



THE CHRONICLES

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S VESTRY RETREAT

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SENIOR WARDEN



Eleven people in a secluded lakeside cabin at the end of an abandoned logging road, far away from the noisy and traffic-choked city...the plot of a cheap paperback novel...or something more?

In this case, it actually turns out to be something more as the members of your Vestry, Father Bob and Parish Administrator Gladys Pace gathered at Camp Allen January 27 – 28, for the annual Vestry Retreat.

About an hour drive from Houston, 950 acre Camp Allen is located near Navasota and is the conference and retreat center of The Episcopal Diocese of Texas. It is a truly pastoral and peaceful setting. The purposes of the retreat were to get better acquainted with each other through fellowship, to discuss Vestry roles and responsibilities and to better discern



COUNTLESS OPPORTUNITIES TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL

our individual ministries and the larger ministry of St. Christopher's, as we go about doing God's work.

Each day began with Morning Prayer led by Father Bob. A delicious breakfast prepared by the loving hands of Gladys Pace followed the service. The two days of the retreat were filled with getting to know one another, planning activities, developing a new mission statement, discussing Stewardship and our roles in our church and our communities.

There was free time in the afternoons and evenings during which we could visit with each other, hike the camp trails, gaze at the stars in the crystal-clear, far-from-the-city sky or meditate by the lake.

Another great meal and Evening Prayer concluded each day and offered a peaceful and appropriate end to our activities.

We departed Camp Allen after breakfast on Saturday, January 29, rested in mind and body, renewed in spirit and awakened to the countless opportunities to spread the Good News of the Gospel and to make a difference in the lives of others, as well as in our own.



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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S FINANCIALS

January 2011

Annual Budget Pledge Income Goal

\$250,000

Actual Year to Date Pledged

\$228,946

Year to Date Actual

\$23,311

2010 Stewardship Program

98 Pledges Received

PRAYER REQUEST

If you or someone you know needs prayer, the Daughters of the King maintain a prayer list. Cards are available in the Sanctuary. Fill out a card and place in the offering plate to be added to this prayer list. Once added, the prayer will remain on this list for one month unless noted.

If you wish to add a prayer to the Prayers of the People, please fill out the form provided in the church office at 713.465.6015 or jill@stchrishouston.org. This form can be picked up or emailed to you upon request. Unless otherwise noted, the prayer will only be added for one week.

PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know needs a home or hospital visit or Holy Communion, our Pastoral Care Team is available. Pastoral Care visit the ill and homebound. Lay Eucharistic Visitors are available to offer communion. Please call the office to be added to the visitation list. In case of Pastoral Emergency, please call 281.636.7224.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are available for dedication to special occasions (birthdays, anniversaries, in thanksgiving, in memory of, or for the glory of God). If you would like to order Altar Flowers, contact the church office at 713.465.6015 or email gladys@stchrishouston.org. Dedications are \$50.00.

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If you wish to reserve any space on the parish property for a personal or organizational event, a building reservation or meeting request form must be filled out and approved at least five business days prior to the event. Reservation forms are available in the office or can be emailed to you. Contact the church office at 713.465.6015 or gladys@stchrishouston.org.

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If you or your organization have a fundraiser or outreach campaign you wish to offer to the congregation, you must have approval from the church office. Please contact Gladys at 713.465.6015 or gladys@stchrishouston.org for more information.

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If you wish to add an announcement to the weekly bulletin please submit it in writing by the Tuesday before you wish it published. Submitted announcements are subject to approval. Please bring it to the church office or email jill@stchrishouston.org.

NAME TAG/CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGE

Submit name tag request or contact information changes in writing to the parish office. Requests can be emailed to gladys@stchrishouston.org.

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The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle
Bishop of Texas
The Rev. Robert P. Goolsby
Rector

Sunday Services

8:00 AM	Rite I Eucharist
9:15 AM	Christian Education
10:30 AM	Rite II Eucharist
	Children's Chapel

Beginning Sunday, March 13, 2011, the Rite II Eucharist will be at 10:00 AM.

Parish Office

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Hours

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 cipra3@aol.com

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Day School Hours

Full Care 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Mother's Day Out/Preschool 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Pre Kindergarten 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 After School Program 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Thrift Shop

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Phone: 713.467.7743
 Fax: 713.465.2086

Hours

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

CITIZENS FOR ANIMAL PROTECTION GRAND OPENING

Blessing the New Home of Citizens for Animal Protection

St. Christopher's is a congregation full of animal lovers and it is no secret that Father Bob and his wife Karla are animal advocates as well. So, what an honor it was that Citizens for Animal Protection (CAP) Director, Kappy Muenzer, invited Father Bob to bless their beautiful new facility at its grand opening on Saturday, January 29, 2011. Recognizing that a majority of CAP's success in pet adoption depends on visibility, the CAP Board of Directors and volunteer leaders purchased a 3.5 acre parcel of land at 1-10 and Barker Clodine Road in 2006.

In September 2009, Father Bob provided the blessing when CAP broke ground for construction of their new facility.

CAP HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST [ADOPTION] RATES IN THE STATE AND THREE TIMES THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

Television host Deborah Duncan served as Master of Ceremonies, and The Honorable Mayor



Fr. Bob with CAP Executive Director Kappy Muenzer, and Houston Mayor Anise Parker at CAP's 2011 Grand Opening.



Mayoral Candidate Anise Parker with Fr. Bob at the 2009 Groundbreaking Ceremony and Blessing of the Animals at CAP's new location.

Anise Parker spoke at the festive grand opening ceremonies of CAP's new permanent home, The Jane Cizik Center, at 17555 Katy Freeway. The new center will allow CAP to better care for the thousands of animals that come through their doors every year. With an average adoption rate of 47 percent, CAP has one of the highest rates in the state and three times the national average. Their determination translates into more orphaned pets being placed in loving homes. CAP has received numerous awards for its shelter operations including the National Humane Award of Excellence from PetsMart Charities and the Exceptional Adoption Placement Program Award from the new York ASPCA.

CAP is a non profit organization that provides shelter, adoption, foster care and rescue to Houston area animals and humane education to encourage love and respect for all animals. To find out more about CAP, its facility or how to volunteer, check out their website: www.cap4pets.org or call 281-497-0591.

RECTOR'S PAGE

¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.* ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually* into a dwelling-place for God.

-Ephesians 2:19-22

Many times during my private scripture reading and study, I come across a text that really compels me, stirs me, and awakens me. It's not necessarily a part of the scripture selections in the lectionary, rather, I'll find a passage just by exploring. A book that catches my attention many times is Paul's epistle to the Ephesians. This letter reaches those in the church community (in Greek, *ekklesia*, which means gathered community) in Ephesus, teaching and instructing them about building up Christ's Church. We find much of the beautiful language throughout The Book of Common Prayer taken right from this letter written by Paul. Read Paul's letter to the Ephesians sometime and see how much of the language in this letter is familiar to you. As matter of fact, our tradition uses Paul's words so ubiquitously that there's an old joke in Episcopal circles that when Episcopalians read Ephesians they claim, "Paul must have stolen from The Book of Common Prayer when he wrote Ephesians!"

Our faith in Jesus and our understanding as a gathered community has rested greatly on the instruction of St. Paul's writings. And we should continue to heed Paul's instruction! He was the first great church planter and we continue to learn from him as we read something from one of his epistles nearly every Sunday in worship.

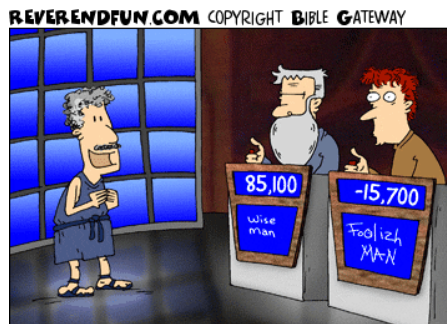
As we continue on in our prayerful discernment about renovating our historic Nave, I am reminded of Paul's great teaching once again about us being the Body of Christ, called to continue building itself up to increase God's Kingdom. After all, that is our task as Christians; to build up the Kingdom and family of God. Each faith community must discern how they

will do this in their own context. What is our context? What is our mission? Big picture: our calling and mission is summed up in Matthew 28:19-20, "the Great Commission", where Jesus tells his disciples to, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." We must not lose sight of this command! We must not lose sight of the adventurous and exciting call to be Christ's Body in the world! Because if we do, then we cease to be the faithful "*ekklesia*" that Christ imagines for us and for the world.

I am excited for this community of St. Christopher's. I am excited at the presence and power of the Holy Spirit at work among us as we take a great step of faith in our renovation project. Soon, we will have beautiful drawings of what the new interior will look like. Please continue to support and pray for this wonderful act of faith that we are embarking on. This is truly an exciting time in the life of St. Christopher's and in our journey with Christ. As you read Paul's words of scripture, as you recite them on a weekly basis in the liturgy, I challenge you to engraft these words in your heart and believe them: "In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually* into a dwelling-place for God."

God bless you. See you in church.

Bob+



(See Matthew 7:24-27) 04-25-2007
WISER MAN LEADS FOOLISH MAN BY OVER 100,000 AS WE HEAD INTO FINAL JEOPARDY, WHERE THE TOPIC WILL BE ... "SOLID FOUNDATIONS"

FATHER BOB'S MARCH CALENDAR

- 1 Staff Meeting
Rector's Bible Study
- 2 Day School Chapel
Healing Service
- 5 Altar Guild Workshop
- 6 Confirmation Class
- 7 Circle of Care
- 8 Staff Meeting
Rector's Bible Study
Thrift Shop Meeting
- 9 Ash Wednesday
Day School Chapel
Healing Service
- 14 Day School Board
- 15 Staff Meeting
Rector's Bible Study
Finance Committee
- 16 Day School Chapel
Healing Service
Taize Service
- 18 Clergy Support Group
- 19 Game Night
- 20 Confirmation Class
- 21 Outreach Meeting
- 22 Staff Meeting
Rector's Bible Study
HAEYA Lunch
Vestry
- 23 Day School Chapel
Healing Service
Clericus
Taize
- 24 Ministry Leadership Class
- 27 Confirmation Class
- 29 Staff Meeting
Rector's Bible Study
- 30 Day School Chapel
Healing Service
Taize

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation Class continue through **April 3rd**.



Preparation for Confirmation, Reaffirmation and Reception is offered to all youth who have begun 6th grade and all adults. We will study the Bible, the Episcopal Church and the Book of Common Prayer.

Confirmation is a perfect opportunity for you to make a public affirmation of your commitment to God as you learn and grow in your faith through The Word, prayer and fellowship.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN SENIOR BUS TRIP REPORT

Monday, February 7th



We departed Church parking lot at around 9:10 AM with our Mystery Guide, AKA Fr. Bob, on board. We had 27 in attendance.

Our first stop was a unique sandwich/deli shop in The Heights and then on to the semi restored movie house/museum/art gallery down the street. Karla joined us at this point in our tour. Then, onto Treebeards for lunch.

Fr. Bob made arrangements to tour the Episcopal Diocesan headquarters after lunch.

Then we took a docent guided tour of the Co-Cathedral of The Sacred Heart, the headquarters of the Galveston and Houston Catholic Dioceses. This was indeed a memorable event, touring this magnificent edifice.

After returning to St. Christopher's, some of us visited our neighbors across the street and were guided through Our Lady of Czestochowa Church and Parish Hall. This concluded the Mystery Bus Trip.

To join us on one of our future adventures, mark your calendars for the upcoming ECW Senior Bus Trips in April, May and June

Thursday April 14

Depart Church parking lot at 8:00AM. Drive to Brenham, TX and meet Mrs. Bettye Honerkamp. She will take us to choice Bluebonnet sites in the Brenham area. Lunch at Purcell's, a local restaurant. After lunch we will tour a local attraction. After the tour we will take a different route back to Houston via Washington on the Brazos and then return to St. Christopher's. Final details will be posted on the sign up poster. We will be there, I hope Mother Nature shows up!

Estimated cost is \$6.00 per person plus lunch.

Saturday May 7

We're heading to The Liberty Opry House in Liberty, TX for an evening of Country Gospel music performed by the Opry ensemble and an outstanding Gospel Trio. This promises to be a fun evening. We will depart at 3:00PM. Dinner will be at Ann's Seafood Restaurant in Liberty prior to the show. Menu prices range from \$8 to \$12 per person. Cost for this trip is \$12 pp. All seats are

reserved and prepaid so I will need firm commitments 2 weeks in advance. Should be back at St. Christopher's no later than 11:30 PM

Monday June 13

This is our "Carmen Darlin" trip to Huntsville, TX. We will meet our tour guide at the Sam Houston Statue visitor's center for a tour of local historical sites. A break for country style lunch and then a visit and tour of the Prison Museum. I have not personally made this trip, but have gotten several great reviews. Looking forward to it. More details and cost as the date draws nearer.

Look for sign-up sheets and posters in The Narthex and Parish Hall. Feel free to call me, Carl Squires, for more information at 713-467-2552

Christian Education News

Adult Forum will be led by Jill Center March 6th-April 3rd. We will not meet on March 20th. All adults are welcome to join. Forum meets in Latham Hall and begins every Sunday morning at 9:15 AM. **Beginning March 13th, Forum is 9 - 10 AM.**

NEW SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

BEGIN MARCH 13, 2011

- 8:00 AM Rite I with Eucharist
- 9:00 AM Christian Education Hour
- 10:00 AM Rite II with Eucharist & Children's Chapel
- 11:30 AM Episcopal Youth Community

This Month's Birthdays

We would like to welcome our newest families to the...

Little Lambs Room (infants – 12mos)

Chris & Valerie Doss and their daughter, Audrey

Michael & Remi Dyll and their son, Russell

Afterschool Program (K-5th)

Alma Villarreal and her son Cyrus

We are so glad that you are a part of our family here at St. Christopher's.

March 1	Daniel H.	8 yrs
March 2	Lucy	2 yrs
March 2	Cameron C.	5 yrs
March 10	Ava	5 yrs
March 11	Londyn	4 yrs
March 12	Phoenix	6 yrs
March 19	Camryn D.	3 yrs
March 20	Gabriel	1 yr
March 27	Rachel	11 yrs
March 29	Christian S.	7 yrs

Pre-K ROCKS!



Above: Kameron, Soren and Michael



Left: Matthew and Ace explore rice



Left: Kameron and the letter "R"



Right: Amare and Ava hammer away



Teacher Anniversaries

Congratulations and thank you for your hard work and dedication!



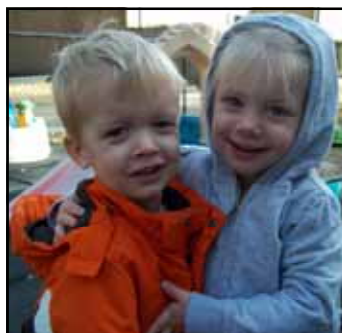
Ana Navarro – 1 year
Little Lambs Teacher
(infants-12mos)

The Caterpillars enjoy their Valentine's Day Party.



Shown Counter-clockwise: Benjamin, Norah, Madeline and Samuel

Doodlebugs make the best friends!



Above: Mason and Tess

MARCH EVENTS

MARCH IS

NATIONAL WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH

NATIONAL READING MONTH

TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST

9:30 AM Staff Meeting
10:00 AM Senior Exercise
10:30 AM Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND



TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY

10:00 AM Day School Chapel
10:30 AM Day School Storytime:
Dr. Seuss Day



10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry
12:05 PM Healing Service with
Eucharist
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH

9:00 AM DEI Model Auditions
in Latham Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAY

Donations of fresh fruits and vegetables and other food items are collected, blessed and delivered to Mission of Yahweh, a local ministry that assists mothers and children in need.



8 AM Rite I
9:15 AM Christian Education
9:15 AM Confirmation Class
10:30 AM Rite II
10:30 AM Children's Chapel
Noon Episcopal Youth
Community
Noon Daughters of the King
2:00 PM Sonshine Kids

TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH

SHROVE TUESDAY

9:30 AM Staff Meeting
10:00 AM Senior Exercise
10:30 AM Bible Study
1:00 PM Thrift Shop Board
6:00 PM Pancake Supper



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH



Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM Service in Manger
Chapel
10:00 AM Day School Chapel
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry
12:00 PM Service
7:00 PM Service
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH

6:30 PM Episcopal Church
Women

SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH

**SECOND SUNDAY
OFFERING FOR
RECTOR'S
DISCRETIONARY
FUND**



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME BEGINS**

NEW SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE BEGINS TODAY

8 AM Rite I
9:00 AM Christian Education
10:00 AM Rite II
10:00 AM Children's Chapel
11:30 AM Episcopal Youth
Community

MARCH EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 14TH

SBISD SPRING BREAK BEGINS

7:00 AM - Day School in
6:00 PM Latham Hall
6:00 PM Day School Board

TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH

7:00 AM - Day School in
6:00 PM Latham Hall
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
10:00 AM Senior Exercise
10:30 AM Bible Study
6:30 PM Finance Committee
6:30 PM Spring Branch Oaks
Civic Association in
Latham Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH

7:00 AM - Day School in
6:00 PM Latham Hall
10:00 AM Day School Chapel
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry
12:05 PM Healing Service with
Eucharist
6:30 PM Simple Supper
7:15 PM Taize Service
8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



7:00 AM - Day School in
6:00 PM Latham Hall

FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH

7:00 AM - Day School in
6:00 PM Latham Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH

6:30 PM Game Night

SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH

FIRST DAY OF SPRING



THIRD SUNDAY

LORD OF THE STREETS

OUTREACH

8 AM Rite I
9:00 AM Snack Pack Assembly
9:00 AM Christian Education
9:00 AM Confirmation Class
10:00 AM Rite II
10:00 AM Children's Chapel
11:30 AM Episcopal Youth
Community

MONDAY, MARCH 21ST

SBISD CLASSES RESUME

TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND

9:30 AM Staff Meeting
10:00 AM Senior Exercise
10:30 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Vestry

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD

10:00 AM Day School Chapel
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry
12:05 PM Healing Service with
Eucharist
12:30 PM Clericus
6:30 PM Simple Supper
7:15 PM Taize Service
8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH

8 AM Rite I
9:00 AM Christian Education
9:00 AM Confirmation Class
10:00 AM Rite II
10:00 AM Children's Chapel
11:30 AM Episcopal Youth
Community

TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH

9:30 AM Staff Meeting
10:00 AM Senior Exercise
10:30 AM Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30TH

10:00 AM Day School Chapel
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry
12:05 PM Healing Service with
Eucharist
6:30 PM Simple Supper
7:15 PM Taize Service
8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal



What is a Steward?

Steward is a very ancient term and appears in the Bible in several forms. One of the most common forms is the Greek word **oikonomos** (pronounced oy-kon-o-mos). *Oikon* refers to household; the *oikonomos* was the one in charge of household management (the steward). It is also from this word we get the English word *economy*. Being a steward is about economics, about God's economy, not ours.

In medieval legal terms, a steward is an official, appointed by the legal ruling monarch to represent him or her in a country, with a mandate to govern in his or her name. **A steward is one entrusted with the care of something and who cares for it with the same diligence as would the owner.** Stewards managed the business affairs of their masters. This was

not just about caretaking of the master's property; it was about wise decision making!

Christian Stewardship

When the word "stewardship" is used in the church, we only think about money. Christian stewardship is not about money—it is about the **right use of God's gifts for God's purposes.**

At the Offertory, when our gifts of bread, wine, music and money are given to God, we say:

**All things come of thee, O Lord,
And of thine own have we give thee.**

This simple sentence says it all—everything comes from God and we are giving back to God only what already belongs to God.

When we embrace the vision that

stewardship is the right use of God's gifts for God's purposes, we begin to see that money is only a fraction of stewardship. Stewardship involves proper care of our bodies through diet and exercise (since the body is a gift from God), care for our environment, proper use of credit and not living beyond our means, and considering the working conditions in the countries which produce the goods we need.

When we are baptized and become Stewards of God's Gifts, we acknowledge the reality that everything and everyone come from God. We have an obligation to care for God's creation . . . all of it! We need to think, pray, and act in ways which will build up the people of God throughout the world.

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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S BIG EVENT



**Saturday, April 30th
10 AM - 2 PM**



**Thrift Shop Sidewalk Sale
Local Arts & Craft Vendors
Children's Activities**

**Refreshments
Music & More**



If you have questions or would like to volunteer please contact Jill Center, Director of Children's Ministries at 713.465.6015 or jill@stchrishouston.org.



April 17 Palm Sunday
 8 a.m. Rite I service
 10 a.m. Rite II service with
 Confirmation



Good Friday, April 22
 Noon service followed by
 Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. (Church)

April 18—20
 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer;
 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (Chapel)

Wednesday, April 20
 Noon Service for Healing with Eucharist (Chapel)

Maundy Thursday, April 21
 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist service
 followed by all-night Prayer Vigil in the Church

April 23 HOLY SATURDAY
 7 p.m. Easter Vigil with Holy Baptism

April 24 Easter Day

- 8 a.m. Festive Rite I service with Communion and Choir
- 10:00 a.m. Festive Rite II service with Communion and Choir
- 11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt



Simple Suppers at 6:15 PM
Groups Needed to Sponsor Evenings
Babysitting Available

Contact Gladys Pace to Volunteer or For More Information
 713.465.6015 xt. 221 or gladys@stchrishouston.org

Wednesdays @ St. Christopher's
March 16th—April 13th

TAIZÉ SERVICE at 7:00 PM in Sanctuary

TAIZÉ MEDITATION is a simple and beautiful service that offers the opportunity for quiet, personal meditation in the context of song and word. It is a time for reflection, for reconciliation, for centering and for prayer. As the twilight yields to night, the church is lit only by candles.

The form of meditation originated at the ecumenical monastery in Taizé, France founded in 1940. Its format has been adapted in diverse ways for use by various Christian denominations and non-Christian communities.





Sonshine Kids

Sunday, March 6th

2 - 4 PM in Youth Room

Children ages 3 to 10

A time of fellowship, fun and faith building

Bring the kids.


Snacks! Videos! Crafts!

Questions about Children's Ministries or Episcopal Youth Community?

Want to be involved?

New opportunities all the time for people of all talents.

Contact Jill Center at 713-465-6015 xt. 225 or jill@stchrishouston.org to become a part of these exciting ministries.




Vacation Bible School will be held

Thursday June 9th - Sunday, June 12th.



Mark your calendars now!

Episcopal Youth Community will meet March 6th at noon, March 20th and March 27th at 11:30 AM. There will be no meeting on March 13th.

Our current Bible Study is God Sightings. We are reading our way through the Bible in a different and fun way. EYC is open to all youth ages 11 and up. Visitors are always welcome.

CAMP ALLEN

SUMMER CAMP

CALENDAR 2011

Dates	Letter	Category	Grade Fall '11
June 5 - 11	A	Primary <small>(Junior Camp)</small>	3rd - 4th
	B	Middler	5th - 6th
	C	Jr. High	7th - 9th
June 12 - 18	D	Sr. High	10th - 12th
	E	Middler	5th - 6th
	F	Jr. High	7th - 9th
June 19 - 25	G	Primary	3rd - 4th
	H	Middler	5th - 6th
	I	Jr. High	7th - 9th
June 26 - July 2	J	Primary	3rd - 4th
	K	Middler	5th - 6th
	L	Jr. High	7th - 9th
July 10 - 16	M	Primary	3rd - 4th
	N	Middler	5th - 6th
	O	Jr. High	7th - 9th
July 17 - 23	P	Primary	3rd - 4th
	Q	Middler	5th - 6th
	R	Jr. High	7th - 9th
July 24 - 30	S	Sr. High	10th - 12th
	T	Middler	5th - 6th
	U	Jr. High	7th - 9th
July 31 - Aug. 6	V	Primary	3rd - 4th
	W	Middler	5th - 6th
	X	Jr. High	7th - 9th
August 7-11	Y	Horsemanship	7th - 9th

Join us at Camp Allen for one of our action-packed, faith-filled summer camp sessions! Since 1921, we have provided youth with the best weeks of their lives. Sign up today!

RATES
 \$450: Sessions A-C
 \$510: Sessions D-X
 \$498: Session Y

WANT TO SERVE?
 Join our counselor team! Weekly volunteer positions are available for ages 15 and up. Resident staff positions are available for ages 18 and up.

To learn more, call:
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 or visit us at:
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PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who mourn:

Haney Family

For our family and friends who are ill and their care givers:

Nina & Gary

(parents of Jennifer Gibson)

Candy and family

Harold & Lois

(parents of Candy Leskin)

Jacque & Ralph

Pat

(wife of Bishop High)

Richard

(husband of Leigh)

Maxine

Clara

Magdalene

Julie

(daughter of Anne Leenheer)

Anne

For all who suffer with Alzheimer's, cancer, MS, autism and any other chronic disease and those who care for them

For those who travel:

Especially the Daughters of the King who travel to Spring Assembly and Province VII

Thanksgivings for:

The Daughters of the King

Our Parish family

Those who serve the homeless in the Houston area

For the Ministries of:

Father Bob and all clergy

Children's and Youth Ministries

Vestry

For the Needs of:

J.B.

(uncle of Debbie McCart)

Mary

(sister of Becky Hubert)

Kathryn Davidson

Evelyn Freeman

Virginia Grohe

Jean & Jack O'Dell

Laverne Peterson

Mary Peterson

Eleanor Sebring

Houston's homeless

Egypt and those working to bring democracy and peace to the area

For our military family and friends:

Matthew Bieker

(Becky Hubert's nephew)

Kevin Berry

(Joy Gould's Grandson)

David Carmichael

Will Ceron

Patrick Cunningham

(Carter Hood's son)

Christopher Esqueda

(Dorothy Johnson's grandson)

Ryan Freeman

(Joy Gould's great-nephew)

Brandon Greenfield



(Joy Gould's Grandson)

Ryan Guedry

(Joy Gould's Grandson)

Ryan Roberts

(Mary's grandson)

Scott Rye

Tyler Siegreest

Chris Trader

Especially for those deployed:

Rubiel Cadavid

(Monica's husband, Day School teacher)

Michael Cox

(Karla's son)

Art Hoffman

(Bonnie's grandson)

Mickey Rojas

Dan Mouton

Joseph Strban

(Dale's Son)

Robert Townsend

(Mary Frances' nephew)

Please remember all prayer requests are automatically dropped from the list after 30 days.

If you wish to renew your request, please call the church office by the last Wednesday of the month to be printed in the Chronicles. Also new prayer requests are accepted at any time by calling the church office or placing a request in the offering plate.

Please make sure you have permission of the person(s) being added to the list.

CAMP ALLEN

2011 EVENTS

ABUNDANT LIVING

Explore aging as a spiritual journey-grow mentally, socially and creatively.

February 28- March 2

BIRDS & BLOOMS

Attend expert-led presentations and enjoy nature first hand through hikes.

April 16-17

90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Come and celebrate Camp Allen's 90 year history with a cookout and concert by Country Music Star: Tracy Byrd.

May 7

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Learn how to use your digital SLR like a professional through a hands-on course.

May 27-29

FAITHFUL FITNESS

Learn and experience a healthy lifestyle through hands on sessions:

June 11-12

MOMS CAMP

A weekend of renewal, adventure, and relaxation for moms of all ages.

July 22-24

FAMILY CAMP

An adventure and entertainment packed weekend for the whole family.

September 2-4

STARRY NIGHTS HOUSTON

A boot-scootin' fun-raiser at the Junior League benefiting Camp Allen.

October 6

FISHERS OF MEN

Fly fishing workshops and pastoral fellowship for men.

October 21-22

GRAMPS CAMP

Explore the camp's many activities through your grandchild's eyes.

October 21-22

C.S. LEWIS RETREAT

Study the works of C.S. Lewis while sharpening your writing skills at the joint Writer's Workshop.

October 27-30

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Thanksgiving Buffet and Eucharist with overnight packages and activities available.

November 24

HOLIDAY IN THE PINES

An activity filled retreat to help families reflect on the reason for the season.

December 9-11

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Our new quarterly magazine, *Diolog: The Texas Episcopalian*, will be mailed March 1, 2011, so be watching your mail for this new phase in our direct communication with you. The Texas Episcopalian is more than 125 years old and has a hearty tradition of keeping our large and active diocese informed and that tradition will continue, now in four-color! We do want this to be a "diolog" with you, so let us know what's on your mind.

Because we will no longer publish a monthly newspaper, all news items will move to the website. I encourage you to subscribe to the news from our homepage (www.epicenter.org) to receive notification when new stories are published. And you can forward this e-newsletter to others so they can subscribe to keep up with events in the diocese, especially Bishop Doyle's upcoming trail ride to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

President Barack Obama announced Feb. 4 that Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori would be joining his administration as a member of the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. The council "brings together religious and secular leaders as well as scholars and experts in fields related to the work of faith-based and neighborhood organizations in order to make recommendations to the government on how to improve partnerships," a White House press release noted, adding that the president will announce additional members at a later date. Each council serves a one-year term. Also announced as one of the 11 new members to join the council is Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which shares a full communion partnership with the Episcopal Church. According to the White House website, the council is charged with: identifying best practices and successful modes of delivering social services; evaluating the need for improvements in the implementation and coordination of public policies relating to faith-based and neighborhood organizations; and making recommendations to the president and the administration on changes in policies, programs, and practices.



NetsforLife was created by a group of Episcopal church members with the help of Episcopal Relief & Development to help fight the spread of malaria by developing a community-wide understanding of the protective value of nets and the right way to use and maintain them

To learn more about this great cause or donate to NetsforLife visit their website: www.netsforlifeafrica.org

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S GUILDS AND ORGANIZATIONS LEADERS

Acolytes	Candy Leskin
Altar Guild	Mary Frances Townsend
Choir	Ruby Bradford
Daughters of the King	Carmen Aikman
Episcopal Church Women	Ann Seitz
Greeters	Cindy Bamsch
Labyrinth	David & Joyce Archibald
Pastoral Care	David & Joyce Archibald
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Joyce Archibald
St. Agatha's Needlepoint Guild	Mary Frances Townsend
Stewardship	John Dagleish
Ushers	Joy Gould
Young Adults	Jill Center

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries		Joyce Archibald	3/15
<i>There are no anniversaries in the month of March.</i>			
		Siobhan Dagleish	3/15
		Diane Lolley	3/16
Birthdays		Ralph Talley	3/17
Michelle Robinson	3/1	Jack Ruffing III	3/18
John Travis Parramore	3/2	Sara Ruffing	3/23
Henry Washington	3/6	Jana Sloan	3/23
Isabel Burk	3/7	Michael Thorpe	3/23
Betty Castator	3/7	Katharine White	3/24
Irene Mandrell	3/9	Carolyn Mount	3/25
Bonnie Hoffman	3/10	Ray Wright	3/25
Jill Center	3/13	Christian Salas	3/29
Peggy Bailey	3/14	Laura Cipra	3/30
David Archibald	3/15	Gene Fischer	3/31





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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Christopher's will joyfully share the Word of Jesus Christ with all people, reaching out in faith, love, and fellowship.

POSTULANT'S PARAGRAPH

PORTIA SWEET

It was that day in February when the bitter cold came to town in a blustery blast. Being the first of the month, bitter cold, and a day when the clinic was open, the lobby of Community of the Streets outreach center was packed. The decibel level of the combined choir of humanity rose and fell as the security guard periodically called for pianissimo so the people at the front desk could be heard and assistance provided.

I spent a couple of hours at the front desk when word came that the good folks at one of the supporting parishes just delivered hot meals. The practice there is that noon snacks or meals are given out to those attending chapel.

Chapel with Eucharist is held regularly on Wednesdays. This was Tuesday and the vicar was not there. So the Lay Chaplain was asked to punt. I did a brief prayer service so some 30 clients could be fed their one meal for that day.

By early afternoon I was sitting in the vicar's office when a young pregnant woman appeared at the door wearing a couple of layers of lightweight clothing. I invited her in, and she explained that she had not eaten all day. Could she please have "one of those". "Those" were the few remaining packets of food provided each month by St. Christopher's and which are normally distributed after Wednesday chapel service. I spoke with her about where she had been earlier in the day - "Ben Taub" (and she had a wrist band as proof); why hadn't the folks at Ben Taub fed her - "I don't know" - and how in the world was she planning to care for her child when it was born - "I'll figure it out."

Well, I thought of all of you, who fund, shop, sort, and pack those bags. I thought you would be saying, "For heaven's sake, feed the child as Christ commanded." And so I did. I also thought you might want to know where some of it

ends up - feeding an unborn child that by all appearances is going to have a rough start in life.

So, perhaps this little true story will gently nudge some more of you to pony up \$5.00 a month to help buy the contents of those snack packs. Peggy Bailey, who shops for most of the items, would also like to see individuals be responsible for purchasing some in bulk; for example, a case of fruit cups. Talk to her about this if that is what you might like to do.

***Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me."
Matthew 25:45***