



# CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WE ARE CALLED "TO BE A LIGHT, LIVING AS A WITNESS TO CHRIST'S LOVE, SERVING AND NURTURING ALL"

## April 2015

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## HOLY WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING



Our Lenten pilgrimage now leads us to the foot of the cross where we observe the suffering and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. The good news is that it does not end there, but in the joy of His resurrection Easter Sunday. Join us during Holy Week for these services:

- ✚ Maundy Thursday service, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm. A spiritually enriching service to experience.
- ✚ Good Friday service, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Noon and 7:00 pm. – Stations of the Cross.
- ✚ Easter Services, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am and 10:30 am.
- ✚ Family pictures and Easter Egg hunt directly after the 10:30 am service.

## *From the Desk of David*



Father David Nelson

New life. Hope. Resurrection.

These are Easter words. After the 40 days of Lent, which focus on confession of sin, sacrifice, and the death, it's a welcome change.

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, he gave us new life and hope. One sign of new life here at Christ the King is our youth group. This past year I have been leading the youth group, with much help from Deb Tisch and Barry Rought. We have a young and vibrant youth group, full of energy and enthusiasm. In my conversations with Deb & Barry, we have often remarked at how much new life and hope the youth give us. Words like "joy" and "blessing" are often used.

What an answer to our prayers that we have called a new youth minister! Tracey Bulau will begin in April. She's going to do great things to bring forth this hope and new life. We will introduce her to the congregation on April 12<sup>th</sup>, which is also the date of her first youth group meeting. **On April 26<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the new ministry of Tracey Bulau during worship.** I will meet with Tracey regularly and be present at youth group meetings as we get her acclimated. I look forward to her ministry with our youth, and once you meet her you will see why we are so excited.

Also, the **Youth are going to go back to Canyon Lake for a Mission Trip to rebuild houses on June 7 to 11. An informational meeting is set for April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am.**

I also see hope and new life in our building project. According to the New Testament, the word church refers to the gathered community of followers of Jesus. As I have had a chance to witness the process, I have seen many instances of people who love the church—the community. I'm very much looking forward to seeing the results of our feasibility study. **Leslie Pendleton from Episcopal Church Foundation will share the results of the feasibility study at a Town Hall meeting on April 12 at 9:15am.**

Yours in Christ,

Father David

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## ~~CALENDAR OF APRIL EVENTS~~

- 4/02 *Maundy Thursday Service* 7:00 pm.
- 4/03 *Good Friday Service* Noon and 7:00 pm.
- 4/05 *Easter Services* 8:00 am and 10:30 am with *Easter Egg Hunt* following the 10:30 am service.
- 4/07 The *Breakfast Brothers* will meet at IHOP in Atascocita at 8:00 am. Bring a friend!
- 4/09 The *Daughters of the King* meet at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.
- 4/10 *Parents' Night Out* 5:00 pm until 8:30 pm.
- 4/11 *Brotherhood of Saint Andrew* will meet at 8:30 – 9:30 am.
- 4/12 *Special Townhall Meeting* at 9:15 am. Also, *EYC* meets 6:00-7:30 pm.
- 4/14 *Vestry* meets at 7:00 pm.
- 4/18 *Family Circuits* 6:00 pm at Beverly Silloway's home for Mexican Food, Fun & Fellowship.
- 4/26 Reception for our new Youth Minister, Tracey Bulau after the 10:30 am service. *EYC* meets 6:00-7:30 pm.
- 4/30 *Ladies Lunch Bunch*.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm 	3 Good Friday Service Noon and 7:00 pm 	4
5 8:00 am Service 10:30 am Service Egg Hunt following 	6	7 8:00 am @ IHOP Breakfast Brothers 	8	9 Daughters of the King 10:00 am and 7:00 pm 	10 Parents' Night Out 5:00 pm until 8:30 pm 	11 8:30-9:30 am Brotherhood of St Andrew 
12 8:00 am Service 9:15 am TOWNHALL 10:30 am Service EYC meets 6-7:30 pm 	13	14 Vestry 7:00 pm 	15	16	17	18 Family Circuit 6:00pm 
19 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Service	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Service EYC meets 6-7:30 pm 	27	28	29	30 Ladies Lunch Bunch 	Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:30 am Service 	

**SUNDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> IS CHRIST THE KING'S ANNUAL BEAN BAG GOLF TOURNAMENT – DON'T MISS THIS FUN FILLED EVENT THAT RAISES MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS! SIGN UP SHEET AND MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!**

# WEDNESDAY EVENING IS FAMILY NIGHT AT CHRIST THE KING!

Wednesday Evening Family Night has proven to be enjoyable for adults and children alike as we share a meal, study the Bible, followed by discussions and concluding with Compline. Look for our next Bible Study series and plan to join us.



*Rachel Shaye oversees the crafting of crosses shown above at a recent Wednesday Family night*



The kids proudly display and discuss their handy work!

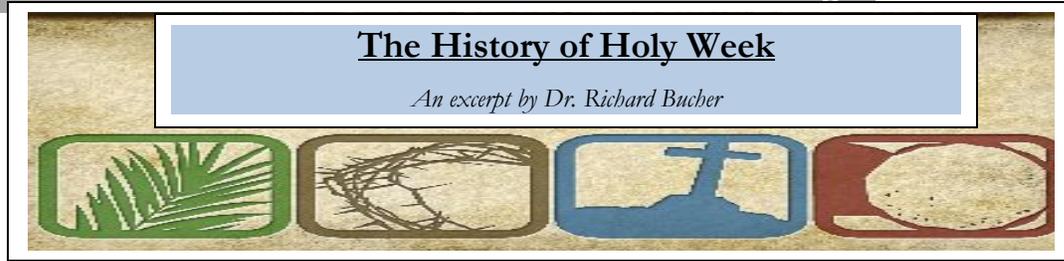


Smiling faces all around!



*Father David leads and participates in the discussions on Wednesday evenings and the adults enjoy both fellowship and deep biblical reflections.*





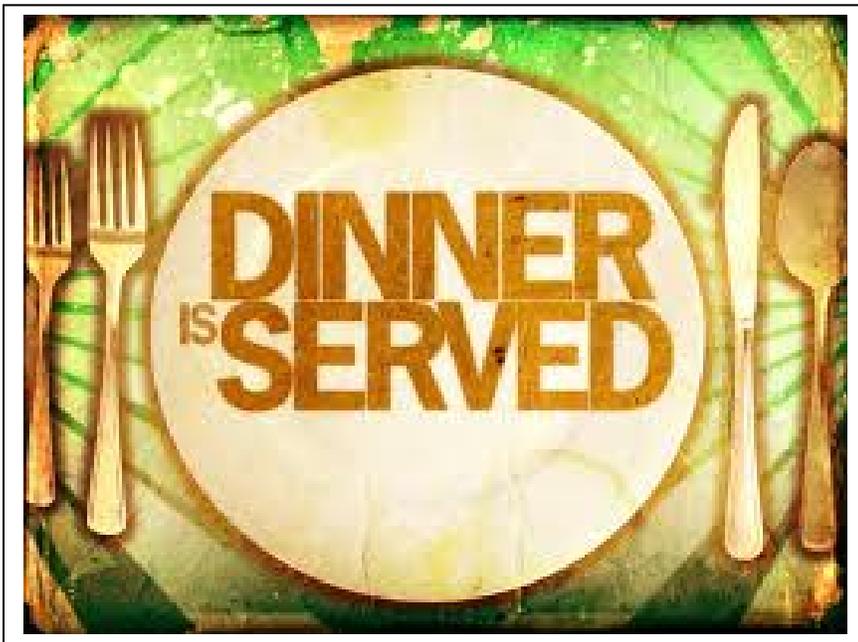
**Holy Week**, the last week of the 40 day season of Lent, the week preceding Easter is a focus on the last days of Christ's life, remembering especially His passion and resurrection. The annual observances of these festivals are of ancient origin.

**Palm Sunday** is the commemoration of our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem five days before His crucifixion. This day takes its name from the fact that as Jesus approached Jerusalem on a donkey (in fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9), the huge crowd that followed carried palm branches as they praised Him.

**Maundy Thursday** accounts the events in the upper room the night before Jesus died. From ancient times the Church has observed a ceremony of foot-washing. The liturgy of foot-washing came to be called *mandatum*. The name "maundy" comes from the words of Jesus, "Mandatum novum" ("a new commandment," John 13:34). It was on this night that Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. At the end of the service, the altar is stripped in preparation for Good Friday. This symbolizes Christ being stripped by the Roman soldiers prior to His crucifixion.

**The Vigil** was the time for catechumens to be baptized. As such it also ushered in Christ's resurrection following Paul's linking of baptism with Christ's resurrection (Romans 6:1-5). The theme of light conquering darkness is also prominent.

**Easter**, the celebration of Christ's resurrection, is the highlight of the Christian holy days. The word "easter" and the German "Ostern" come from common source referring to the direction from which the sun rises. The word referred to the celebration of the spring sun, when all things returned to life. This symbolism was transferred to the resurrection of Christ who brings us new life. The earliest word for the annual celebration of Christ's resurrection was probably Pascha. At the Council of Nicea in 325, it was decided that Easter would occur on the Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox, which occurs between March 22 and April 25. The season of Easter lasts 50 days until the day of Pentecost. Holy Week is a marvelous opportunity for Christian growth. It offers incredible potential for satisfying spiritual hunger.



Don't miss Family Circuit's Adult Food & Fellowship evening at Bev Silloway's home on Lake Houston Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm. We will have catered Mexican Food from LaVilla!

A sign up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board so we can have an accurate head count.

For more information contact: Bev Silloway at [bgsilloway@earthlink.net](mailto:bgsilloway@earthlink.net)

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**CHRIST THE KING 2015 VESTRY MEMBERS** – The vestry is comprised of a group of elected laity to serve with the rector as the leadership and governing body of the church. Through an annual retreat, monthly and other special meetings, the rector and vestry are responsible to set and oversee the vision of ministry for the church, its finances and to conduct the business of the church as required by canon or civil law. All committees, commissions, or other church groups and their ministries come under the oversight of the vestry.

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Vestry appointed positions: Charlie Tyler, *Treasurer* and Rachael Shedeed, *Clerk of the Vestry*

The vestry believes it is important that our parishioners have a sense of our church’s financial position each month.

***Financial Statement as of January 31, 2015:***

<u>OPERATING FUND</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>RESERVE FUND</u>
Beginning Balance:	\$68,829.33	\$57,342.02	\$22,967.43
Ending Balance:	<b><u>\$73,068.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$57,863.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,632.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$154,563.00</b>		



**Kairos prison ministry**

**"Just One Morning then Just One Day"**

*An invitation to learn more about Kairos ministry*

Saturday, April 25, 2015, 8:30 am until 12:00 noon

Caren Thomas is inviting anyone with an interest in Kairos Prison Ministry to come join her at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church – Kingwood Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am until noon to learn more in an informal open house. Come, spend just one morning and explore how you can become positive proof that God, through his people, loves the incarcerated.

Kairos Prison Ministry volunteers, both men and women, come from all walks of life and many denominations. They all share a desire to follow Christ's calling in Matthew 25:36, 'I was in prison and you visited me'.

If you are curious or feel God's call to reach out to those in prison, please join Kairos Team Members to explore the many possibilities for service in this area. To register or for more information, contact Caren Thomas at [281-636-1995](tel:281-636-1995) or [caren.thomas@comcast.net](mailto:caren.thomas@comcast.net) and visit their web page at: <http://kairostexas.org/index.html>



4/7	Julie Langler	4/18	Allahyea Preston
4/10	David Nelson	4/26	Katie Holmes
4/12	P.J. McCluskey	4/27	Matthew Lalor
4/17	Barry Rought	4/28	Bob Keller

### Birthdays Prayer

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever he may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* falls; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

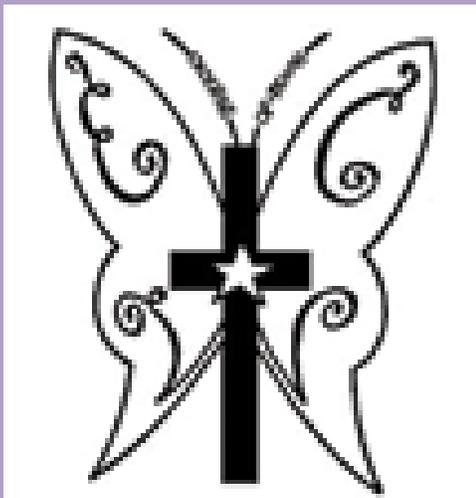
4/12	Ruben & Anna Garcia
4/16	Henry & Debbie Lee
4/21	Andrew & Amy Beesley



### Anniversary Prayer

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. **Amen.**

**HELP THOSE IN NEED – PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING!**



Christ the King has an opportunity to help women that are homeless, in transitional housing or women’s shelters, coming out of jail or the prison system, or living in halfway housing who find themselves in serious need of basic personal items. The DOK is collecting items to donate to this charitable cause and will be delivered to local facilities in need such as St. Vincent’s House and Lord of the Streets. Here are a few of the items requested:

-  *Small bottles of moisturizers*
-  *Toothbrushes/Toothpastes*
-  *Deodorant*
-  *Soap*
-  *Small bottles of Shampoo/Conditioners*
-  *Combs/brushes*

There is a box for donations at the church in the Narthex.

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## About Christ the King

Christ the King is a pastoral sized parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. We are a compassionate, generous, outreach-oriented congregation. We serve the communities of Atascocita, Humble, Kingwood, Crosby, Huffman and Summerwood. Come visit us for Sunday Service and learn about all the wonderful things our church has to offer!

## Our Mission

**To be a light, living as a witness to Christ's love, serving and nurturing all.**

**Jesus is Lord** – Following the teachings of Christ as revealed in the Scriptures

**Outreach** – Committing to Christ-centered service

**You are Welcome** – Respecting the dignity of all God's children

**Faith and Fellowship** – Growing together in joyful celebration of our faith in Christ

**United in Prayer and Worship** – Praising God through our liturgy

**Love as Christ Loves Us** – Nurturing our Community

## Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY MORNING

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:15 am	Sunday School & Choir
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist with music

For newsletter comments or  
submissions, email:  
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A special thank you to Deb Tisch and Barry Rought for assisting Father David with the youth ministry at Christ the King; filling in as volunteers while we have been searching for a youth minister. Deb not only assisted Father David with the search for a youth director, she also helped participate in the leadership and activities for our youth. Barry has volunteered many hours of his time and talent these past few months during the interim until Tracey Bulau begins her ministry April 1<sup>st</sup>. Many thanks to you BOTH!

## In Loving Memory

### Of Paul Jernigan and his gift of music

"We are saddened by the death of Paul Jernigan. In addition to helping install the organ at Christ the King, he played as a substitute organist on many occasions, most recently this past Ash Wednesday. Paul worked with Shawn Sanders for decades and we especially pray for the Sander's family in this time of grief.

I'm grateful for Paul's love of music and the countless hours he devoted to making our music be a joyful expression of God's love (Psalm 98:4)." Father David