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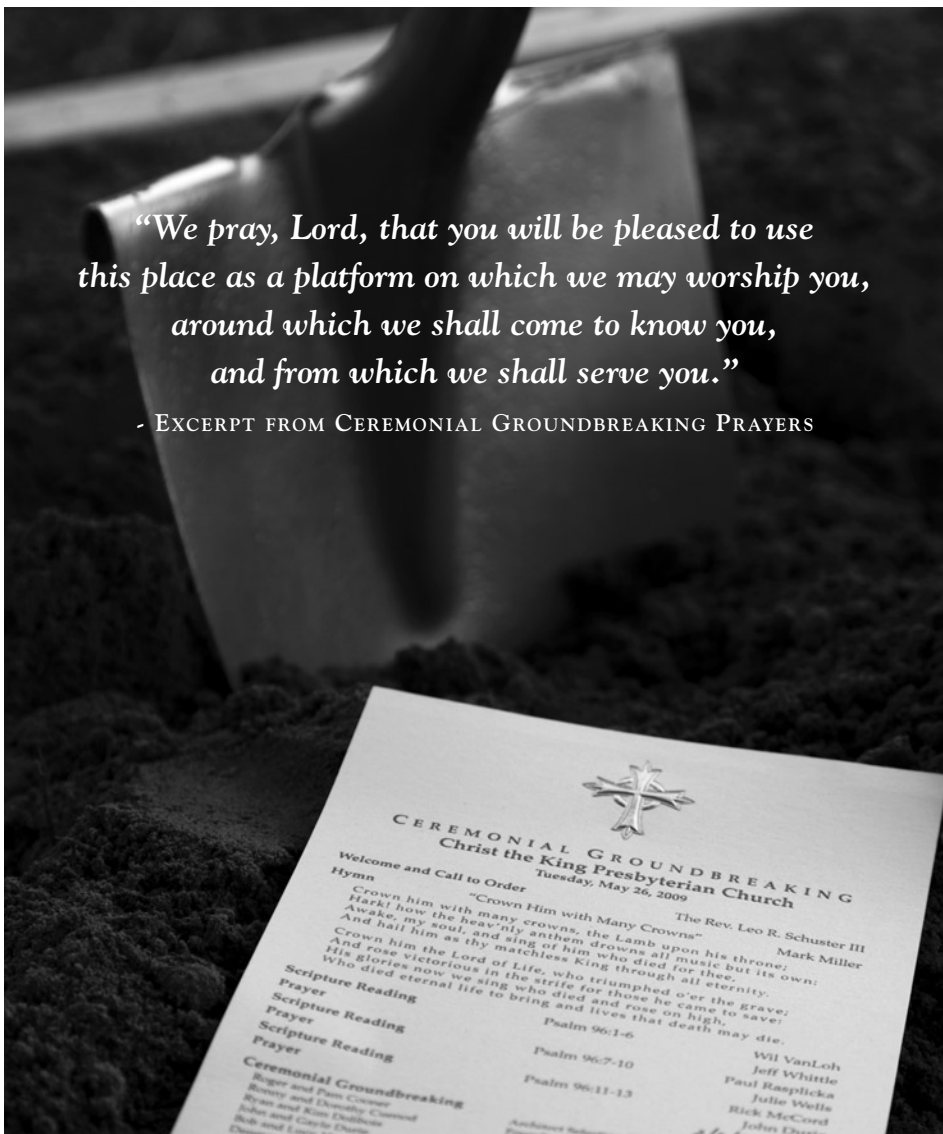
GROUNDBREAKING

BY LEO SCHUSTER

Sunday, May 31 (Pentecost Sunday), was an extra special day at Christ the King as we celebrated together the groundbreaking of our church facility. After twelve plus years in temporary facilities, it's hard to believe this moment has finally arrived. Do I hear an 'Amen'?!

We are going to be so blessed to have our own facility. But we must resist the temptation to see the church building as an end in itself. Think instead of our grand opening as an excuse to reintroduce ourselves to the city of Houston, and think of our facility as a platform for ministry. It is a brand new beginning for us at Christ the King (CTK 2.0!). Together let's seize the opportunity to make the most of the mission entrusted to us: to powerfully extend Christ's kingdom in Houston and beyond. And let's begin by praying from this point forward that our Lord's kingdom might come on earth as it is in heaven through us and the facility we'll soon enjoy!

For more pictures and portions of the prayers written for the Ceremonial Groundbreaking, go to page 3. May the Lord continue to pour out his gracious blessings upon us so that we might fully honor him and powerfully extend his reign in Houston and beyond!



"We pray, Lord, that you will be pleased to use this place as a platform on which we may worship you, around which we shall come to know you, and from which we shall serve you."

- EXCERPT FROM CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING PRAYERS

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STUDENT MINISTRY

Congratulation Seniors

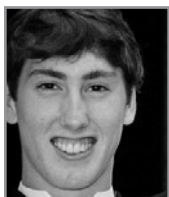
Your church family is so proud of you and we will pray for you as you start this next adventure in your life as a high school graduate.



Max Anton -
Graduating from St. Thomas Episcopal School and will be involved in a series of internships involving wildlife studies, paleontology, and malacology next year



Catherine Bishop -
Graduating from St. Thomas Episcopal School and plans to attend Auburn University in the fall



John Paul Cavanaugh -
Homeschooled and plans to attend Community College this fall before going on to University of Texas



Cameron Cuenod -
Graduating from St John's School and plans to attend University of Texas this fall



Joy Hazel - Graduating from Lamar High School and plans to attend HCC this fall and study cosmology



Taylor McAulty -
Homeschooled, attending Lone Star College and continuing in dance training and teaching



Bryant Poffenberger -
Graduating from Stonebridge Academy and plans to attend Texas A&M this fall



Margaret Schuster -
Graduating from Memorial High School and plans to attend TCU this fall

STUDENT MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

High School Summer Schedule:

Summer Weekly Meetings:
Wednesdays - June 3, 10, 24, July 1, 29
Reformed Youth Ministries - July 6-11
Belize Mission Trip - August 1-8

Middle School Summer Schedule:

Summer Weekly Meetings:
Thursdays - June 4, 11, 25, July 2, 30
Galveston Retreat - June 15-19
Center For Student Missions Mission Trip - July 15-18



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Put on your mud boots and prepare to stomp through the swamp at our Cajun Bayou Bash Vacation Bible School. Join us for singing, games, crafts, great snacks and Bible lessons taught through drama.

Our Vacation Bible School will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, July 20-24 at Bethel Independent Presbyterian Church, 825 Bering, in Houston, 77057.

Swamp guides will lead us to learn about the life of David, and how God's covenant promise to him would one day bring our savior, Jesus, from David's family.

We will also see God's faithfulness to David through good times, bad times, and even through David's own sin.

Pre-Kindergarten and older children will have the opportunity to earn Bible Memory Buddies by memorizing our theme verses from Psalm 18:

30 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.

31 For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God?

32 It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.

In the opening Swamp Stomp, children will meet our new puppet, Thibodeaux, and learn great songs about God's love and protection. In our Ragin' Cajun Ramble, children will burn some energy with fun games. In Creole Crafts, children will make crafts that highlight the daily theme or Bible lesson. In Jambalaya Junction, the children will make and eat thematic snacks. In Magnifique Missions, children will learn about missions and help the Student Ministry prepare for their summer mission trip to Belize. Finally, in Lagniappe Landing, the children will review the daily lesson and get "a little something extra" to help them remember their stomp through the swamp.

We will wrap up the week with a Friday Night Soiree with dinner prepared by the Men of Christ the King, a program involving the children, and carnival games.

Sign up now online at www.christtheking.com/ministries/special_events.html. If you have any questions, or want to serve, contact one of our directors, Catie Brow (browfamily@comcast.net) or Lynn Cinciripini (lcinciripini@christtheking.com).



Courtesy of BlueBison.net

GROUNDBREAKING PHOTOS



"We come before you humbled and awed by the power of your hand on your local church... where you are worshipped in spirit and in truth and where the gospel is proclaimed faithfully each Sunday."

"As we reflect upon your goodness and your faithfulness, we pray that we would humbly submit ourselves to your will for the future of our church. We ask that we would be faithful stewards of the facility we are beginning to construct."



"With heartfelt thanks and gratitude we praise, trust and cry out to you "Abba, Father" to complete what you have begun."



"Father, the earth rejoices when it considers your greatness. Let our church, on our small part of the earth, shout about your greatness, and your holiness, and your salvation to our neighbors, and to Houston, and to all the nations. Amen."



MEN'S PIG ROAST

The Men of Christ the King 2009 took place on Saturday, May 16 at the Parkerosa Ranch in Chappel Hill. Activities included fishing, 3 on 3 basketball, swimming, skeet shooting, and of course much meaty, smoky, porcine, and bovine goodness.

Our next men's event will be a learning event called Theology on Tap and scheduled for sometime in late August.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Todd and Carol Alonso with Luke



Chris and Jennifer Behan with Thomas, Wyatt, and Garrett



Eric and Marcia Black



Hugh and Kim Byrd with Jack



Chris Cassias



Kevin Cassidy



Lucy Chbioh



Walker and Missy Dollahon with Shepherd, Eva Rose, Maggie and Ike



Timothy Cleveland



Collin and Alicia Croley with Clayton



Gill Dolan



John and Staci Donovan



Ron and Meredith Dyson



Rita Gbala



Annie Gosoe



Mike and Rachel Hagedorn



Rob and Michelle Hays



Jackie Kirby



Jessie Liu



Jennifer Needham



Corrie Pendergrass



Daniel Pohlmann



Alicia Reagan



Andy and Andrea Reichenbach



Margie Saibara



Everly and Sudarat Saudale with Peter and Matthew



Chris Smith



Jerry and Julie Smith



Richard and Suzanne Smith



Stephanie VonWagner



Tad and Tricia Wade

CHRIST THE KING STAFF NEWS

Goodbye to the Cook Family

Robert Cook recently accepted a call to serve as a pastor at West End Community Church in Nashville. As a congregation, we celebrated the ministry of the Cooks at Christ the King on May 17. They were presented with a book of memories compiled by members of the congregation. Words really cannot begin to express adequately the extraordinary impact Robert and Kimberly have had among us and all that they mean to us. Robert's remarkable gifts have brought an authentic personal touch to our Congregational Care and Membership ministry areas at Christ the King.



Join us in praying for the Cooks as they transition into this new calling.

Clay Holland now serving as Executive Minister

Clay Holland is now responsible for leading the staff and congregation in the execution of the vision of Christ the King. This is an enormous blessing for our church and answer to prayer. Much beloved as a minister here at Christ the King for the last nearly nine years, Clay will now assume the day-to-day leadership of ministry. This will enable Leo Schuster, our Senior Minister, to give more time and attention to preaching, worship leading, and vision-casting. Clay's extraordinary gifts, collegial approach to ministry, and personal humility make him exceptionally well qualified to serve in this new role. Please pray for him as he assumes many new responsibilities at this opportune time in the life of our church.

Adrienne Fry now serving as the Executive Ministerial Assistant

In addition to supporting Leo Schuster, Adrienne Fry will now also assist Clay Holland in his new role. Using her outstanding organizational gifts and attention to detail, Adrienne will continue to help in guiding our staff to assure that ministry is implemented with excellence and grace to the glory of God.

Patti Cunningham now serving as the Children's Ministry Director

With remarkable competence, Patti has served for the last year as our Children's Ministry Coordinator and before that as the Early Childhood Coordinator. Under her wise, thorough, and dependable guidance, we are confident that our children's ministry will flourish in this important season of our church's life.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

When: Saturday, April 18

Where: Magnolia Hotel

Speaker: Kay Gabrysch of Park Cities Presbyterian Church



Women's Bible Study

Ladies, join us as Barbara Spell leads our fall study entitled "Happily Ever After" on Mondays from 9:30-11:00 am in the sanctuary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Childcare will be available for children 8 weeks through 4 years old. Registration will begin in August.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Baptisms

Caroline Emelyn Buja was baptized on February 15

Alexander Linton Bard, Molly Margaret Hammond Cross and Spencer Pavay Gaines were baptized on March 8

Madeline Grace Booth, Ruth Ann Forrester, Charles Marshall Priest and Jack David Schwab were baptized on April 19

Jackson Warren Byrd, Lily Cate Dickinson, Matson David Dowiak and Andrew Wallace Evans were baptized on May 10

Rita Gbala, Annie Gosoe and Elizabeth Jane Smith were baptized on May 17

McIntosh Tudee were baptized on June 7

Births

Charlotte Lee was born to Ruth and Steve Cagle on January 19

Ella Carrington was born to Cara and Ben Moore through adoption on February 6

Jack David was born to Jennie and David Schwab on February 19

Georgia Hamilton was born to Jenny and Blake Webster on March 13

Ainsley Susan was born to Leslie and Chris Pine on March 23

Clara McKinney was born to Molly and Jason Whiles on March 27

Mary Malin was born to Devin and Ryan McCord on March 30

Abigail Katherine was born to Emily and Justin Rose on April 1

Maya Wai-Yun was born to Michelle and Jason Parker on April 4

Hudson Wayne was born to Nicole and Jason Miller on April 6

Mikayla Grace was born to Rebekah and Grant Elam on April 22

Samuel James was born to Lindsay and Chris Hunniford on April 30

Ettalina W was born to Etta and John Toe on May 1

Eden Bissada was born to Nancy and Chad Wilson on May 5

Miranda Rose was born to Pip and Don Clarke on May 6

Clayton Winfield was born to Alicia and Collin Croley on May 10

Arielle Bailan was born to Kristi and Neil Blandford on May 20

Communions

Mary Laura VanLoh celebrated her first communion on April 5

Walker McKay Crow and William Hopkins McLeroy celebrated their first communions on April 19

Bethany Claire Pennington, Emily Morgan Pennington, Grace Alexandra Pennington and McIntosh Tudee celebrated their first communions on June 7

Marriages

Rob Hays and Michelle Ford were married on March 21

Doug Sparkes and Carolyn Durkee were married on April 4

Matt Lair and Anna Grace Classen were married on April 4

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Laurie and Jeff Sapp in the loss of Laurie's grandmother in February

Our sympathy is extended to Rebekah and Grant Elam in the loss of Grant's grandmother on February 19

Our sympathy is extended to David Saba in the loss of his grandmother

Our sympathy is extended to Sarah and Ted Kern in the loss of Sarah's father on May 3

Our sympathy is extended to Alyssa and Travis Graham in the loss of Alyssa's grandfather on May 20



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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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Houston Community College
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