

FROM THE RECTOR:

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!"*

Psalm 98.4

(Jesus said), *"These things I have spoken to
you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy
may be full."*

John 15.11

Many things give us pleasure. I love the feeling of a heavy wind on my face, the smile of a baby on Sunday morning.

Anuschka Rees writes that pleasure is an immediate, positive sensation. All manner of things bring us pleasure: laughing at a joke, eating chocolate, reflecting on a good memory, watching a good comedy, swimming in the ocean, listening to music. Pleasure can come from anything that feels good in that exact moment.

Pleasure is a temporary emotion. It's usually a reaction to external factors. Most of the time, pleasure is a reaction, not a choice.

Joy is different.

'Joy' is described and commended in the Bible hundreds of times. Joy is a state of being inside of us, characterized by contentment and satisfaction.



How do we nurture Christian joy in the midst of hardship or pain? In Philippians 4.4, the Apostle Paul gives us the key: "Rejoice in the Lord always". In *Can I have Joy In My Life*, RC Sproul writes that "the key to the Christian's joy is its source, which is the Lord. The Christian is always in the Lord and the Lord is always in the Christian, and that is always a reason for joy. Even if the Christian cannot rejoice in the circumstances, if he finds himself passing through pain, sorrow, or grief, he still can rejoice in Christ."

I pray that as the days grow shorter and leaves begin to fall, the Lord will fill your heart with joy—the joy of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Faithfully in Him,

David

Goodbye for Six Months

Next Saturday, Ann and I will be packing up for our trip to Jupiter Island, Florida where I begin my fourth year as associate chaplain at Christ Memorial Chapel. This call to ministry there began when I received a call literally "out of the blue" from a woman I had known when she was a student at Nashotah House Seminary, and I was associate dean. The Very Rev. Heidi Kinner had just been named chaplain at the Chapel and offered me the chance to be her associate. Fr. David graciously allowed me to accept the position and also to continue ministry at Christ Church, Tyler. So, God willing, I will be back at Christ Church in May.



Christ Memorial Chapel was completed in 1939, Mr. and Mrs. William Barstow's gift to the island in memory of Mrs. Bartow's sister, Laura Fontenay Delespine Duclos. It was the Barstow's thought that this would be the island church; and that, while under the canons of the Episcopal diocese, it would always welcome members of every denomination, residents, and guests, to

form a center for worship and fellowship: A House of Prayer for All People. It is a seasonal chapel open from the first Sunday in November until the last Sunday in April.

There are about 400 members in the Chapel, and the membership is very ecumenical. There are a number of

traditional Episcopalians, but there are also many denominations found in the membership. The Chapel is on the seventh tee of the Jupiter Island Club golf course.

There are two services on Sunday mornings - 8:30 and 11:00. It is strange standing on the steps of the Chapel waiting to process in to begin the service while there are golfers teeing off right behind us. Like in the old days in the Diocese of Texas, there is Holy Eucharist only once a month with Morning Prayer on the other Sundays at the 11:00 service. There is Eucharist every Sunday at 8:30. The attendance is very good with a full chapel at both services.

There is no Sunday School, but there are five Bible studies during the week. Heidi leads three of them, and I have a men's and a women's Bible study on Wednesday mornings. Last year I led a study of Isaiah, and this year the study will be on the Letter to the Hebrews. Attendance at the studies is pretty good, considering the competition from golf programs.

At my age the call to ministry at Christ Memorial Chapel was a surprise but has been a pleasant and productive one. We enjoy our time in Florida, but I consider Christ Church, Tyler our home. Psalm 26 says *Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides. And I love the people who dwell in that house.*

See you in May.

Blessings in Christ,

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BROTHERHOOD CORNER:

The Christ Church Chapter of the **Brotherhood of St. Andrew** will be very busy over the next few weeks.

Wednesday, October 15th | 6:00pm | South Campus Pavilion

Pizza party for **ALL THE MEN** of Christ Church.

This event will replace the monthly Thursday morning meeting.

Sunday, October 19th | 2:30 | Downtown

The Brotherhood will be assisting with the food for the Brick Street Block Party. Men & Women are welcome to help.

Event is 5:00pm - 7:00, *see graphic on page 4.*

Saturday November 1st | 4pm - 6pm | South Campus

The Brotherhood will be assisting with the Fall Festival and chili cookoff.

If you have an interest in serving the community of Tyler as well as Christ Church, come join our brotherhood chapter. See you for free pizza on the 15th.



The Chancel Choir of
Christ Church Tyler | *Downtown*
presents...

Choral Evensong

All Saints
A sung service of evening prayer

Sunday, November 2 | 6:00pm
118 S. Bois d'Arc | Tyler
reception to follow

November 2 | 6:00 p.m. in the Nave
Choral Evensong with the Chancel Choir.
Jeffrey Ford conducting and A.J. Meals at the organ.
Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

Tidings of Joy Noon-Time Concert Series
followed by light lunch

- ◆ December 2 **Sue Bugg & Friends**
(*Flute Ensemble*) Sue Bugg, Jessica Ogilvie,
Karina McBrayer, Jennie McRae
- ◆ December 9 **Weston & Friends**
(*Harpsichord & Instruments*)
- ◆ December 16 **Lori Smith & Friends**
(*Harp, Organ, Strings & Soprano*)
Jennifer Dalmas, *violin*; Evgeni Raychev, *cello*;
Shannon Campbell-Lines, *soprano*;
A.J. Meals, *organ*

February 22, 2026 | 6pm in the Nave
Choral Evensong with both the Chancel Choir and
Concert Chorale of UTT. Cameron Rose conducting
and A.J. Meals at the organ.

July 5, 2026 | 10:00am
Patriotic Eucharist featuring the Chancel Choir along
with instruments and A.J. Meals at the organ.

Stewardship 2026 is underway!
Packets were put in the mail 10/1.

Commitment Sunday is October 26th.
Make your pledge today
www.christchurchtyler.org/give

Questions: contact Michael Osburn, Parish Administrator.
903.597.9854 or mardoin@christchurchtyler.org



"Do not fear, for I am with you; I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you
with my righteous right hand."
Isaiah 41:10

Marvin Methodist, First Baptist & CHRIST CHURCH are hosting a fall carnival for the community of Tyler.



BROTHERHOOD of ST. ANDREW is assisting with the food...want to help? Contact the church & be in the Parish Hall at 2:30pm that day!

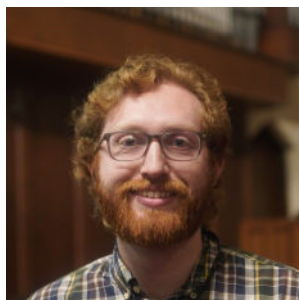


CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!
There are drop boxes at both campuses.



student ministry

Change can be difficult. Growing up, I moved around a lot. In fact, 3 years in one house was my record until just last year. At times, the constant changes were quite difficult. Through it all, however, God was faithful. The youth group is undergoing a period of change. We've said goodbye to Ms. Sarah, and we're waiting to see who God will guide to lead EYC in the years to come. But we know that God is faithful, and He has surrounded us with parents and volunteers who are working to ensure that EYC remains a ministry of grace, love, and growth for all our students.



-McKinley Terry,
Interim Director of
Student Ministries

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

10/8 Jos Garvey, 10/13 Maley Bergfeld,
10/16 Mia Henninger, 10/16 Everett Mellon



CHRISTIAN FORMATION | FALL 2025

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00AM AT BOTH CAMPUSES

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE RECTOR

ACTS

of the Apostles

Men's | Tuesdays at 8:00am
Women's | Thursdays at 10:30am



WOMEN'S DEPTH GROUP

WDG meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m. at the South Campus

We will study together
Life Lessons from John: When God Became Man by Max Lucado.
For more info & to sign up go to: www.christchurchtyler.org/wdg



Keys of the Kingdom

A Theology Study Group & Book Club

"And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,
and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Matthew 16:19

~RETURNS OCTOBER 9 & 23~
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

Book: *Confessions* by Augustine of Hippo

Supper Club

Join us!

6:00pm Friday,
October 17



small groups

RSVP by Oct 10th:
christchurchtyler.org/supper-club



Picnic Under the Pavilion

Last Sunday of the Month

Immediately Following
South Campus Service

Bring your lunch for fun and
fellowship

Loving Thy Neighbor

As Christ Church continues to answer the call of Jesus to "Loving Our Neighbors" through our community outreach endeavors, we want to announce the attendance by the **Tyler Family Circle of Care Mobile Medical Clinic** once monthly at our Loaves & Fishes service. It will provide Primary Care services to attendees that want to receive medical attention and is for all ages. People will receive services regardless of ability to pay. Thanks be to God for this opportunity to serve our community further.

Next Clinic: October 30, 2025 | 4pm-6:30



In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Luba, Maria, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Lisa, Anna Marie, Joshua, Pam, AJ, Jim, Frank, Angela, Ben, Artimus, WF, Christian, SW, Lauren, Maggie, Jennifer, Carmen, Carolyn, Linda, Chris, Dalton, Mike, Mark, Marian, Ann, Naomi, Desiree, Matthew, Frank, Amanda, Daniel, Warren, Graham, Jerry, Clara, FF, Casey, Lamar, Dominic, Carole, David, Hunter, Rhonda, Mark, Max

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

The Episcopal Church: *Dioceses of Texas & Upper South Carolina*

Diocese of Texas: *Christ Church—Jefferson, St. Pauls—Katy*

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

Ken Ruether.

upcoming

THURSDAY | October 9 & 23

Theology Study Group

3:00pm | CCD Guild Hall

SUNDAY | October 12

5th Gear [5th Grade Program]

12:30pm | CCS

TUESDAY | October 14

Daughters of the King

5:30pm | CCD

Guest Speaker: Laura Zeiher

Book review: CS Lewis *The Weight of Glory*

WEDNESDAY | October 15

Women's Depth Group

6:00pm | CCS

Brotherhood Social

6:00pm | CCS (ALL MEN are invited)

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 17

Supper Club small groups

6:00pm | in homes

SUNDAY | October 19

Brick Street Block Party

5:00pm—7 | Plaza Tower Parking lot

SUNDAY | October 26 Commitment Sunday

Confirmation with Bishop Fisher

11:05 South Campus

Picnic Under the Pavilion

12:30PM | CCS

SATURDAY | November 1

Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off

4:00PM South Campus (see graphic pg. 4)

get your tickets at christchurchtyler.org/fall-festival

SUNDAY | November 2 All Saints Sunday

Choral Evensong

6:00pm in the Nave | reception to follow

SUNDAY | November 9

Newcomers Lunch with the Rector

12:30pm | CCD

RSVP at christchurchtyler.org/lwr

SUNDAY | November 30

Advent I



NEWCOMERS

LUNCH WITH THE RECTOR

NOVEMBER 9 @ 12:15PM

CHRIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN/PARISH HALL

118 S. BOIS D'ARC

RSVP: CHRISTCHURCHTYLER.ORG/LWR

Christmas Luncheon & Theater

Primetimers

Saturday, December 13th
Lunch (place & time TBD)

2:30pm Irving Berlin's White Christmas
Tyler Civic Theater

Tickets - \$25 each
Due to the Parish Administrator, Michael Osburn
by November 2nd.

THE VESTRY

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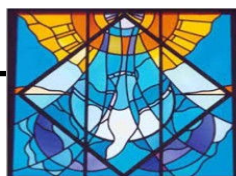
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Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year C BCP 1979 Lectionary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
The 18th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 23
Ruth 1:[1-7] 8-19a, Psalm 113
2 Timothy 2:[3-7] 8-15, Luke 17:11-19

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
The 19th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 24
Genesis 32:3-8, 22-30, Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14--4:5, Luke 18:1-8a



ALL SAINTS DAY
will be celebrated November 2nd.

Prayer List for All Saints Sunday.

If you would like to include a name to the list of the departed during services on November 2, go to christchurchtyler.org/prayers or contact the church office by Tuesday, October 28.

Baptisms

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

CLERGY & STAFF

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

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Bishop Suffragan

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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.

Christ Church
EPISCOPAL
GIFT SHOP

giftshop@christchurchtyler.org

OPEN HOURS:

Sunday
9am—11am

Tuesday & Thursday
10:00am—1:00pm



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

www.christchurchtyler.org

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Services

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

9:00am **CCD:** The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*

11:00am **CCD:** The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*

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.*