



# CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



## May 2017

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As many of you know, our very own Barbara Goodson answered God's call to begin a mobile haircutting ministry for those who are unable or cannot afford to go to a salon for their hair grooming needs. On Maundy Thursday, our congregation generously donated the offering of approximately \$900 to Barbara's ministry, Have Shears Will Travel. The following is a thank you note from Barbara expressing her gratitude for your generous donation.

I want to share the joy of my gladness of being part of such a loving church home. From the day I set foot inside the doors of Christ the King, I was welcomed and have grown to know and love so many of you. The offering collected on Maundy Thursday at the request of Father David was so generous it brought tears to my eyes and shouts of joy from our staff of workers: Michelle, Shannon, and Matthew. Many have given to Have Shears Will Travel charity without ever being asked; some from its inception for which I am grateful. I never wanted anyone here, my family, to feel any pressure to support our work, but you have anyway. I am very humbled by your love. I only wish each of you could witness the joy on the faces of thousands we serve that are so overwhelmed with the care they have been given that often they cry. They are so very moved that someone would be willing to reach out to them, touch them, and spend time caring about how they look. Each time we drive the motorhome onto the premises of homeless outreach shelters, they flock to our doors as if we are giving away gold. The collection plate funding is enough to fill our gas tank up nine times, or help pay for the two part-time stylists and driver we have been able to hire to service four trips to Lord of the Streets or The Beacon or any of the other twenty venues we serve giving over 400 haircuts per month. I am reminded of the Bible verse from John 13:35, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." You at Christ the King live out this verse, and I know God is smiling because of it.



Father David Nelson

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## ***The Rector’s Page***

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14

At Christ the King, our children are a gift from God. We put them at the center of our worship, with children’s sermons and children’s chapel. A child helps present the food collection, which echoes the time when a child gave the fish and loaves for the feeding of the 5,000 (John 6:9). At our Bible Studies, our children play special roles. They learn a Bible lesson, and then they get the chance to share with the adults what they have learned. The kids love to read the Psalms in our closing prayers. In these examples and more, we are reminded that children can help us to see God as we help our children to see God.

The next two months are important times to deepen our children’s faith. Consider these opportunities:

### ***Children’s Communion Class***

***May 21st, May 28th, and June 4th from 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.***

This class, led by Father David, teaches children the basics about Holy Communion. Children will learn why this is so important and how to receive the Sacrament or a blessing. All children are welcome to participate in this course. Some children will be preparing to receive for the first time, traditionally called First Communion. Children may take this class simply to learn more, as a refresher, or if they are ready to receive. Parents are encouraged to attend.

### ***Vacation Bible School***

***June 5th through June 8th in the evening***

There is an informational meeting on May 7th from 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. More information is coming soon!

### ***Youth Group Mission Trip to Canyon Lake, Texas***

***June 11th through June 14th***

This is our 4th year of going on a Mission Trip to the Texas Hill Country. Our youth will help rebuild a portion of homes for families in need. This is an excellent opportunity for our children, open to 6th through 12th graders (based on the grade they are entering). Discounts are available for siblings and/or friends your children may wish to invite. Please contact our Youth Minister, Tracey Bulau, for details: [tabulau@gmail.com](mailto:tabulau@gmail.com)

Yours in Christ,

Fr. David

## CALENDAR OF MAY EVENTS

- 05/02 *Breakfast Brothers – IHOP, Atascocita* – 8:00 a.m.
- 05/04, 05/11/, 05/25 *Thursday Morning Bible Study* – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
- 05/07 *Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting* – 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- 05/07 *Choir Luncheon* – After 10:30 a.m. Service
- 05/11 *Daughters of the King* – 7:00 p.m.
- 05/13 *Brotherhood of St. Andrew* – 8:30 a.m.
- 05/14 *Pianist John Nilsen – Christ the King* – 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- 05/14 *Youth Group – End of Semester Party* – 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- 05/21 *Bean Bag Golf* – After 10:30 a.m. Service
- 05/21 *Youth Group – Pre-Mission Trip Meeting – Good Shepherd* – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- 05/23 *Vestry Meeting* – 7:00 p.m.

### May 2017

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <b>Breakfast Bros.</b> 8:00 a.m.  IHOP Atascocita	3	4 <b>Bible Study</b> 10:00 a.m. 	5	6
7 Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. VBS Planning Meeting 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:15 a.m. Choir Luncheon After 10:30 Service	8	9	10	11 <b>Bible Study</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Daughters of the King</b> 7:00 p.m.	12	13 <b>Brotherhood of St. Andrew</b> 8:30 a.m. 
14 Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Choir Practice 9:15 a.m. Pianist John Nilsen 4:00 p.m. Youth Group 5:30 p.m.	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Communion Class 9:15 a.m. Bean Bag Golf After 10:30 Service Youth Pre-Mission Trip Meeting – 6:00 p.m.	22	23 <b>Vestry Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m. 	24	25 <b>Bible Study</b> 10:00 a.m. 	26	27
28 <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. <b>Communion Class</b> 9:15 a.m.		30	31			

## Servant Leadership

### This Month's Spotlight: Barry Rought



For most of us, what we know of Christ the King is what we see and experience on any given Sunday. But I think we all recognize that an amazing team of folks exists, working tirelessly behind the scenes, to ensure our doors are open each Sunday to welcome everyone!

This month we spotlight one such servant leader.

Meet Barry Rought, who is a member of our Vestry, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, our choir, and so much more.

***“Barry, thanks for sharing your story with us this month! You are involved in so many of our ministries. Where did it start for you?”***

BR: It all started when three classmates of mine from St. James Episcopal Church invited me to come to the youth group. I ended up being baptized and confirmed. My interest in supporting youth grew, and while at Michigan Tech, I taught fifth grade Sunday school and was a brother in the Big Brother program. I have always sought ways to support our youth programs. Lynda and I have been youth group leaders in several Episcopal churches as we moved around the country. So it seemed natural to work with youth at Christ the King.

***“You are very active with our youth group. They are quite a handful. What are your secrets in helping Tracey keep them engaged and under control?”***

BR: We have a great bunch of young people. They are active! Thank God! Tracey, our youth minister, works hard to provide interesting meetings. My job is to be one of the two or more certified persons under the Diocesan Safeguarding God's Children program and to assist where needed. Also, it is to enjoy the vigor of the youth.

***“And it is not just at church, it is out in our community. I have seen you and Lynda at Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital volunteering.”***

BR: Yes, for a number of years we were very active in the hospital volunteers program. Our interests and energies have changed over the years. Lynda is now volunteering in Hospice. I am currently serving with Theresa Reed and Father David in Lay Ministry, particularly at Rosemont Assisted Living. Of course, I continue to be active in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, both here at Christ the King and in our Diocese. I am very excited with my recently assigned role as Vestry Outreach Liaison. Hopefully our church family read of our outreach efforts in the February newsletter.

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***“You and Lynda are snowbirds. Tell us about your time in Michigan each summer.”***

BR: Yes, we are fortunate to have a lovely cottage on the shore of Lake Michigan. It is in the town where I grew up and I have many relatives and other friends there. Lynda grew up in Illinois, but she quickly fell in love with the sandy beach, clear water, and big sky in Michigan! She has made many friends there. It is a blessing, but we always miss being away from our Christ the King family.

***“One of Christ the King’s favorite traditions is our Bean Bag Golf Tournament. This is one of your endeavors. This Brotherhood of St. Andrew sponsored event draws a lot of interest every year. How did it all start?”***

BR: The mission of the Brotherhood is to bring men and youth to Christ. During one of our meetings in 2001, I suggested that we have a family type event that persons of any age could enjoy. My son and I had played disc golf and I suggested we lay out a course and use bean bags instead of balls or discs. Everyone chuckled and said, “Let’s give it a try.” And with that, bean bag golf was born.

We will have our 16th tournament this year on May 21st and, as usual, the funds raised from the tourney will be used to support the youth missions. We have had as many as 48 players in a tournament, ages 3 to 85! Interestingly, I have never been able to play. It is too much fun being the COURSE MARSHAL!

***“How long have you and Lynda been members of Christ the King?”***

BR: Lynda and I moved from Dallas to Atascocita in 1996, when I retired. We visited Christ the King and immediately felt at home. So many great memories are here, and every day brings more - the fellowship at the weekly services, the potluck meals, ALPHA, Bible studies, Feast Day celebrations, Daughters of the King, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Choir, Altar Guild, Youth Group, Lord of the Streets, Humble Area Assistance Ministries, and a NEW PARISH HALL! And I believe the best is yet to come.

***“You mention the choir. Did you talk Lynda into that, or did she talk you into that?”***

BR: It was mutual! We had some young friends who invited us to join the choir at Trinity Episcopal in Rock Island, Illinois. That was in 1962. We have lived in a number of places since and it seemed natural to join the choir each time. This was also the case at Christ the King. It is a fun group of people who enjoy praising God in song. We would welcome anyone to join.

***“Thank you, Barry, for your time this month and THANK YOU for your servant leadership!”***

Rachel Taylor  
Vestry Member - Publicity



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### ***Christ the King 2017 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 Positions: Rachael Shedeed, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
 Bill Williams, *Treasurer*

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 March 31, 2017.

#### ***Financial Statement as of March 31, 2017***

	<b><u>BUILDING FUND</u></b>	<b><u>OPERATING FUND</u></b>	<b><u>RESERVE FUND</u></b>
Beginning Balance:	\$ 1,092.00	\$ 92,886.00	\$ 3,845.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 1,092.00	\$102,222.00	\$3,845.00

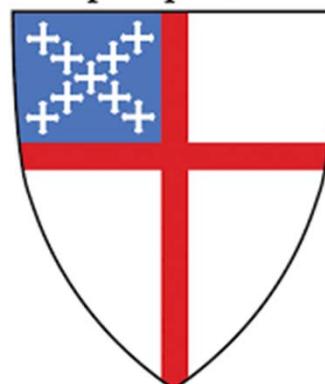
#### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND**

Beginning Balance:	\$ 4,530.00
Ending Balance:	\$12,666.00

#### **BALANCES AS OF 03/31/2017**

Building Fund	\$ 1,092.00
Capital Campaign	12,666.00
Operating Fund	102,222.00
Reserve Fund	<u>3,845.00</u>
TOTAL - 02/28/2017	<u>\$119,825.00</u>

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|-------|----------------|-------|-------------------|
| 05/10 | Selma Maende   | 05/23 | Aria Dimaala      |
| 05/12 | Mimi Buchman   | 05/24 | Beverly Painter   |
| 05/17 | Emily Lalor    | 05/28 | Deb Tisch         |
| 05/19 | Cameron Holmes | 05/28 | Priscilla Johnson |
| 05/21 | Gina Sanders   |       |                   |

***Birthday Prayer***

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *her* days increase; bless and guide *her* wherever *she* may be. Strengthen *her* when *she* stands; comfort *her* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *her* up if *she* falls; and in *her* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***



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| 05/03 | Charly and Valerie Bonnie |
| 05/08 | Josh and Erika Clevenger  |
| 05/27 | David and Carol Martin    |

***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.***

**May Usher Duties**



- |       | <b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>     | <b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b>                  |
|-------|-----------------------------|---|
| 05/07 | Rod and Ann Rodriguez       | George and Barbara Spence                 |
| 05/14 | Robert Lunson, Rachel Shaye | Andrew Beesley, Mike McDaniel             |
| 05/21 | Bob Keller, Henry Lee       | Alan Aston, Phoebe Aston,<br>Caren Thomas |
| 05/28 | Rod and Ann Rodriguez       | Aaron Holbrook, Michael McNeil            |

**May Lay Reader and Chalice Duties**

- |       | <b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>          | <b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b> | <b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b> | <b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b> |
|-------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|       | <b><u>Lay Reader/Chalice</u></b> | <b><u>Lay Reader</u></b> | <b><u>Chalice #1</u></b> | <b><u>Chalice #2</u></b> |
| 05/07 | Debbie Lee                       | Julie Langler            | Valerie Bonnie           | Lesley Exum              |
| 05/14 | Deb Tisch                        | Billie Bailey            | Lynda Rought             | Michael McNeil           |
| 05/21 | Theresa Reed                     | Barbara Spence           |                          | Dan Langler              |
| 05/28 | Lyn Goodman                      | Rosalie Pyle             | Carlos Reyna             | Susan Lunson             |



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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

For newsletter comments or  
submissions, please email:

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS - MAY 14TH JOHN NILSEN, AWARD WINNING PIANIST**

Please plan on joining us for a special event! John Nilsen, an award winning pianist, will be performing for us in the sanctuary at the church on **Sunday, May 14th**, at **4:00 p.m.** May 14th is Mother's Day, so why not treat your mom to a wonderful concert on her special day!



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