

# 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 2012

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## CTK Headlines

### *Pancake Supper Tradition!*

We begin the Lenten season each year with a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday. As tradition has it, the youth group serves the parishioners dinner, accepting donations that support Camp Allen scholarships!



### *Christian Education at Christ the King*

As Christ the King sees our parish grow, we notice more and more children in the pews on Sundays! It reminds us of how important it is to raise and educate our children around Christian principles and ideals. Sunday School hour is one foundation for providing that education.

Here at Christ the King, we find ourselves needing to search for those willing to give their time and talent to teach our young parishioners during Sunday School. On Sunday, February 12, a group of interested parishioners met to organize Christian education for the remainder of the year.

*Read more about Christian Ed on page 4...*

## *From the Desk of David*



Father David Nelson

I have always found the image of a team most relevant in life. Perhaps I relate to this image because of the many years I played baseball. I played on some good teams and some bad teams. Some teams were full of stars, but lacking in heart, while other teams were full of heart but lacking talent. If you are wondering, the best team I have ever been on is my marriage. Beth Anne is the star of this team, that much I know!

No matter who you are, you belong to some team. If you are married, you belong to a team. If you are employed, you belong to a team. If you participate in civic engagement or a social club, you belong to a team. The same is true of churches. At Christ the King Episcopal Church, we are a team. Each of us offers various gifts and abilities for the greater good. Every team has certain characteristics. Our team takes seriously the importance of welcoming the newcomer, the outsider, or the stranger. Unlike sports teams, our roster is never full. As we welcome people to our church, our team identity gradually changes.

As you know our team at Christ the King is growing. In order to be ready for this growth, we will be adding another staff member on board. This person's title will be the Newcomer Coordinator. He or she will be a resource to our parish in many ways. In March we will begin interviewing candidates for this position. More information will be coming soon.

Another way our team is changing is evident on our vestry. Our new Senior Warden is Russell Strickland. Several vestry positions remain the same: Aaron Holbrook (Junior Warden), Rachel Taylor (Publicity), and Shawn Sanders (Worship). Robert Lunson now has Outreach, while Carol Martin has Evangelism. Our new vestry members are John Holmes (Finance), Teresa Simmons (Christian Education), and Mike McDaniel (Stewardship). While each person on vestry has a specific area of responsibility, we work together as a team in our ministry together.

This March our vestry will go on a retreat where we will learn about parish size dynamics. As you well know a parish that has 50 people at Sunday worship functions quite differently than a parish with 150, or 350. Many tensions can arise when clergy, staff, or parish members fail to consider the importance of these size dynamics. I hope that this retreat will be informative for how we work together as a team at Christ the King.

So as we continue on our Lenten journey together, let us remember the importance of teamwork. May our team at Christ the King continue to grow in faith so that we may stay focused on our mission: "To be a light, living as a witness to Christ's love, serving and nurturing all."

Yours in Christ,  
Father David Nelson†

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## ~~CALENDAR OF EVENTS~~

- 3/3 The **Brotherhood of St Andrew** is hosting a retreat from 8:00 am – 12:45 pm at the church. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The retreat explores the Christian man’s role in society.
- 3/4 Join us for First Sunday lunch after the 10:30 am service!
- 3/4 The **Youth Group** will meet at the church at 6:00 pm.
- 3/6 The **Breakfast Brothers** are meeting at IHOP in Atascocita at 8:00 am. Bring a friend!
- 3/8 The **Daughters of the King** are meeting at the church at 7:00 pm.
- 3/10 The **Adult Family Circuit** is having a Fajita Fiesta dinner at 6:00 pm. Sign up on the bulletin board.
- 3/18 The **Youth Group** will meet at the church at 6:00 pm.
- 3/31 The **“Junior” Family Circuit** is bowling at Max Bowl at 4:00 pm. Sign up on the bulletin board.
- 3/31 It’s a **church workday**, 8:00 am. Make plans to come and help out!

### LENTEN Program

Wednesdays in March at 6:30 pm. Soup, Book Study & Worship.  
The book is *“A Layman Looks at the Lord’s Prayer”* by Phillip Keller.

~ March 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 8:00 am-12:45 pm Brotherhood Retreat @ CTK
4 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Choir practice 10:30 am Service 12 noon First Sunday Lunch 6:00 pm EYC	5	6 8:00 am @ IHOP Breakfast Brothers	7 6:30 pm Lenten Program	8 7:00 pm Daughters of the King	9	10 6:00 pm Family Circuits Dinner FAJITA FIESTA @ Robert & Jill Stegall's Catered by Iguana Joe's
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## ~~CHRISTIAN EDUCATION~~

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During the meeting, we decided to organize the remainder of the "school year" into 3 5-week segments with a lead teacher and an assistant teacher in each class. We have two classes, one with the younger kids K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, and the older kids in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. It was gratifying to see so many people turn out for this meeting, sharing their thoughts and ideas on how to better support our Christian Education program. Most teacher slots were filled for the remaining 15 weeks of our school year. However, there are still a few empty holes. With that in mind, we hope others will check the schedule on the bulletin board to see where they might fill in!

It is a requirement of the Episcopal Church that anyone working with children complete the course "Safeguarding God's Children." We are working to

have this course offered locally and we recommend everyone try to take it when it is offered, even if you aren't interested in teaching this semester. The course is good for 5 years.

It was wonderful to see so many people come out to the Christian Education organizational meeting. Christian education is a vital part of our ministry here at Christ the King and it requires a number of people to fulfill it. All that is needed to teach is a little time and a willing heart - everything else is provided by the church! Thank you to those who have committed to teaching!

*Teresa Simmons*

Vestry member - Christian Education

## ~~NEWCOMER MINISTRY~~

Hopefully you received Father David's recent letter regarding the Strategic Mission Grant that was recently awarded to Christ the King by The Episcopal Diocese of Texas. Our receipt of this grant has provided us with an opportunity to cast our nets in our neighboring communities and invite our neighbors to worship with us and become members of our wonderful church family.

Bishop Doyle visited with the vestry shortly after Father David accepted our call to become our rector almost one year ago. Bishop Doyle told us that we would see growth in our church because people would be curious about our new rector. Well, Bishop Doyle was certainly right! The number of people worshiping with us on Sunday mornings has indeed increased, and we want such increase to continue so that more people can experience all that we have to offer at Christ the King.

The Strategic Mission Grant is providing us with the resources to hire a part-time Newcomer Coordinator,

who will be responsible for developing and implementing strategies to welcome newcomers to our church in a manner that will help them know we are so glad they have chosen to worship with us and that we would welcome the opportunity to become their home parish. Father David enclosed the job description for the Newcomer Coordinator in his recent letter. If you feel led and are interested in applying for this position, please let Father David know by March 1st. Russell Strickland and I are also available to answer any questions you may have regarding this position.

I hope each of you is as excited as we (the vestry) are about the future of our church! We are committed to supporting and assisting the Newcomer Coordinator in sharing our amazing church with our neighbors, and we hope each of you will join us in welcoming our newcomers and making them feel at home.

*Carol Martin*

Vestry member - Evangelism



## ~~MEET OUR STAFF~~

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### CHRIST THE KING 2012 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 January 2012 Financial Statement:

#### Operating Fund

Beginning Balance	\$44,532.85
Revenue	+\$21,011.29
Expenses	-\$23,587.75
Ending Balance	<b>\$41,956.39</b>

#### Building Fund

Beginning Balance	\$4,977.86
Revenue	+\$200.00
Expenses	-\$0
Ending Balance	<b>\$5,107.86</b>

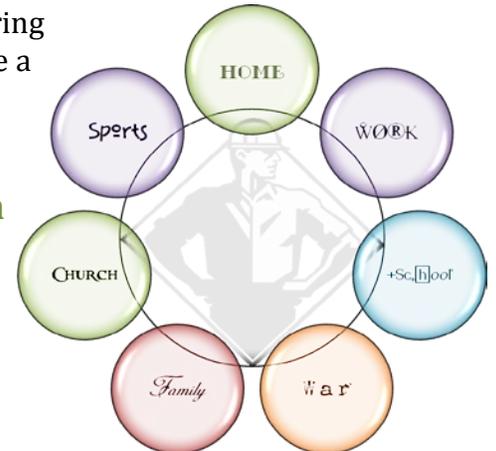
## A Man's Job

The Brotherhood of St Andrew is sponsoring a 1-day retreat for men, exploring the role a Christian man plays in society

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**8:00 am - 12:45 pm at the church**

Breakfast and Lunch provided

*Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board*  
*All men in the community are invited*



## "A Layman Looks at the Lord's Prayer"



This year's Lenten Series Program will study the book by Phillip Keller  
 Soup, Book Study & Worship

**Wednesdays during Lent**  
**6:30 pm at the church**

*Books are \$12 and available in the church office*



## Children's Choir Camp

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diocesan Choir Camp

A week of singing and fun for children grades 4-8. \$450 inclusive.  
 This year's conductor will be Courtney Daniell-Knapp.

**July 8-14, 2012**  
**Brenham, TX**

Applications at  
[www.epicenter.org/musiccommission](http://www.epicenter.org/musiccommission)  
 Church Music Commission  
 979-836-7248

## Easter Egg Hunt



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Calling all Easter Eggs!

Start gathering the eggs and candy.  
We plan on having a large Easter Egg Hunt  
after the 10:30 Easter Service

**Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Noon, after Easter Service**

*We will be inviting the entire community,  
so we want to make sure we have plenty of  
goodies!*

## Adult Family Circuit – FAJITA FIESTA

The Adult Family Circuit is planning a Fajita Fiesta,  
catered by Iguana Joe's

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 pm at Robert & Jill Stegall's**  
**14006 Loramie Creek Court**

**\$13 per person**  
**Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board**  
*Includes ice tea & water*  
*Bring your own beer/wine if desired!*



## FAJITA FIESTA

## Jr Family Circuit - BOWLING

The families with young children are planning  
an afternoon of fun, food and bowling!

**Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**4:00 pm at Max Bowl**  
**Wilson Road in Humble**

**\$10 per person**  
**Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board**



## ~~CHURCH LADIES WITH TYPEWRITERS~~

They're back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

**The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.**

**The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'**

**Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.**

**Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.**

**Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.**

**Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.**

**For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.**

**Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.**

**Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.**

**A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.**

**At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.**

**Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.**

**Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.**

**Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.**

**The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.**

**Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.**

**The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.**

**This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.**

**Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM . All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.**

**The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.**

**Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM . Please use the back door.**

**The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM . The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.**

**Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church Please use large double door at the side entrance.**

**The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'**





3/4 Henry Lee  
 3/4 Bill Reed  
 3/11 Drew Balog  
 3/11 Tom Hale  
 3/12 Bade Baker  
 3/13 Adler Buras  
 3/13 Dee Renka

3/14 Glenda Dukes  
 3/16 Mysterie Dalles-Joiner  
 3/19 Rod Rodriguez  
 3/21 Shawn Sanders  
 3/21 Wynter Glover  
 3/27 Kenny Loo  
 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* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

3/17 Tom & Debra Hale  
 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.**

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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**

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

**O**utreach – Committing to Christ-centered service

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

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

**U**nited in Prayer and Worship – Praising God through our liturgy

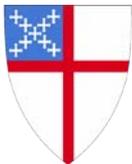
**L**ove as Christ Loves Us – Nurturing our Community

## 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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