



CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

February 2015

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EPIPHANY – CHRIST REVEALED AMONG US!



Epiphany will be coming to a close this month and lead us into the Lenten Season. Father David has trained new Lay Readers, Chalice Bearers and Torch Bearers for their respective roles during the weekly worship services. We are blessed to have many young people interested in participating. Father David led two instructive Eucharist services for our enlightenment into the rich and historic Biblical roots of our Episcopal traditions.

February will be a busy month, so mark your calendars for the following events:

- ✚ EYC Super Bowl party Kick Off at 5:30 pm at Good Shepherd Sunday February 1st.
- ✚ Sunday February 8th Bishop Doyle will meet our congregation from 9:30 am until 10:15 am. Afterward, he will lead us in the 10:30 am worship with Confirmation. Plan to welcome our Bishop and support Rice Aston's confirmation and Joline Hart and Carol Grover being received into the Episcopal Church. A reception will follow.
- ✚ Shrove Tuesday, February 17th, Pancake Supper from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.
- ✚ Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Services at Noon and 7:00 pm.
- ✚ Parents' Night Out, Friday, February 20th from 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm.
- ✚ Wednesday, February 25th, from 6:30pm – 8:30 pm is the first of the series of five planned Family Night Lenten Bible Studies with Dinner and prayer.

From the Desk of David



Father David Nelson

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--Book of Common Prayer page 265 (Ash Wednesday liturgy)

The word Lent refers to the lengthening of days that happens this time of year. In the early Church Lent was a time when converts prepared for Baptism. It was also a time when people who were separated from the Church were restored. The season of Lent is 40 days, which is the Bible’s way of saying a really long time. Jesus was tempted for 40 days. So Lent is a time when Christians walk with Jesus to the cross. During Lent we focus our hearts on being more authentic, more honest, and more connected with God. That is why some people give up something during Lent (food, bad habits, etc) or take on a new discipline (reading more scripture, praying, forgiving old hurts).

This year Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (Feb 18th) and ends on Easter Day (April 5th). I hope you have a Holy Lent.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. David

P.S. Here are some important calendar items for February:

Bishop Doyle is coming on February 8th. Please plan to attend a parish meeting with Bishop Doyle at 9:30 am. We will have one worship service at 10:30AM. There will be no 8am service. Rice Aston will be Confirmed. Carol Grover and Joline Hart will be received into the Episcopal Church.

Pancake Supper is Tuesday, February 17th from 5:00PM to 7:00PM.

Ash Wednesday is February 18th. Worship is at Noon and 7:00PM.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30PM to 8:30PM

February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25.

For the season of Lent, the theme of our Wednesday Evening Bible Studies is “God calls us to Sacrifice.” Each week we will focus on an area that Jesus dealt with in his life and relate it to our own. This includes: Temptation, The Cross, Anger, Love, and Sacrifice. All ages are welcome. Nursery care is available.

~~CALENDAR OF FEBRUARY EVENTS~~

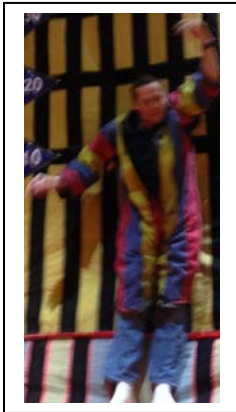
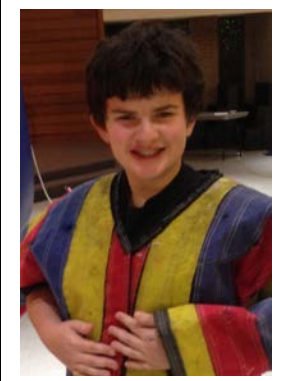
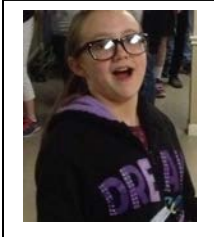
- 2/01 *EYC Super Bowl Party at Good Shepherd* 5:30 pm kick-off.
- 2/03 The *Breakfast Brothers* will meet at IHOP in Atascocita at 8:00 am. Bring a friend!
- 2/08 *Bishop Doyle's Visit*. He will meet the confirmands at 8:45 am, the congregation at 9:30 am, and preside over the 10:30 am service with Confirmation.
- 2/12 The *Daughters of the King* meet at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.
- 2/14 *Brotherhood of St Andrew* will meet at 8:30 – 9:30 am.
- 2/15 *EYC* meets 6:00-7:30 pm.
- 2/17 *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper* 5:00 pm-7:00 pm.
- 2/18 *Ash Wednesday Services*: Noon and 7:00 pm.
- 2/20 *Parents' Night Out* 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm.
- 2/24 *Vestry* meets at 7:00 pm.
- 2/26 *Ladies Lunch Bunch*.

~ February 2015 ~								
◀ Jan 2015	Mar 2015 ▶	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Service EYC Super Bowl Party @ Good Shepherd 5:30 pm 	2	3 8:00 am @ IHOP Breakfast Brothers 	4	5	6	7
		8 Bishop Doyle's visit 9:30-10:15am meeting with the congregation 10:30 am Service with Confirmation 	9	10	11	12 Daughters of the King 10:00 am and 7:00 pm 	13	14 8:30-9:30 am Brotherhood of St Andrew 
		15 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Service EYC meets 6-7:30 pm 	16	17 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Shrove Tuesday  5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	18 Ash Wednesday Noon & 7:00 pm Services 	19	20 Parent's Night Out  5:00 pm until 8:30 pm	21
		22 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Service	23	24 Vestry 7:00 pm	25 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  Dinner, bible study, prayer	26 Ladies Lunch Bunch 	27	28

~EYC CONVOCATION LOCK-IN~ Let the fun begin.....



Smiles all around make it certain the Lock-In was a success—with or without sleep!



Even Father David could not resist the fun!



Annual Parish Meeting January 18, 2015

Sunday January 18th was Christ the King's annual parish meeting. Father David reflected the events of 2014. He recognized the outgoing vestry members: Teresa Simmons, John Holmes and Mike McDaniel, as well as the three incoming vestry members: Rachel Taylor, Russell Strickland and Aaron Holbrook.



Teresa Simmons, Mike McDaniel and Fr David (John Holmes not pictured.)



Rachel Taylor, Aaron Holbrook, Fr David & Russell Strickland

A joyous round of applause ensued Charlie Tyler's financial report that highlighted the consistent giving and growth of our financial resources Christ the King has enjoyed as a direct result of the generosity and commitment of its members.



Father David expressed his gratitude for the many ministries such as the Altar Guild, Choir, Edie, Ushers, and Vestry that make Sunday worship a joyful experience for him personally. He also recognized the ministries of The Daughters of the King, The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, and Christ the King's continued commitment to Breakfast with Santa, L.O.T.S., HAAM and CUIC.

CHRIST THE KING STAFF MEMBERS

- Reverend David Nelson, Rector ctkrector@embarqmail.com
- Edie McDaniel, Church Secretary christthekingepiscopal@embarqmail.com
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All Staff Members can be reached via phone through the main church line: (281) 852-1990

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 December 31, 2014:

<u>OPERATING FUND</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>RESERVE FUND</u>
Beginning Balance:	\$57,449.02	\$36,104.62	\$22,426.21
Ending Balance:	<u>\$68,829.33</u>	<u>\$57,342.02</u>	<u>\$22,967.43</u>
TOTAL:	\$149,138.78		



Check out CTK’s new and improved website!

Thanks to Michael McNeil, below are some of the improved features available to our members and prospective visitors to Christ the King.

- ✚ New Facebook Page link highlighting some of CTK events
- ✚ Events Calendar showing upcoming events at CTK
- ✚ How to donate .5% to CTK when placing orders on Amazon using Smile.Amazon
- ✚ Lay readers and Chalice Bearers schedules
- ✚ Vestry and Counters of the Day Schedules
- ✚ Recent and past newsletters
- ✚ Instant Church Directory login link
- ✚ Picture of our Master Plan

Please contact Michael McNeil at mmcneil@hardinisd.net and let him know if there are changes that need to be made.



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| 2/3 | Debbie Lee | 2/21 | Charlie Tyler |
| 2/9 | Steve Goodson | 2/23 | Susan Lunson |
| 2/11 | Russell Strickland | 2/23 | Ashley Taylor |
| 2/15 | Carolyn Ferguson | 2/26 | Elizabeth Dimaala |
| 2/18 | Rachel Taylor | | |

Birthday 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.**

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| 2/1 | Andy & Susan Yee |
| 2/10 | Brad & Tracy Painter |
| 2/14 | Ray & Mimi Buchman |



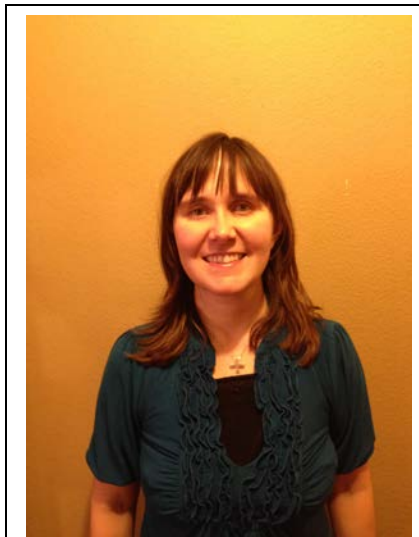
Anniversary Prayer

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.**

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS



Deborah Gansert



Beth Anne Nelson



On January 8, 2015, The Daughters of the King held an installation ceremony led by Father David to receive into the Order, two new daughters, Deborah Gansert and Beth Anne Nelson.

To learn more about this women's world-wide Episcopal Order, contact Theresa Reed, tecireed@earthlink.net, President of our chapter.

Meetings are held every 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00 am and at 7:00 pm. with food and fellowship, followed by a devotional and time of prayer.



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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

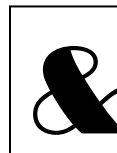
Love as Christ Loves Us – Nurturing our Community

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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Special “thank you” to Mike McDaniel, Teresa Simmons and John Holmes for a job well done during their three year tenure as Vestry Members of Christ the King! Mike McDaniel spent endless hours of working behind-the-scenes as the “fixer” of so many things, Father David’s “right-hand-man”, as well as researcher for the proposed parish hall. Teresa Simmons dedicated her vestry career as Christian Formation “director in chief” contributing countless resources toward the creative education of our children at Christ the King. We also thank John Holmes for contributing his expertise in accounting and helpfulness during his last year as the outreach coordinator. Many thanks to all of you!

**CHRIST THE KING INVITES YOU TO
CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR BY JOINING US
EACH SUNDAY TO WORSHIP!**