



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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Come ye thankful People come...

As the season of Thanksgiving draws near, I am reminded of the many things for which I am thankful - my family, my church, my health, my friends, and my job. Those are the big things for which I am thankful, but I am also thankful for the little things - a kind word or smile from a stranger, a thoughtful note from a friend, or simply having time in an otherwise busy schedule to read a good book.

In this month's newsletter, Rachael Shedeed has written an article about the precious commodity of time and all of the various activities going on in our church and community that affords each of us an opportunity to be a blessing to others by sharing our time. Time is indeed difficult to come by during this busy time of year, but please consider spending some of your time supporting our church and community activities. Rachel's article can be found on page 5.

Michael McNeil has also written an article in this month's newsletter in which he discusses our church's website and all of the resources that are available to us. Michael has done an awesome job of overhauling our website, so please take some time to explore it. Please be sure to check out Michael's article on page 7.

Happy Thanksgiving to each of you, and may we always be thankful for our blessings.

From the Desk of David



Father David Nelson

“I am most grateful for the blessing to serve at Christ the King.”

One time when I was in college, I went to church and the subject was stewardship. Instead of a sermon from the priest, we received a brow beating from the treasurer. It went on for so long. I do not remember the specific words, but I remember the emotions expressed went something like this, “You are not giving enough; our staff is underpaid, and you are being selfish.”

Gulp. I remember later talking with my mom on the phone, and I mentioned that I went to church. She asked how it was. I told her it was on stewardship, and it was not pretty. She totally understood.

I imagine this experience is not unique to me. I suspect most of us have been through something like this at one time or another. A person, often well-meaning, belittles another to get more money for his or her cause. Obviously, that is not how it should ever be with the Body of Christ.

Instead, a large part of my understanding of stewardship is to celebrate the many blessings God has given us. “Praise God from whom all blessings flow” as we say at the offertory. Jesus frequently reminded his followers to notice the little things that are easy to dismiss as unimportant: the mustard seed, the child with the loaves and fishes, the widow’s mite, and so much more.

Here are a few questions to ponder as we prepare for our Stewardship Campaign:

- What small blessings are in your life?
- For what are you most thankful?
- Have you ever received gifts that you simply could not return?

I am most grateful for the blessing to serve at Christ the King. I find our congregation to be generous in every sense of the word. Our stewardship is strong here, and I pray that we will continue to keep up the good work. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to venture forth on our Capital Campaign project. This project is three years long, and we still have a little over two years remaining.

As you look around and see all the construction happening, you see a physical transformation of our facilities. I pray our spiritual transformation continues just as much.

Please look in the mail for an invitation to our Stewardship Breakfast on **Sunday, November 13th, at 9:15 a.m.** We will get pledge cards to everyone by the end of October. Finally, our Stewardship Ingathering is **November 20th**, which is Christ the King Sunday. We will bless our pledge offerings that day.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. David

CALENDAR OF NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 11/01 *Breakfast Brothers – IHOP* – 8:00 a.m.
- 11/06 *Daylight Savings Time Ends* – 2:00 a.m.
- 11/06 *Serving Breakfast at Lord of the Streets* – 6:00 a.m.
- 11/06 *Youth Group* – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- 11/07 *Ladies Lunch Bunch – Marsalas Italian Grill, Huffman, Texas* – 12:00 Noon
- 11/10 *Daughters of the King* – 7:00 p.m.
- 11/12 *Brotherhood of St. Andrew* – 8:30 a.m.
- 11/12 *Youth Group – Seafarers Center Service Project* – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 11/15 *Vestry Meeting* – 7:00 p.m.
- 12/02 – 12/03 *Save the Date – Youth Group – Harry Potter Lock-In and Caroling!*
- 12/10 *Save the Date – Breakfast With Santa!*

November 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Breakfast Bros. 8:00 a.m.  Men's Breakfast IHOP Atascocita	2	3	4	5  Turn back your clocks 1 hour before going to bed
6 Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Breakfast at LOTS 6:00 a.m. Choir Practice 9:15 a.m. Children's Chapel Youth Group 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	7 Ladies Lunch Bunch 12:00 Noon  Marsalas Italian Grill	8	9	10 Daughters of the King 7:00 p.m. 	11	12 Brotherhood of St. Andrew 8:30 a.m. Youth Group Seafarers Center 9:00 – 1:00 p.m.
13 Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Stewardship Breakfast 9:15 a.m. Children's Chapel	14	15 Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m. 	16	17	18	19
20 Holy Eucharist and Stewardship Ingathering 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Choir Practice 9:15 a.m. Children's Chapel	21	22	23	24  Happy Thanksgiving	25	26
27 Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Choir Practice 9:15 a.m. Children's Chapel	28	29	30			

UPCOMING EVENTS



LORD of the STREETS Episcopal Church Community of the Streets Outreach



We will be serving breakfast at Lord of the Streets ("LOTS") on **Sunday, November 6, 2016**. Volunteers from Christ the King serve breakfast at LOTS every 3-4 months. If you have not had an opportunity to serve breakfast at LOTS, please consider volunteering on **November 6th**. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Volunteers will carpool from the church, so please be at the church at **6:00 a.m.**



LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will gather at **12:00 Noon on Monday, November 7th**, at Marsalas Italian Grill, which is located at 24501 FM 2100 East in Huffman. If anyone has questions, please call Mimi Buchman at 832.372.6205.



Serving God By Serving Others

YOUTH GROUP SEAFARERS CENTER SERVICE PROJECT

On **Saturday, November 12th**, our Youth Group will meet at the church at **9:00 a.m.** and travel to the Seafarers Center for a service project. Our youth will work at the Seafarers Center for a couple of hours and return to the church at or about **1:00 p.m.** If you have any questions, please contact Tracey Bulau.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Our 6th annual Breakfast With Santa will be held on **Saturday, December 10th, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**. This annual outreach project has grown bigger and bigger each year. Many activities are planned, so please consider offering your time to help make certain this year's Breakfast With Santa will be successful and meaningful to our community. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are interested in serving as a volunteer.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

During this time of year, we are busy! Our families are doing all kinds of activities, our community is bustling with things to do, and our church calendar is full! None of us ever seems to have time. It is a precious commodity!

However, I challenge you during the busiest season of the year to give a few hours of your time. Our church has several opportunities this fall for you to share some of your time!

- ***LOTS:*** Lord of the Streets (“LOTS”) is always in need of help to serve breakfast to the homeless, and as a congregation, we regularly participate. This only requires a little bit of extra time from your regular Sunday morning to help our homeless community. We will be serving breakfast at LOTS on ***Sunday, November 6th.*** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.
- ***HAAM:*** Humble Area Assistance Ministries (“HAAM”) is right here in our own community. HAAM is currently in need of drivers and helpers for its Meals on Wheels program. As part of our commitment to HAAM, we routinely collect food staples for its food pantry. This year, we are collecting 450 items of stuffing to help with the many Thanksgiving meals HAAM will provide for those who would otherwise go without. We always need volunteers to transport the items we collect to HAAM’s location, so please let us know if you can help us.
- ***Christian Education:*** Our children need Safeguarded Adults to participate in the Children’s Chapel during the 10:30 a.m. service and during Wednesday Night Bible Study. Often times you may already be here, so please consider helping out. If you are interested, please see Father David or Tracey Bulau.
- ***Breakfast with Santa:*** Santa’s Elves have been busy since May getting all of the components ready for our sixth year! There is always a need for extra hands during this annual outreach project, so please consider giving of your time. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.
- ***Advent Devotional:*** Please consider writing a short devotional as this is a great opportunity for you to share your experiences with a wider audience. Check out the material on the bulletin board and/or our website and consider signing up.

There are so many ways we can be of service to one another, either here at our own church, or in the community in which we live. The greatest part of all is that we do not have to do it alone! There is always someone willing to help us help others.

Wishing everyone a joyful season in Christ’s love,

Rachael Shedeed

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Christ the King 2016 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 out 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 Position: Rachael Shedeed, *Clerk of the Vestry*

The Vestry believes it is important that our parishioners be provided with our church's financial position each month. The following is a snapshot of our finances as of September 30, 2016.

Financial Statement as of September 30, 2016

	<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>OPERATING FUND</u>	<u>RESERVE FUND</u>
Beginning Balance:	\$ 29,221.24	\$ 78,084.37	\$ 27,443.86
Ending Balance:	\$23,053.24	\$80,327.87	\$27,652.19

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND

Beginning Balance:	\$ 153,574.00
Ending Balance:	\$168,837.00

BALANCES AS OF 09/30/2016

Building Fund	\$ 23,053.24
Capital Campaign	168,837.00
Operating Fund	80,327.87
Reserve Fund	<u>27,652.19</u>
TOTAL - 09/30/2016	<u>\$299,870.30</u>





Did you know that our church website has many different resources that can help you stay connected to your church family? The website provides all of the information you need to stay connected and informed about what is going on at the church. Here are some of the resources that are available through the church's webpage:

- **Member Resources.** Chalice Bearer/Lay Reader Schedule, Vestry person of the day, and Usher schedules.
- **Resources** such as Instant Church Directory, past sermons of Father David, and our Facebook page.
- **Photo Galleries** that are updated from events at church and our different youth activities.
- **Events Calendar** that lists our church events.
- **Newsletters** along with a **Visitor Page** that provides information to our visitors and our members.

Check out what our webpage offers you today! <http://www.ctkatascocita.org/>

On a personal note, for the past three years, I have had the privilege of working on the webpage as the Webmaster for Christ the King. The journey was very rocky at first, and in the beginning, I felt that I had taken on too much. In my first year, many members felt that the website did not match the outlook of Christ the King as it was very outdated. To be honest, I felt a little overwhelmed. With the help and patience of the Vestry, we have updated the website and brought it from a dated resource to one that reflects the positive energy that is in our church. My Vestry term is coming to an end, so I will turn over the duties of working on the webpage to another member of the Vestry. I would like to thank the Vestry for giving me the resources to update the website so that it reflects who we are. I would also like to thank Father David for giving me the resources and guidance to work on the website. I look forward to seeing the continuing work and progress that the church has been making, both with the new building and with the resources that are available through our church. Thank you,

Michael McNeil, Webmaster



11/06	Valerie Bonnie	11/16	Madelynn Clevenger
11/07	Vivian Maende	11/17	DeDe Holbrook
11/14	Rice Aston	11/23	Nancy Hahn
11/15	Tracey Bulau	11/23	Logan McNeil
11/15	Martin Reyna	11/26	Xavier Goudeaux
11/15	Sofia Reyna		

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.**



11/04	Alan and Fiona Aston
11/12	Terry and Eva Green
11/26	Ted and Ginger Paradis

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-sized parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. We are a compassionate, generous, outreach-oriented congregation. We serve the communities of Atascocita, Crosby, Huffman, Humble, Kingwood, 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 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with music

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submissions, please email:

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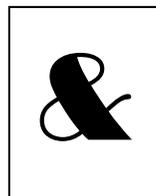
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A huge THANK YOU to Jacob Shaye for the awesome Gaga Ball pit he built for his Eagle Scout project! Our Youth Group has already tried it out, and it promises to be a favorite activity for many years to come. Kudos to you, Jacob, for a job well done!