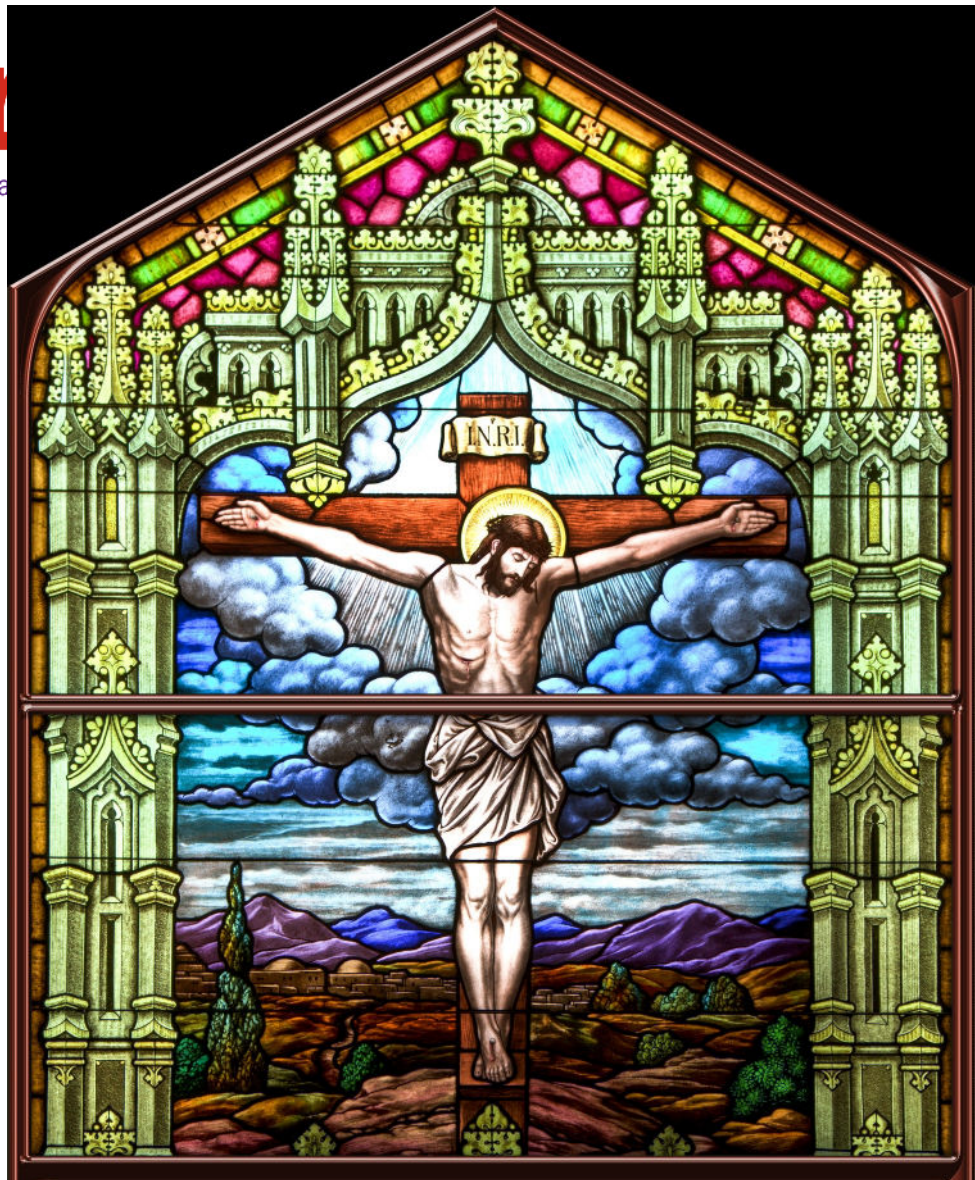


# the Crucifer

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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*

We are always purposeful about our ministry to, with, and among children. Much of the energy and work of the Church is concerned with our kids. Indeed, we are in the midst of a historic effort to create and re-develop exceptional spaces in which we will nurture the Christian faith of children.

At this time of year, we are especially mindful of the wisdom of Proverbs 22.6. And we celebrate the blessing of our kids and honor their accomplishments.

This Sunday, May 12, we will celebrate Youth Sunday and be led in worship by our youth at the 10:00 service at our historic downtown nave and the 11:05 service at Christ Church South. We will honor our graduating seniors at respective receptions in the downtown parish hall at 11:15 and the new conference room at the South Campus at 10:00.

And on Sunday June 2, at the 10:00 service, a great group of our youth will confirm their commitment to Christ and receive the blessing of Bishop Doyle in the nave. Then we will celebrate their commitment to our Lord at a reception for both the youth and adult confirmands in the parish hall at 11:15.

There are lots of commands that we obey because we must. Over the coming weeks, we will celebrate and honor our young people because we love them, and we count it all joy to do so.

Faithfully in Christ Jesus,

*David H*

from the associate rector...  
**The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin,**  
*Associate Rector*

One of the strange realities of our lives, whether we are Christians or not, is the givenness of it all. By this I mean that so much of our lives comes unbidden and is almost totally outside of our control.

Think about this: We are thrust into life without any decision of our own. We are born to a family that will allow us gifts and insights but will also bring with it challenges and griefs. And we are born into this family in a particular a community and neighborhood, which is itself part of country that we did not choose to live in. We all learn to speak a language that was handed down to us without us having any say in the matter.

Not only this, but our first years of life, beginning in utero, and then as an infant and small child, we exist totally and utterly dependent upon other people. We can't care for ourselves. Rather, we are born to a mother, who then will care for us (or perhaps was unable to care for us), and we will be raised in a family with siblings (or none). We will go to school to learn a curriculum we didn't pick out. We will adjust to life in a body that we didn't select for ourselves, with strengths and weaknesses, beauties, and allergies, all of them bound up together.

And the paradox to all of this is that we will be taught (rightly!) as we grow to take responsibility for our actions, to plot a course which we hope our life will follow, with training and education, a career, and perhaps a family of our own.

This is not to diminish our choices: We decide what we will do with our lives, the things we will eat for breakfast, the kind of character we will cultivate, and whether or not to ask this person or that person to marry us.

But this is to say that our choices are a consequence of what we've been given, not something that is in opposition to the givenness. Or, to put this another way, the gifts we've received are the precondition of our choices. Gift (which, by the way, comes to us as an expression of the love of God) frees us to choose. Even then, our choosing is not unhindered and radical, but is shaped by the soil in which we have been growing, including the values of our nation, our communities, our church, our family, and experiences over which we had no control.

What's the upshot of all of this?

So much!

But, for one, a decentering of ourselves, even from our own stories. The story of our life is only possible because God has given us a story (whether we recognize this or not!) and because of the stories of so many others that have coalesced to support our story. In the deepest sense, we exist only because of God and other people. Perhaps that's why our Lord's great commandment to us is to love God with our whole selves and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

There is really no other way!

# UNCOMMON TIME



*vibré*

*in Concert*

Sunday, May 19, 2024, 3:00 pm  
Christ Episcopal Church  
118 S. Bois d'Arc ~ Tyler, Texas

**Handbells! They're Not Just for Church & Christmas!**



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

It Takes a Village

There's a podcast I like called "How I Built This". The host, Guy Raz, interviews founders, developers, inventors and the like of well-known foods (Cliff Bar), businesses (Primal Kitchen), authors (Adam Grant), etc. about how they built what they built. It's interesting to see how an idea or hobby became a thriving business but the one thing that all these people have in common is a village. Maybe it was the village of educators that set them on their path. Or perhaps they had partners acting as a sounding board. Whatever it was, they did not accomplish what they did in a vacuum. The same can be said for any project, event, or experience we have at Christ Church. There may be a figurehead but there is always a village.

Why am I talking about villages you ask? Because it is time to Dive into Friendship with Jesus! "Scuba" is this year's VBS theme (I may or may not already have a Pinterest page devoted to Craft ideas for decorating). And I'm looking for some great people to join my Village! Do you have a 4yr old through 4th grader? Register them to participate! Do you have an older child who would like to be a Crew Leader or Assistant? Sign them up! Is your inner creative screaming to get out? Sign up as a volunteer! Secretly wish you were a teacher but don't want to commit to a full year? This could be your dream come true! If this sounds like something you'd like to try, I'd love for you to join my village. Scan the QR code found just about everywhere (website, postcards at both campuses, service leaflets, Crucifer) or give me a buzz! Let's Build This!!!

Kimber ❤️

VBS will be held at All Saints Episcopal School,  
9:00 to noon, June 24-28

VBS Work Week is the immediate week prior, June 17-21.

Participants & volunteers  
scan QR code to register

OR GO TO  
CHRIST CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
(RISING 4K - 4th GRADE)  
CHRISTCHURCHBYLER.ORG/VBS  
JUNE 24-28 9:00am - 12 @ All Saints Episcopal School!

**CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!**

5/10 **Olivia Crawford**, 5/11 **Jake Vaughn**  
5/16 **Harper Harrison**, 5/19 **Fiona Mayes**,  
5/20 **Gatlin Chitty**

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

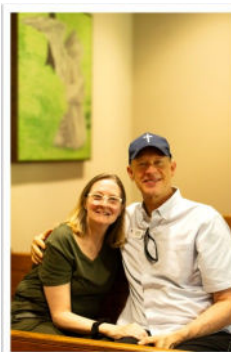
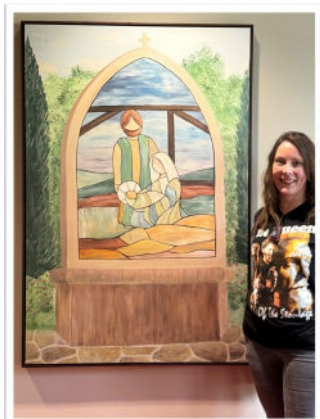
Hello families,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the crawfish boil and ribbon cutting for our new south campus wing. An extra big thank you to Tony Patterson and the Brotherhood of St. Andrews for the food and to Rose Revival for some great music! The crawfish boil felt really special to me as last year's was the first Christ Church event I attended and everyone was so lovely and welcoming toward me I decided I should work here! Youth Sunday is coming up on May 12th and prepping a reception for our seniors has again allowed me to reflect back on this past year. I am so grateful that I was able to experience one year with these amazing kids. They are intelligent, dedicated, and most importantly, beautiful human beings. I have loved getting to know them. I have no doubt that they will spread joy and add goodness to this world where ever God leads them.

Sarah Jones  
Director of Student Ministries

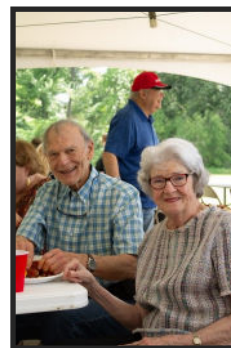
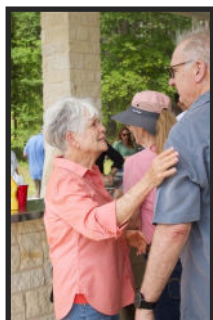
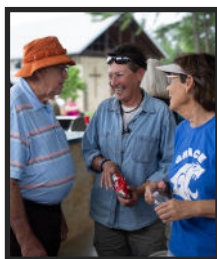
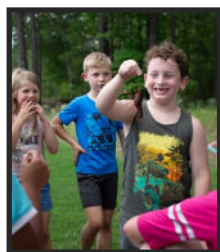
**Seniors**  
**CLASS OF 2024**  
Celebrate our Christ Church  
High School Graduates  
Sunday, May 12th *reception*  
10:00am CCS | 11:00am CCD

APRIL 27TH WAS AN AMAZING DAY AT CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH!!



The ribbon cutting & open house of the new children's wing

Crawfish Boil





**Jack Graham Bergfeld**

**Tyler Legacy High School**

*University of Texas-McCombs Business School*



**Oliver Morrison Finney**

**Tyler Legacy High School**

*Oliver is working on advancing his career with Project One Roofing and will continue to explore options for further education.*



**Elizabeth Anne Huggler**

**All Saints Episcopal School**

*University of Tulsa and major in Media Studies*





# Seniors

## CLASS OF 2024

**Brighton Kay Lee**

**The Brook Hill School**

*Plans to stay local and attend*

*TJC or the University of Texas at Tyler and study art.*

**Marigny Elizabeth Teagarden**

**All Saints Episcopal School**

*Will be attending Louisiana State University  
and pursuing a career in the medical field.*

**Miles Rowton Miller**

**Lindale High School**

*Tyler Junior College*







## 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.

Following dinner...


John & Stacey McKinley  
will provide desserts & beverages  
at their home (7311 Cross Road).

We look forward to seeing you soon!  
Please RSVP to John & Stacey  
at [jemintex07@gmail.com](mailto:jemintex07@gmail.com),  
so that we can provide Manny's with an accurate count.



**Supper Club** Join us!  
Friday, May 17  
6:00pm  
together in large group

RSVP by the May 10  
[christchurchtyler.org/supper-club](http://christchurchtyler.org/supper-club)



**Yoga**

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

with Sarah Jones  
Certified Yoga Instructor  
& Director of Student Ministries



# venite

twenty - forty SOMETHINGS

# CAMPFIRE COMPLINE+

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

[christchurchtyler.org/venite](http://christchurchtyler.org/venite)

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

**worship + prayer  
marshmallow + hot dog roasting**



## 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, LaRose, Curt, Billy, Hardin, Ella, Genaro

**The Anglican Communion:** *The Diocese of Egbu (Nigeria)*; **The Episcopal Church:** *Dioceses of Fort Worth & Georgia*  
**Diocese of Texas:** *St. John's—Carthage & Christ Church—Cedar Park*

### 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

FRIDAY, MAY 10

6:00 pm **Primitimers** (see graphic p. 8)

SUNDAY, MAY 12

**Youth Sunday**

10:00 am Graduate Reception | CCS

11:00 am Graduate Reception | CCD

THURSDAY, MAY 16

10:30 am Women's Bible Study with the Rector  
Picnic in Guild Hall

6:30 pm **VENITE** event (see graphic p. 9)

FRIDAY, MAY 17

6:00 pm **Supper Club**

SUNDAY, MAY 19 **Pentecost**

*Baptisms—contact church office if interested*

11:05 am **First Communion** | CCS

3:00 pm **vibré** concert in the Parish Hall | CCD  
(see graphic p. 3)

MONDAY, MAY 27

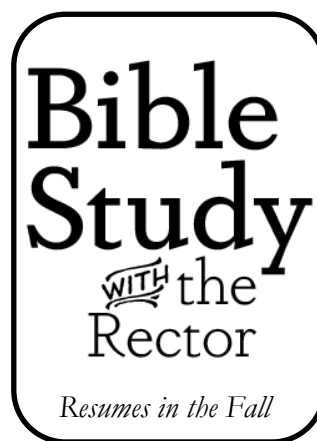
*offices closed for Memorial Day*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

6:00 pm **Men's Summer Depth Group** | CCS

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

10:00AM **Confirmation** with Bishop Doyle | CCD





## THE VESTRY

Mr. Bill Clawater, *Treasurer*

Mr. Tim Alexander, *Asst. Treasurer*

CLASS OF 2024

Mrs. Kim Meyer, Mr. Danny Noteware,

Ms. Sheryl Richter-Jr. *Warden CCS,*

Dr. Mak Saigusa, Dr. Dan Toney

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-Sr. *Warden,*

Ms. Joyce McGee, Mr. Stan Ward,

Mrs. Ann Weissmann-*Clerk.*

### Lectionary for upcoming Sundays

*Sunday, May 12*

The 7th Sunday of Easter

Exodus 28:1-4, 9-10, 29-30,

Psalm 68:1-20 or Psalm 47

1 John 5:9-15, Acts 1:15-26 (alternate)

John 17:11b-19

*Sunday, May 19*

Pentecost Sunday

Isaiah 44:1-8

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

## CLERGY & STAFF

**The Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle**

*Bishop of the Diocese of Texas*

The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher

*Bishop Suffragan*

The Rt. Rev. Kai Ryan

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*Assistant Sexton*

Blair Zdenek, Jessi Mayes, Madisyn Bickham,

Pricilla Yeboah, Caitlin Logsdon

*Nursery*

## 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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## ***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***

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spirit-filled community of  
apostles reaching out and  
transforming lives for Christ.*