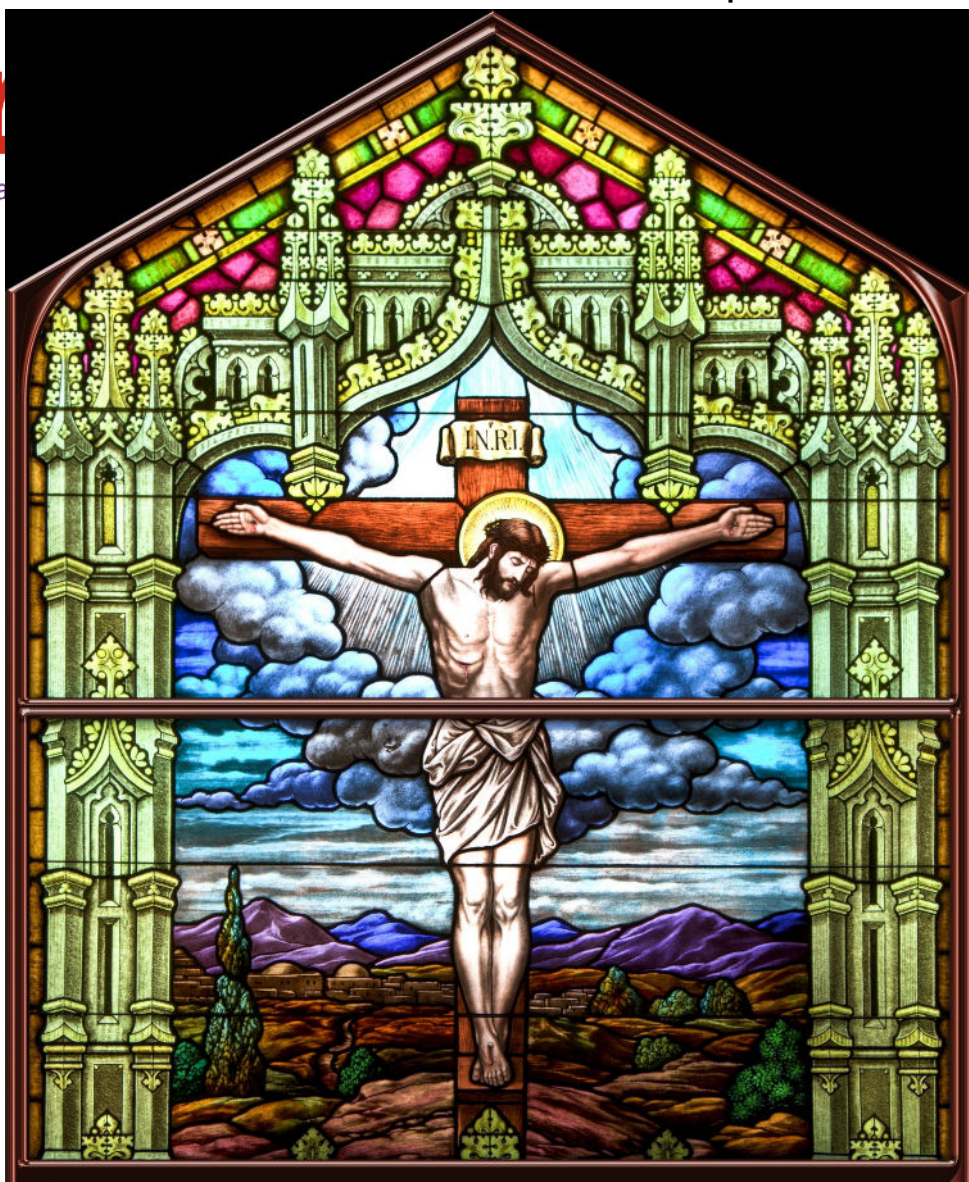


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FROM THE RECTOR:

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. *Proverbs 22.6*

God's people have always understood the importance of children's Christian education.

From prayers and Bible reading at home to faith formation on Sunday mornings, for many centuries believers have invested substantial time, talent, and treasure in the Christian education of children.

Ten months ago, we began an effort to raise over \$3 million to create and re-develop excellent spaces for children's ministry at Christ Church. I am thrilled to announce that we have completed the latest phase of this historic effort on time and under budget!

This Saturday April 27th at 4:00, we will cut the ribbon and welcome all to an open house at the new Children's Ministry Center at Christ Church South. With the essential help of Gary Avery, Bryan Rossman, and our building committee, we have created wonderful spaces in

which children will grow as followers of Jesus for decades to come! And we have created a new Youth Center and Adult Gathering room as well!

Concurrently, our work re-developing the Bell building is well underway. God willing, in five months we will open our new Children's Ministry Center at our historic downtown campus. It promises to be a spectacular space for sharing the Gospel and equipping our children to know Christ.

By God's grace, this is an exciting season in the life of Christ Church. Please join us this Saturday at the open house, and thank you for your prayers and support of this great effort!

Gratefully in Christ Jesus,

David H

Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering. Luke 24:41

One of the truths I've been able to see, by the grace of God, this Eastertide, is that I am not responsible for keeping everything together. And by this, I mean to say, that I can't make ministry, or my family, or my life, work out the way I think it should work out. And this is just another way of saying, that, despite (or because of) my inability to direct the present and the future in the way that I think it should go, Jesus shows up in the midst of my life to remind me that he is God.

When Jesus appears to his disciples in Luke's Gospel, even after they've heard that Jesus had been raised, and even after (some of them) had seen the empty tomb, even after he is right in front of their faces, they still can't quite believe. Their joy is mingled with "disbelieving and wonder."

"How could this be?" they think to themselves. All the while Jesus is there ready to eat breakfast with them.

This was not at all on their agendas, having Jesus appear to them. It was never part of their plan, whatever plan they had. And whatever plan they had, whatever they intended to do, was swept out of their control. They all fled, and left Jesus on the cross. But he rose again.

And he showed up to them despite their disbelieving and then promised to send them the Holy Spirit so they could carry on his work. The mission of the Gospel will depend on them, it seems.

But at the same time, and in the same breath, nothing really depends on them, because Jesus has risen from the dead, and his rising happens whether the disciples believe or disbelief, whether they witness the empty tomb or they are cowering in a locked room. Everything depends on the power of God.

So maybe the truth I've been learning at Easter is a paradox: I don't have to keep everything together, to keep life, or ministry, or family moving in the direction I want it to, because Jesus has been raised and will show up in my life (and yours) when he wants. We can't stop him. And we can't make him appear.

And this is freeing because it gives us permission to take a rest, to enjoy the Sabbath, where even God ceases from his work. It gives us permission to take a break, to have a meal with Jesus, because it seems, that despite all of the important things he will do and is doing, he still has time to eat some fish with his friends.

After the disciples take a rest with Jesus, and eat a meal with him, he teaches them and sends them out as witnesses. It all depends on them. And yet everything depends on him. Both are true, in some way. Everything begins and ends with Jesus, and us working with him (by the power of the Spirit) after we've had breakfast.



We have just about completed another season in the Music Ministry here at Christ Church.

May 19, 2024 3:00 pm Christ Church Downtown, in the Parish Hall.

vibré, *in Concert*

vibré is a handbell quintet that is dedicated to ringing music that is a bit outside the usual box.

They will present a program entitled “Uncommon Time” and will include pieces of the 19th Century Anglo-Irish carol *Venite Adoramus Dominum* to Dave Brubeck’s *Take 5* and lots of modern composers of handbell music.

The performers are Diane Sorrels, Andy Martinez, Karen Mobbs, Gini Raney, and Leslie Russell.

You will not want to miss this event. You will be surprised as the music that can be made with handbells.

- ◆ We had our final Choral Evensong with *Inspirata* last week. I want to thank John and Stacey McKinley for taking charge of the greeters for Choral Evensong this year and to Bryan Rossman for Verging.
- ◆ The **CHILDREN’S CHOIR** will be singing for Mother’s Day on May 12, 2024. This will be the last time until the fall. It has been a great year for our children’s choir!!!
- ◆ The Chancel Choir will be in the choir stalls thru July 7. After that Sunday they will be off for 6 weeks for summer break.
- ◆ Remember that we will start our Summer Sunday schedule combining the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services on May 5 with one service at 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ Pentecost will be May 19 with the Chancel Choir singing the Mass in C by Charles Gounod.



CRAWFISH BOIL
Come enjoy tails, corn & taters! No charge | BYOB | House Band
Saturday, April 27th
3:00pm
The later you come the spicier it gets - last batch out about 6:00pm.
CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH
15747 Old Jacksonville Hwy.
Hot dogs will be available from The Brotherhood of St. Andrew for the non-crawfish eaters :-)

+ ribbon cutting & open house for the new children’s wing



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

Open House

I've said it before and I'll say it again. Time flies!! I don't know if you've heard the term "Christ Church Shuffle" but it's the flying up and down Old Jacksonville Hwy that the clergy and I do on any given Sunday to get from teaching or preaching at one campus and trying to get to the other campus in time to do it again. Just a few short months ago, I would zip into the gravel parking lot, run in the side door and through the Narthex and Common Area to the "Chapel" to gather the cross and make my way into the Great Hall with scarcely seconds to spare. I might still be zipping in with seconds to spare but now it's to gather the cross from our proper, beautiful, brand-new Children's Chapel!

If you were there last Sunday for our "soft opening", I hope you made it down that long hall to get a look. It truly is amazing! With original art from Allison Hernandez reimagined by Callynth Finney, lovely old lanterns that used to hang in the Narthex downtown and a custom cross commissioned especially for this space, it truly is the surprise of this whole addition.

But if you missed the soft opening (and even if you didn't!) I hope to see you all this Saturday for our Crawfish Boil and Open House! This new wing has been a labor of love for me and I can't wait for you all to see it! What an exciting time for our Church Family!

Upcoming:

CCD-1st-4th graders continue to meet on the 4th floor just off the elevator.

Godly Play kiddos gather in the Shepherd's Nook off the nursery.

CCS-2nd-4th graders continue with First Communion Class in Mrs. Kimber's room. 1st graders and younger will hang out in the nursery until Pentecost.

Church Family-Calling all parent volunteers and kid participants to sign up for VBS to be held June 24-28, 9:00-12:00, at All Saints Episcopal School.

Kimber 

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!
4/24 **Isabella Dickerson**, 4/25 **August Henninger**,
4/26 **Kayla Garvey**, 4/28 **Jane Clare Comte**,
4/29 **Winnie Harbold**, 5/6 **Ivy Wait**, 5/7 **Eleanor Albea**



Participants & Volunteers
Scan QR Code to Register



OR GO TO
CHRISTCHURCHVBS.ORG/VBS

CHRIST CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
(RISING 4K - 4th GRADE)
JUNE 24-28 9:00am - 12 @ ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

student ministry
Sarah Jones,
Director of Student Ministries 

Hello families,

The new children's wing at the south campus will soon be revealed! The ribbon cutting will be on April 27th during the crawfish boil. While I am very excited for the new space for the children the youth will be moving as well! Youth formation classes will now be meeting in what used to be the children's formation room. There will be all new furniture and it is going to be a really fun and relaxing space. So please stop by or send your youth to check out our new space!

Coming up:

Tyler Mission Week

June 17th-21st with lake party Friday afternoon

Galveston Mission Trip for Middle Schoolers

July 22nd-26th \$100 deposit due May 1st

High School Retreat to Dallas

August 2nd-4th \$75 deposit due June 1st

Sarah Jones
Director of Student Ministries



SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

CHRIST CHURCH FAMILY
TEXAS RANGERS
BALL GAME!

venite
T W E N T O - F O R S O M E T H I N G S I N G S

CAMPFIRE COMPLINE+

Thursday, May 16th
6:30pm @ South Campus

Join us, with your family + friends, at the South Campus for a time of worship + prayer around the fire.

christchurchtyler.org/venite

worship + prayer
marshmallow + hot dog roasting

primetimers
End-of-the-Season Dinner

Come join your Primetimers friends as we close out our 2023/2024 season with dinner.

Manny's Mexican Restaurant | 1433 So. Beckham Ave.

Reservations have been made for **May 10th at 6:00 p.m.**

Choose your no-host dinner from Manny's menu, with your first drink of choice provided by Primetimers.

+MORE find out at christchurchtyler.org/primetimers

first Communion
class
all baptized
2nd - 4th graders

South Campus Sundays
10:00am
April 14, 21, 28 &
May 5, 12

First Communion is
Pentecost Sunday May 19

Men's Summer
Depth Group

Save the date **begins May 29**
Wednesdays 6-8pm South Campus

Middle School
MISSION Trip **EYG**

July 22-26 deposit due May 1

We will be volunteering with
St. Vincent's House.

Questions: sjones@christchurchtyler.org

High School Retreat to Dallas

August 2-4, 2024

Great opportunity for the upper school youth to reconnect!
Deposits due June 1st.

Questions: sjones@christchurchtyler.org

thanksgivings , supplications & fellowship

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Lisa, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Isabelle, Tommy, Lorelei, Cody, Paul, Lucy, Zac, Mimi, Phil, Carl, Samuel, Angela, Christian, Dominic, Linda, Miriam, Mike, Mark, Dalton, Verdie, Chris, Jimmy, Sherry

The Anglican Communion: *The Diocese of Durgapur (North India)*

The Episcopal Church: *Dioceses of Florida & Fon du Lac (WI)*

Diocese of Texas: *All Saints—Cameron & Church of the Epiphany—Calvert*

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please contact The Rev. Stephen Stine if you'd like to keep or add someone to the prayer list
903.530.8168 or sssti@tjc.edu.

upcoming

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Crawfish Boil
+ Ribbon cutting & OPEN HOUSE
3-6pm | CCS

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Golf Tournament
christchurchtyler.org/golf-tournament

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Summer Service Hours
begin Downtown
Holy Eucharist 7:30 & 10
Christian Formation 9:00am

FRIDAY, MAY 10

6:00 pm **Primitimers** (see *graphic p. 5*)

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Youth Sunday
10:00 am Graduate Reception | CCS
11:00 am Graduate Reception | CCD
Special Graduate issue of the Crucifer
May 8th

THURSDAY, MAY 16

6:30 pm **VENITE** event (see *graphic p. 5*)

FRIDAY, MAY 17

6:00 pm **Supper Club**

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Pentecost



THE VESTRY

Mr. Bill Clawater, *Treasurer*

Mr. Tim Alexander, *Asst. Treasurer*

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Dr. Dan Toney

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Mr. Steven Comte, Mrs. Karen Hughes,

Mr. Mark Shuttlesworth, Jr. *Warden CCD*

CLASS OF 2026

Mr. Ashley Bracken, Mr. John Bufe, Sr. *Warden*,

Ms. Joyce McGee, Mr. Stan Ward,

Mrs. Ann Weissmann, *Clerk*.

Lectionary for upcoming Sundays

Sunday, April 28

The 5th Sunday of Easter

Deuteronomy 4:32-40, Psalm 66:1-11,

1 John 3:[14-17] 18-24, Acts 8:26-40,

John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 5

The 6th Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 45:11-13, 18-19, Psalm 33,

1 John 4:7-21, Acts 11:19-30,

John 15:9-17

CLERGY & STAFF

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle

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The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher

Bishop Suffragan

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Holy Baptism

The next scheduled date for baptisms is Sunday, May 19, 2024. If interested in baptism on this date, please contact the church office, 903-597-9854 or office@christchurchtyler.org.

Pastoral Emergency Contacts

In the event of a pastoral emergency,

Call the church office during office hours 903.597.9854; after hours call The Rev. David Luckenbach 903-279-8777,

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



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Worship Schedule

Sundays starting May 5th

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