

CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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CTK Headlines

Farewell Brunch for the Buras Family

Christ the King says goodbye to the Buras Family – Stephen, Colleen, Adler & Darby – and wishes them well as they move to Baton Rouge!



VBS Goes for the GOLD!

The kids had a blast this summer during Vacation Bible School. They played basketball and soccer and collected "gold" coins (i.e., pennies) – enough to each buy a mosquito net!



From the Desk of David

Making Room for Grace



Father David Nelson

As my wife and I prepare to welcome our baby, Grace Susan Nelson, into this world, we have been doing some extra rearranging in our house. Our old home office is gone. That room is now a nursery for Grace. We rummaged through every room in our house and got rid of the clutter. There was furniture, hundreds of theology books, and random ‘stuff’ that has been donated or thrown away. I even had to move my prized possession from my bachelor days—the world’s first disc golf coffee table—which now resides in my office at Christ the King. We are doing this because we are making room for Grace.

In our spiritual lives we often get some clutter than somehow piles up. We often refer to this as baggage. This baggage can come in the form of bitterness, resentment, jealousy, envy, greed and so on. Sometimes we need to make some room for grace.

One way to make room for grace in your own life is to consider getting involved with some of the ministries at Christ the King. The best way to get a sample of the various ministries is to attend **Rally Day on September 9th**. We will have displays and sign-up sheets available and you can personally ask questions about each ministry. So mark your calendar.

If you are newer to the Episcopal Church or if you have questions about what we do and why we do it, please come to the **Inquirer’s Class (September 17th through October 28th, 9:15am-10:00am)**. You can learn more about worship, the Bible, the Episcopal Church and Christ the King, and have some of your questions answered.

Another way you can make room for grace is by coming to our joyful **Wednesday evening program (September 19th through October 24th, 6:30pm-8:00pm)**. We will begin each night with a light dinner, followed by a discussion (with some video) about the beloved Parable of the Prodigal Son. These evenings close with an evening prayer service known as Compline.

Each Sunday you hear a Vestry person of the day give the announcements. But what is a Vestry anyway? If you would like to know more or if you are considering running for vestry, we have 2 informational sessions scheduled for 9:30am on August 5th & August 19th.

These are just a few ways you can make room for grace this fall. These are just a few examples. So I hope we can all make some room for the grace of God to flourish.

Yours in Christ,
Father David Nelson†

*“Sometimes
we need to
make some
room for
grace...”*

~~STATE of the PLATE~~

Next time you attend services at Christ the King, take a good look around. Watch the choir as they process down the aisle leading us in song. Visualize who was once walking and singing with them. You will see those who so richly blessed our services walking beside them.

Take a look at the altar. See how neat and shiny the Altar Guild has made it. Remember those who worked so hard to prepare it for Sunday services time after time but are no longer with us physically. Can you see them polishing and scurrying around to make sure everything is as it should be?

What about First Sunday Lunch. Remember that special dish you loved so much and looked forward to? You could always count on that special someone to bring it because they knew you loved it. You recall who it was.

And there were always the people who did little things around the church on their own, showing up

unscheduled to do them. They fixed broken things, tidied up the kitchen, and picked up trash from the grounds. No recognition was expected; they saw a need and filled it.

I have not mentioned the names of any of these dedicated folks as I would surely leave someone out. Besides, your recollection would be different from mine. We are from different stages in the history of Christ the King and have been touched by different people doing God's work.

My point is that there are many, gone on before us, who were good Stewards of Christ the King. They gave of themselves unselfishly to the glory of God. May we pause to remember them, using their example to strengthen our own stewardship walk with God and Christ the King.

Mike McDaniel
Vestry member - Stewardship



~~CHRISTIAN EDUCATION~~

I hope everyone has had a good, refreshing and restorative summer. After a very successful VBS and a summer hiatus, we are once again looking forward to working with children and young adults in our Christian education program. Fall is definitely on the horizon and we are gearing up for another rewarding "semester". Not just for our young people but also for the adults in our Christian community who can commit to a few weeks to lend their knowledge and expertise to working with our program.

As an experienced Sunday school provider, I am aware that I learn more from the young participants in our program than I think I share with them. No matter the age of the student, I find he or she brings forth an idea or a thought that enriches me and brings me a deeper understanding of many things.

Barry Rought has been a consistent teacher in the "upper school" as well as the "lower school" and even a VBS leader, and he has remarked that he not only enjoyed teaching every age group, but feels "it is the duty of a teacher to nourish" that inherent desire of every student to learn. He mentions that in Mark 6:34 when Jesus saw a great crowd, "He began to teach them many things", and Barry also says that "Jesus is our model and expects us to use our talents to feed the desires of those who come to Sunday school" while feeding the teacher as well.

I have had the privilege to work with Rachel Shedeed in several capacities involving children but especially enjoyed our Sunday school session together. One of the joys of teaching is also getting the opportunity to work closely with another adult as well as the students (actually, we are all students) , and I agree with her when she says that she "always gets inspired when around the "kiddos". I also feel her assessment is accurate when she describes that she "feels our Lord's presence when around children "and always finds "love, charity, faith, and togetherness" every Sunday morning in the classroom.

To all of you who have worked with children in the classroom, we thank you for your time and commitment and hope that you, too, feel that you have gained more than you have given. Rally day will be arriving soon, and I hope that you and others will respond and be willing to give us a few weeks in the fall. Material is provided, but you are also free to add your individual creativity. It is our hope that in the process you, too, will find that your own journey in faith will be enriched as you share with others. And in addition, have a good time!

Teresa Simmons

Vestry member - Christian Education

~~CTK NEWS~~

In thanksgiving for the newly baptized:

Aria Jean Dimalla, daughter of Elizabeth and J.P. Dimalla, was baptized on May 27th, 2012.
Cameron Lee Hughes, son of Britney and Jerry Hughes, will be baptized on July 29th, 2012.

In remembrance of those members who have recently died:

Ellen Swope was 93 years old. Alice Zawicki was 90 years old.

Ellen and Alice were long time members of Christ the King and both died in early June.

Blessings upon the Buras family (Stephen, Colleen, Adler and Darby) as they move to Baton Rouge.

~~CALENDAR OF EVENTS~~

- 8/5 Join us for First Sunday Lunch after the 10:30 am service!
- 8/5 It's a **BABY SHOWER** for BethAnne & Father David- after the 10:30 am service!
- 8/7 The **Breakfast Brothers** are meeting at IHOP in Atascocita at 8:00 am. Bring a friend!
- 8/9 The **Daughters of the King** are meeting at the church at 7:00 pm.
- 8/11 Stewarship Conference @ Emmanuel Episcopal Church from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm.
- 8/21 The Vestry is meeting at the church at 7:00 pm.

VESTRY '101' Sessions

Come learn what the Vestry is and what the Vestry does and get all your questions answered!

9:15 am on Sunday August 5th and August 19th

| ~ August 2012 ~ | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 5 8:00 am Service 9:15 Vestry Info Session 10:30 am Service 12 noon First Sunday Lunch & Nelson Baby Shower | 6 | 7 8:00 am @ IHOP Breakfast Brothers | 8 | 9 7:00 pm Daughters of the King | 10 | 11 Stewardship Meeting Emmanuel Episcopal 9:00 am  |
| 12 8:00 am Service 10:30 am Service | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 8:00 am Service 9:15 Vestry Info Session 10:30 am Service | 20 | 21 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 8:00 am Service 10:30 am Service | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Last day for Golf Tourney Sponsorships!! | |



~~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 June 2012 Financial Statement:

Operating Fund

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$58,289.30 |
| Revenue | +\$17,277.70 |
| Expenses | -\$15,794.70 |
| Ending Balance | \$59,772.30 |

Building Fund

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| Beginning Balance | \$6,207.86 |
| Revenue | +\$200.00 |
| Expenses | -\$0 |
| Ending Balance | \$6,407.86 |



CTK Rally Day

Are you ready to get more involved
in the church?

Join us for Rally Day, where you learn
about the ministries of Christ the King and
all the wonderful opportunities to get
involved

**After both Sunday Services
September 9th
at Christ the King**

CTK Golf Tournament

Mark Your Calendars!
It's Christ the King's 1st Golf Tournament

**Saturday, October 13th
1:30 pm Shotgun Start
Tour 18 in Humble**

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

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



Lord of the Streets

Mark your calendars now!
We are serving breakfast at LOTS

**Sunday, October 28th
Lord of the Streets**

**We will meet at the church at 6am
Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board**



It's a BABY SHOWER

Help us get Beth Anne and Father David ready for the arrival of Baby Grace!

August 5th
After the 10:30 Service
at Christ the King

They are registered at
Babies'R'Us



~~NEWCOMER CORNER~~

I've missed you! My favorite part of my job as Newcomer Coordinator has been getting to know all of the parishioners at Christ the King. Attending both services has enabled me to expand my own personal church family. And knowing you all makes me want to share that fellowship with all who enter our sanctuary!

But this past month, I've been visiting some growing churches in our Diocese to see what they are doing so successfully. Each church has beautifully illustrated their strengths in welcoming the newcomer, and each church has left some things undone. One church has captivating welcome cards, but no church members personally welcomed me as a visitor. Another church has unimpressive church facilities, but parishioners so friendly it's hard to leave the pew after the service! I've taken note of all the things we can do to improve our visitor's experience at Christ the King, and I will be sharing that information with you in the coming months.

Visiting churches has also been good for me to remember what it's like to be the visitor. That awkwardness you feel upon entering the church facilities, trying to figure out where to go. Milling around all alone, while surrounded by groups of people talking and laughing. Reading the bulletin boards to give you something to do. And then finally scurrying into the sanctuary to find a seat, hoping you don't displace a grumpy regular!

It's been 6 years since I was a first-time visitor at Christ the King. But I have a new appreciation for the courage of those who visit. And I have a new appreciation for the warm welcome that most visitors receive here at Christ the King. I encourage you to take the opportunity to visit other churches when you travel, and to share your experiences with me. It will keep your eyes and hearts open to those whom God has sent to us.

Tracy Painter
 Newcomer Coordinator



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| 8/4 | Danny Dieter | 8/18 | David Martin |
| 8/4 | Edie McDaniel | 8/18 | Susan Yee |
| 8/5 | Beth Anne Nelson | 8/23 | Ayele Enders-Preston |
| 8/6 | Robert Lunson | 8/23 | Bruce Newport |
| 8/6 | Lewis Painter | 8/26 | Robert Stegall |
| 8/13 | Caleb Shaye | 8/26 | Peyton Rodgers |
| 8/14 | Janice Hardy | 8/28 | Johnny Painter |
| 8/14 | Victor Hart | 8/31 | Hilary Sellar |

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.**

8/6 Bob & Sue Acaster
8/7 George & Barbara Spence



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

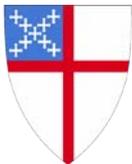
Love as Christ Loves Us – Nurturing our Community

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING

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

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