same mysteries again and again: Advent and the incarnation, Epiphany and revelation, Easter and resurrection, Pentecost and the sending of the Spirit. The church calendar gives structure to our lives and to our faith and reminds that there is a seasonality to being a Christian. Indeed there is a seasonality to being a human – we see this as we journey through the seasons: Summer, comes before autumn, which comes before winter, which leads into spring.

The school year brings with it a kind of seasonality too. There is something amorphous about summer, with schedules that relax, as we enjoy time with family and friends. As we look to September, our calendar fills up and our free time tightens. We come to a natural juncture that reminds us that another year is passing by.

In each season or time in our lives—much like the times and season in the church year—our experience is different. The author of Ecclesiastes puts it this way, *“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted”* (Eccles. 3:1-2). Part of what it means to live as Christians faithful to Jesus is to recognize the season in which we are living, the times we must be busy planting, getting ready for new birth, and the times we need to get ready for dying, for plucking up what is planted.

Not all parts of our lives are the same: There are seasons of grief and lament, often followed by seasons of healing and renewal. Seasons of rest and refreshment lead to seasons where we must tighten our belts and hunker down. For many of us, the fall is such a season.

And it’s not just that our lives come in season, but twice our Scriptures remind us that our lives themselves only last a season. In both Isaiah 40, and 1 Peter 1 we are told that

*All flesh is grass;  
 their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
 The grass withers; the flower fade.  
 but the word of our God will stand forever.*

To put this another way: Life is short. Our days might seem long, but as we look back upon the years, they seem to have flown by. Everything is changing all of the time, and this means we learn to let go of what is lost as we embrace the next adventure God has for us. And most importantly, it means recognizing that God’s word stands fast in the midst of all of the changes and chances of this fleeting world.

Whether September and back-to-school comes as a relief or a burden, my prayer is that we might recognize God’s gracious hand in all of this, knowing that Jesus was here for a season, and embraced the seasonality of life. We can trust him as we pass through this season, this life, praying for grace as we live in the hope of the eternal life – that everlasting Sabbath that he has won for us.



### Children's Choir

Who: Children from K-5<sup>th</sup>

When: Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm

Location: Downtown in the little choir room and the Sunday School room next door

Fall singing dates: Downtown at the 9:00 service on Sunday Sept. 16 and Sunday October 15.

*We will continue to; accept more children through the Ministry Festival (September 10)*

**It's not too late to start.**

We are training the children to be leaders in worship with singing.

Please consider investing your children's time to this great program. We have great directors and this will be something that your child will take with them throughout life!!!

### Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir will be back in the choir stalls on Sept. 10. This will be the day for the fall schedule to begin. We will be joined by a brass quartet. As to date we have 19 members singing.

*Save the date:*

October 1 at the 11:00 service the *Missa Brevis, Mozart* will be performed with two violins and organ.

November 5 at 6:00 Choral Evensong with the Chancel Choir

### Singing

In worship we do several things as a congregation. We kneel together, we stand together, we pray together AND we sing together. In the book of Psalm, it says to:

***Sing to the Lord a new song; I will sing praises to my God as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being; Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.***



The Hallelujah Capital Campaign is going strong!

- This is a summer campaign to raise **\$3 million or more** to remodel the lower level of **CCD Bell Building** and to add a wing at **CCS**. Both are for Children's Ministry.
- The Hallelujah Campaign also includes **Endowment Funds** for repair and maintenance of facilities on both campuses to ensure Christ Church remains a foundation of faith both now and in the future.



*Q & A Here are some questions some have had.*

**What is a pledge card and why use it?** This is not a contract, but a statement of intent. With these cards, our parish administrator will know what funds to expect and when to expect them. Your commitment will guide us in our financial planning.

**May I change my commitment if necessary?** Yes. If you experience an unexpected change in your financial circumstances, you may increase or decrease your giving plan by contacting Diana Keesey.

**When do I begin giving?** The 3 year giving phase can depend on your circumstances. You determine your personal giving schedule: it may be weekly, monthly, or a variation acknowledged by the parish administrator.

**When will we find out the total amount pledged in the Hallelujah Campaign?** Pledge totals will be announced mid to late September.

**When do we start/complete the projects?** How aggressive we can be with our timeline depends on how quickly we can reach our goal. Assuming we raise what we need in pledges this summer, we can begin work this fall at CCS and begin the renovations at CCD immediately following completion of the south addition. We anticipate construction at CCS to take about six months.

**What about my annual pledge?** It is still needed! The Hallelujah Campaign is for building expansion and improvement and an endowment to ensure our facilities for the future. Christ Church still has ongoing parish operations. We keep the funds separated.

**What is an average gift? What should a capital gift be?** Stewardship is not about "equal gifts but about equal sacrifice". There is neither a formula for determining that pledge, nor is there a benchmark for the giving of an "average gift." Instead of measuring your gift by the dollar amount, you might ask yourself these questions:

1. Was this a prayerful decision seeking God's will?
2. Did I take a step of faith that deepens my own discipleship?
3. If everyone else in the church made a sacrifice equal to my own (in terms of commitment rather than dollars), would God be honored by that level of commitment/investment?

**Things to remember:**

- **Goal of 3 million for Children's Ministry and Endowment**
- **Pledges can be spread over 3 years**
- **In order to reach our goal, help is needed from everyone! All gifts are vital to the success of this campaign. It is important for all to participate in the ownership of this project, share in the joy of seeing the finished product, and know that Christ Church will continue to raise Godly children and make disciples well into the future.**

*Misplaced your pledge card or never received your packet? Please contact Diana Keesey in the church office. Diana can also connect you to a campaign team member for more in-depth discussion.*

Come one Come all!

**Step right up for your chance to  
Serve Beyond Sunday!**

Today only YOU are guaranteed the opportunity to be the proud owner of a place in Lay Ministry! Every spin around the Festival is a win when you sign up today!  
Take aim at a new way to share your gifts!  
Everyone's a winner when we all share the work!



Come for the awesome food, raffle prizes & fun,  
leave excited & energized for the year ahead!

WE will see YOU at CCD & CCS on September 10 at 10!

#### CHRIST CHURCH MINISTRIES

Adopt-a-Neighbor

Acolytes

Altar Guild

Bethesda Ministry

Blooming Blessings | CCS

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Children's Ministries

College Ministry

Daughters of the King

Education for Ministry (EFM)

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Gardening Guild | CCD

Hospitality CCS

Loaves & Fishes

Media Ministry | CCS

Music Ministry

Neighborhood Groups

Newcomers

Prayer Shawl

Primetimers

St. Teresa's Guild (Women's Depth Group)

Supper Club

Terra Sancta (Gift Shop)

Weekday Bible Study

Ushers & Greeters

Ukrainian Refugees

Youth Ministry

Do you want to bear the light of Christ?

Come & join the **ACOLYTES**

Sunday, August 27 after the service

All current & prospective acolytes & crucifers.

We will have a fun lunch then do a training. ☆

Contact Fr. Cole for more info & RSVP  
chartin@christchurchtyler.org

CCS Children's Sunday School teacher training too! RSVP to kshort@christchurchtyler.org

## Downtown Service schedule

*returns to regular times  
Sunday, September 10*



7:30am Holy Eucharist Rite I



9:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II



10:00am Christian Formation starts Sept. 17  
Ministry Festival Sept. 10



11:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

## *Christian Formation starting in September*

- *Bible Study with the Rector begins September 12 & 14*
- *Sunday School begins September 17*

### NEHEMIAH @ CCS & CCD

The theme of Nehemiah is the Lord's protection of his people and the need for their faithfulness in keeping the Torah (*the Mosaic law*) and their faithfulness in worship. After the exile, God is renewing his people in the land, in order to carry out what he promised to Abraham. God's people must renew their commitment to covenant faithfulness, laying hold of God's forgiveness and seeking to practice purity in their corporate and private lives. God in his mercy raised up Ezra the priest and teacher, and Nehemiah the governor, to lead his people in the hard work that this renewal requires. (*ESV Study Bible* Introduction to Nehemiah )

### ANGLICANISM 102 @ CCS

*Confirmation is a sacramental rite of the church in which the Bishop lays hands on a person who publicly affirms his or her faith in Christ. For many, confirmation is a reaffirmation of commitments made to Christ on their behalf at their baptism as children. For others, it is a means of joining the church. It is for all a celebrated and solemn sacrament which expresses our faith in Christ.*

Beginning in September, we will offer an **Anglicanism 102 class at Christ Church South at 10:00**. If you would like to join Christ Church through confirmation, or you would like to learn more about Anglican Christian theology and tradition, please join us at Christ Church South beginning Sunday, September 17. If interested in confirmation, please contact the Parish Secretary, Valerie Huggler, at [office@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:office@christchurchtyler.org).



### ADULT CONFIRMATION

**Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 11:05am Christ Church South.**

See **Anglicanism 102** (above) for preparation for Confirmation.



We still a few spaces left to sign up for **Education for Ministry.**

If you're not familiar with the program it is a 4 year study that includes Old and New Testament, the history of Christianity and developing your own theology.

If you are interested contact Clyde Beaty at 903 752 5180 or [cbefml@gmail.com](mailto:cbefml@gmail.com) for more information.

Starts Tuesday September 12 @5:30 & meets weekly through the school year.



**NEWCOMERS**

**LUNCH WITH THE RECTOR**  
**SEPTEMBER 17 @ 12:30PM**

**CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH**  
**15747 OLD JACKSONVILLE HWY.**  
**RSVP: [CHRISTCHURCHTYLER.ORG](http://CHRISTCHURCHTYLER.ORG)**


children's ministry  
**Kimber Short,**  
Director of Children's Ministry

Every Monday morning at 8:30, we as a staff gather for a Staff Meeting. Today, Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>, was no different. We covered information that we all needed to know then we got down to the important stuff, like what delicacies Fr. Cole should introduce himself and his family to at the State Fair of Texas. You might be surprised to hear that Fried Butter came in as number one. I can't speak from experience but it was described as an "inside out biscuit". Apparently, the butter is dipped into some fry batter and deep fried during which time the batter absorbs most of the butter making it a biscuit-like snack with the butter on the inside. TBH, that does not sound like something I want to try so I guess I'll have to wait for the Hartin boys' reports!

You know, I say fried butter doesn't sound good but who knows? I will never be sure of that until I try it. But isn't that how life is? We are offered a food or an experience to try and we make a judgement based on how it sounds or looks. But the truth is, we will never really know how we feel about something until we try it for ourselves. In that vein, I invite you to try something new. I'm looking for some good people to share their gifts and experiences with the children in our church family. This isn't your Mama's Sunday School! It's Holy Moly!! If you can press play on the DVR you're qualified to lead this interactive and fun curriculum.

CCD: Please email me at [kshort@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:kshort@christchurchtyler.org) if you have any questions or are interested in helping out when you can.

CCS: We are having lunch and training immediately after the service on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Please email your RSVP to [kshort@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:kshort@christchurchtyler.org).

I hope you'll join me!  
Kimber 

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

8/23 Eliza Dos Santos, 8/23 Katie Luckenbach,  
8/25 Elijah Pogue, 8/25 Gabriel Pogue,  
8/26 Tegan Patterson, 9/2 Tyler Jensen,  
9/6 Brady Lawhorn

student ministry  
**Sarah Jones,**  
Director of Student Ministries

Hello Families!

We had an awesome lake day this past weekend! Thank you so much to the Shorts for hosting us and helping create some great memories for our youth. As well, thanks to all those who have supported the youth this summer such as the Beatys, the Dowdys, all the formation teacher volunteers and so many more!

Thank you for helping us to build up a youth community. I think community is something the younger generations struggle to find. There are classes, extracurriculars, and jobs but few opportunities for true community. A place where there is support and love and an exchanging of ourselves. A place where they can learn the art of both giving and receiving.



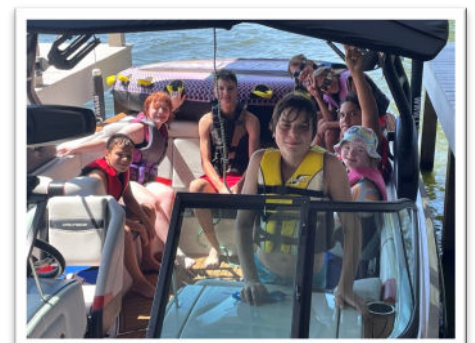
I often struggle with cases of the "don't wannas" and question if I really need to attend certain events. Do I need to socialize today, do I need to learn anything today? I often have to be reminded that I may be there because someone else needs me. My face might be the one someone needs to see, I might say something someone else needs to hear, or I might need to show up because several others can't that day. God doesn't need my ability- only my availability and he can make me a small miracle for someone that day. Thank you for all of the times you have been available to be a small miracle for me.

**Coming up:**

- EYC starting Aug 23rd 6-7:30 pm 5th-12th grade
- Junior and Senior monthly discussion class starts September 11th time TBD
- New Driver Workshop date TBD

Don't forget we now have youth formation at the South Campus! Meeting at 10am up in the cabin.

Sarah





upcoming

Christ Church Women are invited to...

## Ladies, Leaves & Loveliness

Piney Woods ECW September Luncheon

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

314 Henderson Blvd., Kilgore, Texas 75662

Saturday, September 16 @ 10:00am

Fee: \$10 due by Sept 9

Text Sherry Lockman or Liz Garrison for info

903-649-1253 or 903-431-6198

Mail \$10 to St Paul's ECW (address above)

Venmo \$10 to: @Sherry-Lockman (please make sure we know who you are)



**ATTENTION** those 50-plus  
Primetimers Football Tailgate party with beer tasting  
6:00 pm on Friday, 9/29/23 in our Parish Hall  
More info to come



## Supper Club Join us!

Friday, Sept 22 | 6:00pm

Large Group

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

## Yoga

Thursdays, starting September 11  
9-10 a.m. on the 4th floor CCD

with Sarah Jones  
Certified Yoga Instructor  
& Director of Student Ministries



## Blessing of the Pets

The Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Sunday, October 1  
3:00pm Bergfeld Park



## thanksgivings , supplications & fellowship

*In Our Prayers*

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

Lisa, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Isabelle, Delight Ministries, Bob, Frank, Tarrie, Frieda, Lynda, Charlotte, Marie, Maggie, Jennifer, Julie, Jeanne, Dorys

**The Anglican Communion:** *The Diocese of Yeri (South Sudan)*

**The Episcopal Church:** *Dioceses of Albany & Arizona*

**Diocese of Texas:** *Trinity—Winnie & St Paul's —Woodville*

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

## upcoming

Wednesday, August 23, **EYC** begins 6-8pm CCD

Sunday, August 27

**CCS acolyte & teacher training**

12:30pm (see graphic p. 6)

Sunday, September 10

**Ministry Festival Serve BEYOND Sunday**

**10:00am at both campuses**

*Service schedule returns to regular times*

*Downtown: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00*

The week of September 11

**Bible Study with the Rector** *returns*

Men's—Tuesdays 8:00am

Women's—Thursdays 10:30am

Sunday, September 17

**Christian Formation**—All ages

**10:00am both campuses**

Friday, September 22

**Supper Club**

6:00pm Large Group (see graphic p. 9)

Friday, September 29

**Primetimes**

6:00pm CCD (see graphic p. 9)

Sunday, October 1

**Blessing of the Pets**

3:00pm Bergfeld Park (see graphic p. 9)

Sunday, November 12

**Confirmation**

11:05pm CCS



### Holy Baptism

The next scheduled date for baptisms is  
Sunday, November 5.

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



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## *Pastoral Emergency Contacts*

In the event of a pastoral emergency,  
Call the church office during office hours 903.597.9854;  
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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, August 27**

**Proper 16**

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

**Sunday, September 3**

**Proper 17**

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm 26

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:21-27



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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*

~ *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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of Christ Church is to be rec-  
ognized as a joyful,  
spirit-filled community of  
apostles reaching out and  
transforming lives for Christ.*