

FROM THE RECTOR:

Another group of teenagers are graduating from high school and entering the adult world.

The world into which my classmates began adulthood was a blend of analog and digital. We grew up with VHS players and the Sony Walkman. We called other people on land lines and wrote letters with pen and paper. We grew up in the Cold War, and eastern Europe was on the other side of the Iron Curtain. China was a very poor communist country only beginning to embrace limited capitalism. We learned about the world from books and network news.

Today's youth have grown up in the information age. And they are entering the adult world at the dawn of the AI era. Almost every graduate has a mobile phone on which they can access libraries of information and can interact with others 24/7.

Every generation faces a new world. But human beings are essentially unchanged. And the Lord God is the same 'yesterday, today, and forever' (Hebrews 13.8).

Our teenagers are navigating an increasingly complex world with families and a church community who love and support them. Our constant prayer is that they will walk with Jesus throughout their lives.

This Sunday, we will especially celebrate our youth, inviting them to help lead the worship services at both Christ Church campuses and gathering after worship for receptions in honor of our graduating seniors.

Please come and join the celebration of, with, and for our kids this Youth Sunday!

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,

David H

One of the wonderful gifts of the Christian year is the way that it highlights different aspects of our lives.

For instance, **Advent** draws to mind the waiting and longing we all feel at different points, as we yearn for the next stage of life, the next job, or a special relationship.

Ordinary Time reminds us of the goodness of the in-between seasons we all go through, when nothing much is happening, but the tranquility and quiet rhythms of the everyday are gifts.

Lent conjures up the shadow side of life, the reality of our mortality and sinfulness. It reminds us that we are broken and in need of repair, and that we are utterly dependant upon God.

Easter too has its lessons to teach. It is the brightest season, full of joy and new life. It is so fitting that Easter falls in the springtime, when the weather is pleasant and flowers are blooming.

While each of the seasons of the Christian year is valuable and enables us to see this precious life that we live from different facets, **Easter**—I'm suggesting—*helps us to see the deepest truth of life.*

Here is what I mean. As much as life contains anticipation and sadness and ordinariness, it is, in the most ultimate sense, a joy.

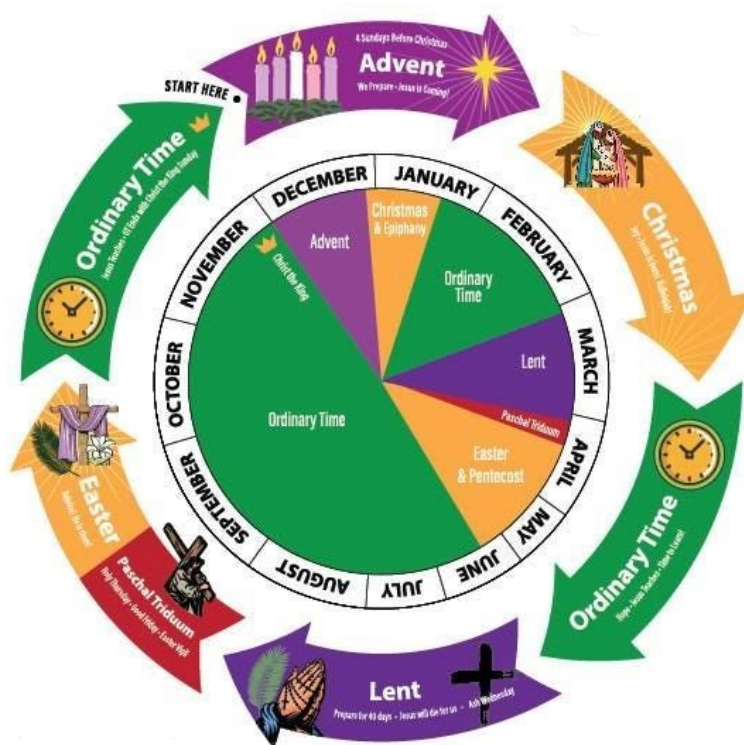
It is a joy because life was created by God not to address some problem, nor to fix something broken, but in love. Life is good. Very good.

And even when we fell into sin, and death and evil stole in, the good was not destroyed, but only corrupted. We see the ugliness of this corruption on the cross. But the cross is not the end of the story. It becomes the door for life, full life, in Jesus. His resurrection is the final word.

So Easter is a reaffirmation of the goodness of life, a recognition that in Christ, life has the final word.

To celebrate Easter and Eastertide, then, is to put us in touch with this deepest truth. As much as sadness or grief or the mundane impinge upon life, it is glorious and good and will only continue to grow in glory as Christ becomes all in all.

To put this another way, to celebrate Easter is not to ignore pain or evil or grief. Rather, it is to remember the good lurking just beyond the horizon, just around the corner. Resurrection life is how the story ends.





We want to thank the Chancel Choir for the beautiful music during Lent and on Easter Sunday.

Karen Ford, Valerie Huggler, Lysbeth Dönmezer, Hannah Rosser, P.J. Erikson, Holly Marsh, Sara McElroy,
Rosemary Cobb, Susie Fergus, Chris Raney, Tony Rives, Rodney Schroeder, Jade Allen
John McElroy, Gerry Bieritz, Robin Hood Brians, Sam Staggs
Jeffrey Ford—Choirmaster/Organist & A.J. Meals—Assistant Organist

The Chancel Choir will be singing thru July 6 and then will be on summer break.

Choral Evensong

June 8 in the Nave Downtown

The Chancel Choir and Friends will be in the choir stalls. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.



Christ Church
Vacation Bible School
[students that have completed K-4th]

June 23rd - 27th
[9-noon]

@ All Saints Episcopal School

volunteers &
participants

register now >>>

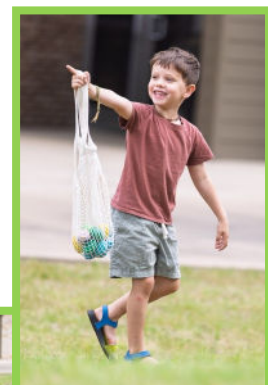
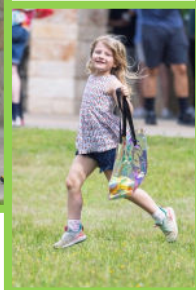
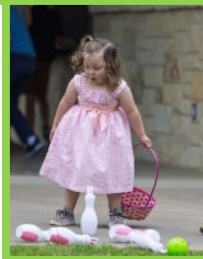
christchurchtyler.org/vbs



Great news! We are HALFWAY to filling all volunteer spots for VBS! With 54 days until VBS, this does mean it's crunch time for recruitment. We need your help to make VBS 2025 the best VBS ever! Does your kiddo need volunteer hours? You can bring them to volunteer with you! All the curriculum is already provided, so all you need to do is show up and follow the instructions provided. It's the easiest week of fun you'll have all summer. You can register using the link in graphic.

Volunteers Needed!
Can you help?

The 2025 Easter Egg Hunt was a success!



student ministry
Sarah Jones,

Hello families,

We had a wonderful service with the bishop this past Sunday where we got to celebrate the confirmations of Jane Comte, Quinn Squyres, Joss Hennigan, Cole Tiller, Sarah Weissmann, and George Hernandez. It is such an honor to go through this journey with these youth who are pursuing spiritual growth and a deeper understanding of their faith.

We were able to have an amazing confirmation retreat this year at Sky Ranch and had so much fun. There was ziplining, rock climbing, hatchet throwing, and a prayerful evening around a fire. Which, of course included s'mores! I am so proud of this group and all their work during confirmation classes.

Don't forget this Sunday, May 4th is Youth Sunday where the youth get to assist in the services and there will also be receptions after the service at both campuses to celebrate our graduating seniors! *(see following pages)*



L to R Deacon Stine, Laura Zeiher;
Adult Confirmands: Deborah Drum, Brendan Cuti;
Youth Confirmands: Jane Comte, Joss Hennigan,
George Hernandez, Quinn Squyres, Cole Tiller,
Sarah Weissmann



Sunday, May 4th
YOUTH SUNDAY

Senior Receptions
Downtown 11:00am
South 12:15pm

Christ Church High School Graduates
Class of 2025
We are so proud of you!

We're Hiring:

Christ Episcopal Church is looking to hire an Assistant Director of Children's Ministry!

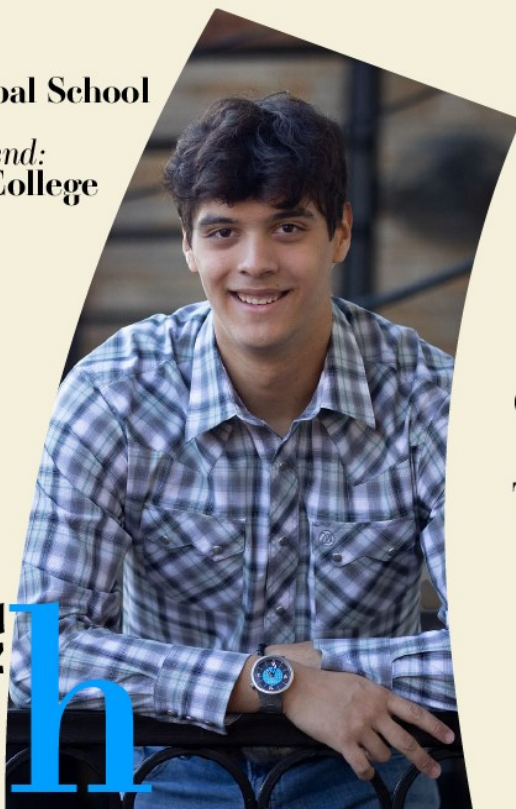
If you are passionate about discipling kids for Jesus, then this is the job for you. The Assistant Director of Children's Ministry is responsible for overseeing the operations of the children's ministry at one campus on Sunday mornings. This role includes leading ministry activities, ensuring volunteer and child safety, and supporting the broader ministry team. The Assistant Director will also coordinate volunteer schedules, assist with events, and contribute to the ministry's growth and success. For more information, please email Zoe Ward at zward@christchurchtyler.org.

All Saints Episcopal School

Plans to attend:
Tyler Junior College

**PAYTON
HERNANDEZ**

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**RYLAN
HERNANDEZ**

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Attended
Grace & Penn Foster

Plans to attend:
Tyler Junior College



**CATELIN
KHALAF**

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All Saints Episcopal School

Plans to attend:
University of Virginia



**JONATHAN
LUCKENBACH**

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All Saints Episcopal School

Plans to attend:
Texas A&M University



Christ Church High School Graduates

Class of 2025

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HESSKEW

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Tyler Legacy
Plans to attend:
University of Texas

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All Saints Episcopal School
Plans to attend:
The University of Oklahoma

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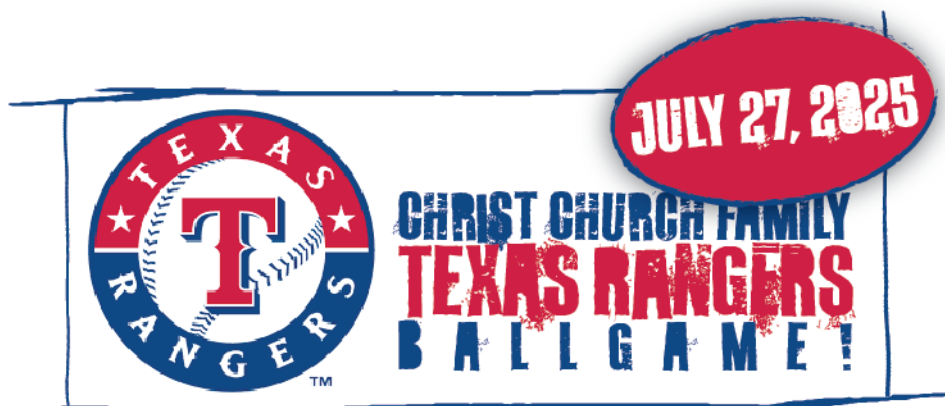


Tyler Legacy
Plans to attend:
Kilgore College



Tyler Mission Week
is the largest outreach event at
Christ Church annually.
Dozens of students (5th-12th grade)
and volunteers donate their time
to our local East Texas Community.

June 16-20, 2025
More info to come!



Sunday, July 27 | Globe Life Field, Arlington, TX
10:00 am Chartered bus will depart Christ Church Downtown
1:35 pm Game starts | Rangers vs Braves

\$65/person

(youth 5-12th grade-free but MUST have a parent or guardian accompany them)

**Cost includes game ticket, transportation by charter bus,
and all you can eat lunch from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm.**

Get your tickets

www.christchurchtyler.org/rangers-game

or call/come by the office with a check/cash





Keys of the Kingdom

A Theology Study Group & Book Club

Book:

The Messiah of Morris Avenue by Tony Hendra.

2nd & 4th Thursdays | 3:00 – 4:30pm

Downtown Campus | Guild Hall

Discussion & Tea

All are welcome to participate, there is a place for you!

For further information & to RSVP contact Valerie Huggler, Parish Secretary
903.597.9854 / office@christchurchtyler.org



Women's Depth Group

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

6:00pm CCS

We are studying from:

The God Parented Soul, The Psalms and Spiritual Formation
Volume 1 by Iris Pearce

Contact Karen Courville for more information casey@reagan.com

Supper Club

Join us!

6:00pm Friday,
May 16



large group@the Taliferros
RSVP by May 9:
christchurchtyler.org/supper-club



MEN'S Summer Depth Group

Wednesdays

starting May 28th

6:00pm – 8:00

Christ Church South

thanksgivings , supplications & fellowship

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Luba, Maria, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Lisa, Paul, Anna Marie, Maggie, Jennifer, Laura, Alan, Laura, Ezri, Darin, Vicky, Amber, Chris, Jerry, Linda, Dalton, Chris, Mike, Mark, Marian, Verdie, Connie, Jeremy, Lauren, Russ, Liam, Heather, Chris, Alinda, Piper, Jimmy, Chester, Diana W., Marilyn, Boyd, Stephen, Amy, Debbie, LaRose, Dominic, Adaline, Anne, Joshua, Angela, Ben, Samuel, Rob, Kerri, Lisa, SW, YW, Matthew, Patty, Carrol, Cal, Katie, Pam, Keith

The Anglican Communion: *The Diocese of Mexico*

The Episcopal Church: *Dioceses of Olympia & Oregon*

Diocese of Texas: *St. Luke the Evangelist & St. Mark's—Houston*

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.

In Memoriam

Our sympathies to the family & friends of

Dennis Gruber.

upcoming

SATURDAY | May 3

Bob Rowlett Memorial Open Golf Tournament

8:30am | Pine Springs Golf Club

www.christchurchtyler.org/golf-tournament/

SUNDAY | May 4 YOUTH SUNDAY

Summer Schedule begins DOWNTOWN

through Labor Day (see graphic below)

7:30am Holy Eucharist | CCD

9:00am Christian Formation | CCD

10:00am Holy Eucharist | CCD

South Campus doesn't change

THURSDAYS thru Eastertide (June 5)

1928 Holy Eucharist

Noon | CCD

FRIDAY | May 16

Supper Club

6:00pm | Large Group @ The Taliaferro's

RSVP by 5/9 christchurchtyler.org/supper-club

WEDNESDAY | May 28

Men's Summer Depth Group begins

6:00pm | CCS

SUNDAY | June 8

Choral Evensong

followed by reception in the Parish Hall

6:00pm in the Nave Downtown

Congratulations on the marriage
of:

*Maggie Edwards
& Ted Sutton*

April 26, 2025.



THE VESTRY

Mr. Bill Clawwater, *Treasurer*
Mr. Tim Alexander, *Asst. Treasurer*
CLASS OF 2025

Mr. Julius Bergfeld, Mrs. Catherine Buhrkuhl,
Mr. Steven Comte, Mrs. Karen Hughes,
Mr. Mark Shuttlesworth-Jr. *Warden CCD*
CLASS OF 2026

Mr. Ashley Bracken, Mr. John Bufe
Ms. Joyce McGee, Mrs. Sara McElroy,
Mrs. Ann Weissmann-*Clerk*
CLASS OF 2027

Dr. Roger Fowler-*Sr. Warden*,
Mr. Jim Johnson-Jr. *Warden CCS*, Mr. George Lollis,
Dr. Bob McKinney, Mrs. Shannon Teagarden

Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year C BCP 1979 Lectionary

SUNDAY, MAY 4

The 3rd Sunday of Easter
Jeremiah 32:36-41 , Psalm 33
Revelation 5:6-14, Acts 9:1-19a
John 21:1-14

SUNDAY, MAY 11

The 4th Sunday of Easter
Numbers 27:12-23 , Psalm 100
Revelation 7:9-17, Acts 13:15-16, 26-33 [34-39]
John 10:22-30

CLERGY & STAFF

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Bishop of the Diocese of Texas

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Bishop Suffragan

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Bishop Suffragan

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



1928
Book of
Common Prayer

Holy Eucharist

Noon Thursdays Lent-Eastertide

March 6, 2025 - June 5

Downtown in the Nave



Christ Church | Episcopal
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Tyler, TX 75702

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

www.christchurchtyler.org

Worship Schedule

Summer Sunday Worship Services

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

10:00am **CCD:** The Holy Eucharist

11:05am~ **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.*