



CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

December 2014

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ADVENT – A TIME OF EXPECTATION



And he will
be called ...
Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

- ✚ Christ the King has many offerings during this Advent Season to enrich your joy in anticipation of the celebration of Our Lord's birth beginning with a booklet of devotions from parish members prepared by Billie Bailey.
- ✚ Father David is offering Wednesday evening Bible studies with the focus on "God calls us to prepare" scheduled for the first three weeks of December. This is open to the entire family, complete with dinner and closing prayers.
- ✚ Our fourth annual Breakfast with Santa is an event not to be missed. Saturday, December 13th from 9:00 am until noon. Free pictures will be made with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Elves will be busy passing out gift bags, and a warm breakfast will be served.
- ✚ Enjoy the leadership skills of our young Christ the King members as they preside over the Youth Sunday service at 10:30 am on December 7th.
- ✚ The Christmas Pageant will be held at the 10:30 am service on December 21st followed by the Hanging of the Greens; both cherished annual events.
- ✚ Christmas Eve services will be at 5:00 pm and 10:30 pm.
- ✚ Rounding out the December calendar is Christmas Lessons and Carols at 9:00 am Sunday December 28th.

From the Desk of David



Father David Nelson

*“Advent
means
coming.”*

*Come and
experience
the joy and
celebration
that comes
with
Christmas.*

The word Advent means “coming.” Advent marks the beginning of the church year, leading up to Christmas. There are a number of special events at Christ the King this Advent and Christmas. Here are some of them:

- November 30 is Advent Lessons & Carols at the 10:30 service.
- December 7th is Youth Sunday. Our Youth Group will lead us in worship during the 10:30 service. Please come and support them.
- December 14th Mason Brown will be baptized at the 10:30 service.
- December 21 we will have an Instant Christmas pageant at the 10:30 service. After the service, we will decorate the church for Christmas with the Hanging of the Greens.
- **Christmas Eve worship is at 5:00pm and 10:30pm.**
- December 28th we have only one special service at 9am called Christmas Lessons & Carols. This service is filled with singing Christmas hymns.

Breakfast with Santa is on December 13th from 9am to noon.

Each year this exciting event gets better and better. Free food, pictures with Santa, and even a DJ this year. This event reminds us of the joy and celebration that comes with Christmas. Please bring your family and friends!

After a recent Bible Study one of our parish members said to me, tongue in cheek, “You’re not doing a very good job.”

I asked, “At what?”

“At sharing the joy that is this Wednesday evening study with others. Something special happens when we listen to the kids share what they learned in Bible Study with the adults. Listening to the children read the psalms during our closing prayers fills my spirit. I wish our congregation could know this.” Now you do. 😊

Experience this yourself at the **Wednesday Evening Bible Study from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on December 3, 10, 17.** The topic for Advent is, "God calls us to prepare." Dinner, study, and prayer. All ages welcome. Nursery care is available.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. David

~~CALENDAR OF DECEMBER EVENTS~~

- 12/2 The *Breakfast Brothers* will meet at IHOP in Atascocita at 8:00 am. Bring a friend!
- 12/3 Wednesday Family Night with dinner, bible study, and prayer from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm.
- 12/5 Parents' Night Out 5:00 pm until 8:30 pm.
- 12/6 Church Workday 8:00 am.
- 12/7 Youth Sunday 10:30 am Service and special Texans Tailgate lunch afterward.
- 12/9 The *Vestry* meets for its annual Christmas gathering 6:30 pm.
- 12/10 Wednesday Family Night with dinner, bible study, and prayer from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm.
- 12/13 *Breakfast with Santa* 9:00 am. until noon & *Brotherhood of St Andrew* will meet at 8:00 am.
- 12/14 *Christmas Open House at the Rought's* from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm.
- 12/17 Wednesday Family Night with dinner, bible study, and prayer from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm.
- 12/18 The *Daughters of the King* annual Christmas party 7:00 pm.
- 12/21 Christmas Pageant at 10:30 am and Hanging of the Greens
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Services at 5:00 pm and 10:30 pm.
- 12/28 Christmas Lessons & Carols 9:00 am (only one service).

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 8:00 am @ IHOP Breakfast Brothers 	3 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm WEDNESDAY Family Night Dinner, bible study, prayer	4	5 Parents' Night Out Parents' Night Out 5:00 pm until 8:30 pm	6 Workday 8:00 am
7 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Service Youth Sunday Texans Tailgate Lunch	8	9 Vestry annual Christmas gathering	10 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm WEDNESDAY Family Night Dinner, bible study, prayer	11	12	13 Breakfast with Santa 9:00 am – noon Breakfast with Santa
14 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Service CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE	15	16	17 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm WEDNESDAY Family Night Dinner, bible study, prayer	18 Daughters of the King annual Christmas gathering <i>The Order of the Daughters of the King</i>	19	20
21 8:00 am Service 10:30 am Christmas Pageant & Hanging of the Greens  Christmas Pageant	22	23	24 5:00 pm & 10:30pm  <i>Christmas Eve Worship</i>	25 Church closed 	26	27
28 9:00 am Christmas Lessons & Carols  CAROLS	29	30	31	Notes: Dec 7 th Youth Sunday, Dec 13 th Breakfast with Santa, Dec 14 th Rought's Christmas Open House 1-5pm, Dec 21 st Christmas Pageant & Hanging of the Greens, Dec 28 th Christmas Lessons & Carols.		

~CTK HOSTS THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE~





Can Good Stewardship Fix The World?

I hate to give up on people. For example, if an employee has problems that are really affecting his job I try my best to “fix him” before he gets terminated. I am usually more lenient than most. So some of the folks at work call me the “Fixer” because I always try to fix people rather than terminate them. Sometimes I try several times before that is the only choice left.

Thinking about fixing things will really give you a very busy mind if you are not careful. There are so many circumstances in the world that are just not right and you long to see them Fixed. My wife, God bless her, reminds me occasionally that I cannot save the world.

I know she is right but never the less I still want to.

We can look in our Stewardship Tool Box and see the tools God has given us to fix things. There we will find a Time Journal. Everyone gets the same amount of time in a 24 hour day. There is none carried over if it is not used. We can use a little of it to help others.

Next we might find a Talent Wrench. Most people think we must work very hard to perfect a talent. Perhaps, but the seed is there before we are born. We use this tool when it comes in handy on a job others may not have.

A good all-around tool in the box is Money. The one we tend to leave in the box as much as possible. But we remember it can fix a lot of things and is sort of like our ace-in-the-hole.

So, can good Stewardship fix the world? Maybe not, but it sure goes a long way in keeping our Church, In-reach, and Outreach Programs in working order. For us, for those that will follow, and for those we will never meet.

God Bless Christ the King,
Mike McDaniel



The Order of the Daughters of the King Christ the King Chapter opens up a second meeting time option

On January 8th, the Christ the King Chapter of the Daughters of the King will start a day time meeting at 10:00 am until 11:30 am, as well as the night time meeting time at 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. This will give members and prospective members a choice of meetings to attend. The meetings will be the second Thursday of each month. Members or women who are interested in joining can pick a meeting to attend or attend both!

If you are interested in learning more about the Order of the Daughters of the King please contact Theresa Reed on her cell 713-444-6943 or e-mail her at tecireed@earthlink.net. Hope to see you soon.

CHRIST THE KING STAFF MEMBERS

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CHRIST THE KING 2014 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 October 31, 2014:

<u>OPERATING FUND</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>RESERVE FUND</u>
Beginning Balance:	\$70,063.52	\$34,104.62	\$22,217.88
Ending Balance:	\$57,449.02	\$36,104.62	\$22,426.21
TOTAL:	\$115,979.85		

You shop. Amazon gives.

It’s that easy. If you already shop online at Amazon, there is an easy way to have .5% donated to Christ the King automatically with each purchase and it doesn’t cost you anything! All you have to do is sign up on their website AmazonSmile, and register Christ the King Episcopal Church, Humble, TX as the charitable organization you wish to support. Then shop at AmazonSmile rather than just the Amazon website. Rachael Shadedeed will be available to assist anyone interested Sunday, December 7th and 14th from 9:00am – 10:00 am.

Amazon will now donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases when you shop at AmazonSmile

 **Select a charitable organization to support** Done!

Remember: Your charitable organization only benefits when you start at:





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| 12/1 | Stella Loo | 12/11 | Don Hardy |
| | Rachel Shaye | 12/16 | Barbara Goodson |
| 12/3 | Lyn Goodman | 12/21 | Diane Newport |
| 12/9 | Bev Silloway | 12/22 | Linda Tyler |

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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| 12/1 | Mike & Edie McDaniel |
| 12/6 | Rod & Ann Rodriguez |
| 12/22 | Richard & Teresa Simmons |
| 12/31 | Albert & Selma Maende |



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.**

It's a "date"

Mark your calendars for the last Thursday of every month at noon!

Ladies Lunch Bunch

We will **not** be meeting in December, but come join us for fun, food & fellowship at noon, January 29th at Fish Tails. Locations will be announced each month. For more information, contact MiMi Buchman 832-372-6205 or email her at: mrsbrook1988@gmail.com



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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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A big “hats off” and thank you is in order to Debbie Lee for organizing the annual HAAM Thanksgiving Food Drive. By her last reporting, Christ the King had donated 250 boxes/packets of potatoes and 317 cans of corn. Her trusty assistant, Henry helped load and deliver the donation to HAAM. Edie was also instrumental in counting and keeping the items in order. Many less fortunate will be blessed with a Thanksgiving meal thanks to donations from Christ the King and other supporting churches in the community.



All ladies of Christ the King are welcome to join the Daughters of the King Christmas party at the home of Ann Rodriguez, 20023 18th Fairway Drive, Humble, Texas 77346 on Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 pm.

Bring your favorite dish or beverage if you would like and plan on enjoying a relaxing, fun evening and learn more about The Order of the Daughters of the King.

Watch for more information on the bulletin board and during announcements, or contact Ann at texann51@hotmail.com or 281-380-5132.