

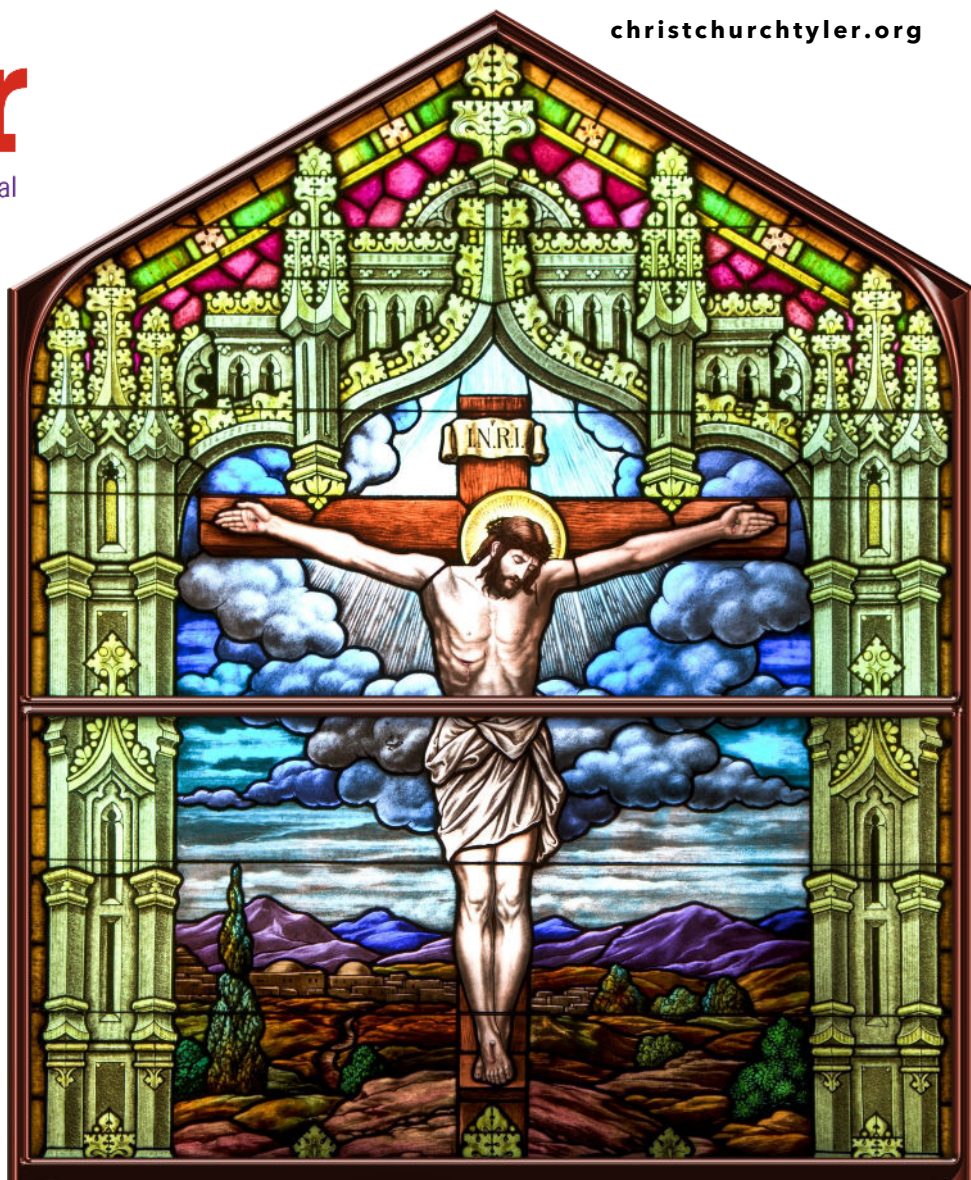
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## FROM THE RECTOR:

Four years ago this summer, the Christ Church family prayed for Leesa and Bill Lewis as they left Tyler for Seminary of the Southwest in Austin. From the autumn of 2020 through May of 2023, Leesa studied and trained to serve the Church as a priest.

Last June, she began her ministry at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Spring. And for the past year, she has pastored, preached, served those in need, and administered the sacraments.

I am thrilled to announce that Rev. Leesa has been called to serve as a chaplain at All Saints Episcopal School! Leesa will join chaplain Tim Kennedy on the All Saints team, with particular ministry to middle school students.

We are thrilled to welcome Rev. Leesa and Bill back to Tyler and to the Christ Church family!

Rev. Leesa will begin her ministry among us on Sunday June 16. She will minister with us on Sunday mornings at both our historic downtown campus and at Christ Church South.

Please join me in welcoming Rev. Leesa and Bill Lewis back to Christ Church!

Faithfully in Christ Jesus,

*David H*



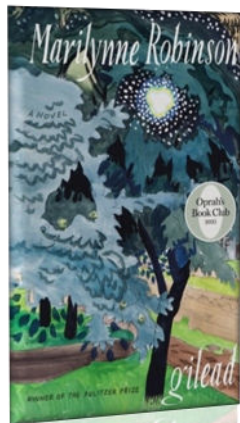
Welcome  
Rev. Leesa & Bill Lewis  
back to Tyler and  
the Christ Church family!





The Christ Church Bookstore recently stocked up on some great books!

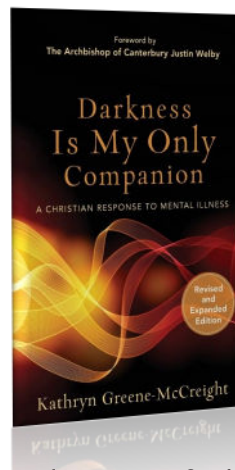
I wanted to take a page to tell you a bit about some of them in case they pique your interest. They've all been important to me at one stage of my life or another. Here are just a few of the many good ones:



**Gilead**  
 by Marilynne Robinson

This is a deeply beautiful and moving novel written in the form of letters from an ailing father to his son. The father, the Rev. John Ames had his only son late in life and knows that he won't live much longer, and so he wants to leave something for his boy.

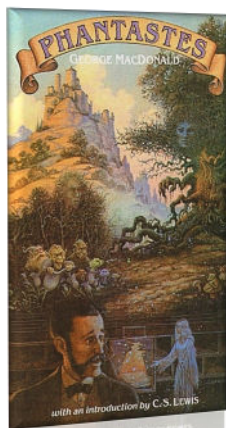
These are touching reflections set in the small fictional town of Gilead, Iowa in the 1950s. If you only read one novel this year, make sure this is it!



**Darkness is my Only Companion**  
 by Katherine Greene-McCreight

Greene-McCreight is an Episcopal priest and chaplain at Yale. She is a wife, mother, and accomplished scholar. In her 30s, however, she started to struggle with what became a life-long mental illness. This book tells her story, and then grapples with the theological implications of what it means to be a Christian who struggles with mental health. It's a bit of challenging read but well worth it!

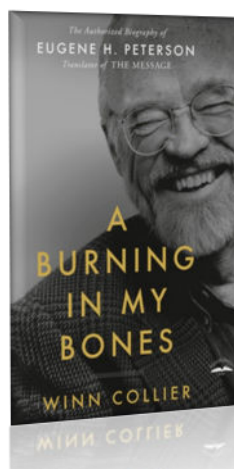
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**Phantastes**  
 by George MacDonald

If you love C. S. Lewis, you'll love George MacDonald, whom Lewis called his "master." This fairy romance is the book that Lewis credited with baptizing his imagination and was pivotal in pointing his life toward Jesus. It's a Victorian tale with that is full of

secret doors and talking trees and all kinds of other good stuff that might make you think of The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe or The Lord of the Rings.

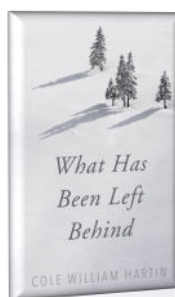


**A Burning in my Bones**  
 by Winn Collier

Ever heard of Eugene Peterson? He's most famous as the translator of the The Message, a paraphrase of the Bible in contemporary English. But he was also first and a foremost a pastor. Collier gives us the authorized biography of Peterson, beginning

with his childhood in rural Montana, his studies on the East Coast, his long fruitful ministry at church in Bel Air, Maryland, as well as his years teaching at Regent College. This book is a delight to read. Eugene Peterson's sense of what it means to be pastor was pivotal for me in my own discerning a call to ministry.

There are many more gems I could share (and perhaps will!) but for now, I hope this serves to whet your appetite for four great books that might make their way onto your summer reading list!



**Reminder:**

Fr. Cole's book of poetry is in stock & available in the gift shop too!

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



## VBS is 2.5 weeks away!

**We need 15 more volunteers: teens & adults!**  
**There are already 70 kids signed up for VBS**  
**and we need HELP.**

Please consider helping VBS week.

**When:** Mon, June 24—Fri, June 28 | 9-12

**Where:** All Saints Episcopal School

**How:** contact Kimber at [kshort@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:kshort@christchurchtyler.org)  
or go to [christchurchtyler.org/vbs](http://christchurchtyler.org/vbs)

## BIG TIME!!

CHRIST CHURCH  
vacation Bible School  
(rising 4K -4th grade)  
June 24-28 • 9:00am - 12  
@ All Saints Episcopal School



Participants & volunteers  
Scan QR code to register



Or go to  
[ChristChurchTyler.org/vbs](http://ChristChurchTyler.org/vbs)

music at Christ Church  
**Jeffrey Ford,**  
Choirmaster & Organist

Every summer we like to incorporate YOUR favorite hymns into our Sunday Service. **DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN?**  
Send Jeffrey an email with the SUBJECT: My Favorite Hymn and we will add it to the list. [jford@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:jford@christchurchtyler.org)





My six-year-old daughter likes to put on my shoes and stomp around the house. My son did the same thing with my husband's shoes when he was that age. As a parent I want a lot for my kids. Sometimes I need to remember to focus less on the life I want my kids to have and more on the person I want them to be as they live it. Do I want my kids to be kind, loving, and thoughtful of others? Do I want them to offer their time, talent, and treasure to those who need it? Do I want them to be a considerate and appreciated part of a healthy community? Do I want them to know Jesus and to offer their lives to God to guide as he sees fit? Yes. I want all of these things for them because if they have all of that, they will have a fulfilling life.

All kids inherently know that they will fill our shoes as they age. As I watch my daughter trip and giggle in my boots I consider what kind of shoes I will be leaving her and her brother? Do my kids see a parent who choose to go to people in need over my VERY comfortable couch. Do they observe examples of grace and patience when I interact with others? Do my children see that I find great value in being helpful toward others? All of these lessons start at home. I cannot guarantee any kind of future but I can do the footwork toward creating a more God centered and people loving world. Hopefully my kids will continue walking in these shoes when the time comes.

**COMING UP:**

Tyler Mission Week **June 17th-21st**  
*Lake Party that Friday afternoon!*

**YOUTH CONFIRMANDS** with Sarah | June 2024

*(left to right) Greyson, Reagan, Sarah, Reese, Elias, Asa*



**SEPT 22, 2024**

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

**Sunday, September 22** | Globe Life Field, Arlington, TX

10:00 am Chartered bus will depart Christ Church Downtown

1:35 pm Game starts | Rangers vs Mariners

**\$60/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

Tickets need to be purchased by August 1st.



**EYG TYLER** JUNE 17-21  
**MISSION WEEK!**

Please sign up by emailing Sarah Jones at [sjones@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:sjones@christchurchtyler.org) by June 10th.

**Drop off 8:30am & pick up 3:30pm**  
*Lake Party Friday afternoon at the Beaty's!*

New Sunday School / Christian Formation starts Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>!



### Adult Christian Formation [Sunday School]

Beginning Sunday, June 9 9:00am CCD | 10:00am CCS

This summer we'll be looking at important theologians in the life of Church, beginning in the first century through to the present. St. Paul, St. Augustine, St. Claire, and Martin Luther (*along with others*) all made important contributions to the Christian faith. We'll get a chance to hear about their lives and look at what they've taught the Church about the Gospel.



What is Holy Scripture? And how ought Christians to read it?

We are used to reading the Bible and hearing it in Church, but these are questions we seldom ask.

This summer, we'll be exploring what exactly the Bible is and how we are meant to read it. Fourth-century African bishop, St. Augustine, will be our guide as we read together his little book [\*On Christian Teaching\*](#).

You are welcome to buy the book to follow along if you like, but we'll be doing a close reading together on Wednesday nights, followed by a time of fellowship on the patio.

*Please bring along your favorite non-alcoholic or alcoholic beverages to share.*



### Education for Ministry

A New Year begins 9.2.2024

If you're not familiar with the program it is a 4 year study that includes Old and New Testament, the history of Christianity and developing your own theology.

If you are interested contact Clyde Beaty at 903 752 5180 or [cbefml@gmail.com](mailto:cbefml@gmail.com) for more information.

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, Marian, Mike, Mark, Dalton, Verdie, Chris, Jimmy, Sherry, LaRose, Curt, Billy, Hardin, Ella, Genaro, Ara, Maggie, Jennifer, Suzanne, Lynn, Lisa, Ginny, Pam, Jack, Jerry, Stan, Laurie Ann

The Anglican Communion: The Diocese of False Bay (Southern Africa)

The Episcopal Church: Dioceses of Haiti & Hawaii

Diocese of Texas: St. John's—Center & St. Francis—College Station

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.

In Memoriam
Our sympathies to the family & friends of Dale McElroy, father of John McElroy.

upcoming

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

9:00AM New Sunday School begins | CCD

10:00AM New Sunday School begins | CCS

MON—FRI, June 17-21

8:30 am Tyler Mission Week sjones@christchurchtyler.org

MON—FRI, June 24-28

9:00 am Vacation Bible School | ASES

SUNDAY, July 7

4th of July Celebrations at each campus

Happy Independence Day
Celebrate at CHRIST CHURCH Sunday, July 7
Picnics!
11:00am Downtown in the Parish Hall
12:15pm South Campus in the Pavilion
Fried Chicken & all the fixin's



## THE VESTRY

Mr. Bill Clewater, *Treasurer*

Mr. Tim Alexander, *Asst. Treasurer*

CLASS OF 2024

Mrs. Kim Meyer, Mr. Danny Noteware,

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

Dr. Dan Toney

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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 Year B BCP 1979 Lectionary

*Sunday, June 9*

3 Pentecost | Proper 5

Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1, Mark 3:20-35

*Sunday, June 16*

3 Pentecost | Proper 6

Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

Mark 4:26-34



### Holy Baptism

The next scheduled date for baptisms is Sunday, August 18, 2024.

If interested in baptism on this date, please contact the church office,

903-597-9854 or

office@christchurchtyler.org.

## 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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Priscilla Yeboah

*Nursery*

### 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***

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