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CTK Headlines

School is Back in Session!

The kids – and their backpacks – were sent back to school with a special blessing! We wish them all the best for a great school year.



Make a Joyful Noise!

Drew Balog & our CTK Choir cordially invite you to join us Saturday, October 19th from 9:00 am until noon (lunch included) for a choir retreat.

The retreat will be led by Edward Flores, an extensively trained vocalist with a BA in Music from HBU, who will teach us how to better praise God with the gift of our voices.



From the Desk of David

Back in the Swing of Things...



Father David Nelson

Summer is over. Now we are really getting back into the swing of things at Christ the King.

Here is a short list.

- For those interested in learning more about vestry, we are offering a Vestry 101 class on September 8th from 9:15 am to 10:00 am. Vestry elections will be in early October.
- Rally Day and Invitation Sunday are September 15th.
- We will be taking photos for our church directory on September 15th, 22nd, and 29th.
- Sunday School begins on September 22nd.
- September 22nd Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer Training at 9:15 am.
- September 29th Acolyte Training from 9:15 am-10:00 am.
- Our 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be Monday, October 7th, at Walden. Please sign up soon. You can play, volunteer, or ask a friend to play or be a sponsor.

*“We have lots
of exciting
things
happening at
Christ the
King!”*

Our next Wednesday Evening Bible Study series will be from October 2nd through November 20th. That’s eight Wednesday evenings, starting at 6:30 pm with dinner and ending at 8:00 pm with Compline. We will study a book called, “Who is this Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus,” by John Ortberg.

This book studies the life of Jesus and explores his impact upon history. Jesus has had a major impact on art, science, government, medicine, education, and more. This book is both fascinating and very easy to understand. I simply can’t wait for this study! You do not want to miss this. Copies will be available for sale on Rally Day.

I think that’s enough for now! We have lots of exciting things happening at Christ the King!

Yours in Christ,
Father David Nelson†

~~STATE OF THE PLATE~~



~~STEWARDSHIP~~

At a recent Vestry Meeting this summer I was asked how, as Stewardship Chairman, things were going. Truth is, we at Christ the King don't really start thinking about Stewardship until each year around October. Anyway, I thought about what I could possibly say pertaining to Stewardship so early in the year. I quickly came up with an answer. I said I had been *Stewardizing* at every opportunity.

I was not sure what that meant, but I got a few chuckles around the table. So if one has been *Stewardized*, what might that mean? Well, if you feel kind of guilty when you think you should volunteer for something but don't, you just might be *Stewardized*. If you miss your turn to do something you are scheduled to do at Church, you just might be *Stewardized*. And of course if you

forget to put your pledge in the plate on a Sunday or two during the year and feel bad about it, you just might be *Stewardized*.

You see, these things do not bother an Un-*Stewardized* person because they could care less about giving back using their Time, Talent and Treasure. They never give a thought that all they have comes from God and He asks for so little back. So, the next time you feel a little guilty or disappointed in yourself for not doing what you committed to do in support of the Church, remember that is perfectly normal. Well, normal for a *Stewardized* person that is!

Mike McDaniel
Vestry Member, Stewardship

~~HEALTHCARE REFORM~~

Health exchange shoppers can expect \$2,700 in Obama tax credits

August 14, 2013

(Bloomberg) -- Tax credits to buy medical coverage next year will average \$2,672 per family under President Barack Obama's health care system overhaul, a benefit that will make the plans more affordable.

The subsidy should reduce the cost of the premiums by about 32% on average for people buying the second-lowest priced plans through state-by-state insurance exchanges set to open Oct. 1.

Many have tried to discourage participation in the exchanges, warning consumers that premiums will rise as a result of the law's requirement that insurers cover sick people. Those warnings focus on "sticker prices" and ignore tax credits available to people earning less than four times the poverty level, about \$94,200 for a family of four.

Tax subsidies are an essential part of the equation for many people who buy insurance through [the new marketplaces](#). They will help make coverage more affordable for low- and middle-income people.

About 48% of people who currently buy insurance for themselves, instead of getting it through work, will be eligible for subsidies to reduce their premiums next year. Those tax credits will average \$5,548 per family for that pool of people. When all consumers are taken into account, whether eligible for credits or not, the average subsidy works out to \$2,672 each, according to the study.

Some have predicted premium increases of as much as 200%. However, smaller increases or savings will occur when subsidies accompanying the law are included in the actual cost. Folks that make 250% or below of poverty level, about 30,000 per year for an individual can actually expect immediate premium subsidies for their policies, while those above that income level will get premium tax credits at the end of the year.

The Penalty in 2014 for not buying coverage will be 1% or less of your income. So if you make 50,000 per year and do not buy coverage, you will pay a penalty tax at the end of the year on your income tax of \$500.00.

For more information, contact John Holmes at 281.948.3425 or JRHolmes44@gmail.com.

John Holmes
Vestry Member, Finance

~~ARCHITECT TASK FORCE~~

I want to give an update about the Architect Task Force. In August, I wrote a letter about our next steps in hiring an Architect. Since I wrote the letter, 3 members of Christ the King have offered to serve on this Task Force. In addition, there will be two vestry members on the Task Force. That means we have 5 spots taken, and only 3 spots remaining!

The Architect Task Force will begin their work later in September.

If you are interested in serving on the Architect Task Force, the main requirement is that you love Christ the King. The second requirement is that you be available to discuss the pros and cons of each candidate with the rest of the Task Force. You do not need a background in architecture to serve on the Task Force.

Father David
Rector, Christ the King

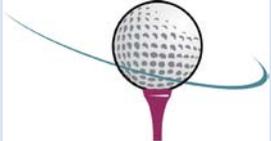


~~CALENDAR OF EVENTS~~

- 9/1 First Sunday Lunch immediately following the 10:30 am service. Everyone is welcome!
- 9/3 The **Breakfast Brothers** are meeting at IHOP in Atascocita at 8:00 am. Bring a friend!
- 9/8 Do you wonder what the Vestry is or does? Join us for a Vestry 101 class at 9:15 am.
- 9/12 The **Daughters of the King** are meeting at the church at 7:00 pm.
- 9/15 It's **RALLY DAY** and Christ the King Invitation Sunday. Invite someone to come experience all that CTK has to offer. And wear your "**Sunday Best**," we will be taking family photos for our church photo directory!! Photos will be taken on September 15th, 22nd, and 29th between services
- 9/17 The **Vestry** is meeting at the church at 7:00 pm.
- 9/22 Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer Training at 9:15 am
- 9/29 Acolyte Training at 9:15 am

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

We will study a book called "Who is this Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus"
Wednesday evenings, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, October 2nd – November 20th.

~ September 2013 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 am Service 10:30 am Service 12 noon 1 st Sunday Lunch	2  Church Office CLOSED	3 8:00 am @ IHOP Breakfast Brothers	4	5	6	7
8 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Vestry 101 9:15 Adult Choir Practice 10:30 am Service	9	10	11	12 7:00 pm Daughters of the King	13	14
15 RALLY DAY 8:00 am Invitation Sunday 9:15 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Invitation Sunday FAMILY PHOTOS	16	17 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	18	19	20	21
22 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Choir Practice 9:15 am Lay Reader & Chalice Bearer Training 10:30 am Service 12 noon Children's Choir FAMILY PHOTOS	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Choir Practice 9:15 am Acolyte Training 10:30 am Service 12 noon Children's Choir FAMILY PHOTOS	30	SAVE THE DATE: Monday, October 7th at Walden Golf Course: Christ the King's Annual Charity Golf Tournament Register a team, sponsor a hole or sign up to volunteer on line at www.CTKAtascocita.org				

~~CHRISTIAN FORMATION~~

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS STARTING:

Our children's Sunday School class will be resuming Sunday, September 22nd, at 9:15 am. We look forward to welcoming your children and promise you (and them) an hour of learning, sharing, and fun. The children range in age from approximately 5 years old to 12 years old, and our format is the "one room school." We found that worked very well last spring, and we are looking forward to repeating that success. Sunday School meets upstairs in the classroom to the left of the stairs.

The formal name for Sunday School is Christian Formation, and that very well describes the intent of the program. It is an opportunity for the children to be instructed not just in the Bible, but also in what we believe in the Episcopal Church.

It also establishes a social network of "church friends" and a community for the children, which also makes Sunday School and Church a very comfortable place to be. We want to encourage children to feel at home here.

Of course, to accomplish all this, we need not only your children, but also you and your helping hands and willing hearts. Please consider giving some time and energy to our program. There will be sign-up sheets at Rally Day, and at that time you will also be able to peruse the curriculum. If you know you are interested, please contact me at 281.360.8369 or teresasimmons@mac.com.

See you in Sunday School!

Teresa Simmons
Vestry Member, Christian Education

~~RALLY FOR WEST~~

I recently received an email from Mary Wentworth, who is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Waco, Texas, and a member of the Executive Board of the Diocese of Texas. The purpose of Mary's email was to request our church's support for the City of West as it recovers from the devastating explosion and fires that occurred on April 17th.

Mary requested that we help raise \$87,000 by donating to the City of West any undesignated cash and checks that are received during our offering on Rally Day, September 15th. Mary said that \$87,000 will rebuild one whole house, while \$7,500 will rehab a damaged house.

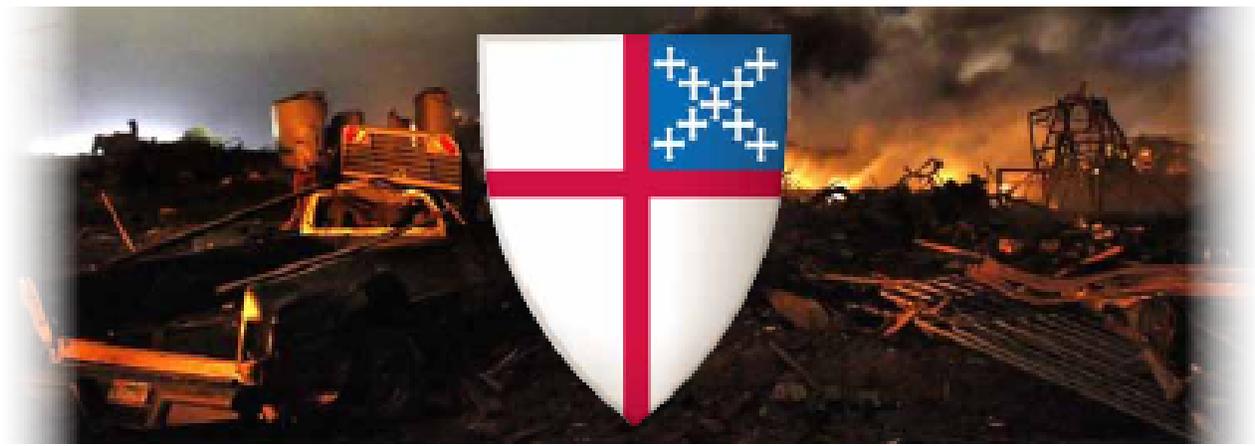
If you would like to make a donation, please either place cash or a check in the offering plate during our services on September 15th. Please

make your check payable to our church, but note on the memo line that it is a donation for the City of West. If you will not be able to attend church on September 15th, you can put your cash donation in an envelope with a notation that it is for the City of West and either drop it off at the church or place it in the offering plate before September 15th, or you can mail a check to the church noting it is a donation for the City of West.

Thank you for your consideration and support as we join with our fellow Episcopalians of Texas and "strive to be the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors."

Carol Martin
Senior Warden

RALLY FOR WEST



Texas Episcopalians can help their brothers and sisters in Christ recover from the deadly fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas.

**ALL PLATE OFFERINGS FROM THIS DATE
WILL BE USED TO RAISE 87K IN FUNDS TO HELP BUILD
A NEW HOME FOR A FAMILY OR INDIVIDUAL
AFFECTED BY THE BLAST.**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2



~~ADVENT~~

We Are Looking for a Few Writers for Advent

The word Advent means “coming.” It is a time to slow down, be quiet and meditate about the real meaning of Christmas. These four weeks before Christmas are a time to prepare our hearts and our lives as we wait for the coming of Jesus. We focus on the promise that God made to his people and how that promise was fulfilled in Jesus. Advent is also the beginning of the liturgical year. The season begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on the day before Christmas. It may be a time for new beginning for us as Christians.

Christ the King will be publishing our own Advent meditations this year. We are asking for volunteers who would enjoy sharing stories about waiting. We all know how very hard it is to wait to find out if you got the job; passed the test; or when will the baby come? Do you remember waiting for Christmas as a child? Looking under

the tree wondering ‘what was in that big box with YOUR name on it’?

While today, we live in a world of instant information; the ever present Internet makes it possible for us to find answers to questions and stay in touch with people 24/7. We don’t have to wait long to hear from a friend or loved one. And yet, there are still things we must wait upon.

The good news of Advent is that if we wait, while we wait, in the waiting, God comes.

I am looking for men, women, teenagers, and children, anyone who would like to share. The deadline is not until November, so please let me know and let’s get writing. If you would like to share an advent experience with our parish, please contact me at 281.381.7216 or email luv2lern7118@yahoo.com.

Billie Bailey
Vestry Member, Evangelism

~~MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE~~

Choir Retreat –

Everyone with a voice is welcome!

Drew Balog and our CTK Choir cordially invite you to join us Saturday, October 19th, from 9 am until noon (lunch included) for a choir retreat. The retreat will be led by Edward Flores, an extensively trained vocalist with a BA in Music from HBU who will teach us how to better praise God with the gift of our voices.

Edward has sung professionally for over 30 years, soloist with the Houston Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Society, soloist and recording artist with Bonita Gardens Iglesia Bautista of Houston, choral director at various churches in Houston, written music for solo presentations in Mexico, Cuba, Colombia and Costa Rica, taught voice and choral conducting at College of Biblical Studies in Houston, studied voice with Dr. William Guthrie

at Houston Baptist University and with Joyce Farwell at Rice University Shepherd School of Music, sung with the Houston Grand Opera and taught vocal and instrumental music in Houston public schools for over 10 years.

So, whether you are an alto, tenor, soprano, baritone, or unsure of your vocal gifts yet, come join us for what will surely be a blessed adventure.

Sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board to register for the event for a few hours of song, food & fellowship with CTK Choir as we learn to make a joyful noise unto the Lord even better!

Barbara Goodson
Vestry Member, Hospitality

CHOIR practice



Join the Choir!

Let your voice be heard

Adult Choir Practice is weekly at 9:15 am
starting Sunday, September 8th

Children's Choir Practice is weekly at Noon
starting Sunday, September 15th

Choir Retreat is 9:00 am – Noon with lunch
Saturday, October 19th

See Drew Balog for more information

Bishop's Visit

Mark Your Calendars NOW
for a Special Visitation
with **Bishop Fisher!**

Sunday, March 9, 2014



CTK Golf Tournament

Mark Your Calendars!
It's Christ the King's 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, October 7th
9:00 am Shotgun Start
Walden on Lake Houston Golf & Country Club

We are currently looking for sponsors and teams
from the community!

*If you know someone interested in participating,
please see Rachael Shedeed*



~~MEET OUR STAFF~~

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All 5 Staff Members can be reached via phone through the main church line: (281) 852-1990

CHRIST THE KING 2013 VESTRY MEMBERS

Your vestry is a group of lay members elected by you, the church members, to serve with the rector as the leadership and governing body of the church. Through an annual retreat, and monthly and other special meetings, the rector and vestry are responsible to set and oversee the vision of ministry for the church, 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.

Each Sunday you can find a 'Vestry Person of the Day' present during the services for announcements, and available before and after each service for any questions any parishioner or newcomer might have about the church or any of the ministries.

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One of the responsibilities of the vestry, along with the rector, is managing the church's finances. We feel it's important that our parishioners have a sense of our church's financial position.

Here is a snapshot of our July 2013 Financial Statement:

<u>OPERATING FUND</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET %</u>
Total Pledges & Contributions	\$17,285.10	\$18,750.00	92%
Total Expenses	(\$23,979.01)	(\$19,720.14)	122%
Excess Pledges/Expenses	(\$6,693.91)	(\$970.14)	



9/1 Melton Hardy	9/8 Jonathan Haughenberry	9/20 Andrew Beesley
9/1 Anna Garcia	9/12 Erick Holmes	9/25 Ryan Taylor
9/3 Sue Acaster	9/13 Jason Taylor	9/25 Hailey Haughenberry
9/5 Taylor Stermon	9/13 George Spence	9/27 Bob Swartz
9/5 Mike Herring	9/14 Judy Walker	9/27 Aaron Holbrook
9/7 Caren Thomas	9/15 Ruben Garcia	9/28 Tyler Auth
9/7 Vicky McNeil	9/18 Mike McDaniel	9/28 Jill Stegall
9/8 Barbara Spence	9/18 Grace Nelson	9/30 Phoebe Aston

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* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

September

- 9/2 Artis & Ayele Preston
- 9/15 Steven & Barbara Goodson
- 9/23 Jason & Rachel Taylor
- 9/26 Mike & Sherry Herring
- 9/27 Charlie & Linda Tyler



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.**

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About Christ the King

Christ the King is a pastoral size 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

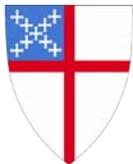
Love as Christ Loves Us – Nurturing our Community

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING

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

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