



CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

March 2015

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BISHOP DOYLE VISITS CHRIST THE KING!



Christ the King was honored to have Bishop Doyle visit on Sunday, February 8th to not only preside over the 10:30 am Worship Service with Confirmation, but also take the time to meet with our congregation that morning at 9:30 am to share his vision and answer questions. It was an encouraging message we received that our Church is such a welcoming place and that we are heading in the right direction by making our church home more inviting with the upcoming plans for a parish hall and other improvements envisioned by the master plan he reviewed.

See Bishop's visit continued on page 4

With the Lenten Season upon us, March will be filled with opportunities to keep focused on its meaning. So mark your calendars:

- ✚ Wednesday, March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th from 6:30pm – 8:30 pm is the continued Lenten series Family Night Bible Studies with Dinner and prayer.
- ✚ EYC will be meeting from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm March 8th and 22nd. And, it is so exciting to be able to introduce Tracey Bulau, our new Youth Director! (*read more on page 5*).
- ✚ 1st Sunday Lunch, March 1st after the 10:30 am worship service.
- ✚ Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 8th for Daylight Savings Time!
- ✚ Parents' Night Out will meet again in April – look for the date!

From the Desk of David



Father David Nelson

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I recently informed our congregation that we reached a major milestone in our Capital Campaign journey. We have completed an important document called a Case Statement. A Case Statement is a simple pamphlet that gives a snapshot of the projects identified for the capital campaign, the costs, and projections of how much money needs to be raised.

Starting on March 1st Leslie Pendleton, our consultant from Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF), will interview several parish members. Then a Case Statement along with a questionnaire will be mailed to everyone on our mailing list. Your feedback is critically important. Once all of this information is compiled Leslie Pendleton will visit Christ the King to share the results of your feedback. This presentation will include a dollar amount indicating how much Christ the King can anticipate raising on this project. ECF has a great track record as 92% congregations raise more money than estimated. April 12 is the planned date of that visit.

There are 2 sources of funding:

- 1) Pledges made from Christ the King.
- 2) A 20 year loan from the Diocese. This loan is 2% interest, with a maximum of \$500,000.

Assuming that the Case Statement is well received and the funds raised are sufficient, the Capital Campaign will begin right away. If we hit any snags along the way, we will discuss the best way to go forward via a Town Hall.

Bishop Doyle said a prayer from legendary Episcopal priest Phillips Brooks. I think it applies to Capital Campaign and our lives:

“Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be a stronger person! Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks! Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle. But you shall be a miracle.”
Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. David

~~CALENDAR OF FEBRUARY EVENTS~~

- 3/01 *First Sunday Lunch* will follow the 10:30 am worship service.
- 3/03 The *Breakfast Brothers* will meet at IHOP in Atascocita at 8:00 am. Bring a friend!
- 3/04 *Wednesday Family Night Bible Study with Dinner and Prayer* 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm.
- 3/08 *EYC* meets 6:00-7:30 pm.
- 3/11 *Wednesday Family Night Bible Study with Dinner and Prayer* 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm.
- 3/12 The *Daughters of the King* meet at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.
- 3/14 *Brotherhood of Saint Andrew* will meet at 8:30 – 9:30 am.
- 3/17 *Vestry* meets at 7:00 pm.
- 3/22 *EYC* meets 6:00-7:30 pm.
- 3/25 *Wednesday Family Night Bible Study with Dinner and Prayer* 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm.
- 3/26 *Ladies Lunch Bunch*.

~ March 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Service 	2	3 8:00 am @ IHOP Breakfast Brothers 	4 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  Dinner, Bible study, prayer	5	6	7
8 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Service EYC meets 6-7:30 pm 	9	10	11 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  Dinner, Bible study, prayer	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	16	17	18 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  Dinner, Bible study, prayer	19	20	21
22 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Service EYC meets 6-7:30 pm 	23	24	25 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  Dinner, Bible study, prayer	26 Ladies Lunch Bunch 	27	28
29 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Service 	30	31	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> Daylight Savings Time Sunday, March 8th - Don't forget to turn your clock forward 1 hour! </div>			

~BISHOP DOYLE COMES TO CHRIST THE KING!~



Bishop Doyle meets with the congregation to share his vision and encourage us as we embark on expansion plans.



Fr David & Bishop Doyle stand proudly with Rice Aston, our newest confirmed member.



A lovely reception followed the 10:30 am worship service.



A very happy Aston family pictured above.



Kitchen help is easy to find when you have Teresa, Connie, Rachel, Barbara and Lynda around. Pictured below is Ann, another happy kitchen "recruit"



A picture of fun, food and friendship.



Smiles all around as we all enjoyed the Bishop's visit.



EYC HOSTS THE PANCAKE SUPPER!



Meet the cooks, servers and clean-up crew for the all famous Pancake Supper at Christ the King!
Our EYC raised over \$400.00 toward Youth Scholarship funds!



Meet the littlest pancake eater!



They call her "Flipper"?

INTRODUCING TRACEY BULAU, CHRIST THE KING'S NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR! *(pictured above)*

Tracey grew up in Kingwood, Texas. She then attended Texas Lutheran University, majoring in Theology. While she was at TLU, she was involved in Campus Ministry and played flute in the band. She graduated from TLU in 2011. During her summers in college, she served as a cabin leader at Lutherhill, a Lutheran camp in La Grange Texas. During her senior year of college, she served as youth minister at Immanuel Lutheran Church in La Vernia Texas. In her spare time, she enjoys playing her flute, reading, and playing with her dog Joey. She is excited serve in this congregation and looks forward to getting to know everyone.

CHRIST THE KING STAFF MEMBERS

- Reverend David Nelson, Rector ctkrector@embarqmail.com
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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:	\$68,829.22	\$57,342.02	\$22,967.43
Ending Balance:	<u>\$65,426.24</u>	<u>\$59,342.02</u>	<u>\$23,275.76</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$148,044.02</u>		

HISTORY OF LENT *by Don Palmer*

Lent—the word comes from an ancient word lencten, meaning Springtime, and related to lengthen and long. The period leading up to the most important day of the Christian year, Easter, has traditionally been one of penance and penitence, self-examination and preparation for Easter. New Christians were traditionally baptized on Easter Even, at the Great Vigil of Easter, or on Easter. The period of preparation has not always been 40 days. In the earliest recorded observances, Lent lasted only two or three days.

At the Council of Nicea in 325 (from which we also get the Nicene Creed), the Church discussed a 40 day period of preparation and the custom spread. The number 40 has biblical significance. Noah and his crew and passengers were at sea for 40 days. Moses journeyed with the Israelites for 40 days. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness resisting temptation. Pope Gregory later set the beginning of Lent on Wednesday 40 days before Easter, not counting Sundays, which are always feast days in commemoration of the Resurrection. Gregory is reputed also to have established the practice of the imposition of ashes on that day. Traditionally these ashes are from palms of the previous year’s Palm Sunday, with the symbolism of repentance (“sackcloth and ashes”) and of mortality in the words of the imposition, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return”.

The observance of Lent, of course, varies with the church and with the individual members. The principle remains: preparation for the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, Easter—the holiest day of the year.



3/4	Bill Reed	3/11	Drew Balog
3/4	Henry Lee	3/12	Bade Baker
3/4	Connie Bricker	3/19	Rod Rodriguez
3/5	Fiona Aston	3/21	Shawn Sanders
3/8	Robin Dieter	3/31	Theresa Reed

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.**

3/18 Bruce & Diane Newport
 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.**

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT IS A BIG HIT!

Who knew these adults were so artistic?



Vicky McNeil gives two thumbs up for their special date night that Parents' Night Out program allows adults with young children the opportunity to enjoy with other parish members "in the same boat". If you have an interest in joining in the fun, ask Father David or Michael or Vicky McNeil about their next planned event in April.

Pictured above: Fr David, Grant Miller and Michael McNeil (top row)
 Beth Anne Nelson, Morgan Miller and Vicki McNeil (bottom row)

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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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So many to thank for the wonderful Bishop's reception! Special thanks to Connie Bricker for her catering expertise she "brought to the table" along with Rachel Shaye who made it her mission to have the tables arranged. Also, Teresa Simmons, who not only contributed the drinks and ice, but her time to set up and clean up alongside Ann Rodriguez whose always cheerful and generous spirit lent a light-heartedness to our labor of love (not to mention a bottle of wine to celebrate when the clean-up was done!) Lynda Rought, without being asked pitched right in with the event clean up and also brought fruit trays. And, to the many that contributed food: Julie Langler, Diamala's, Rosemary Sullivan, Susan Yee, Ann Rodriguez, Connie Bricker, Theresa Reed, Rachael Shedeed, Debi Deanovich, Lynda Rought, and Barbara Goodson. Also special thanks to Lyn Goodman for the yummy cupcakes! Many hands make light the load! THANKS TO EVERYONE!