

## FROM THE RECTOR:

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

An essential mission of our congregation is to equip disciples to know and follow Christ.

Worship, faith formation, youth group, Bible studies, community outreach - all are groups and activities which facilitate discipleship.

In the summer, Christ Church offers two additional and critical building blocks for discipleship of our young people: Vacation Bible School and Youth Mission Trips.

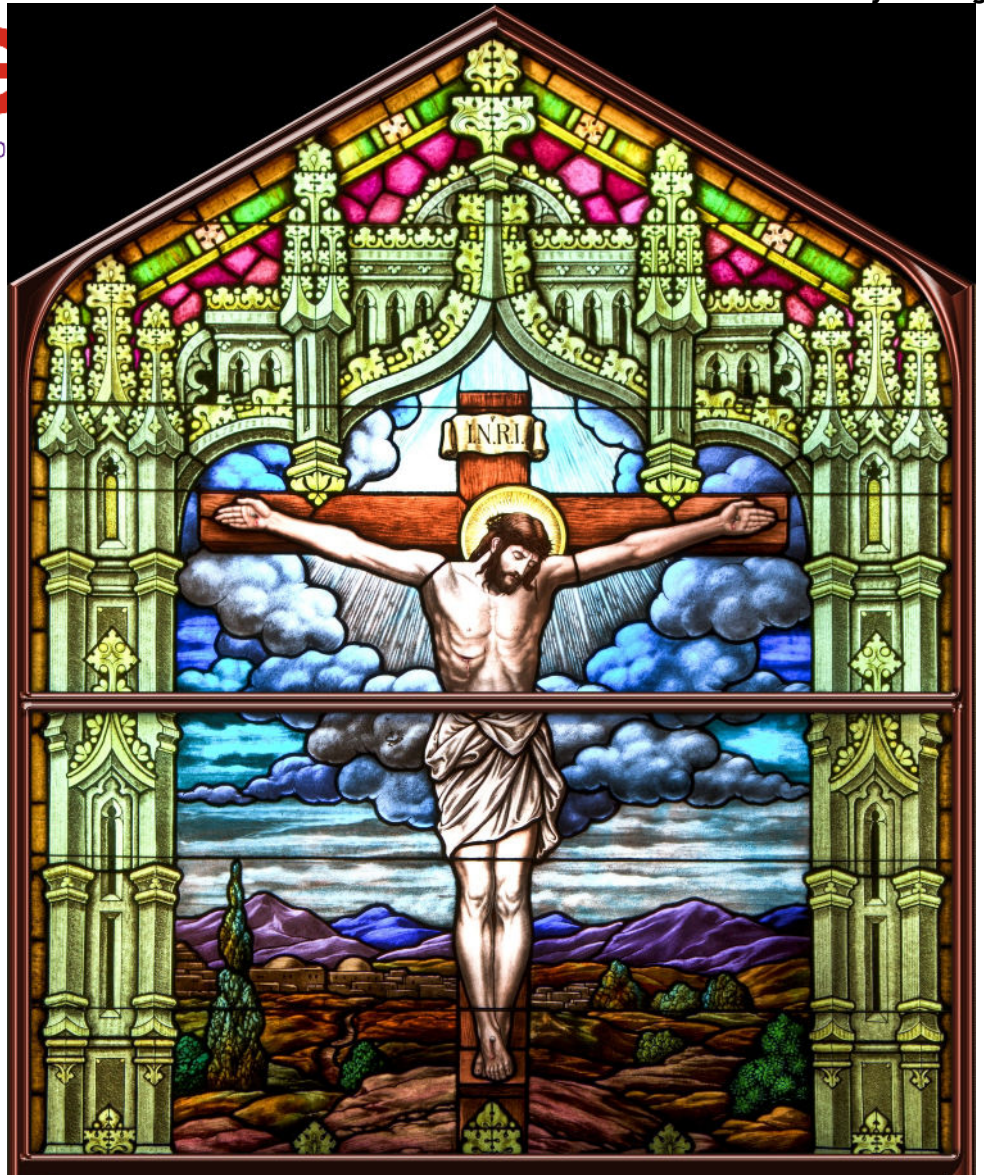
This year, Zoe Ward and an amazing team of volunteers are working and praying to offer an excellent Vacation Bible School June 23-27. Hosted at All Saints Episcopal School, this year's VBS will be a non-stop, fun-filled time of singing, playing, and learning about the love of Jesus.

Likewise, on Sunday June 1, Sarah Jones will lead a wonderful group of Christ Church teenagers and adult sponsors on mission to Belize. They will work on a great project at St. Paul's Anglican School in Corozal, Belize, ministering to local students and their families.

The Lord often uses Vacation Bible School and Youth Mission trips to deepen and strengthen the faith of children, youth, and adults. These experiences can have a powerful effect on the lives of kids.

Please join me in praying for these impactful Christ Church ministries, and in thanking the staff and volunteers for their invaluable ministry to our kids.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



As most of you know, I have just returned from six months at Christ Memorial Chapel on Jupiter Island, Florida. Only our first-class mail was delivered to us in Florida so our home here in Tyler had a huge stack of magazines when we returned. As I glanced through the magazines, one article caught my eye. It was a sermon by Billy Graham in *Decision* magazine. The title of the sermon was "Why is the Blood of Christ so Significant?" and was delivered in 1951. I think that the illustration that Billy Graham uses here is brilliant. Here are some excerpts from the sermon.

*This word blood appears hundreds of times throughout the Bible, and it has been a stumbling block to many people. They cannot understand the significance of the shedding of the blood on Jewish altars in the Old Testament. Neither is it clear or logical to them why the blood of Jesus Christ should have such significance in the New Testament.*

*The answer to both these questions is found in Leviticus 17:11. "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul."*

*Medical science did not find the true significance of the value of blood until recent years. Just prior to World War II, the method of preserving blood plasma was discovered. Great blood banks were established all over the country. During the war thousands of lives were saved because of blood banks of plasma. Had plasma been available to us in World War I, many of our American doughboys buried in Flanders Field would have returned with their buddies.*

*Blood has the unique ability to fight an infection or disease from within. One cubic millimeter of blood contains five million red corpuscles and five thousand white. These corpuscles carry nourishment to the body's cells and carry waste products away. As long as the blood circulates to the cells, the individual is said to be alive. When the blood stops its flow, the individual is said to be dead. Although science has known these facts for only a few decades, God revealed in Scripture 3,500 years ago that the very life of the flesh is in the blood.*

*In December 1799, a physician was called to the bedside of George Washington. Our first president, retired at this time, was suffering from either a touch of the flu or a touch of pneumonia. It was a common practice in those days for the doctors to withdraw a quantity of blood from their patients in the belief that poison had gotten into the blood. Mr. Washington's doctor removed a quantity of blood from him and soon found his patient's condition to have grown worse. He repeated his remedy, again removing a quantity of blood.*

*As a result, Mr. Washington soon died of what is considered a rather ordinary illness. Had the physician realized that blood was the life of the flesh, he would not have weakened his patient beyond the hope of recovery. In all likelihood, Mr. Washington would have lived longer if medical science had known then what it knows now about blood.*

*God very clearly teaches that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin (see Hebrews 9:22). God requires death. Death means that blood must be shed. Therefore, when Christ came into the world, He did not come simply to be born. He came as a great teacher, and though He was the greatest teacher the world has ever known, that was not His principal duty, either. He did not come to establish a new set of ethics. His primary purpose was to die; to shed His blood as a substitute in your place and my place. When He died on that cross, He shed His blood. By faith I trust that death and the shedding of that blood, and God reckons that faith as righteousness and justifies me as though I had never sinned.*

*Jesus, when He clarified His relationship to people, said, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you" (John 6:53). This, then, is the secret of spiritual life—to take by faith the blood of Christ to cleanse away the disease of sin. Christ is the "universal donor." His blood has no limitations, for we read, "The blood of Jesus Christ [God's] Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).*

*At this moment, you can say an everlasting "Yes" to Jesus Christ. He can solve your problems, lift your burdens, quiet your heart and soul, and today you can know the peace that passes all understanding by letting Christ come into your heart. By faith His blood will cleanse you from every sin, and someday you will stand pure before Almighty God. Amen.*

Thank you, Billy Graham.





It has been a great year for the children's choirs. Thank you to their director, Susie Fergus, for her wonderful leadership. We are training them to be leaders in worship. Here are pictures from their last rehearsal which was also a celebration.

Summer has arrived and you know what that means at Christ Church...it means  
**"let's sing your favorite hymn"**

If you would like to add yours to the list please email Jeffrey Ford at [jford@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:jford@christchurchtyler.org)  
or call his office at 903-597-9854.

Please continue to remember AJ Meals and his family in your prayers.  
He is doing well after major surgery 5.16.25 and getting better every day.



**JUNE 8, 2025 | CHORAL EVENSONG | 6:00PM**  
featuring the CHANCEL CHOIR & FRIENDS in the choir stalls.  
**BILL BANE | organ & JEFFREY FORD | conducting**  
Music will include:

O Gracious Light, Plainsong, Mode 4  
Psalm 145, Joseph Barnby  
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in B flat, Op. 10, Stanford  
Preces, Responses and The Lord's Prayer, Barnard  
Anthem: Come, Holy Ghost, Attwood  
Closing Hymn No. 24 The day thou gavest, St Clement

There will be a reception following the service.



children's ministry  
**Zoe Ward**, *Interim*  
*Director of Children's Ministry*

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



Sign the kids up now!

Volunteers Needed!  
Can you help?

We are so thankful for the work of Jessica Creel these past few weeks as the new assistant director of children's ministry! If you see her in the halls, please give her a warm Christ Church welcome.

**June 23rd - 27th [9-noon]**

@ All Saints Episcopal School

volunteers & participants register now>>



**CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!**

5/29 **Carter Edwards**,  
6/2 **Madeleine Fennell**, 6/4 **Benjamin Ashley**

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

**OUR YOUTH MISSIONS TRIP,  
DEPARTS SUNDAY JUNE 1ST,  
BE PRAYING FOR THE TEAM!**



**SARAH JONES**  
**MCKINLEY TERRY**  
**CASEY & TRAVIS SQUYRES**  
**ZELLA AND QUINN SQUYRES**  
**COLE TILLER**  
**JAKE GODBOLD**  
**JANE COMTE**  
**SARAH AND CAROLINE WEISSMANN**  
**KATIE AND JONATHAN LUCKENBACH**  
**PAYTON HERNANDEZ**  
**ANN ELISE STOKELD**







# MEN'S Summer Depth Group

•The 10 Commandments•

Wednesdays  
6:00pm – 8:00  
Christ Church South



EYC & Primetimers present...



**JULY 27, 2025**

**CHRIST CHURCH FAMILY  
TEXAS RANGERS  
BALL GAME!**

**Sunday, July 27** | Globe Life Field, Arlington, TX

10:00 am Chartered bus will depart Christ Church Downtown

1:35 pm Game starts | Texas Rangers vs Atlanta 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](http://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

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](mailto:office@christchurchtyler.org)

**BOOK:** *The Tears of Things* by Richard Rohr.

## 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, Jerry, Paul, AJ, Kent

**The Anglican Communion:** *The Diocese of Morogoro (Tanzania)*

**The Episcopal Church:** *Dioceses of Puerto Rico & Rhode Island*

**Diocese of Texas:** *St. Stephen's & St. Thomas the Apostle—Houston*

### *In Memoriam*

Our sympathies to the family & friends of

**Stephen Trimble,**

*step-father of David Luckenbach;*

**Marilyn Glass;** and

**John W. Gray,**

*father of Karen Hughes.*

**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 ssti@tjc.edu.

### upcoming

THURSDAYS thru Eastertide (June 5)

**1928 Holy Eucharist**

Noon | CCD

WEDNESDAY | May 28

**Men's Summer Depth Group** (see graphic on p.5)

6:00pm | CCS

SUNDAY | June 1

**Newcomer's Lunch with the Rector**

12:30pm | CCS

RSVP: christchurchtyler.org/LWR

SUNDAY | June 8

**Coffee Time** in the Guild Hall after the 10:00 service

**Choral Evensong**

followed by reception in the Parish Hall

6:00pm in the Nave Downtown

THURSDAY | June 12

**Theology Study Group** (see graphic on p.5)

3:00pm | CCD Guild Hall

SUNDAY | June 29

**Picnic in the Pavilion** (see graphic on to the right)

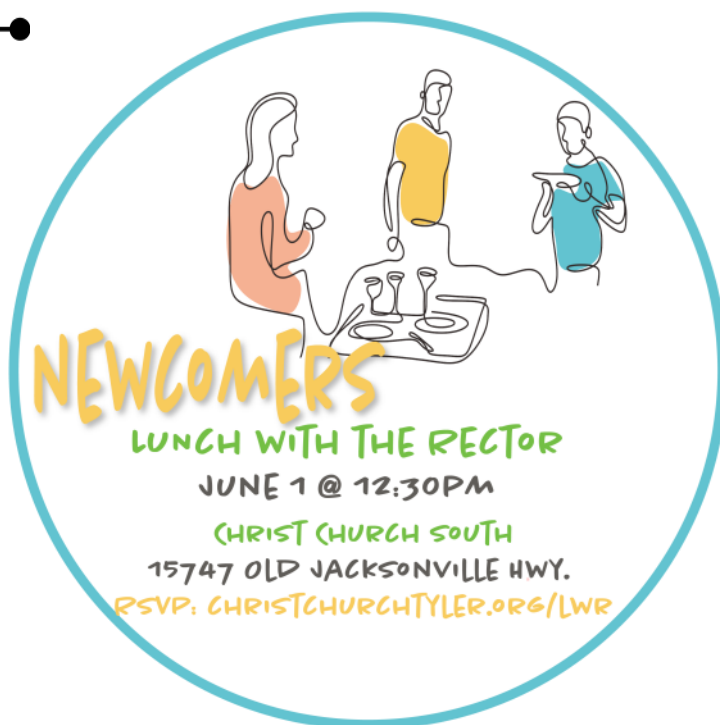
12:30pm | CCS

SUNDAY | July 6

**Independence Day Picnics** (see graphic on p. 5)

after the 10:00 service Downtown

after the 11:05 service South





## THE VESTRY

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

### Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year C BCP 1979 Lectionary

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 1

##### Ascension Sunday

2 Kings 2:1-15, Psalm 47 or 110:1-5,  
Ephesians 1:15-23, Acts 1:1-11,  
Luke 24:49-53 or Mark 16:9-15, 19-20

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 8

##### The Day of Pentecost

Joel 2:28-32,  
Psalm 104:25-37 or Psalm 33:12-15, 18-22  
1 Corinthians 12:4-13, Acts 2:1-11,  
John 20:19-23 or John 14:8-17

## Holy Baptism



The next scheduled date for baptisms is Sunday, 8.24.25  
If interested in baptism on this date,  
please contact the church office,  
903-597-9854 or  
office@christchurchtyler.org.



1928  
*Book of*  
*Common Prayer*

## Holy Eucharist

Noon *Thursdays Lent-Eastertide*

March 6, 2025 - June 5

Downtown in the Nave



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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## ***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](http://christchurchtyler.org)*

### **CHRIST CHURCH: ONE CHURCH—TWO CAMPUSES**

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