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CHRIST THE KING
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER OF CHRIST THE KING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOLLOW THE LEADER

BY: CLAY HOLLAND, *Executive Minister*

When my sons were very young, they would watch me closely and mimic my every move. If I cheered when the Astros hit a home run, they would cheer when the Astros hit a home run – even when they had no idea why they were cheering. One time when I was sitting on the sofa reading a book, I caught a glimpse of one of my sons sitting next to me with a book in front of his face. The fact that the book was upside down was simply beyond the point.

My children did not know it then, but they were acting like disciples. A disciple is one who learns from a teacher and then seeks to emulate him. Jesus told his followers – now known to all of us as Disciples – that “it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the servant like his master” (Matthew 10:25).

In order for a disciple to follow a teacher, he or she must first learn from the teacher. This is why it is extremely important for all of us to study the Bible and learn what is contained in God’s Word. It is not so that we may become conceited and proud of the amount of knowledge we have. On the contrary; it is so that we may be transformed by our encounters with God’s Word in order to live as effective agents of Christ’s kingdom in Houston and beyond.

During the coming ministry year, you will have the opportunity to take part in any

number of avenues for discipleship at Christ the King. Because we are all in different life stages, it is important to understand that discipleship is not a “one size fits all” proposition. Therefore, I would urge you to choose at least one avenue for discipleship at Christ the King and plug into it.

Let’s all take seriously the privilege we have to expose ourselves to God’s Word and to be transformed by it.

Avenues for Discipleship Fall 2009

- Introduction to Christ the King Class
- Basic Training
- Community Groups
- Spiritual Growth Classes
- Women’s Bible Studies
- Men’s Bible Studies

See page 2 for more information on these avenues.

BASIC TRAINING 2009

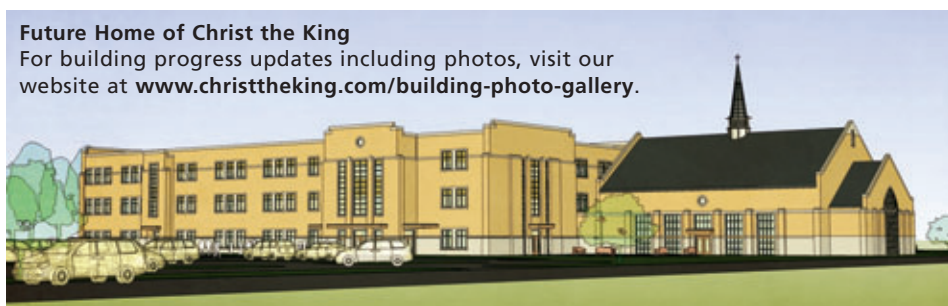
Join us as we enjoy studying together in God’s Word the Biblical commitments and mission of Christ the King. It is required for leadership in the church, and we encourage every member to attend. Basic Training began the week of September 13 and concludes the week of November 29 on Sunday mornings at HCC at 10:30 a.m. or Tuesday evenings at Westminster United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. Call Mary Grace Rogers at the church office if you have any questions.

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Future Home of Christ the King

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AVENUES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AT CHRIST THE KING

A disciple is a person who learns from, and then follows, a teacher. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commands us to “Go...and make disciples of all nations.” In order for us to make disciples, we must first be disciples. At Christ the King, we are offering the following avenues for you to grow in your knowledge of Christ. Please choose at least one of the following avenues for discipleship this fall.

Introduction to Christ the King Class

If you are new to Christ the King or wish to join the church, start here. The Introduction Class introduces you to the purpose, values, mission and beliefs of Christ the King and prepares you for the benefits of membership and service in the church.

Begins Sunday, September 27
at 10:30 a.m. in the Library

Register now at www.christtheking.com

Basic Training

Basic Training is strongly recommended for every member and regular attender of Christ the King and is required for leadership and teaching in the church. During Basic Training, you will study through God’s Word the Biblical commitments and mission of Christ the King and be better prepared to serve the Lord.

Sundays at 10:30 am in Room 224

or

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at Westminster
United Methodist Church

Community Groups

Community Groups are small groups that meet in homes in different areas of the city. Community Groups are great avenues to build relationships, pray, and encounter the Bible in discussion-based formats. Visit our web site, and you should find a community group meeting near you.

Register now at www.christtheking.com

Spiritual Growth Classes

Spiritual Growth Classes meet on Sunday mornings at Houston Community College. You may choose from permanent classes (those that meet every Sunday with consistent teachers and subject matter) or rotating classes (those that meet for a fixed period of time to focus on one particular topic). Permanent classes are meeting now, and rotating classes will begin after the Introduction to Christ the King class ends. For a list of classes, go to www.christtheking.com.

Women’s Bible Studies

Women’s Bible Studies will meet Mondays at 10:00 a.m. at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church or Tuesday or

Wednesday evenings in homes. In the morning, participants may choose between “Happily Ever After,” a course on marriage taught by Barbara Spell or “Capture My Heart, Lord,” a course written by Laura Wilcox. The evening studies will study “Capture My Heart, Lord.”

Register now at www.christtheking.com

Men’s Bible Studies

Men’s Bible Studies will meet in a small group format to study Tim Keller’s 1 John curriculum. The groups will meet either in the morning or evening in different areas around Houston.

Group information and registration coming soon at www.christtheking.com.



The Ministry Map of Christ the King

COM·MU·NI·TY [KUH-MYOO-NI-TEE] (N)

What does *community* mean? It's the kind of word that gets thrown around a lot without a clear definition. Some people would define it as a group of people who share certain affinities. Others would point to a vague warm and fuzzy feeling they get when they're around nice people. The sociologist Robert Putnam, in his book *Bowling Alone*, has defined it as "a group of interacting people who live in a common location."

By her very nature, the church is a community. That's why the New Testament contains the phrase "one another" over 50 times! It's why every book in the Bible is written for a community, not simply individuals. (Yes, even Philemon. Read verses 1 and 2.) We are the people of God, not just the individuals of God.

If we, as Christians, are called to be a community (and we are), what does that look like?

It's certainly not as complex as many of us make it, myself included. It means living our lives with one another. It means eating

and drinking together, watching movies together, helping one another with home repair, studying the Bible together, praying together, celebrating together, crying together, serving our neighborhoods together. In short, it means intentionally doing the things that we would do anyway with other people.

True Christian community isn't a place where we're always going to feel warm and fuzzy. In fact, if it is, something's wrong! We will offend one another; we will sin against one another. But being communities that center around the gospel means that when we do offend one another, we are free to repent and forgive one another, just as God has forgiven us.

Community isn't another activity to add to our already overloaded schedules.

Community is who we are because of the call of our gracious Savior, Jesus.

Eric Priest is the Associate Minister of Worship & Arts at Christ the King



LIST OF COMMUNITY GROUPS

Here is a list of community groups organized by neighborhood. For more information and to sign up for a group, visit our website at <http://www.christtheking.com/community-groups>.

Bellaire

Raymond & Patti Cunningham
Victor & Carol Thomas

Briargrove

Matt & Laura Forrester

Far North

Pete & Sally Rasmussen

Memorial Villages

John & Cindy Synnott

Meyerland

Julius Balatoni
Ryan & Kim Dolibois

Montrose

Ryan & Jennifer Whitley

Oak Forest

Mike & Susan McJilton

Rice Military

Gregg & Joanna Byrd

Singles' Fellowship

Sam Huisman & Kevin Cassidy

Spring Valley

Lance & Karre Orton

The Heights

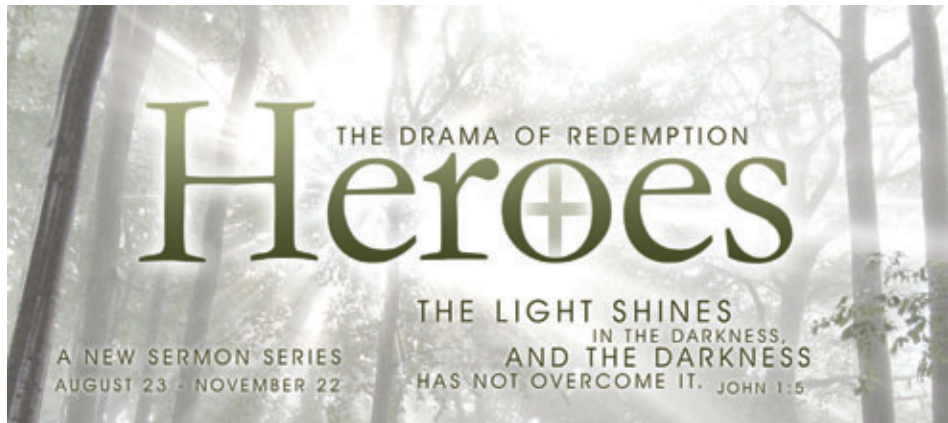
Jonathan & Sol Edwards
Chris & Lindsay Hunniford

Town & Country

Jason & Nicole Miller

West University

John & Anna Allison



The fall sermon series is titled **Heroes: The Drama of Redemption**.

From August 23 to November 22, we will explore the lives of key Old Testament characters and how their stories, through their successes and failures, point us to the hero, Jesus Christ. Please invite your friends to join us as we worship the Lord together.

Adam	Moses	Elijah	Ezekiel
Noah	Samson	Hezekiah	Malachi
Abraham	David	Habakkuk	
Job	Solomon	Esther	

INTRODUCTION TO CHRIST THE KING CLASS

If you are new to Christ the King, we would love to help you get connected to our members and ministries. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our Introduction to Christ the King class. This five-week class begins on Sept. 27 and concludes on Oct 25. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the library. You will get to know our ministers and staff, learn more about the mission and ministry map of Christ the King, and connect with other new people. Contact Ruth Reitmeier at rreitmeier@christtheking.com for questions or additional information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study helps prepare men to function faithfully as followers of Christ in all their different relationships through Bible study and prayer. This fall, beginning the week of September 28, join us for a seven-week study of 1 John by Tim Keller. See below for available locations and times.



Time	Neighborhood	Location	Leader/Teacher
Monday 8:00 pm	Town & Country	Home of Tim Brown 13747 Kingside Ln	Tim Brown
Tuesday 7:30 pm	Memorial	Home of George Shannon 624 Shartle Circle 77024	George Shannon Bob Hansen
Tuesday 7:30 pm	The Heights	Onion Creek 3106 White Oak Dr	Travis Graham
Tuesday 6:30 am	River Oaks	River Oaks Baptist Church 2300 Willowick Rd	Sonny DeShong Seth Russell
Thursday 7:00 am	Galleria	Church Office 777 Post Oak Blvd., Ste 340	Chris Pine

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study meets on a weekday morning or in the evening in order to provide a place for women to grow spiritually through Bible study and prayer. Each study either meets in small groups or in a combination of large and small groups for teaching and discussion. The Women's Bible Study also provides a warm and inviting environment for people new to Christ the King to get "plugged in" and learn more about the church.

Time	Location	Leader/Teacher	Topic
Monday 10:00-11:15 am*	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church - Sanctuary	Barbara Spell	Happily Ever After (Marriage)
Monday 10:00-11:15 am*	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church - Room 215	Laura Wilcox	Capture My Heart, Lord (A journey to a heart captivated by Christ) by Laura Wilcox
Tuesday 7:00 pm	Home of Donna Sims	Donna Sims	Capture My Heart, Lord
Tuesday 8:00 pm	Home of Christi Pramudji	Christi Pramudji	Capture My Heart, Lord
Wednesday 7:00 pm	Home of Meredith McCord	Meredith McCord	Capture My Heart, Lord

* Childcare will be available for children 8 weeks through 4 years old.

Connecting Event:

MEN'S STEAK NIGHT

The men of Christ the King gathered on Wednesday, August 5 at the home of John Synnott for a steak night. This is one in a series of monthly events emphasizing either connecting, learning, or serving.



David Lugo - steak in hand



Roger Cooner and Brian Smith



Mike Stevcken and Mike McClure



Mark Pillsbury



Travis Graham and Steven Young

SUMMER RETREATS & MISSION TRIPS

The Student Ministry had a very busy and exciting summer! Through many different events and Bible studies, the Lord revealed his love, faithfulness, and grace. The students and the staff were blessed with many opportunities to learn more about each other and our Father's world. The Middle School students traveled to Galveston for a Summer Retreat and spent a week serving right here in



Houston with Center for Student Missions. The High School ministry joined over 1,400 other high school students in Panama City, Florida at RYM Summer Conference and ended the summer in Corozal, Belize assisting in building a Christian high school and leading Vacation Bible School at a local Presbyterian Church. We are so thankful for God's provision and presence the past few months!

By Amy Cavanaugh

Amy is the Student Ministry Coordinator at Christ the King.



VBS WRAP-UP

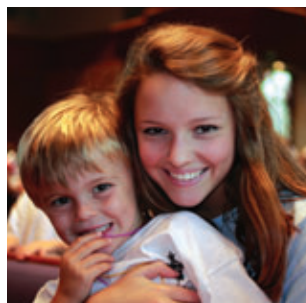
This past July, over 300 children and adult volunteers stomped through the swamp in our Vacation Bible School's Cajun Bayou Bash.

Each morning began with Swamp Stomp, where the children learned songs, some even with a Cajun flare. They saw Pastor Priest help our new friend, Thibodeaux, overcome his fear of living in the swamp by reminding him through the daily themes that God is always with us. The children progressed through stations that reinforced each day's theme through snacks



in Jambalaya Junction, games in Ragin' Cajun Ramble, and crafts in Creole Crafts. At the drama station, they saw the Gospel portrayed through the life of David.

The day ended in Lagniappe Landing, where each day's lesson was reinforced with "a little something extra". Many children earned their Bible memory Buddies, a keychain of swamp friends, by memorizing the Bible verses from Psalm 18:30-32.



We want to give a big thanks to all our volunteers who made our week of Vacation Bible School possible.



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Bowling Party-

Combined Boys' and Girls' Social

September 27 - 5:00 pm

Palace Bowling Lanes

Questions? Contact

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Got Truth?

A Scripture Memory Challenge

Coming late September

Mission Project

Coming late October

Questions? Contact

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Linna Mooring

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"Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9

BUILDING PROGRESS

Tellepsen Builders began construction of our new facility at 1201 Silber Road on June 1. On June 15, they began “moving dirt”. Tellepsen continued site work for the rest of June and July, preparing the groundwork for the building foundation. They began pouring bell bottom piers on July 7.

In the month of August, Tellepsen poured the concrete for the five south parking bays. On August 25, they poured concrete for the new worship space and have begun erecting steel! During September, Tellepsen will pour the foundation for the educational wing and continue putting up the steel framework for the building.

Please see christtheking.com/building-photo-gallery for progress updates.



Moving Dirt



Pouring Piers



Parking Lot Pour 1



Foundation Pour - Gathering Hall Before



Foundation Pour - Gathering Hall After



Parking Lot Pour 2

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

BILLY CRAIN
REFORMED UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP (RUF) AT RICE UNIVERSITY

Originally from Dallas, Texas, Billy is the fourth of five boys. After attending the University of Texas at Austin, Billy served for two years as an RUF intern at Auburn University. Billy followed up his time at Auburn by attending Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi while working with college students at First Presbyterian Church and Millsaps College. Before becoming the RUF Campus Minister at Rice, Billy spent three years teaching and coaching at Providence Christian School of Texas in Dallas. In 2001, Billy married the lovely and talented Ashley Joan Knox of

Austin, Texas, and they now have two wonderful children, William and Knox.

Reformed University Fellowship is the campus ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America, the denomination to which Christ the King belongs. Please join us in praying for Billy and the other RUF campus ministers as they begin the school year. Pray for him and his family, including Ashley who is expecting their third child in the spring. Pray for new RUF intern, Lauren Johnson, that she would get settled quickly and be knit into the RUF team at Rice. Pray that both Billy and Lauren would find good connections to students as they come back to campus, and that planning for student

activities would go well in the next month. Pray that many students would be committed to growth in their walk with Christ through the RUF Bible studies and other activities. Pray for renewal on the Rice campus as the Holy Spirit works in the lives of many to bring fruit to the kingdom.

For more information on RUF at Rice or to find ways to help, contact Billy at bcrain@ruf.org or 713.892.5464.



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Baptisms

Grace Elizabeth Donovan, Sarah Folbre Thielemann, Georgia Hamilton Webster and Clara McKinney Whiles were baptized on June 21

Adair Slate Blurton, Charlotte Lee Cagle, Meredith Messer Dyson and Samuel James Hunniford were baptized on July 19

Hudson Wayne Miller, Ainsley Susan Pine, Abigail Katherine Rose and Samuel Allen Wright, Jr. were baptized on August 16

Births

Georgia Braden was born to Melissa and Jason Holton on June 1

Evan Alexander was born to Elizabeth and Sergio DeLeon on June 10

Miles William was born to Julie and Jerry Smith on June 30

Catherine Elise was born to Angela and Craig Pennington on July 18

Sarah Grace was born to Tricia and Jim Zucker on August 2

John Eliot Yut-wah was born to Kathleen and Phil Fung on August 5

Harper Grace was born to Mary and Jonathan Smith on August 21

Mary Eloise was born to Sarah and Matt Liuzzi on September 1

Katheryn Ann was born to Liz and Mike Steveken on September 12

Communions

Kirk William Elston celebrated his first communion on June 21

Marriages

Phillip Wright and Holly Kortman were married on June 13

Jennifer Hance and Ryan Whitley were married on August 15

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Sol and Jonathan Edwards in the loss of Sol's grandmother

Our sympathy is extended to Deborah Dunkum in the loss of her brother

Our sympathy is extended to Etta and John Toe in the loss of Etta's father

Our sympathy is extended to Pip and Don Clarke in the loss of Pip's brother

Our sympathy is extended to Anna-Grace and Matt Lair in the loss of Anna-Grace's father

Our sympathy is extended to Scotty and Dave Bennett in the death of Scotty's mother

Our sympathy is extended to Meredith and Ralph Stone and Sarah and Josh Stone in the loss of Meredith's mother

Ordination and Installation

Ryan Dolibois, Ari Pramudji and Kevin Wells were ordained and installed as Elders on July 12

Batch Batchelder, Phil Betti, Mike McJilton and Joe Tipton were ordained and/or installed as Deacons on July 12

NEW STAFF AT CHRIST THE KING

Brad DeLoach, a long-time member of Christ the King, joined our staff team on August 17 as our first Director of Mission and Mercy. This is a new staff role that we believe will launch our church forward in our mission to extend Christ's kingdom in Houston and beyond.

Brad will be responsible for overseeing local, national and world mission and will work toward creating a culture of mission and mercy at Christ the King. Brad will also serve as the staff liaison to our diaconate and ministry to the Liberian community.

Brad has extensive experience in corporate and non-profit organizations, and he has a passion for mobilizing God's people for ministry. Most recently, Brad has served as the chairman of the Deacons at Christ the King. Brad is married to Lauren, and they have two children, Lizzie and Nathan.

It is a great joy to have such a winsome, humble and effective leader as Brad join our staff as we prepare as a church to maximize the extensive mission opportunities God will provide us through our new facility. Please pray for Brad and his family as he undertakes this new role.



Nathan, Lauren, Brad, and Lizzie DeLoach

Catie Brow

Early Childhood Coordinator

Catie has lived in Houston most of her life. She graduated from Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor of Science in Academic Studies. Catie is certified in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. Before having children, she worked for St. Michael's Catholic School teaching for several years. Catie has also taught preschool at Westminster Weekday School. She is married to Paul, and they have three children: Annie, Lily, and Molly.

Mary Grace Rogers

Ministry Coordinator

Mary Grace grew up in Lookout Mountain, GA. She completed her Bachelor of Arts at Covenant College in Natural Sciences. Since then, she has spent many years in the health and wellness sector before transitioning to executive training and consulting.

Joe Deegan

Student Ministry Intern

Joe was born and raised in Tuscumbia, AL where he attended Covenant Christian High School. He graduated from Covenant in 2004 and went on to attend the University of North Alabama in Florence, AL. He graduated from UNA in May of 2009 with a degree in Secondary Education concentrated in English/Language Arts.

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Office hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

Worship:

Sunday mornings at 9:00am & 10:30am
Houston Community College Southwest Campus
5601 West Loop South
Houston, TX 77081
Just off I-610 south of the Galleria

Christ the King is a self governing, self-supporting congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

Worship Location



MISSION STATEMENT

Christ the King Presbyterian Church exists to worship, know and serve the King so that he is honored and his reign is powerfully extended in Houston and beyond.

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