



May 2015

# The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte



Love God

Care for Each Other

Serve the World

## Spring Parish Day Sunday, May 17

Join us as we worship together as one congregation at a Festival Eucharist at 10:00 AM in All Saints' Hall, with all our choirs and instrumentalists offering a wide array of music.

Following the service, we will gather on the lawn to enjoy food, entertainment, and fun activities, including corn hole, horseshoes, a cake walk, face painting, a balloon artist, and bounce houses. Lunch will be fried chicken and family-friendly fare, along with popsicles for sale from King of Pops. Dress for comfort and bring your picnic blanket!

Want to help or provide baked treats? Contact Courtney Cabaniss at [cabanissc@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:cabanissc@christchurchcharlotte.org) or 704-333-0378.

## MUSIC & WORSHIP

### Music Ministry Dinner

Wednesday, May 13, 6:00 PM

All who are part of the music ministry, from bands to choirs to computer operators, are invited to celebrate and allow us to show our appreciation for your service to our community. Following dinner, we will all rehearse the music for the Parish Day Festival Eucharist.

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### Summer Bands and Choirs

This summer, we invite anyone who would like to sing or play in the summer bands or choirs to come join us! Choirs will sing the first Sunday of each month (June 7, July 5, and August 2) in the Church; bands will serve on the second and fourth Sundays in All Saints' Hall. Rehearsals are held on the same day prior to worship (choir at 9:30 AM and band at 9:00 AM).

If you've never sung in a band or choir before, now is your chance! We welcome you with open arms and a strong melody in our hearts! For more information contact Rob Ridgell at [ridgellr@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:ridgellr@christchurchcharlotte.org).

### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### May 17 (Spring Parish Day)

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church  
10:00 AM Festival Eucharist in All Saints' Hall  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

#### Holy Eucharist

May 24 - August 30 (Every Sunday)

8:30 AM in the Church  
10:30 AM in the Church  
5:00 PM in the Church

#### Godly Play (Children's Worship)

10:25 AM in M213 Every Sunday except Discovery Sundays listed below\*

#### Contemporary Eucharist

June 14, July 12 & August 9 (Second Sundays)

10:30 AM in All Saints' Hall

#### Discovery Eucharist

June 28, July 26 & August 23 (Fourth Sundays)

10:30 AM in All Saints' Hall

\*No Godly Play on these dates (Families are encouraged to worship together at Discovery Eucharist)

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### MUSIC CAMP: Move, Play, Explore!

Monday - Thursday, July 20 - 23, 10:00 AM - Noon

All rising first through fifth graders are invited to participate in a summer music camp led by Lisa Lashley, our music associate and the music educator at Chantilly Montessori School; Grace Morris, choir member and Providence Day music teacher; and Allison Schommer, our Administrative Assistant for Worship and Director of Youth Music at Sharon Presbyterian Church. The cost for this four-day experience is only \$25 for snacks and materials. You can register by filling out the form below. Questions? Contact Allison Schommer, 704-714-6957 or [schommer@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:schommer@christchurchcharlotte.org).

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#### MOVE, PLAY, EXPLORE! REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (Fall 2015): \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed form with a registration fee of \$25 (checks payable to Christ Church) may be dropped off at the Church office or mailed to Christ Church Charlotte, Attn: Allison Schommer, 1412 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28207.



## Building Faith One Question at a Time

By Anne Cullen

Can you have two religions? It's a fascinating question asked by one of our fifth graders during Sunday School.



Recently I had the privilege of assisting in the fifth grade's Sunday School class. With the *Book of Common Prayer* spread all over the tables, Mark Merritt masterfully led the class through a discussion on prayer. He explained different types of prayer and asked

the children if they wanted to share who they had most recently been praying for (intercessory prayers). Mark even spent a little time exploring the role of prayer in a few world religions.

In the middle of the discussion, a brilliant fifth grader asked the question, which made everyone think: Is it possible to know God in more than one way? A wonderful discussion occurred where the children thought about what they believed in. Mark referred to the passage in Romans: "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." You could almost see a physical shift occur, from initially knowing about their parents' faith to beginning to claim their own.

After learning more about prayers of praise, thanksgiving, adoration, intercession, penitence, petition, and oblation, the tweens partnered to write their own prayers, shared here unedited:

*Dear Lord, Thank you for this day, your beautiful creations, the canyons, the oceans, the trees, the plants, the churches and the animals. In Your Son's name we pray, Amen.*

*Dear Lord, I am sorry for people that lie, cheat or steal. I'm sorry for people that do not follow your commandments. I am sorry if I don't do what I know I should do. I pray you will forgive me and everyone else. I hope we will do better in the future. In Your Son's name we pray. Amen.*

*Dear Lord, Thank you for the wonderful food brought before us. Amen.*

*Dear God, I am sorry for stealing money from my mom's purse to buy an XBOX. I am very sorry but I won't give it back. Amen.*

*Dear Lord, Thank you for creating me and this beautiful world. I am thankful for being on Earth and getting to see all the beautiful things you created. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

As a community of faith, we are all called to "continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers." That was clearly being demonstrated that Sunday morning.

If you are looking for a place to interact with children asking brilliant questions, look no longer! We are now creating teaching teams for next year and would love to have you. Contact Anne Cullen at [cullena@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:cullena@christchurchcharlotte.org) or Katherine Vest at [vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org) for more information.

Our most recent Sunday School tagline is "Building Faith One Bible Story at a Time." Maybe it should say "Building Faith One Question at a Time!"

## Come Conquer Mt. Everest With Us!

By VBS Co-Chairs Anne Bowman and Jenny Morton



We are so excited to chair this year's Vacation Bible School, June 22 - 25! VBS will teach us how to conquer challenges with God's mighty power, as we climb to new heights with a Mt. Everest-themed week. Through crafts, games, story time, service, and music, rising four-year-olds through fifth graders will learn that God provides for us, God comforts us, God heals us, and God loves us forever.

Registration runs through June 8. Forms are available at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/vbs](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/vbs) or in the Rotunda. Don't miss out on the fun!

Volunteers are crucial to the success of VBS. Please consider joining us for this rewarding family experience. There are a range of opportunities, from one-day craft helper to four-day Expedition Guide. There is a place for everyone!

Questions? Contact Katherine Vest at [vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org) or 704-714-6941.



## JYC Bonus Event

### Stay-n-Play (and Eat!)

**Sunday, May 31, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**



Since our April event for fourth and fifth graders was washed out by the rain, we have added one more gathering before the summer break. Join us for hot dogs, games, and fun activities on the lawn after the 10:30 AM worship services. Questions? Contact Katherine Vest, [vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org), 704-714-6941.

## OUTREACH & MISSION

### Costa Rica Update

Paul Spellings, our Companion Diocesan Officer in Costa Rica, has sent us some news on the progress at Church of the Ascension. The funding is complete, a contractor has been hired, and the roof is now being put in place! This photo shows the beginnings of the roof, which will be finished before our groups go down this summer. Most likely we will be working on interior walls, applying the plaster as well as sanding, sanding, and more sanding! But in the rainy season, at least we will be dry doing our work. Please keep this extraordinary ministry in your prayers and consider coming with us to Costa Rica in 2016.



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### Thank You for Your Generosity

Over the course of seven Easter services, Christ Church members and friends gave \$7,400 in offerings, which will be divided evenly and sent to Thistle Farms and Esperanza Viva. What a joy to be able to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who have so much less than we, but who are ministering in remarkable ways, thereby enriching the lives of others in need. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

### Freedom School at Rama Road: We Need You!

Did you know that low-income children typically lose two to three months of learning during the summer? We can do our part to ensure academic success for all children in our community through our Rama Road Freedom School.

Freedom School is a six-week summer literacy program led by college interns with a focus on literacy, character education, and community involvement. Christ Church will host a Freedom School for 60 scholars at Rama Road Elementary School, June 16 - July 31.

To make this ministry a success, we need help in many different ways:

**Pick a Paw Print:** Take a raccoon paw print from the walls of All Saints' Hall and purchase the school supply items we need to begin Freedom School. Items may be dropped off in the Rotunda until May 15.

**Read at Harambee:** Raise your voice in song, clap, stomp, jump, and lift your heart — join the joyful noise at Freedom School Harambee! Every weekday morning, a community member joins the songs and cheers and reads a story to the 60 scholars. This 45-minute commitment (8:15 - 9:00 AM) is sure to start your day off on a high note! For more information and to sign up, contact Erika Templeton, eetempleton1@gmail.com.

**Chaperone a Field Trip:** Spend an afternoon with staff and scholars on exciting field trips to local museums, beautiful parks, bowling alleys, skating rinks, and more! Field trips typically run 1:00 - 2:45 PM; you must be a rising tenth grader or older to volunteer. For more information and to sign up, contact Robin Rogers, rrogers19@carolina.rr.com.

**Lead an On-Site Activity:** Do you love kids? Do you have a passion for a sport, art or hobby that can be shared in a fun and interactive way with our scholars? We have the perfect opportunity for you! Join us one weekday afternoon, 1:00 - 2:45 PM, to lead an activity of your choice. Big hits in past years have been yoga, mini Olympics, art, cooking, and sewing. For more information and to sign up, contact Laney Lay, wlay@carolina.rr.com.







The Tenth Grade Life Group meets to plan and discuss their pilgrimage.

### Tenth Grade Journey to Adulthood Pilgrimage

Twenty-eight pilgrims from the Journey to Adulthood class will travel to Northern Ireland, June 11 - 18.

Pilgrimage is a time of separation in order to re-engage more fully and more intentionally. On this pilgrimage we will separate ourselves from the pace and pieces of our everyday lives to journey together. This year the pilgrims of Christ Church go in search of peace, justice and reconciliation. On the rocky, rugged coast of Northern Ireland, we will explore both the stunning beauty of nature and the spiritual realities of the peace of God. Like every Christ Church pilgrimage, this voyage promises abundant wonder, laughter and love. We ask your prayers for our pilgrims' preparation, journey, and safe return home.

Tenth Graders: Kathleen Bledsoe, Gorrell Cheek, Denny Cmiel, Ann Mills Cobb, Owen Cops, Anna Elsasser, Emma Garbee, Josie Hicks, Ginger Ijams, Anna Kilguss, Taber Kocmond, Anna Low, Miller Mackay, Katie Matkins, Brianna McKnight, Davis Miller, Emmy Packer, Annie Rudisill, Jack Targgart, Elizabeth Van Pelt, Philip Wall, William Wood, and Harry Zimmerman

Adults: Tasse Little, Mark Landers, Emily Cooper, Michael Beaumont, and John Porter-Acee

### Be the Teacher!

**Youth Sunday School** - We are looking for Sunday school teachers for our seventh through twelfth grade classes next school year. Each grade level has four to six volunteers who teach on a rotating basis on Sunday mornings, inviting students to explore and engage their Christian faith. Contact Betsy Zarzour, zarzourb@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6970 if you are interested in teaching.

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)** - We need adults who like to have fun and hang out with middle schoolers! EYC offers students and adult volunteers an opportunity to join a group where relationships with God and one another are formed and strengthened. Through these relationships, we experience adventures, retreats, special events, and community outreach. EYC meets for dinner and programs on Wednesday nights, 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Volunteers are needed for sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. Contact Lindsay Masi, masil@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6971, if you are interested.

**Want to be involved in youth ministry but can't make the Sunday or Wednesday commitment?** Contact Betsy or Lindsay so we can get to know you and keep you on our "go-to" list!

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### Freedom School (continued from previous page)

**Prepare Appreciation Gifts for Interns:** Help us show our gratitude to the dedicated college students and site coordinators who work with our scholars. Provide small treats, gift cards, or other tokens of appreciation for our site's eight staffers. For more information and to sign up, contact Catherine Ruth Kelly, crkelly@yahoo.com.

**Shop for Supplies:** Sixty scholars need lots of paper, glue, scissors and craft supplies as they learn through creative activities. Weekly shoppers are given supply lists and are asked to purchase required materials for the following week. (Reimbursements available.) For more information or to sign up, contact Karen Reid, kcreid1958@gmail.com, or Alice Marleaux, marleauxa@christchurchcharlotte.org.

**Provide General Support:** Help our interns with classroom set-up, Jubilee, finale, and end-of-season pack-up. Your helping hands will be so appreciated. High school youth welcome; middle school youth must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Alice Marleaux, marleauxa@christchurchcharlotte.org.

**To find out more about Freedom School and other ways to volunteer,** contact Alice Marleaux, Director of Outreach and Mission at marleauxa@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6943.

## YOUNG ADULTS

### Young Adults Cookout

Kick off the summer  
with other young adults  
from Christ Church!

**Sunday, May 31  
6:30 PM**

at the home of  
Sara and Spencer Yorke  
1061 Coddington Place  
Charlotte, NC 28211

RSVP or Questions:  
Dan Sellers  
sellndan@gmail.com

## ADULT FORMATION

### Join the AV Ministry Team

If you know how to turn on a computer, push a button, or operate a smartphone, you are qualified! We need several new volunteers on Sunday mornings to help with the sound and video systems in the Church and All Saints' Hall. No prior audio-visual experience is needed – we'll train you. Time commitments range from 45 to 90 minutes. This is a great way to meet new people and help others learn and worship at Christ Church. To learn more, contact Jamey Graves, gravesj@christchurchcharlotte.org.

### Communication Skills Training (CST)

"Excellent and most rewarding" was one way a CST participant described this three-day class. The next session is Tuesday through Thursday, June 16 - 18, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. It is free of charge and open to the Charlotte community. Learn more, see other available dates, and apply at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cst](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cst), or contact Jenny Beaumont, beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org.

### Education for Ministry (EFM)

EFM is a Bible study and theological reflection group that connects the study of scripture with our real lives. Christ Church has four active groups that meet September through May. A new Monday morning (9:15 - 11:15 AM) group is forming, and there are openings in the Friday morning (9:15 - 11:30 AM) and Tuesday evening (7:00 - 9:00 PM) groups. Contact Jenny Beaumont, beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org, for more information.

## ECW (Episcopal Church Women)

### United Thank Offering, Mother's Day, May 10

"Our change changes lives" – this is the motto of the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church. For decades Episcopalians have collected change in little blue boxes as an expression of gratitude to God. These gifts are given to the United Thank Offering to impact the lives of others. We invite parishioners to take part in the amazing contribution the United Thank Offering makes worldwide.

Last year's United Thank Offering gifts, supported in part by Christ Church parishioners, totaled \$1.5 million. These are just a few examples of how these funds were used:

- To renovate an unused rectory in Alaska to make two apartments for two homeless families
- To train women living in a refugee camp in the Sudan with basic medical skills to assist women and children in the camp
- To provide a program director and install security equipment at Ruth's House, a home for domestic abuse victims in Washington, North Carolina
- To fund the publishing of "Five Smooth Stones," an anti-bullying film for children, by children

On Mother's Day we invite you to give generously to the United Thank Offering.

## GoodNews Shop

### Gifts Made in America

For over 100 years Blenko has produced handmade glass of exquisite color, skilled craftsmanship, and imaginative designs. Contemporary new designs are still hand blown in their West Virginia factory. The uniqueness of handblown glass cannot be compared to that of machine-formed glass. Because this glass is made in small batches and the processes are performed by hand, you can be sure that each piece is an individual work of art. Blenko glassware is just one of the many "Made in America" products showcased in the GoodNews Shop. Any of these would make a wonderful, one-of-a-kind gift for Mother's Day!



## COMMUNICATIONS

### Our New Website Has Launched!

After a year of planning and production, we are happy to announce that our new website has arrived, still located at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org). The clean, contemporary design of the site has been optimized for display on mobile phones and tablets.

Helpful features include:

- Simple online pledging and payment options
- Searchable video library
- A listing of all Church events, with links to online registration and payment where applicable
- A monthly calendar view of events
- A special page for visitors that includes a Church map
- A list of groups you can join
- Recent news and inspiring articles

Your favorites are still there, too. Our most popular pages have been updated so you can get the information you need faster.

- **This Sunday** (under the “Events” tab) lists all services and classes, as well as intercessions and a link to worship online via Livestream.
- **This Wednesday** (also under “Events”) lists classes, programs, and dinner buffet information.
- The **Staff Directory** is located under the “About” tab or at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/staff](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/staff).
- **News & Notices** and **Worship Bulletins** can be found under the “Publications” quicklink at the top of the homepage.

We hope you’ll find our new website informative and easy to use. We’re always looking for new and better ways to equip you to love God, care for each other and serve the world.



## *In the Parish*

### New Members

Chris Ash (Polly)  
Garret Mastin Family  
Matt Williams  
Andrew and Jamie Sumich  
Andrew Ancona  
Scott Husselbee  
Nat and Kelly Clarkson Family

### Marriage

Patricia Brooke Burlingame and Frank Civil Adams

### Births

Lydia Jan Brincefield, daughter of Sarah and Neil Brincefield  
Catherine Winifred Clark, daughter of Kess and  
Brandon Clark

### Baptisms

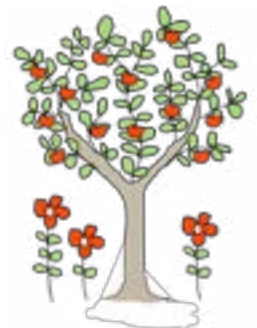
Caroline Gray Austin, daughter of Caroline and Chase Austin  
Edward Wilson Burke, son of Jenny and Ed Burke  
Elizabeth Harkin Clifford, daughter of Anna and Pat Clifford  
Luther Parks Cochrane II, son of Meg and Matt Cochrane  
Gwen Marie Collins, daughter of Ray and Jon Collins  
Mary Frances Farrar, daughter of Anne and Burr Farrar  
Lola Caroline Ferguson, daughter of Lindsey and Rob  
Ferguson  
Perry Buchanan Gentzel, daughter of Courtney and Brett  
Gentzel  
Anna Jennings Nielsen, daughter of Molly and Thomas  
Nielsen  
Cynthia Elizabeth Oliver, daughter of Blair and Peter Oliver  
Maisie Ann Rogers, daughter of Dory and Morgan Rogers  
Frances Mae Smith, daughter of Julie and Josh Smith

### Deaths

Stephen Von Allmen, father of Heidi Hosmer  
Kathryn Waller, wife of Harcourt Waller  
Conrad Calvert Hammann, father of Lisa Boyle  
Lindsay Watkins Hayes, mother of Betsy Gefaell  
Berit Smith, mother of Kevin Smith  
Kathleen Thompson, mother of Katy Thompson  
Peggy Ramage, grandmother of Matt and James Wyche  
James Benedum, brother of John Benedum  
Rickford Hanner  
Mary Louise Powe Gardner, sister of Jo Rankin  
Ruth Cobb, mother of Roger Cobb

### Christ Church Preschool and Kindergarten Accepting Applications

Spaces are still available for the 2015 - 2016 school year. For more information, contact Kelly Coley, Interim Head of School, at [coleyk@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:coleyk@christchurchcharlotte.org), 704-333-5818.





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Planned giving is separate from the annual stewardship campaign, which funds the yearly operating expenses of our parish. Bequests can benefit a specific program, provide unrestricted support or endow the Christ Church Foundation's good work in perpetuity.

If it is in your heart to make a legacy gift to Christ Church, we invite you to become part of the Oak Circle.

For more information or to discuss further, please contact Kimberly Mize, Director of Stewardship at Christ Church.  
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