

# CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## CTK Headlines

### News to Know...

- ✓ We need Sunday School teachers! Please see Teresa Simmons if you feel called to participate!
- ✓ **Calling all pictures and church history...**We will be putting together a 'Christ the King' history book. If you have any photos from over the years, know a bit of history on different items in our church, or if you have a memorable story you want to share, please let Rachel Taylor know!
- ✓ Christ the King's In-gathering is November 17, 2013
- ✓ Our congregation collected \$786 on September 15<sup>th</sup> for the community of West, Texas!



## Vestry Service

Every organization depends on dedicated leaders that can help make the vision become a reality. The same is true of the church. Here at Christ the King we are blessed with faithful leaders that quietly serve Jesus through their ministry here. These people are called vestry members.

If you are interested in serving on the vestry, I encourage you to read the letter I have written, which can be found on page 6. This gives you an overview of what is expected and what to expect.

*Blessings,*  
Father David Nelson†

## *From the Desk of David*

### **Back in the Swing of Things...**

As fall rolls in, we gear up for a busy season!

Here is a short list.

- Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at Walden. Please sign up soon. You can play, volunteer, or ask a friend to play or be a sponsor.
- Join us Thursday mornings from October 3<sup>rd</sup> to November 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon for a special Gospel Lectionary study.
- Blessing of the Animals is October 6<sup>th</sup>, at the church at 5:00 pm. Even the snakes will be blessed (all be it, from a safe distance!)
- We will be conducting an Inquirer's class Sundays in October, at 9:15 am.
- It's an Adult Choir Retreat on October 19<sup>th</sup>, don't miss it!
- Save the date for our Stewardship Breakfast on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Father David Nelson

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*“We have lots  
of exciting  
things  
happening at  
Christ the  
King!”*

Our next Wednesday Evening Bible Study series will be from October 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 20<sup>th</sup>. That's eight Wednesday evenings, starting at 6:30 pm with dinner and ending at 8:00 pm with Compline. We will study a book called, “Who is this Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus,” by John Ortberg.

This book studies the life of Jesus and explores his impact upon history. Jesus has had a major impact on art, science, government, medicine, education, and more. This book is both fascinating and very easy to understand. I simply can't wait for this study! You do not want to miss this.

I think that's enough for now! We have lots of exciting things happening at Christ the King!

Yours in Christ,  
Father David Nelson†

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## ~~STEWARDSHIP~~



Every year after Vestry elections at the first meeting of the new Vestry, Father David goes around the table asking what each member would like to be in charge of. He has to fill those spots for the coming year. He will start with announcing the Senior Warden to all and I breathe a sigh of relief that it's not me and Carol Martin has taken the job. After all, a Senior Warden is very important with lots of responsibility. I will take a job with less work required.

Then we must choose a Junior Warden. I am thinking I don't really want that one either, you have to fix stuff or see that it gets fixed and listen to people telling you a light is burned out or the lawnmower is broken and stuff like that. No, that's not for me. I am relieved when Aaron Holbrook steps up to take the job. I will try and land a cushy spot. Then we have to fill the Treasurers position. Definitely not me. All those numbers to keep track of, gives me a headache just thinking about it.

And so it goes with everyone taking something to be in charge of. Rachel Taylor takes Publicity, John Holmes takes Finance, Bob Keller takes outreach, etc. I still don't have a job, but I have a

backup plan. I will do Stewardship! That way I really won't have to do much until the fall, months away. That's for me. So when it is my turn to accept a job, I go for it and Bingo, I am Stewardship Chairman.

The truth is, it turns out that instead of just in the fall, Stewardship is on my mind a lot until then. Every day, I am amazed at the wonders of this world and the things God has put in our care. I am always aware that everything is on loan from God. So with that in mind, let us all take time, as the Stewardship Campaign for 2013 nears, to remember what God has loaned us in life and all we have to be thankful for.

This year we will again have a Stewardship Appreciation Breakfast to kick off our commitments for 2014. It is really about the appreciation we have for each other and we can be pleased that we have continued God's work for yet another year. So as we look ahead to next year, let's find ways to repay what has been loaned to us by giving up some of our time, talent and treasure. Now, I better get to work!

*Mike McDaniel*  
Vestry Member, Stewardship

## ~~KAIROS~~

*Kairos-Hobby #31 – October 23-26, 2013*

**“I Was in Prison and You Visited Me...”** Matthew 25:36



### God's Special Time

Kairos is an ecumenical, Christian Prison Ministry bringing the understanding of God's love and forgiveness to incarcerated individuals and helping prepare inmate residents (the Ladies in White) for an ongoing Christian community inside the prison.

The word, Kairos, is a Greek word meaning in God's Special Time, indicating an opportunity for our participants to re-consider their life choices. As their hearts are changed, inmates begin to take responsibility for their actions. Being there with them is like having a front row seat at a miracle - transforming lives and impacting the world.

For many Ladies in White, this will be their first experience in a loving family atmosphere and/or in hearing of God's love and forgiveness. During this Special Time, the Ladies in White are given the opportunity to experience a religious renewal (or awakening) accepting God's call to (a) a life of Christian witness, (b) serve one another inside the walls and beyond, and (c) establish strong Christian communities within the walls.

A well-organized and well-trained Volunteer Team (40 women inside for three days, along with 10 Outside Team who are prayer partners, cooks and logistical supporters to the Inside Team) will lead 42 Ladies in White in a short course in Christianity October 23 – 26 at the Hobby Unit in Marlin, TX.

We are set up in “table families.” My job is assistant table leader at the “Family of Elizabeth.” At each table, there are two lay persons and one clergy, along with 6 Ladies in White. After each of the numerous talks and meditations, there is discussion by the Ladies in White, which is only facilitated by the Kairos volunteers as needed. Then the Ladies in White have the opportunity to make a poster on the subject and have a time to make their presentation.

So just how can you, as part of the body of Christ on the outside, show God' love (Agape) without having to go inside a prison unit?

- Prayer is the most important!
- Financial support – As a team member, my commitment is \$150 for myself, \$175 for one Lady in White and \$225 for cookies (sweet Agape).
- Cookies – We will be taking in 1,700 dozen (20,400) cookies, a dozen each for the 1,400 inmates and every staff person and correctional officer.
- Letters expressing God's love – God uses the hands and hearts of His people to transcribe His messages of love in letters to the residents.
- Posters – We Are Not Alone!

More information will be forthcoming on how to bring your love of God “inside” without traveling to Marlin and going “inside.”

*Caren Thomas*  
Kairos Team Member

~~CALENDAR OF EVENTS~~

- 10/1 The **Breakfast Brothers** are meeting at IHOP in Atascocita at 8:00 am. Bring a friend!
- 10/6 First Sunday Lunch immediately following the 10:30 am service. Everyone is welcome!
- 10/6 Let Father David give your pet a special Blessing! 5:00 pm at the church, Blessing of the Animals
- 10/7 Be sure your team is signed up for our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**, 9:00 am start at Walden
- 10/10 The **Daughters of the King** are meeting at the church at 7:00 pm.
- 10/12 The **Brotherhood of St Andrew** will be meeting at the church at 8:30 am
- 10/15 The **Vestry** is meeting at the church at 7:00 pm.
- 10/19 **Choir Retreat** from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Lunch provided!
- 10/27 We will be conducting the Vestry and Council Delegate Elections

**BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesday Evenings, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – November 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**GOSPEL LECTIONARY:** Thursday Mornings, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – November 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**INQUIRER'S CLASS:** Sunday Mornings, October 6<sup>th</sup> – October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 am

~ October 2013 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 8:00 am @ IHOP Breakfast Brothers	<b>2</b> 6:30 – 8:00 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study	<b>3</b> 10:00 am – 12 noon Gospel Lectionary Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Service 12 noon 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Lunch 5:00 pm Blessing of the Animals	<b>7</b> 9:00 am CTK Charity Golf Tourney Walden Golf Course 	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30 – 8:00 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study	<b>10</b> 10:00 am – 12 noon Gospel Lectionary Study  7:00 pm Daughters of the King 	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:30 am Brotherhood of St Andrew 
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## ~~VESTRY CANDIDATES~~

### Dear Vestry Candidate,

As your Rector, I want to thank you for your interest in serving on the vestry at Christ the King. The vestry is a team of committed Christians prayerfully working together to implement God's vision for our parish. The work of the vestry is an essential ministry of the church.

Membership on the vestry is a call to a sacred ministry by the Body of Christ. It is not a popularity contest or a reward for previous ministry experience. Instead, serving on the vestry is a way to offer your spiritual gifts to God and your neighbor. Vestry membership is hard work, including, among other things, monthly meetings, periodic additional meetings, leadership responsibility of an aspect of vestry/church work, assignments to be accomplished between vestry meetings, and Sunday vestry duty on a rotating basis. Whether you are elected or not, please know that your God-given abilities and talents matter to our church.



## Vestry Service

I also want to provide some instruction to guide you in preparation for elections on October 27, 2013. Candidates selected will serve 3-year

terms starting in January 2014 and ending January 2016. In addition to that term, we request that you also attend the remaining 2013 vestry meetings as a way to see the vestry in action and learn more about norms and expectations.

To be eligible for election to the vestry, candidates:

- must be Confirmed and at least 18 years of age;
- must be a Communicant in Good Standing—to be in “good standing,” members must attend Sunday worship regularly and be working, praying, and giving for the spread of God’s kingdom;
- must subscribe to this declaration: “I am persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ; and I accede to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church” (Canon 9.1.b);
- pledge your spiritual, social, and financial support to this parish family as you are able; and
- must support the Vestry Covenant

Finally, we ask you to:

- 1) Prayerfully consider how God may use your gifts for vestry;
- 2) Discuss this commitment with affected family members; and
- 3) Write a short profile (1 to 2 paragraphs) that describes you and why you are interested in serving on vestry.

Please submit your profile to [ctkrector@embarqmail.com](mailto:ctkrector@embarqmail.com) by October 21th, 2013.

*Father David Nelson*  
Christ the King Rector

# CHOIR practice



## *Join the Choir!*

Let your voice be heard

**Adult Choir Practice is weekly at 9:15 am**

**Children's Choir Practice is weekly at Noon *except on first Sunday lunch***

**Adult Choir Retreat is 9:00 am – Noon with lunch  
Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

*See Drew Balog for more information*

## *Bishop's Visit*

Mark Your Calendars NOW  
for a Special Visitation  
with **Bishop Fisher!**

**Sunday, March 9, 2014**



## *CTK Golf Tournament*

Mark Your Calendars!  
It's Christ the King's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

**Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 am Shotgun Start**  
**Walden on Lake Houston Golf & Country Club**

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

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



## ~~MEET OUR STAFF~~

### CHRIST THE KING STAFF MEMBERS

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### CHRIST THE KING 2013 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 August 2013 Financial Statement:

<u>OPERATING FUND</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET %</u>
Total Pledges & Contributions	\$18,826.40	\$18,750.00	100%
Total Expenses	(\$17,283.08)	(\$19,720.14)	88%
Excess Pledges/Expenses	<b>\$1,543.32</b>	<b>(\$970.14)</b>	



10/1	Edward Sellar	10/16	Kylie Wiggins
10/7	Rachael Shedeed	10/17	Charlie Martin
10/9	Lynda Rought	10/18	Emma Fansler
10/10	Avery Edwards	10/19	J.P. Dimaala
10/13	Glenn Smith	10/19	Arisha Edwards
10/13	Kristen Fansler	10/22	Dick Simmons
10/13	Ruben Garcia	10/25	Debra Hale
10/14	Teresa Simmons	10/29	Alex Dimaala
10/14	Billie Bailey	10/31	Albert Maende
10/15	Brad Painter		

### *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.**

#### **October**

10/2	Bill & Theresa Reed
10/8	Robert & Jill Stegall
10/15	Sam & Rachael Shedeed



### *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

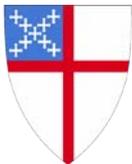
**L**ove as Christ Loves Us – Nurturing our Community

## 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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