

the Crucifer

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FROM The REV. DR. COLE HARTIN, Associate Rector

One of the lessons that I seem always to be learning and yet never really fully learn is that people are all unique.

Not everyone is like me (thank God!) and I am different from everyone else. Even in our families, where we are surrounded with people who are in many ways most like us—we share the same quirks, have been shaped by the same experiences—we realize that we are also kind of alone.

I realized this (again) driving across the country with Amy and our four boys. Even though we are part of the same family, some of us need time to be alone to wind down, while others of us can't seem to relax unless we are in a room full of people. More specifically, even, I've noticed that some of my boys (I won't name names) will slink into a quiet room when they are feeling tired, when others will literally fall asleep on the couch in the noisiest and busiest room in the house. *(continues on page 2)*

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

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We are each unique is what I am saying. God makes each of us with a specific constitution and personality and the events of our lives shape and mold this raw material into the people we are today. We all have our own gifts and talents, and we all have our own foibles and temptations that press upon us.

One the great things about being a Christian is that when we are baptized into the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, there is a place for us. Very likely we'll meet other Christians who are of the same mind, but we'll also meet lots of people who couldn't be any more different from us.

This is a gift of grace. And one of the challenges and joys of the Christian life is finding how we best serve Christ in his Church since "we all have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us" (Romans 12:6). God has provided you and me with certain gifts that we are meant to share.

As we begin a new ministry year at Christ Church and look forward to our Ministry Festival *Serve Beyond Sunday* on September 8th, please prayerfully consider how you might exercise the gifts God's given you for the good of the Church.

You might be a veteran Christian who knows exactly how God has wired you and find joy in serving in this capacity. Or, you might be a new Christian, or a newly practicing Christian, who is still looking for a way to be a blessing and be blessed in our local community.

Wherever you find yourself, this season is an opportunity to explore what God might be calling you to. It's true it doesn't always work out. Sometimes you dread participating in a ministry, which is probably a sign that it's not a good fit for you.

But there are other ministries of which you might think "Nah, that's not for me" that might bring surprising and refreshing joy.

Pray about it. And then give one or two a try. In his time, God will lead you to the role in which you feel most alive and in which you best bring Christ's light to others.



Come one Come all!
**Step right up for your chance to
 Serve Beyond Sunday!**

Come for the awesome food
 –[think maple bacon donuts + more] & coffee–
 & fun, leave excited &
 energized for the year ahead!

WE will see YOU at CCD @ 9 & CCS @ 10 on Sept 8.

music at Christ Church
Jeffrey Ford,
Choirmaster & Organist

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CHRIST
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MUSIC MINISTRY 2024-2025
in the Nave of the historic Christ Church, Tyler
118 S. Bois d'Arc, Tyler
www.christchurchtyler.org

November 3, 2024 | 6:00pm

All Saints Choral Evensong with the Christ Church Chancel Choir
Jeffrey Ford, conducting; A.J. Meals, organist

December 8, 2024 | 6:00pm

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Tidings of Joy Noon-Time Concert Series | Noon Tuesdays of Advent

December 3 | **TJC Alumni Guitars**, Frank Kimlico, director

December 10 | **Weston Jennings**, organ; **Mark & Ute Miller**, violin & viola

December 17 | **Micah Bell**, trumpet; **Sarah Roberts**, saxophone

January 26, 2025 | 3:00pm

An Afternoon of Gospel Singing

Featuring Charlotte Floyd, Mary Helen Morris, & A.J. Meals

February 23, 2025 | 3:00pm

An Afternoon of Solos, Duets, Trios, & Quartets

Musicians featured **Mark & Ute Miller**, violin & viola;
Sue Bugg, **Karina McBrayer**, & **Jessica Ogilvie**, flutes

March 30, 2025 | 6:00pm

Choral Evensong with the **Cathedral Choir of Christ Church, Houston**
Robert Simpson, director

June 8, 2025 | 6:00pm

Pentecost Choral Evensong with the Christ Church Chancel Choir & Guests
Jeffrey Ford, conducting; A.J. Meals, organist

July 6, 2025 | 10:00am

Patriotic Eucharist with the Christ Church Chancel Choir, brass & organ—punctuated by the firing of an historic Civil War cannon.

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL
CHURCH
118 S. BOIS D'ARC
TYLER, TX
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Painting by: John Randall York
www.downtownpainter.com

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

SUNDAY MORNING PRIMER

During staff meeting today we were talking about the importance of consistency in branding and marketing. But when your constituency is made up of older, cradle Episcopalians who've "always called it that", people new to the church who are still trying to figure out when to genuflect and when to cross themselves, and everyone in between it's proven difficult to arrive at a consensus, no matter what the "Official" name of something is.

I have also found this truth in Children's Ministries. Sunday School or Faith Formation? Chapel or Children's Church? As far as I'm concerned, call it what you want, just show up for it! But for the purists with a burning desire to know the absolute, correct term, it's like this: when I was growing up we called it Sunday School which didn't sound all that appealing because of that whole "school" thing. Recently it's been known as Faith Formation which also gives some insight into what's going on at 9:00 and 10:00am on Sundays. Chapel and Faith Formation are two separate opportunities for your kids to experience the love of God. FF is before the service. During those 50 minutes we create, play and experience different ways to learn about Jesus. Chapel is during the service. It mirrors what is going on in the Nave and Great Hall but in a kid-friendly way. We read the Psalm and Gospel lessons, recite the Children's Creed and say the Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer. And we sing. A lot!

In addition to these opportunities for your kids to deepen their relationship with Jesus we have a class specifically designed for 4yrs - 1st graders. Godly Play is a Montessori based, hands-on, multi-sensorial experience of Biblical stories. It has been offered downtown for many years and I'm excited to announce that it will now be offered at CCS beginning this fall! But to ensure that we are able to continue to offer all of these opportunities, we need more teachers! If you resemble that remark, give me a call and let's get you into the mix!

And no matter what you call it, I hope to see you there!

Kimber 

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

9/2 Tyler Jensen, 9/6 Brady Lawhorn

student ministry
Sarah Jones,
 Director of Student Ministries



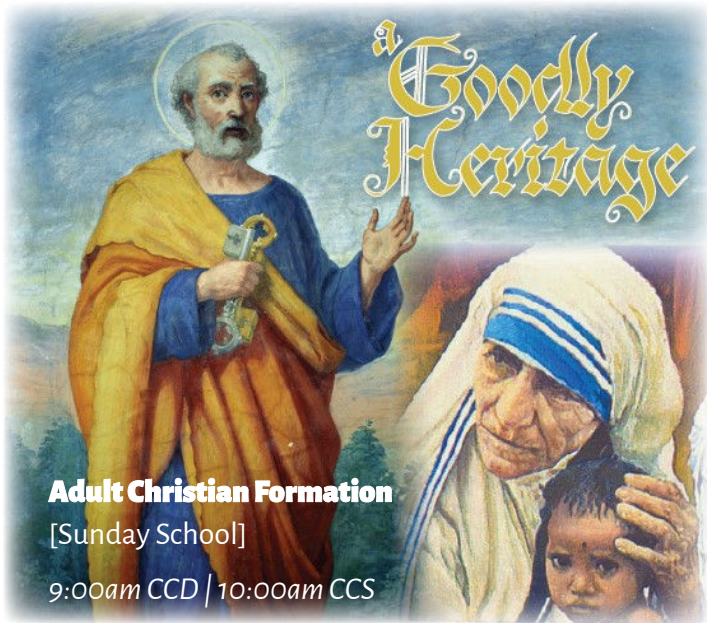
School is back and all the hustle and bustle that comes with it. Although, summers don't seem to be any calmer. We often trade one packed schedule for another but this season comes with many fun activities for our youth. EYC has started back up, all 5th-12th graders are welcome on Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm. This year we are introducing a *HIGH SCHOOLERS ONLY* EYC. It will be the 3rd Monday of the month from 6:00-7:30pm. We will follow the same formula of food, fun and formation but it will be geared more toward our older teens. I am excited to be able to offer them an opportunity to get to know each other again.

The Jr. Sr. book study will be starting up again on September 9th. Last year was a wonderful experience. This small group allows us to have meaningful conversations and really dig into the literature. This year we will be reading John Ortberg's, *The Me I Want to Be*. The book focuses on how when we follow God's will we flourish and when we flourish we become more ourselves. We become more that person God had in mind when he created us. We are often told, just be yourself! What do you do if you don't know who that person is? This book is a wonderful guide on how to start the journey of identity, with God's help.

I am looking forward to another wonderful year with our youth. I feel grateful every time we have fun experiences together and get to know each other better. Thank you for trusting me with your kids.

Sarah Jones
 Director of Student Ministries





Adult Christian Formation

[Sunday School]

9:00am CCD | 10:00am CCS

Tailgate Party Theme!

Supper Club

Join us!

Friday, Sept 13
6:00pm
together in large group

RSVP by the Sept 6
christchurchtyler.org/supper-club

★ ★ Wear your favorite team gear or colors!! ★ ★

the letter to the ephesians

MEN
Tuesdays
starting
Sept 10
8:00am

WOMEN
Thursdays
starting
Sept 12
10:30am

both meet downtown

BIBLE STUDY
with the Rector

Women's Depth Review

1st & 3rd Wednesdays
6:00pm CCS
beginning September 18

We will be studying from:
The God Parented Soul, The Psalms and Spiritual Formation
Volume 1 by Iris Pearce

Copies are available at no cost for the WDC.

Contact Karen Courville for more information casey@reagan.com

The Feast of
St. Francis of Assisi & the
Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 6, 2024 3:00pm
SW Corner of Bergfeld Park

Save the date!

BREAKFAST EVENTS

CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH

Women	Men
OCTOBER 5TH	OCTOBER 12TH

*Church is not an organization you join;
It is a family where you belong, a home where you are loved &
a hospital where you find healing - Nicky Gumbel*

MORE INFO TO COME

thanksgivings , supplications & fellowship

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Luba, Lisa, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Paul, Sally, Maggie, Jennifer, Alan, Ginger, Sally, Laura, Ezri, Mark, Analina, Darin, Barbara, Vicky, Amber, Chris, Jerry, Laura, Allen

The Anglican Communion: *The Diocese of Ijesha North (Nigeria)*

The Episcopal Church: *Dioceses of Lexington & Litoral Ecuador*

Diocese of Texas: *St. Aidan's—Cypress & Holy Trinity—Dickinson*

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 ssi@tjc.edu.

Congratulations on the baptism of:

Owen Henry Terry,
son of Sarah & McKinley Terry

August 18, 2024 at Christ Church South

upcoming

TUESDAY, September 3
5:30pm EfM begins | CCD

SUNDAY, September 8
Ministry Festival
9:00am | CCD
10am | CCS

TUESDAY, September 10
8:00am Men's Bible Study with the Rector | CCD

THURSDAY, September 12
10:30am Women's Bible Study with the Rector | CCD

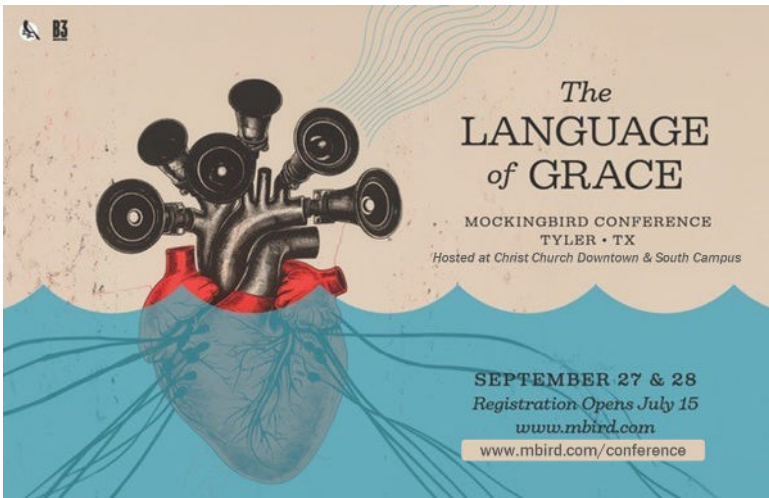
FRIDAY, September 13 *rsvp by the 6th*
6:00pm SupperClub *Large Group* meeting at the Taliaferro's

Wednesday, September 18
6:00pm Women's Depth Group | CCS (see graphic)

SUNDAY, September 22
Texas Rangers Game

FRI & SAT, September 27 & 28
The Mockingbird Conference (see graphic)

SUNDAY, October 6
Return to regular service times **DOWNTOWN**
7:30am Rite I Holy Eucharist | CCD
9:00am Rite II Holy Eucharist | CCD
10:00am Christian Formation | CCD & CCS
11:00am Rite I Holy Eucharist | CCD
11:05am Rite II Holy Eucharist | CCS
3:00pm Blessing of the Pets | Bergfeld Park



THE VESTRY

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Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year B BCP 1979 Lectionary

Sunday, September 1

15 Pentecost | Proper 17

Deuteronomy 4:1-9, Psalm 15

Ephesians 6:10-20, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sunday, September 8

16 Pentecost | Proper 18

Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146

James 1:17-27, Mark 7:31-37

Sunday, September 15

17 Pentecost | Proper 19

Isaiah 50:4-9, Psalm 116, James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18

Mark 8:27-38 or Mark 9:14-29

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or The Rev. Stephen Stine, Deacon, 903-530-8168.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

Director: SUSIE FERGUS

Who: Children K – 4th grade

When: Wednesday Rehearsals:

5:30-6:00pm Cherub Choir [K-2nd grade]

6:00-6:45pm Carol Choir [3rd & 4th grade]

Where: Christ Church Downtown



REGISTER TODAY:
christchurchtyler.org/childrens-choirs





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Worship Schedule

Sundays during Summer

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)

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