

the Crucifer

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From the Rector:

I believe that, if we are paying attention, every day and every season brings occasions for joy and for sorrow, for laughter and for tears.

Twenty years ago, my wife and I were praying—every day—for a baby. We enjoyed our life together. We were very happily married. We loved our respective work.

And yet we hoped and prayed, even longed for a child.

Our lives were forever changed by the birth of our oldest son. I can only vaguely recall the hobbies I cared about before God blessed us with him. He and his brother and sister have, from day one, been the source of incomparable joy and laughter and love in our lives.

Last month, we dropped him off at university. And drove away. Not the close of a book, but the end of an amazing chapter.

Like many parents, we are proud of him. And we know that he needs to go and fly. And that he is more than ready to begin adult life without our constant physical presence nearby. And yet we are still working through the absence of our son in daily life in Tyler.

Every September, as the school year begins, a new chapter lies before us at Christ Church.

We re-start the 9:00 and 11:00 services. We begin new Sunday morning and mid-week faith formation classes and groups for all. We have a great party—a ministry festival—at which people connect or re-connect with one another and get involved in one or a myriad of ministries.

For our family, this autumn is very different. And yet, it is a season filled with promise. Because God has lessons and blessings before us. To receive them, we need to open our eyes, step out in faith, and engage in the lives of other people.

It's a new season at Christ Church. Let's walk into it—together—with Jesus.

Faithfully in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David H." with a stylized flourish at the end.

This coming Sunday is special because there is a Ministry Festival subtitled Serve Beyond Sunday. It is a Sunday that traditionally has been a Sunday for the church to “rally” as we “gear up” after summer vacations and “round up” participants in the many ministry opportunities at Christ Church. As I thought about the Serve Beyond Sunday Ministry Festival, I remembered our Epistle from last Sunday’s service from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans, Chapter 12.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

In this passage from Romans, St. Paul is encouraging us to serve beyond Sunday. If you are one of those people who come to church every Sunday and participate in worship at Christ Church and then go home, encouraged and refreshed, thanks be to God. God Bless you. Please continue. I think Paul is encouraging us to go deeper, though, and find other ways to participate and to serve whether on Sunday or other days of the week. This coming Sunday, September 10, the Ministry Festival will be at 10:00 AM on both Christ Church campuses. This will be a good place to for you to *discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect*. There will be representatives of more than 25 Christ Church ministries there to discuss their ministries. Incidentally, there will also be coffee and breakfast goodies plus great Christian fellowship.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Paul tells us to take an honest look at ourselves to see where we might participate or serve. We are all members of the Body of Christ, and all have gifts to enhance the Body in one way or another. Please come to the Ministry Festival on September 10, and, if you are not now Serving Beyond Sunday, please sign up for something.

Blessings in Christ,

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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.

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.

www.christchurchtyler.org/hallelujah-campaign

Hallelujah
 PRAISE FOR THE PAST
 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE

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

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

student ministry
Sarah Jones,
Director of Student Ministries

Hello Wonderful Families!

September is here and we have a lot going on!

EYC has begun! Wednesdays, 4th floor of the Downtown campus 6:00pm-7:30pm.
Dinner is provided.

Parents, I am looking for one family to bring a meal once a month. Please keep your eye out for the sign-up emails.

Jr. and Sr. year discussion group begins Monday, 09/11 6:30pm-7:30pm at:
Boards & Bites
1851 TROUP HWY
TYLER, TX 75701

This is a once a month meeting where Jr. and Sr. year students can discuss difficult questions that many of us stumble over throughout our faith journey. We will be using Dr. Gregory A. Boyd's *Letters from a Sceptic* (no outside reading required) as a discussion guide.

We now have Sunday youth formation at the south campus! Please meet us in the cabin at 10am. The curriculum (AMPLIFY) this year is wonderful and explains great foundational concepts.

Thank you for all of your help and support. I am looking forward to a great fall!



Blessings,
Sarah Jones

Junior & Seniors **EYC Discussion Group**

Starts September 11 | 6:30pm-7:30pm
[Meets second Monday of every month]

Meeting at:

Boards & Bites | 1851 TROUP HWY

A group where junior & senior year students can discuss difficult questions that many of us stumble over throughout our faith journey. We will be using Dr. Gregory A. Boyd's *Letters from a Sceptic* (no outside reading required) as a discussion guide.



AMPLIFY

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
10AM BOTH CAMPUSES

GROWING A
FAITH THAT LASTS

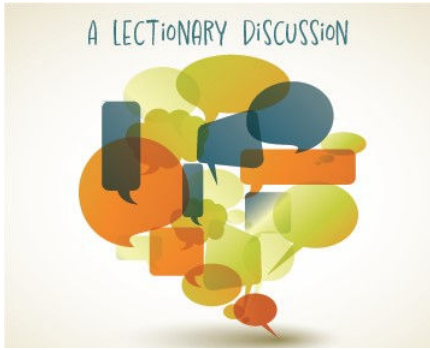
Amplify breaks down foundational concepts such as worship, the Holy Spirit, and service in a way that offers deeper meaning and educates teens on how to apply them to their daily lives.

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION | THIS FALL

NEHEMIAH

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)



A Lectionary Discussion

Sundays DOWNTOWN in the Epiphany Room 3rd Floor 10:00am

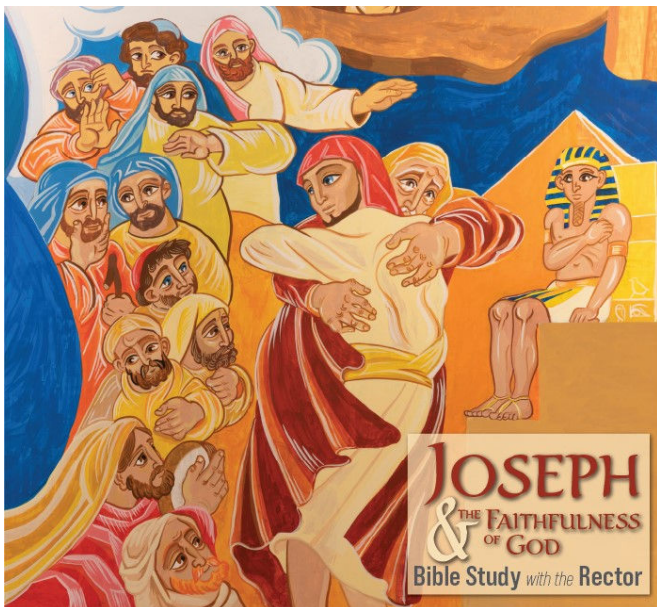
Join Deacon Stine in a discussion of the Sunday Eucharistic Lessons.

**Lectionary is an ordered system for reading the Holy Scriptures.*

Anglicanism 102 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.



BIBLE STUDY with the RECTOR *Joseph & the Faithfulness of God*

Beginning in mid-September, please join Fr. David for our study of Genesis chapters 37-50, the remarkable story of Joseph. His father Israel's favorite son, Joseph was betrayed by his brothers and sold into slavery. Yet even in the pit, God was with Joseph. Enslaved in Egypt yet anointed by the LORD, Joseph rises to become the chief advisor to Pharaoh. His wisdom and graciousness, and the grace of God, saves the Israelites from ruin and death.

The story of Joseph is a rich lesson of faith, courage, human nature, and the goodness of God.

Meet Downtown
Men's Bible study Tuesdays
beginning **September 12 at 8:00am**

Women's Bible study Thursdays
beginning **September 14 at 10:30am**



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, Tommy, Lorelei, Cody, Cary, Linda, Michael, Miggie, Arnold, Evon, Jeanene

The Anglican Communion: *The Diocese of Zanzibar (Tanzania)*, **The Episcopal Church:** *Dioceses of Arkansas & Atlanta*
Diocese of Texas: *Grace Episcopal Church—Alvin & Church of the Holy Comforter —Angleton*

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

upcoming

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
Yoga—Thursdays 9:00am 4th Floor CCD

Sunday, September 17
Christian Formation—All ages
10:00am both campuses
12:30pm Newcomers Lunch with the Rector

Friday, September 22
Supper Club
6:00pm Large Group

Friday, September 29
Primetimers
6:00pm CCD

Sunday, October 1
Blessing of the Pets
3:00pm Bergfeld Park

Sunday, November 12
Confirmation | CCS
11:05pm CCS

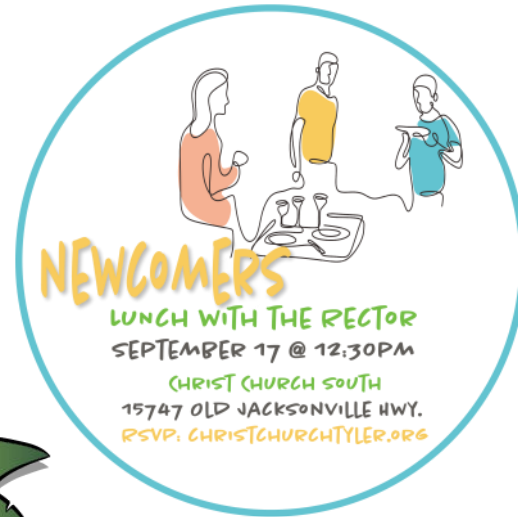
Thursdays, starting September 14
9-10 a.m. on the 4th floor CCD

with Sarah Jones
Certified Yoga Instructor
& Director of Student Ministries



ATTENTION THOSE 50-PLUS
Primetimers Football Tailgate party with beer tasting
6:00 pm on Friday, 9/29/23 Downtown in the Parish Hall

- Beer/wine/beverages/hot dogs provided
- Bring your favorite tailgate dish to share
- Wear your favorite football team's colors!
- \$10 each to cover refreshments & room



Clergy and Staff

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

The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher
Bishop Suffragan

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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, September 10

Proper 18

Ezekiel 33:[1-6] 7-11

Psalm 119:33-48

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 17

Proper 19

Sirach 27:30--28:7

Psalm 103

Romans 14:5-12

Matthew 18:21-35

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

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



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Worship Schedule

Sundays

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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