

CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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CTK Headlines

Easter Sunday at Christ the King

What a beautiful Easter Sunday Service at Christ the King! Our families and guests left with joy in their hearts AND a complimentary family photo!

See all the pictures on our FaceBook Page!



The Bean Bags were Flying!

It was the 10th Annual Bean Bag Golf Tournament, hosted by the Brotherhood of St Andrew. See all the pictures on our FaceBook Page!



From the Desk of David



Father David Nelson

Summer is Coming!

Summer is quickly coming upon us. And one exciting event that is right around the corner is Vacation Bible School (VBS). This year we are blessed to have Julie Langler and Elizabeth Dimaala leading us. If you want to get involved, please let them know. We need lots of help to make this a very special week for the kids. We are all very excited about VBS. This year's theme is "Catch the Wave with Jesus."

We will be doing lots of fun water themed Bible stories such as Jonah, Noah, and, of course, Jesus. Our VBS will begin on June 17th and end on June 21st. Each night will begin with a light dinner at 5:30pm. The program will begin at 6pm and end at 8:30pm. By having VBS in the evening, we hope to attract working parents who might otherwise not be able to make it. So please do come and be a part of VBS this year.

With summer also comes our wonderful summer camp—Camp Allen. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they spend time at summer camp.

*"Just because
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Just because summer is coming, that does not mean your faith is on vacation, too. I want to encourage you to keep your faith fresh no matter where you are. One way to do this is to pick up a copy of *Forward Day by Day*. These are available in the church. They even have an App for your smart phone.

Another way to keep your faith active this summer is by reading books that have a particular spiritual depth to them. Here are a few of my favorite authors: C.S. Lewis, Henri Nouwen, Richard Foster, Rob Bell, John Ortberg, Desmond Tutu, N.T. Wright, and Anne Lamott. Go on-line or to a bookstore and consider these authors or any that grab your attention. You may find that the spiritual nourishment keeps your sanity, especially once the kids or grandkids are no longer at school all day!

Finally, during the summer months, I am making myself available for those interested in a Bible Study. Times will be announced. So whatever you do as this season of graduations and vacations begins, please remember to nurture your faith.

Yours in Christ,
Father David Nelson†

~~CHRIST THE KING WISH LIST~~

The following is a "wish list" for our church and, among other things, includes tasks that either need to be completed or need someone to tackle them from the beginning. If you have any hidden talents and could lend a hand, we would be most appreciative.

Tile. The ladies restroom needs to be tiled. We have the tile, but we need someone to lay, grout, and seal it. Aaron Holbrook is our Junior Warden and in charge of our property - a huge task to say the least! If you would like to help with the tile, please see Aaron.

Lighting in Sanctuary. You may have noticed we have some spotlights out in our sanctuary. A lift is needed to reach the spotlights in order to replace them. If you have access to a lift or know someone that does, please see Aaron.

Nursery Items. The nursery is in need of some "gently used" items. The nursery's wish list includes toys, books, baby blankets, linens, and yoga mats. If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to the church and place them in the nursery.

Pantry Items. Barbara Goodson is our Vestry member in charge of hospitality. Have you noticed our improved snacks on Sunday mornings - all Barbara's doing! Barbara has posted a list of pantry staples and wish list items on the inside of the door to our kitchen pantry. If you would like to pick up any of these items when you are shopping, please bring them to the church.

Website. Rachel Taylor is our Vestry member in charge of publicity. Rachel is also our church photographer and has done an amazing job of juggling all of her responsibilities. We have an awesome website that Rachel overhauled a couple of years ago, but it needs a lot of attention and Rachel needs your help. If you have any expertise in managing a website, please see Rachel.

Sound System. The sound system in our church is antiquated and needs to be updated. If you have any expertise in this area, we could sure use your help. Please see either Aaron or Mike McDaniel.

Children and Adult Choir Members. Last, but certainly not least, we are in need of children and adults who love to sing! If your child would like to join the children's choir, practice is each Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month) after the 10:30 a.m. service. JoAnne Stermon leads our children's choir, so please see JoAnne if you or your child has any questions. If you would like to join our adult choir, we practice on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. Drew Balog leads our adult choir (and is also our very talented organist!), so please see Drew if you have any questions. Our choirs have a lot of fun, and we would love to have you join us!

Thanks so much for any assistance you can provide in meeting our wish list needs.

Carol Martin
Senior Warden



~~NEWCOMER CORNER~~

My heart swells, knowing that parishioners at Christ the King share my passion for welcoming newcomers! Thank you to those who were able to join in our 3-part series of discussions about Newcomer Ministry. We rejoiced together in the ways our church successfully ministers to visitors, and we shared ideas about how we can be even more welcoming. For those unable to attend, and for those of us suffering from memory loss, here's a brief overview of *The Three Essential Elements of Newcomer Ministry*.

INVITATION: The first step in Newcomer Ministry is getting people to visit Christ the King. We talked about the demographics of our church neighborhood, and the different ways we try to reach out to our neighbors – advertising in local publications, hosting community events like Breakfast with Santa, working with local charities. But by far the most powerful tool is a personal invitation from a church member. So get over your fear and invite someone to church!

WELCOME: Once an invitation has been accepted, a visitor to Christ the King gets to experience our hospitality. We imagined that experience, step by step, from the moment a visitor arrives to the time they leave. We are a very warm and welcoming congregation, but we talked about a few ways we could improve. Before the service, greet anyone,

member or guest, who comes within 10 feet of you. Make a special effort to greet the people you don't already know within that 10-foot circle. Then, after the service, try not to talk to other members for the first 3 minutes. Talk only to those you don't know and to people that you know are guests. It takes guests about 3 minutes to exit the church after worship, so it's important to make sure that someone has made contact with them before they leave.

CONNECTION: Connection helps the newcomer find a place to belong and serve. After visiting several times, newcomers are often overlooked, as their faces become familiar to us. But finding a place to fit in is the crucial third element of Newcomer Ministry. Talking to newcomers and listening to their stories, we as members of Christ the King can help them find ministries they might enjoy and discover gifts they never knew they had. I'm hoping more than a few uncover a passion for Newcomer Ministry!

Inviting, welcoming and connecting people into the Christ the King family are vital steps toward building a healthy and vibrant church. Thank you for your support and dedication to our Newcomer Ministry.

Tracy Painter
Newcomer Coordinator

~~OUTREACH~~

Christ the King is big on outreach! Each month we deliver food pantry items to either Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM) or Churches United in Caring (CUIC.) Pantry items donated in the month of May are designated for HAAM. And they have specific needs!

Did you know that Panera Bread donates up to 90 pounds of "day old bread" to HAAM a day? And it seems peanut butter is a commonly donated pantry item. Therefore HAAM is requesting donated items of **Jelly**, so that May can be an official **PB&J** month!

In a YEAR TO DATE report published by HAAM, they were proud to report the following:

- **FOOD PANTRY** – served 7,727 individuals and 2,689 families through March 31, 2013
- **FOOD FAIR** – served 3,218 individuals and 1,056 families through April 16, 2013
- **JOB FAIR** – April 5, 2013 – 133 clients attended, 50 of those were new clients to HAAM
- **JOB BANK** – 745 people were served through April 16, 2013. Of those clients, 118 created resumes and 107 became employed.
- **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS** – 152 children participated in the Spring Break Reading Program and Spring Children's Program.

Bob Keller
Vestry Member, Outreach

~~MY STORY OF FAITH~~

With Mother's Day right around the corner, I have been thinking about my mom a lot. When Father David recently invited us to share our stories of faith, I thought immediately about a particular journey in my life that involved my mom.

My journey began on a morning in May 1999, when I woke up with the hymn "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" running through my head. I grew up an Episcopalian and have sung this hymn my whole life, but it was never a particular favorite of mine. However, it was one of my mom's favorite hymns.

The words to the first verse of the hymn are:

**Praise my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven, ever more his praises sing;
Alleluia, alleluia!**

Praise the everlasting King.

I can remember hearing my mom sing those words many times throughout my childhood, but still, it was not one of my favorite hymns. That is why it seemed so strange to me that this particular hymn would be running through my head like a continual ribbon.

The words to the second verse of the hymn are as follows, and these words in particular really began to resonate with me on that day in May 1999.

**Praise him for his grace
and favor to his people in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glorious in his faithfulness.

My mom's health was declining then, and on the day I woke up with "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" running through my head, my mom entered the hospital for the last time. The doctor's prognosis was not good, but I refused to accept what I knew in my heart to be true. I bargained with God, I pleaded with God, and I prayed harder than I had ever prayed in my life.

My mom passed away five days later, and it was during that five day period that I began to understand God's grace and wisdom and why the words to one of my mom's favorite hymns were placed on my heart. When I cried out to God, he offered "grace and favor to his people in distress." When I got angry and blamed God, he was "slow to chide, and swift to bless." When my mom passed away, I was with her. What a privilege it was to witness God's grace and power during those hours before my mom's passing as she prepared to be reunited with my dad and to finally meet her Lord, whom she had loved and served since childhood.

I had many tough days following my mom's passing and blamed God more than I praised him. What I finally came to realize, though, is that God never turned away from me, although I turned away from him. God is indeed faithful and "glorious in his faithfulness."

Now, whenever I see Hymn #410 on our hymn board, I smile and sing with praise and thanksgiving to God and a grateful heart for the love of my mom. The rest of the words to what has also become one of my favorite hymns are:

**Father - like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

Widely yet his mercy flows.

**Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before
him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

Praise with us the God of grace.

Alleluia, alleluia! Join me in praising the God of grace.

Carol Martin
Senior Warden

~~CALENDAR OF EVENTS~~

- 5/5 First Sunday Lunch immediately following the 10:30 am service. Everyone is welcome!
The children will be doing an adaption of "The Prodigal Son" during the 10:30 service.
- 5/7 The **Breakfast Brothers** are meeting at IHOP in Atascocita at 8:00 am. Bring a friend!
- 5/5 & 5/19 The **Youth Group** is meeting at the church at 6:00 pm.
- 5/9 The **Daughters of the King** are meeting at the church at 7:00 pm.
- 5/10 The Annual LOTS Spring Luncheon is at 11:30 am.
- 5/11 The **Brotherhood of St Andrew** is meeting at the church at 8:00 am.
- 5/18 It's a "**Quiet Day for Women**" - Celebrating Easter through the season. 9:00 am at the church.
- 5/19 **Youth Group Car Wash** during both services! Proceeds support Camp Allen Scholarship Funds.
- 5/19 Let's welcome the summer with a **POOL PARTY!**
The kids (and their parents!) are invited to Rachel & Jason's house after Sunday services. Lunch provided.
- 5/21 The **Vestry** is meeting at the church at 7:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE! Christ the King's 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament
Monday, October 7th, 9:00 am shotgun start, 4-man Scramble
Volunteers are needed! Sign-up now

~ May 2013 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday, May 12th is Mother's Day			1	2	3	4
5 8:00 am Service 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service Children's "Prodigal Son" 12 noon 1 st Sunday Lunch 6:00 pm Youth Group	6	7 8:00 am @ IHOP Breakfast Brothers	8	9 7:00 pm Daughters of the King	10 11:30 am LOTS Spring Luncheon	11 8:00 am Brotherhood of St Andrew
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26 8:00 am Service 10:30 am Service	27	28	29	30	31	

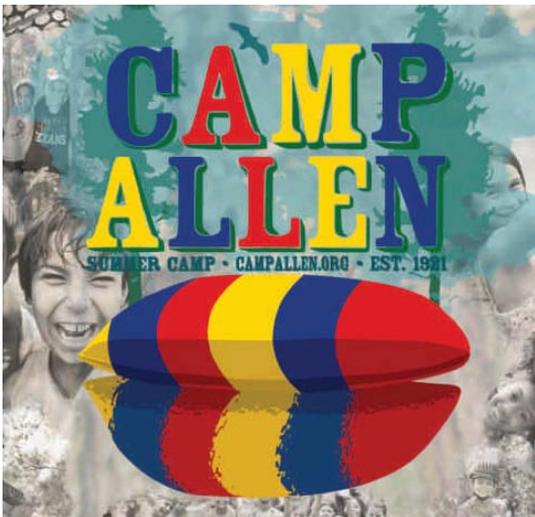
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- 6/2 First Sunday Lunch immediately following the 10:30 am service. Everyone is welcome!
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- 6/4 The **Breakfast Brothers** are meeting at IHOP in Atascocita at 8:00 am. Bring a friend!
- 6/8 The **Brotherhood of St Andrew** is meeting at the church at 8:00 am.
- 6/13 The **Daughters of the King** are meeting at the church at 7:00 pm.
- 6/25 The **Vestry** is meeting at the church at 7:00 pm.

Catch the Wave with Vacation Bible School!!
 June 17th – June 21st from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the church
Pre-Register the kids and sign up as a volunteer

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23 8:00 am Service 10:30 am Service	24	25 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	26	27	28	29
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Camp Allen

Summer Camp Registration is now open!

Since 1921, Camp Allen has been providing youth ages 8-18 with the “best week of their lives.”

Camp weeks
June 9th – August 15th

Learn more and get registration forms at www.CampAllen.org

End-of-Year Sunday School Celebration

Let's welcome the summer with a POOL PARTY!!

Rachel & Jason Taylor's House
14106 Wood Stork Court
in Summerwood

Sunday, May 19th
After Sunday Services

Bring your swimsuits!!
Lunch & Drinks Provided



CTK Golf Tournament

Mark Your Calendars!
It's Christ the King's 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, October 7th
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



Catch the Wave with VBS

Grab your surfboard and ride the wave through the Bible!

Each day will be filled with music, fun, games, crafts, snacks and daily themes that are sure to bring out the surfer in everyone.

June 17th – 21st

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the church

Pre-Register NOW:

<http://liz225.edu.glogster.com/ctkvbs>



Youth Car Wash

Bring your dirty car to church and let the youth group wash it for you!

Sunday, May 19TH
DURING BOTH SERVICES

All proceeds will go to the
Camp Allen Scholarship Fund



Adult Family Circuits

Join the Fellowship with the
“Adults only” Family Circuit

**Pictured here is the group
at their latest outing:
BBQ at the Spence’s
April 20th**

*All adults are welcome, as the group meets
(usually in a dinner setting) every few months
for fun, food and fellowship*

~~MEET OUR STAFF~~

CHRIST THE KING STAFF MEMBERS

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All 5 Staff Members can be reached via phone through the main church line: (281) 852-1990

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 March 2013 Financial Statement:

<u>OPERATING FUND</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET %</u>
Total Pledges & Contributions	\$28,384.01	\$18,750.00	151.38%
Total Expenses	(\$17,962.28)	(\$19,720.14)	91.09%
Excess Pledges/Expenses	\$10,421.73	(\$970.14)	-1074.25%



Birthdays of the Month

May

- 5/2 Mike Dalton
- 5/2 Verna Enders
- 5/4 Daniel Dieter
- 5/7 Kristen Dieter
- 5/10 Selma Maende
- 5/12 Mimi Buchman
- 5/13 Cheryl Strickland
- 5/17 Emily Lalor

May

- 5/18 Gene Clyde
- 5/19 Kelly Dieter
- 5/19 Chesson Olawaiye
- 5/19 Cameron Holmes
- 5/21 Gina Sanders
- 5/23 Aria Dimaala
- 5/24 Beverly Painter
- 5/28 Deb Tisch

June

- 6/1 Stephanie Wiggins
- 6/2 Jarett Langler
- 6/17 Elaine Olawaiye
- 6/17 Katharine Holmes
- 6/21 Ray Buchman
- 6/22 Amy Beesley
- 6/22 Faith Ferguson
- 6/23 Elizabeth Lalor
- 6/23 Michael McNeil
- 6/28 Mike Stermon

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.**

May

- 5/21 Danny & Robin Dieter
- 5/27 David & Carol Martin

June

- 6/12 Kenny & Stella Loo
- 6/21 Michael & Vicky McNeil
- 6/24 J.P. & Elizabeth Dimaala
- 6/25 Aaron & DeDe Holbrook
- 6/26 Shawn & Gina Sanders
- 6/30 Barry & Lynda Rought



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

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

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