



# CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

## CTK Headlines – Town Hall Meeting

On Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, we had a Town Hall meeting led by Steve Lucchesi of HBL Architects. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the congregation of the results of the Master Plan Questionnaires that were completed by 81 parishioners the Sunday before at the First Sunday Breakfast, as well as to have an open forum to allow parishioners to offer their input about how to move forward in shaping a master plan for Christ the King's future.

To summarize the questionnaire results, Steve began with noting that two-thirds of the congregation is over 50 years of age and half is over 60 making evident the need to attract younger members and to focus on improvements that target that goal.

He also noted from the survey results that the majority of the congregation believes the best model for growth and expansion is a complex of buildings with courtyards rather than one large building. In addition, the top ten priorities as indicated by our responses include the following:

1. Parking and driveway
2. Parish Hall
3. Lighting and security
4. Kitchen
5. Meeting rooms/classrooms
6. Designated Youth Meeting area
7. Nursery
8. Elementary Classrooms
9. Middle School Classrooms
10. Storage

Steve believes that it is possible to achieve most of these priorities in the first phase of planning, which would also address improvements to our current worship space as to sound, lighting, flooring and adding warm colors to the walls as well as examining the condition of the pews.

He emphasized the strength at Christ the King is the warmth and friendliness of the congregation and that our current worship space has potential. As for the negatives, our building has poor visibility and lacks "curb appeal", the parking lot needs immediate attention, the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is almost unusable, the current nursery and meeting room are undersized, and we need a parish hall for church-wide events.

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### March 2014

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## *From the Desk of David*



Father David Nelson

As you know we are participating in a Master Planning process. The plan is to develop a vision for the future of our facilities. I will remind us that our mission is still the same, "We are called to be a light, living as a witness to Christ's love, serving and nurturing all." The Master Plan is about ordering our steps and planning so that our facilities can support our mission, and never the other way around.

We have shared our hopes and dreams with the architect. Every person has been included. Some of our dreams are very personal. Some dreams are realistic, some aren't. Everybody has different ideas.

The disciples of Jesus had different visions for his ministry. James and John thought Jesus would give them whatever they wanted. When Jesus predicted he would suffer and die, Peter tried to correct Jesus. Even Judas had a dream for the ministry of Jesus. His betrayal was a response to a broken dream. Jesus quickly corrected each of them. I think it's important to remember that at no point in the ministry of Jesus was everybody on the same page.

I share these examples because I think they are teaching moments. Sometimes we want following Jesus to be easy (like Peter), we want Jesus to give us what we want (like James and John), and we can act out when we don't get our way (like Judas). When I think about my prayer life I am no different than these disciples. I pray for life to be easy. I pray to get what I want. I can act out or try to control God like Judas. Our hearts can deceive us, even in prayer.

I want to suggest that we reverse the expectations of the disciples. If we do this, here's what to expect:

**Life with Jesus will not be easy.**

**You won't always get what you want.**

**And your dreams will be different than God's.**

I think all of this applies to our Master Planning process. Let's remember that Jesus corrected his disciples when they wanted things to be easy, to go their way, or when they presumed God would follow their plans. So as we plan together, I pray that we can stay faithful to God above all.

Please keep those in our Confirmation Class in your ongoing prayers. Bishop Fisher will be present on March 9<sup>th</sup>. He will do a regular service at 8:00 am followed by the 10:30 service with Confirmation. There are 5 people seeking Confirmation: Edward Sellar, Beverly Painter, Xavier Goudeaux, Tamara Phillips, and Noah Dawlearn. Lesley Exum-Goudeaux is Reaffirming her faith.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. David Nelson†

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*"Creating a  
master plan is  
a tangible  
vision for our  
future."*

~~CALENDAR OF EVENTS~~

- 3/1 Work Day at 8:00 am (Rain date March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am)
  - 3/2 Join us for our First Sunday lunch after the 10:30 am service.
  - 3/4 The **Breakfast Brothers** are meeting at IHOP in Atascocita at 8:00 am. Bring a friend!
  - 3/4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper being served by our youth from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm
  - 3/5 Ash Wednesday worship at Noon and 7:00 pm
  - 3/8 The **Brotherhood of St Andrew** will be meeting at the church at 8:30 – 9:30 am
  - 3/9 Bishop Fisher’s visit and confirmation Sunday at 10:30 am service with lunch to follow
  - 3/12 Lenten Bible Studay 6:30-8:00 pm (\*soup dinner & closes with Compline) each Wednesday through 4/9
  - 3/13 The **Daughters of the King** will meet at the church at 7:00 pm to caravan to watch the movie *Son of God*
  - 3/18 The **Vestry** is meeting at the church at 7:00 pm.
- \*Sign up sheet posted to bring soup, bread and drinks for Bible Study served at 6:30 pm.

Join us for confirmation classes at 9:15 am. The classes will be on Sundays through March 9<sup>th</sup>.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1 Work Day 8:00 am Rain date set for 3/8 if needed	
2 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Choir 10:30 am Service 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Lunch	3	4 8:00 am @ IHOP Breakfast Brothers  Shrove Tuesday - Pancake supper 5:00 pm until 7:00pm	5 Ash Wednesday Services: Noon and 7:00 pm	6	7	8 8:30 – 9:30 am Brotherhood of St Andrew  	
9 Bishop Fisher's visit presiding at 8:00am Service & 10:30am Confirmation Reception follows	10	11	12 Lenten Bible Study 6:30 – 8:00 pm	13 Daughters of the King meet to view movie, "The Son of God" in lieu of regular meeting	14	15	
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30 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Sunday School and Choir 10:30 am Service	31	<b>Notes:</b> <u>Daylight Savings Time Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> -- Don't forget to "Spring Forward" and set your clocks one hour ahead Saturday night to be on time for the Bishop's visit!</u>					



## ~~ TOWNHALL MEETING WITH HBL ARCHITECTS ~~

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Once this meeting concluded, anyone interested in joining Steve and Stephanie Kaup were invited to attend small group meetings to address particular concerns for program ministries such as the Choir, Christian Education, Altar Guild, and Youth.

During the Christian Education meeting, which was attended by Teresa Simmons, Rachel Taylor, Rachael Shedeed and several younger children ages 6-11, the group discussed the need to improve the teaching environment by painting, putting in new flooring, lighting, temperature control, and access to washroom facilities, and adding new chairs, circle tables, and an outdoor playground recreation area that could also include a chapel.

The Choir ministry meeting was attended by Drew Balog and many choir members. The discussion focused on having adequate space for growth that would include a music practice room (rather than holding practice in the sanctuary that often conflicts with meetings and the need for a quiet church environment prior to the service), the need for a better seating arrangement and chairs equipped with kneelers and sufficient racks to hold books and music material for less clutter, and possibly amplifying the choir space to improve its ability to lead worship.

The Altar Guild meeting was attended by Susan Acaster, Barry and Lynda Rought, and Shawn Sanders. The discussion centered on the small sacristy area, and its uses. There was a consensus that there is not enough counter work areas and they were too low. Also it was noted that the storage area is inadequate for all the needs throughout the year, especially for the seasonal hangings and linens. The issue of accessibility into the sacristy was described as being somewhat prohibitive due to the steps; making it difficult whilst carrying objects to and

from the sacristy into the sanctuary. Additionally, there was discussion as to how to reach the hook and hang the advent wreath, without the necessity to carry a ladder and an extension pole and how to refill the candles more easily.

The youth ministry was attended by Amy and Andrew Beesley, Johnny and Bev Painter and several others including Father David. Their main focus was the need for a designated room for up to 20 kids they could call their own, decorate and hold programs that would attract more youth.

The last meeting held was to discuss the building and grounds and was well attended. The main areas of concern that were addressed were the need to examine the upstairs space to determine whether to make the needed investment to adequately improvement the upstairs space to make it usable or if the costs would be prohibitive. The need for a parish hall was discussed at length, including the idea of a building connected by a walkway with enough square feet to accommodate 150 people for parish-wide and community events that would also have classroom partitions and/or have permanent classrooms directly adjacent and connected to the parish hall. In addition, we discussed how to make our site more visible and inviting to the public now and in conjunction with future building planning.

This is merely a summary of a series of meetings that began at 9:15 a.m. and lasted throughout the day, concluding around 3:00 p.m. If there are any questions regarding these discussions, please feel free to contact any of the Master Planning Committee members or Father David as we look forward to God leading us to follow Him in this journey to expand and improve our mission at Christ the King.

*Barbara Goodson*  
Master Planning Committee Member



## CHOIR NOTES by Drew Balog, Choir Master

It's Sunday morning and you are greeted at the door and handed the weekly bulletin for the 10:30 am service. All of the hymns and service music are listed. The Hymnal 1982 is in the pews. There are congregational hymns sung. There is an organ/piano prelude and postlude, and an introit and anthem sung by the choir. The selections, with the exception of the introit and the service music, change on a weekly basis. How are the selections determined each week?

The choices for music are based off the lectionary text. We follow The Revised Common Lectionary, so we know the readings from the Old Testament, the Psalm, the Epistle and the Gospel.

We choose music that goes well with the readings - many hymns are taken straight from the scriptures, and there are many organ chorals based on hymn tunes - we want the music to be a part of the whole service so the worshipper has a full experience that includes spoken word, prayer, and music.

All of this is based on The Liturgical Year which has three cycles, year A, B, and C. Generally speaking, the processional hymn should be uplifting that calls us to the service, and the recessional hymn should send us out with joy!

### ***Bishop's Visit***

Mark Your Calendars NOW  
for a Special Visitation with  
**Bishop Fisher - Sunday, March 9, 2014**



### ***Confirmation Classes***

This class is for all who are interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, or for those simply wanting to reaffirm their baptismal vows

**Sundays, January 26<sup>th</sup> to March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am**



~~MEET OUR STAFF~~

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**CHRIST THE KING 2014 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.

Financial Statement as of January 31, 2014:

<u>OPERATING FUND</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>RESERVE FUND</u>
Beginning Balance:	\$57,327.73	\$30,409.86	\$18,071.00
Expenses:	(\$17,752.14)		
Deposits:	<u>\$18,533.50</u>		
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$58,108.52</b>	<b>\$30,409.86</b>	<b>\$18,071.00</b>



# Birthdays of the Month

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|------|--------------|------|------------------|
| 3/4  | Bill Reed    | 3/19 | Rod Rodriguez    |
| 3/4  | Henry Lee    | 3/20 | Marlene Richeson |
| 3/5  | Fiona Aston  | 3/21 | Shawn Sanders    |
| 3/8  | Robin Dieter | 3/27 | Kenny Loo        |
| 3/11 | Drew Balog   | 3/31 | Theresa Reed     |
| 3/12 | Bade Baker   |      |                  |

## 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.**

- 3/18 Bruce & Diane Newport
- 3/25 Mike JoAnne Stermon
- 3/30 Don & Janice Hardy



## 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.**



## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual YMCA Dancing with Partners

Help support the YMCA provide scholarships to kids who can't afford summer day camp and watch Susan Lunson and others dance!

**Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm --Humble Civic Center**

*If you are interested in participating in a group table purchase, please see Susan Lunson. Reserve early, the event sells out quickly*



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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 & Choir
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist with music

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submissions, email:  
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## Volunteers from Christ the King serving L.O.T.S.



*Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink;*

Lord of the Streets, often referred to as L.O.T.S., is an Episcopal Church established in 1990 dedicated to ministry to Houston's homeless population in downtown and Mid-town Houston. In 1993, Lord of the Streets was established as a special mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. Christ the King is one of the supporting parishes and we do so by giving of our time and funds for this mission outreach. Just last month, Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, a group of volunteers from Christ the King gathered at 6:15 am in the parking lot to travel together in order to help serve a warm breakfast to fill the stomachs of nearly 200 people either homeless or very under-privileged. If you ask anyone that has participated in this event, they will tell you of what a moving experience it is to be a part of serving the hungry and needy of our community. To learn more, visit: [www.lordofthestreets.org](http://www.lordofthestreets.org)