

SEPTEMBER 2018

The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte

Jesus spoke to them and said,

*“Take courage,
it is I;
do not be afraid.”*

– MATTHEW 14:27



Love God
Care for Each Other
Serve the World

Dear Friends,

Throughout our 75-year history, Christ Church has launched a number of important initiatives whose legacies we still celebrate: Matthew 25, Seeds of Hope, One in the Spirit, Micah, Leap of Faith. After more than a year of planning and discernment, we are excited to announce the **Faith and Courage Initiative**, a new paradigm for our Church that will transform the lives of children, youth, and adults in our parish and in our city. We will explore what it means to embrace fear and live with courage and hope, as individuals and as a community.

Please join me on Sunday, September 16 at 10:00 AM in All Saints' Hall to hear what it's all about.

Faithfully,

The Reverend Chip Edens,
Rector

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RECTOR'S CLASS

The Reverend Chip Edens

SEPT 16



Faith and Courage

Join us for the announcement of our next big initiative, including new ministries and programs designed to help us embrace our fears and lean into the hope that comes from God.

First day of Sunday School for all ages.

FAITH FORUM:

Willie Jennings

SEPT 23



Theologian, author, and Associate Professor of systematic theology at Yale University, Jennings challenges us to envision a citizenship that transcends geopolitical, nationalist, ethnic, and racial boundaries. With great scholarship and insight, he charts new ways of imagining ourselves, our communities, and the landscapes we inhabit.



FAITHFORUM

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FALL FAITH FORUM SERIES

Embracing Fear, Finding Courage

How do we cross the chasm from fear to hope? This season's Faith Forum guests will inspire us with their courage and embolden us to think and act differently. Join us at 10:00 AM in All Saints' Hall for these speakers:

- September 23 **Willie Jennings**
- October 14 **Pittman McGehee**
- October 28 **Matthew Stanford**
- November 4 **Tad and Elizabeth Roach**
- November 11 **Meg Jay**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE SPEAKERS, VISIT WWW.CHRISTCHURCHCHARLOTTE.ORG/FAITH-FORUM.

BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES

For more information about the following Bible studies and classes, visit:

www.christchurchcharlotte.org/bible
www.christchurchcharlotte.org/adult-classes
Contact: Jenny Beaumont, beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6945

Communications Skills Training (CST)

“Insightful, engaging and empowering” was how one participant described CST. There are a few remaining openings in the October 9 – 11 and November 13 – 15 classes that meet 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM, Tuesday through Thursday.

Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cst to learn more and apply, or contact Jenny Beaumont at beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org. The class is open to the Charlotte community and free of charge for all participants.

Reboot Sessions for CST Graduates

CST graduates are invited to half-day Reboot sessions to keep the learning and practicing going. Enjoy a refresher, communicate with others, and gain more practice and confidence. Sessions are open to all graduates and can be taken in any order. \$10 fee per session covers a working lunch and materials. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cst-reboot to learn more and register.

Review of Disc, Non-Verbals and Communication Cycle
Saturday, September 8, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Review of Reflective Listening and Effective Confrontation
Saturday, October 13, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Taking the Skills Deeper
Saturday, November 10, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Effective Confrontation and Effective Feedback
Saturday, January 12, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Feasting on the Word

Every Sunday Beginning September 23, 10:00 AM, M207

Join clergy and lay leaders for a Bible study on the Sunday scripture passages. After a short lecture, small groups explore how the Living Words of God can instruct, lead, and open our hearts.

Parenting with Love and Logic

Wherever you are on your parenting journey, join us for these age-focused workshops offering tools to help make parenting easier and that you will actually feel good about using. Free childcare is available for children up to age 4 for the Preschool and Elementary Focus classes. Register (\$25) at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/parenting.

Preschool Focus (with Childcare)

Tuesdays, September 18 - October 2, 9:00 – 10:30 AM
OR

Wednesdays, November 7, 14, and 28, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Green Room

These classes are designed to give participants practical skills that can be used immediately with preschool-age children. Registration (\$25 per family) is required at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/parenting.

Elementary Focus (with Childcare)

Wednesdays, October 10, 17, and 24, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Green Room

Develop skills to help forge a strong parent/child relationship and build self-esteem in children. Learn how to give effective time-outs, avoid ridiculous arguments, and put together consequences that you can actually follow through with.

Teen Focus

Wednesdays, January 16 - 30, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, M207

Ready to regain your cool, calm head in parenting? Want to learn strategies and approaches that really work? Teen topics in this course include putting an end to arguing, backtalk and begging; teaching responsibility with love; setting limits; avoiding power struggles; guiding children and teens to own and solve their own problems; and teaching teens to complete chores without pay or reminders.

Spiritual Growth and the Enneagram

Introduction: Thursdays, September 20 – December 6, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Renovation of the Heart: Wednesdays, September 19 – December 5, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, St. Francis A

Refresher for Past Participants: Third Tuesday of Each Month, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, M205

Learn more about yourself and discover a deeper relationship with God through study of the Enneagram. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/enneagram for details and registration links.

ADULT FORMATION

Christ Church Women's Bible Study (CCWBS)

Thursdays, September 13 – November 15 and January 10 – March 14, 2019
10:00 - 11:00 AM, Lecture in the Blue Room
11:00 - 11:45 AM, Small Groups

Want to grow deeper in your faith? Women of all ages gather weekly at Christ Church to study, learn and grow together, with lectures led by our clergy. Small groups offer opportunities for discussion so that we can learn from one another and grow closer in Christ. This year we will study the Gospel of Matthew in the fall and the prophets Micah, Daniel, and Malachi starting in January.

A year-end Celebration Brunch will be held on March 21, 2019. Register at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ccwbs.

The Good Book Beginning to End

Mondays, October 1 – June 3, 7:30 – 8:30 AM, M205

Read the Bible in less than a year. Join a small group meeting Monday mornings.

Young Adult Women's Bible/Book Study

Wednesdays, September 26 – November 14, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, St. Francis D

Young women (ages 21 - 35) meet for discussion and fellowship. Childcare is available by reservation.

The Daring Way

Wednesdays, September 19 – October 24, 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Dr. Susan Campbell will lead this six-session class based on the work of Dr. Brené Brown. Find details and register (\$90/person) at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/daringway.

Race in America

Wednesdays, September 26 – October 10, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, All Saints' Hall

Led by The Reverend Rodney Sadler, this important three-class series will examine the past, present and future of race in America.



Christian Essentials

Group 5: Thursdays, October 18 – November 29, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, M205

Group 6: Tuesdays, October 23 – November 27, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, M205

Explore, grow, and deepen your faith and life with God. In these six-week sessions, we cover 15 topics essential to the Christian life. Additional groups are currently being formed. Groups that began last spring will continue meeting. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/christian-essentials for details.

Legacy and Justice Pilgrimage

Trip Dates: October 25 – 28, Montgomery, Alabama
Information Session: September 16, 12:30 PM, M213

We will explore the history of race in America and how we can participate in the work of justice. Registration deadline is September 25. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/montgomery for details.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Living Big

This innovative ministry is designed to help two-man teams support one another in filling up the important "buckets" of faith, family, vocation and other critical areas for a fuller, richer life. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/livingbig for more information.

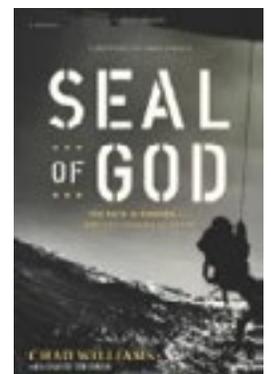
Fall Kickoff Dinner

Featuring Chad Williams

Thursday, September 20, 6:30 PM, All Saints' Hall, \$20

Join us for dinner and the kick-off of a new season in Men's Ministry, as we welcome *SEAL of God* author Chad Williams. Chad shares his journey through the grueling Naval Ops training and onto the streets of Iraq, where he witnessed the horrors of war up close, leading to his own radical conversion story. He draws on his experiences as a SEAL to help others better understand the depths of Christ's sacrifice and love.

Registration is required at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/men.



Altar Guild Needs Volunteers

Are you looking for an easy way to get involved with no monthly meetings or reports to write? Altar Guild is a very important ministry supporting hundreds of worship services each year, including chapel services during the week and our six Sunday services. Like setting a table for a special meal, we place the silver for communion on the altar, and clean up and reset afterwards. It takes no more than 30 minutes, and can be scheduled for the service(s) of your choice. We work in teams, so you will never work alone. It's a fun group... we'd love for you to join us! Contact Peggy Horne at peggy.horne1009@gmail.com or Katie Charlebois at katiechar68@gmail.com to learn more or to sign up.

Acolyte Training for Rising 8th Graders

One of the opportunities for young members of Christ Church who are rising 8th graders or older is being an acolyte. This is a great way to grow in faith through being a leader in worship and getting to know the clergy better. If your child would like to be an acolyte, contact Ginger Garner at ginger.garner@att.net for information about acolyte training.

Music: Worship, Community, and Education - Where do you Belong?

Sunday, October 7, 10:00 AM, All Saints' Hall

Meet and hear from all of the Christ Church music staff about their mission to inspire us in our spiritual journeys through artistry, worship, education, and community. You'll learn what the music ministry team does, why and how they do it, and how you fit in.

Evensong Series

The Christ Church Choir will offer a monthly Evensong service beginning Sunday, October 7 at 4:00 PM.

Evensong is a worship service in the Anglican (English) tradition that originated in the Book of Common Prayer of 1552. The BCP was written by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer to help the church understand its identity through participation in corporate worship. It was written in English and not Latin and it unifies the various medieval worship practices of its day into services which may be used by the Clergy or Laity. The services of the BCP continue to be

essential to the character of the Episcopal Church because their use holds together congregations with very different styles of worship and emphasis within the broader traditions of Christian belief and practice.

Specifically, Evensong is a service of prayers, canticles, scriptures, and psalms. It is one of two daily services, the second of which is called Morning Prayer. When Evensong is not sung, it is called Evening Prayer.

This service is either said or sung daily in English cathedrals. In some American Episcopal Churches it continues to be an occasion for people to offer prayers for their concerns. Evensong is meant to be a time of collective prayer, meditation, and inspiration.

Music Registration Open

It's not too late to join a choir or band this season! Visit www.christchurcharlotte.org/music for information about our ensembles and registration. We welcome musicians of all ages and skill levels to be a part of worship, education, and community through music at Christ Church.

Welcome Nick Haigh

We are happy to announce that Nicolas Haigh has been hired as our Assistant Director of Music and Organist. He comes to us from Myers Park United Methodist Church.



Moving to the Episcopal Church is a return to Nick's liturgical roots. As a child, he was a chorister in the Christ Church Cathedral Choir, Oxford. Nick earned degrees and diplomas from Trinity College, London; Clare College, Cambridge; and the Royal College of Organists. He has trained choristers, conducted choirs and played the organ at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Cleveland, OH; New College, Oxford; and York Minster, York, England; and has performed widely with a variety of ensembles.

Nick is married to Charlotte native Margaret Carpenter Haigh. Along with his exceptional musicianship, Nick brings energy, enthusiasm, and a wry sense of humor to his work. Please help us welcome him to Christ Church.

Navigators Fall Kick-off Event

Sunday, September 16, 12:30 – 2:30 PM

All fourth and fifth graders are invited to come learn what our Navigators group is all about. Whether you are a current or new Navigator, there's something for everyone. Join us as we kick off the school year with both new and old Navigator friends. We will eat lunch, play games, and make plans to F.R.O.G. (Fully Rely on God) this year! If you have questions about the Navigators program, please contact Sarah Ford at fords@christchurchcharlotte.org.



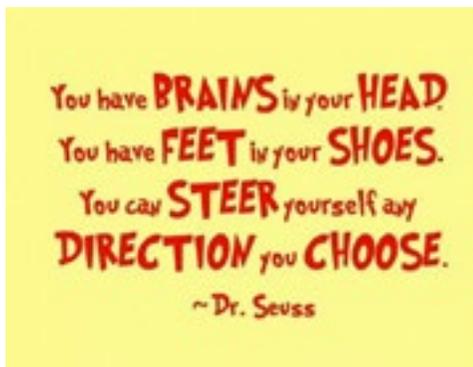
Prayer for our Leaders

As we begin a new program year at Christ Church, we are reminded that it truly takes a village. With more than 135 volunteers who help implement our Children, Youth and Family ministry every Sunday morning, we ask you to join us in prayer for them this year.

Dear God, we pray that you wrap our Children, Youth and Family leaders in wisdom from above that is pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy, and fruitful, impartial and sincere. We pray that our leaders seek to encourage all of our children and youth in Christ's ways to communicate God's word as we endeavor to love you, care for each other, and serve the world. Amen.

Back to School We Go!

As we think about another year of school beginning, remember each morning is a new day and a fresh start. God gives us opportunities each day to make a difference, overcome obstacles, and learn something new. We pray that you and your family can make this school year an extraordinary one full of learning, growing, and being the best version of you!



Sunday School Begins September 16!

We cannot wait to see everyone's smiling faces back in Sunday School at 10:00 AM on September 16, to learn more about our faith and how to walk more closely with God in our everyday lives. Listed below are the classrooms for Sunday School. It is going to be a wonderful year of learning and growing together. Contact Emily Kalmbach at kalmbache@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions about children (ages 2 through 5th grade) or Betsy Parkhurst at parkhurstb@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6972 with questions about middle and high school students.

Children:

Watch for an email with your child's class assignment.

Middle School:

6th Grade – St. Francis C (Upper Level Rotunda)
7th Grade – St. Francis B (Upper Level Rotunda)
8th Grade – St. Francis A (Upper Level Rotunda)

High School:

9th Grade – M204 (Main Level)
10th Grade – M205 (Main Level)
11th/12th Grade – M206 (Main Level)



Family Faith Talks

Our goal is to equip and empower families to explore, grow, and deepen their faith. Faith Talks are a wonderful time for families to sit in fellowship and discuss real-life faith issues. We hope to help you remember your purpose as children of God, and to support you in building a strong foundation here at your spiritual home.

Each gathering will include a light dinner, engaging activities, guest speakers, and lots of prayer. Faith Talks are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month, October through May, at 6:00 PM. Registration (\$8 per person, \$35 family maximum) is required at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/faithtalks. For more information, contact Betsy Parkhurst at parkhurstb@christchurchcharlotte.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY



Youth Council Retreat

**September 28 – 30, Glory Ridge
Friday at 3:00 PM – Sunday at 1:00 PM**

Youth Council is having a fun-filled weekend retreat in the mountains of Marshall, NC, at Glory Ridge Camp. On this weekend retreat, Youth Council members (grades 9 – 12) will spend time in God's creation planning our 2018 – 2019 calendar year of service to our spiritual home while building our community with fellowship and fun. A contribution of \$75 is requested. Register at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/youthcouncil.

If you are unable to attend but would like a Youth Council t-shirt to wear to our events for the coming year, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/youthcouncil. Cost is \$15. For more information, contact Alice deVries at devriesa@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6962.

EYC and Life Groups Resume in September

**Middle School EYC (6th – 8th Grades)
Sunday, September 23, 5:45 – 7:15 PM, Youth Room**

**9th Grade Life Group
Wednesday, September 19, 7:00 – 8:30 PM,
Ellen Kelly's Home (2900 Belvedere Avenue)**

**10th – 12th Grade Life Group
Wednesday, September 19, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, Alice
deVries' Home (1930 Ewing Avenue)**

Mark your calendars! Middle School EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) and High School Life Groups resume in September. We hope to see many middle and high school youth at EYC and Life Groups this year. If you have questions about EYC, contact Betsy Parkhurst at parkhurstb@christchurchcharlotte.org. If you have questions about Life Groups, contact Alice deVries at devriesa@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Middle School and High School Youth Kick-Off

**For 6th – 12th grade students, parents, and youth leaders
Sunday, September 16, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Church Lawn and Circle (All Saints' Hall if rain)**

Kick off a great year of fellowship and fun in Youth Ministry at Christ Church. There will be food, music and friends as we get to know one another and find out more about what's in store for youth at Christ Church this fall. We want Christ Church to be everyone's spiritual home! Contact Betsy Parkhurst with questions at parkhurstb@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6972.



My Experience on The Way

This past June, over 20 pilgrims and I set out to walk the Camino de Santiago. When we left, I had no idea what to expect. I didn't realize that the conversations I would have and the things I would see would be so meaningful. It was amazing to be in community with everyone and have constant spiritual connection with so many of my peers. Every night we would do our devotions which led to conversations that made me feel so close to God and to everyone around me. The realization that we all had the same questions and we were all on the same journey in our spirituality made me feel at peace. Walking for hours every day gave me the perfect opportunity to get to know everyone, and by the time we reached Santiago, I realized that there's no way I could've done it by myself.

As I walked into the Cathedral and knelt at the pew and started to pray, I was moved to tears. As I was kneeling there, a friend knelt beside me, held my hand and we just sat there and prayed together until I calmed down. Looking back, I wasn't crying because I was sad or because I was happy, but just because I was overwhelmed with emotion. And that's exactly what the Camino was for me: overwhelming. All of Spain's natural beauty, the people, the experiences I had, and the Camino itself were "holy."



Christ Church Foundation 2018

Love is what started Christ Church in 1943 and why it thrives today. Love of God, one another and the world. And for this sacred place, our beloved parish. Since the beginning, there has been a desire to ensure that Christ Church live and loves for generations to come. Please consider making the Christ Church Foundation a part of your lasting legacy.

Contributions can be made to the Foundation in the form of outright gifts and bequests, as well as other non-traditional estate planning devices. A planned gift to the Foundation is separate from the annual stewardship campaign (which funds the yearly operating expenses of our parish) as all gifts to the Christ Church Foundation will be endowed in perpetuity, with investment proceeds used to enhance the good works of Christ Church. The Christ Church Foundation and Oak Circle tradition maintains that planned gifts will not be used to supplement annual operating expenses.

2018 CCF Board Members

Carrington Coulter
Ned Hardison
Frank Horne
Mary Kluttz
Mark Mealy

Arrington Mixon
Skip Smart
Parkie Thomas
Paul Tolmie

The Christ Church Foundation was founded in 1962 to serve as the permanent endowment for our parish. With careful guidance and prudent investment strategies, the endowment now totals more than \$4 million. Nine Trustees, appointed by the Vestry, meet regularly to review the investments of the endowment and to distribute funds for six specific purposes:

- **Outreach** grants are used to support various ministries based on recommendations from the Outreach Commission
- **Scholarship** awards are given to parish members and children of staff in pursuit of undergraduate and seminary degrees
- **Habitat for Humanity** support from Christ Church Foundation coupled with general operating monies has enabled our parish to build dozens of Habitat homes over the past 30 years
- **Property, Plant and Equipment** funds are used for specific requests from the Vestry for large-scale, multi-year projects around the church campus unrelated to ordinary operating expenses
- **Clergy Housing and Development** support is used to attract and keep outstanding clergy, enabling them to live in and become immersed in our parish neighborhoods
- **Unrestricted** grants are reserved for extraordinary opportunities or unforeseen needs of the congregation or the larger community served by Christ Church

2018 Outreach Grants (\$66,500 total)

Southminster (\$10,000) was founded in 1987 by Christ Church and Myers Park Baptist Church and has become one of Charlotte's finest retirement communities. Christ Church remains a significant part of the governing board and the weekly worship services. Southminster has a policy of aiding seniors in financial difficulty, as well as a vibrant outreach ministry, thus support of Southminster is in keeping with the outreach ministry of Christ Church by seeking to serve all in need.

Penick Village (\$3,500) like Southminster, is a Continuing Care Retirement Community in Southern Pines, NC. It was the vision of NC Bishop Edwin Penick, thus the name. It began accepting residents in 1964. In over 50 years it has expanded to include a variety of living spaces, a community center, a Health Services building, and an innovative assisted living component. It is a ministry of the Diocese of North Carolina and in years past, one Sunday a year has been designated for collecting funds for Penick village.

The Society of St. Andrew (\$6,000) has a mission to end world hunger by first ending hunger in America. It is a Christian organization that salvages fresh, but unmarketable farm produce and delivers it to agencies who serve the poor. In the first quarter of 2018, 5,828,621 pounds of produce and food was collected and distributed, 17.5 million servings of fresh produce were provided, and 4,950 volunteers were involved. Christ Church has participated in the Society's gleaning project during our parish-wide Service Week for over 20 years.

Care Ring (\$7,000) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing preventive health services for the uninsured, underinsured, or those lacking access to affordable, high-quality preventive health care. They serve over 7,000 people in Mecklenburg County through 3 specialized programs: The Low-Cost Clinic; Nurse-Family Partnership for first-time, at-risk moms; and Physicians Reach Out through which a network of 1,600 volunteer health professionals donate care in the larger community.

Safe Alliance (\$10,000) is the principal organization in our region providing help and assistance to any who has suffered domestic violence, sexual assault/rape,

child abuse, trauma, or victimization. Last year CMPD responded to 36,000 domestic violence-related calls. One in every 4 girls and one in every 6 boys will be sexually assaulted before their 18th birthday. Safe Alliance assists over 12,000 people annually as well as reaches thousands more through their educational and prevention programs and institutional advocacy efforts.

Gallilee Ministries of East Charlotte (\$10,000) is a ministry of the Diocese of North Carolina which is located in the buildings of the former St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Central Avenue. It serves as a home for a variety of non-profits (Loaves & Fishes, CPCC, Catholic Charities, Refugee Supportive Services, Cross Cultural Counseling, and the Charlotte Community Kitchen) who provide vital services to a diverse community in East Charlotte.

HopeWay (\$20,000) is a non-profit organization that provides best-practice mental health care and education for adults and their families through residential, partial hospitalization, and intensive outpatient programs. It also offers a variety of education events that help inform our community on the subject of mental illness. One in 5 adults will experience mental illness in a given year. Currently 230,000 adults suffer from serious mental illness within a 100-mile radius of Charlotte and yet HopeWay is the only accredited, non-profit residential mental health treatment facility for adults in the Carolinas.

2018 CCF Scholarships (\$14,500 total)

The Christ Church Scholarship Fund makes annual grants to qualified students pursuing undergraduate or seminary degrees. The 2018 applicant pool was particularly strong, with 17 students receiving one-year grants. The awardees included 15 parish members, six of whom also had a family affiliation with a Christ Church/CCK staff member. Nine were past CCF scholarship recipients and eight were new applicants. Fields of study were varied – from visual arts to automotive technology, geophysics to choral music – with the schools being attended split evenly between public and private institutions. It is a lasting tribute to Bill and Kassie Minor's original vision, and the generosity of many that these talented young parishioners are growing up to be future leaders in Charlotte and beyond with help from Christ Church Foundation.

For details about including the Christ Church Foundation in your legacy planning, please contact Kimberly Mize, Director of Planned Giving, at mizek@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6973.



Christ Church in the Park

by Peter deVries

Joyful! That is the first word that comes to mind as I think back on the Sunday, August 5 worship service on the little island in the pond at Freedom Park: it was exuberantly joyful! The day was lovely, with blue skies and a gentle breeze. Parishioners, from 3-months old to many-more-months-old, arrived via all modes of transportation: on foot, on bikes, in wagons, and in strollers. We arrived to a simple and beautifully laid altar as Brian S. and the Contemporary Band called us to worship.

And worship we did! Joshua led us all (including the birds and the occasional observer from the shore) through a simple, exultant worship service as children danced during the hymns and joined Joshua in laying on hands to bless the bread. Most palpably, The Lord did as he promises to do where two or three (or 200 in our case!) are gathered and joined us. I look forward eagerly to the next Church in the Park.

STEWARDSHIP

2019 Stewardship Chairs

We are thrilled to introduce Jane and Carrington Coulter as Chairs of the 2019 Annual Stewardship Campaign. They are parents to Loulie, age 7, Martha, age 4 and Loulie's twin brother, Henry, who passed away in 2012. Jane has committed to youth group leadership, Vacation Bible School, the Good News Shop, and the Congregational Care Commission. Carrington has shared his time as Junior Warden, CCK Liaison, Christ Church Foundation Treasurer, and volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.

Since making Christ Church their spiritual home in 2006, they have served with a profound sense of faith, courage, and hope.

As our parish renews our vision through the Faith and Courage initiative, you will have the opportunity to explore generosity through a bold lens. As we embark on this journey, we ask you to contemplate how fear and hope impact your life and how spiritual practices move you to fear less and hope more.



After a time of discernment and prayer, you are invited on October 21 to make a financial commitment for the upcoming year. Watch your mailbox for more information as this date approaches.

We are deeply grateful to have the Coulter family's leadership and commitment as we embrace faith and courage in this new season of generosity. **Please mark your calendar for Celebration Sunday, October 21.**



PARISH LIFE / NEWCOMERS



Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 29

Save the date for our annual Trunk or Treat event. There will be a hot dog supper, bag decorating and trick-or-treating among parishioners' decorated car trunks. This event is for everyone: bring your children or sign up to host a car trunk or volunteer! We'll have lots of simple suggestions for decorating cars, so not much effort, but tons of fun! If you have questions, contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974.

Hospitality

"Making one person smile can change the world. Maybe not the whole world but their world." - Anonymous

Have you ever felt welcomed by just a smile? Come join our team of greeters as we welcome newcomers and life-long parishioners on Sundays. The commitment is minimal in time, but brings maximum rewards ... to all! If you attend church, you are perfect for this ministry. Greeters welcome churchgoers for 15 minutes prior to a service and 15 minutes at the end of the service, as suits your schedule. It's as simple as smiling and saying hello! To join this team, please contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974.

Newcomer Dinners

If you are new or relatively new to Christ Church and would like to connect with others who are new as well, we invite you to our Newcomer Dinners beginning Wednesday, October 3. These are an opportunity to gather for dinner and conversation, including a special guest who will share a little of what's going on around Christ Church. We host these dinners on the first Wednesday of the month, 5:30 – 7:00 PM in M207, October through April. Questions? Contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Living with Grief and Hope

Tuesdays, October 2 - 23, 7:00 – 8:15 PM

Wednesdays, October 3 - 24, 1:00 – 2:15 PM

Grief can be a pathway to growth, not in a way that justifies the pain or loss, but in a way that pays homage to our loss. No one need carry grief alone either. Knowing that others understand how we feel can lessen the hurt and strengthen the hope.

This four-week series for those coping with grief and loss will be led by The Reverend Lisa Saunders. Register by contacting Lisa at saundersl@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-333-0378.

Christ Church Kindergarten & Preschool

Festival in the Park Fundraiser

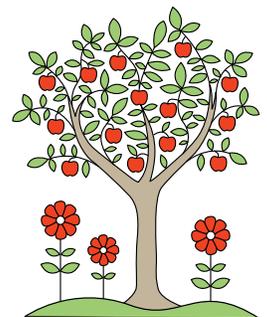
September 21 – 23, Freedom Park

Enjoy some great barbecue at the Festival in the Park. The "Dan Good Que" truck will be located on the Princeton Avenue side of the festival with his award-winning BBQ, smoked chicken, pork tenderloin, and homemade sides. Mention Christ Church and proceeds will be donated to CCK.

CCK School Year Starts September 5

Christ Church Preschool and Kindergarten starts the 2018 – 2019 school year on Wednesday, September 5. Our hours are 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Monday – Thursday, and 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Fridays.

Carpool will begin Monday, September 10 for our Three-Year-Old, Four-Year-Old and Kindergarten classes. Morning drop-off is 8:45 – 9:00 AM, Toddler and Two-Year-Old drop-off is 8:55 – 9:05 AM. Afternoon pick-up is 12:45 – 1:00 PM, Monday – Thursday, and 11:45 AM – 12:00 PM on Fridays.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Attention Christ Church Women!

Mark your calendars for our Fall Friends Event. We will welcome Christ Church's own Dee Dee Dalrymple, author and creator of *Effortless Entertaining*, a step-by-step guide designed to show everyone that entertaining graciously can be easy and should be fun. Join us Tuesday, October 2, 9:30 – 11:30 AM or Thursday, October 4, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, in the GoodNews Café.



Dee Dee, along with Good News Shop inspiration, will share creative ideas, practical strategies, and tried-and-true recipes designed to equip you with everything you need to host your next party. Please bring a friend and join us! For more information and to RSVP, contact Ginny Cobb at ginyncobb@me.com or 704-651-2195.

GOODNEWS SHOP

Great Gifts for Men

We are thrilled to carry Baekgaard men's accessories at GoodNews. Come by the shop and see this great selection of duffel bags, valet trays, manicure kits, and wallets. This wonderful collection combines Danish design with American style. All pieces are constructed with water-resistant wool yarns, durable cotton, or brushed microfiber. The entire collection is trimmed with Italian leather.



MISSION AND OUTREACH

Thank You!

Our Rama Road school supply and uniform drive was a huge success! Thanks to everyone that participated. Your generosity will help the students and teachers at Rama Road start the year off right.

Rama Road Needs You

We are excited about the 2018 – 2019 school year at Rama Road and have a variety of volunteer opportunities for you to consider. Note: all tutoring will begin the first week of October.

Tutors: Tutor a child for 30 – 45 minutes per week or pair with another volunteer and tutor every other week. Tutors will coordinate with the classroom teacher to determine tutoring needs.

Heart Math Tutoring: We are very excited that Heart Math Tutoring will come to Rama Road this year. Heart Math Tutoring is a math-intervention program that works to develop a strong foundation in math and enthusiasm needed for long-term success. Heart provides tutor-friendly lessons, training and supervision. Tutors are asked to commit to one day per week for one hour (from 8:15 – 9:15 AM or 1:30 – 2:30 PM). For more information or to sign up directly, visit www.hearttutoring.org. Remember to indicate that you are a Christ Church volunteer.

Classroom Assistant: Assist a teacher with a variety of tasks as needed, for example: making copies, sorting papers, or organizing student folders. Volunteers are asked to commit to one hour per week or every other week.

Lunch Buddies: Commit to having lunch with a child or group of children once a week or every other week.

Girl Scout Troop 5301: This troop is an important part of what we do at Rama, and it provides lots of meaningful opportunities for Christ Church parishioners to get involved. This school year, there are several spots open for Assistant Leaders and Substitute Leaders. Both are support roles that involve attendance at meetings that are held twice monthly on Mondays, 2:20 – 4:20 PM. Additionally, we need a new “Craft Fairy” to organize the supply closet and shop for craft supplies. Please contact Julie Stedman at julescs@aol.com for more information or to sign up.

We hope you will join our team of committed volunteers at Rama Road and make a difference in the life of a child. Contact Jeanne Kutrow at jkutrow@gmail.com or 704-201-6452 for more information.

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Men's Shelter Update

The Men's Shelter of Charlotte has been undergoing renovations since April and as a community partner, Christ Church has provided homemade meals for Men's Shelter residents once a month during the renovations, in addition to our already-scheduled serving shifts. The planning, preparation, delivery, and serving of these meals to 250 men was no small task. Our amazing Christ Church volunteers did a wonderful job fulfilling our commitment to the Men's Shelter. We would like to extend a very special thank you to Mary Hahn Fetter, Jenny Joyner, Maggie Losselle, and Maggie Shamblin, who spearheaded our efforts. Thanks also to everyone that took an extra shift working in the kitchen, as delivery drivers, or as servers during the past several months. You are all greatly appreciated.

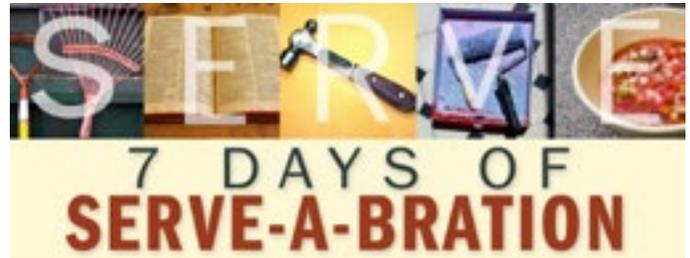
On the Table 2018

Wednesday, October 24

In our divided world, our common faith reminds us of an important truth: the only way forward is together. Building on this belief, we are committed to being a community that fosters diverse relationships across lines of difference. On October 24 (time TBD), Christ Church will host its second annual On the Table conversation. This year we will explore the legacy of segregation and its continued impact. This small group opportunity will foster conversation with fellow parishioners, congregants from partner churches, and representatives of partner agencies. Our approach is intentionally open-ended in order to encourage participants to share varied perspectives, listen carefully to each other's stories, and to act with each other in mind. Our time together allows us to identify challenges and make real plans for action. For more information, contact Ann Crehore, anncrehore@gmail.com.

Freedom School Success

Freedom School 2018 at Rama Road is officially in the books and we have many people to thank for helping make it a big success. A huge thank you to Madia Barber who was our volunteer coordinator and point person for onsite activities, Harambee, and The Great Day of DEAR (Drop Everything and Read). Thanks also to Gigi Harris who, with her cadre of volunteers, provided wonderful dinners for Parent Nights throughout the summer. Led by the amazing Owen Copps, our Teen Board this year was fantastic: Garrett Portland, Sadie Weiss, Lilly Poole, Kate Saunders, Nolan Thompson, Andrew Lewis, Nate Lambert, Elizabeth Van Pelt, Sam Hobbs, Jarratt Bell, and Carolyn Payne brought energy and love to our Freedom School Scholars. And if you donated supplies, read a book, led an activity, provided food, or volunteered in any way at Freedom School this summer, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



Mark your calendars now for **November 4 – 10** as we celebrate Serve-A-Bration 2018. We will have projects for all ages scheduled throughout the week. Little or no experience is needed, just a desire to help others. Look for more information in October.



Pura Vida!

Our first joint trip to Costa Rica with St. Peter's Episcopal was a wonderful success. We spent our week at *Iglesia de la Ascención*, one of the main Episcopal churches in Costa Rica's capital, San Jose and a joint project of the Dioceses of Costa Rica, North Carolina, and Texas. It was a joy to see how far it has come. During our week, we carved out windows for a nursing room, prepared its skylight for plastering, and demolished a wall to make space for a carport.

The spiritual aspect of our trip was just as rewarding. Together we participated in the ancient Christian practice of praying the examen to better see where God was speaking to each of us. Special thanks to our very own Allie Norman, who is doing an amazing job serving as the Companion Diocesan Officer in San Jose.

Save the dates now for our winter adult trip, which will take place February 2 – 9. If you have not had the chance to attend one of these trips, there is no better time than now. For more information or to sign up, contact Josiah Daniels at danielsj@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Church Vestry Elections

At our Annual Parish Meeting on December 2, the people of Christ Church will elect five persons to serve on the Vestry for a three-year term. Those elected will fill the positions held by Amelia Abbott, Frank Horne, Jr., Jeanne Kutrow, Burch Mixon, and Norfleet Pruden. The new vestry members will serve with the following members: Bird Anderson, Nikki DeVilliers, Bob Dooley, Hooper Hardison, Alex Kelly, David Kern, Carol Lorenz, Sally Mitchener, Melissa Tolmie, and Jane Showalter. Service on the Vestry is an important ministry in our parish. The Vestry is responsible for the executive and organizational affairs of Christ Church and provides lay leadership in the spiritual life of the parish.

The Election Process

The Rector and the Senior Warden, in consultation with the Vestry, have appointed a nominating committee to ensure that an adequate number of qualified nominees for vacancies on the Vestry are presented to the congregation at the annual meeting. The members of the nominating committee are: Norfleet Pruden (Chair), Amelia Abbott, Carrington Coulter, Mary Gregory, Hooper Hardison, Burch Mixon, Jane Showalter, and Frank Horne, Jr., Senior Warden (ex-officio). At least four weeks before the annual meeting, the nominating committee will deliver to the Rector the names of its nominees. Additional nominations for the Vestry may be made in writing, with the consent of the nominee, and given to the Rector no later than twelve days before the annual meeting, at which time the nominations will be deemed closed. Information about the nominees will be published prior to the annual meeting.

Who Can Serve

The committee has been charged with developing a diverse slate that will assure our Vestry continues to have the skills it needs to lead our parish. Those skills include an understanding of the various needs of our parishioners and our community, and of the governance and traditions of the Episcopal Church, as well as experience in board service, financial management, and personnel management. All nominees must be confirmed Episcopalians and communicants in good standing. Under Diocesan Canons and our Bylaws, “good standing” means that for the past year the nominee “has been faithful in corporate worship (unless for good cause prevented) and has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.” Nominees must not have served on the Vestry during the preceding two years. In addition, it is customary for the committee to include on its slate at least two parishioners who have not previously served a full term on the Vestry.

How You Can Help

The nominating committee welcomes your assistance in identifying qualified candidates for the Vestry. Please send your suggestions, no later than October 20, 2018, to Norfleet Pruden at norfleet.pruden@gmail.com or 704-372-4564. The nominating committee will consider all suggestions.





In the Parish

New Members

Erica and Tyler Baird and Family
Darden and Elliot Cave
Heather and John Cheshire and Family
Shea Gottshall
Nicole and John Grenier
David Hancock
Eamonn Higgins
Ellen and Will Meyer
Catherine and Patrick Morris
Taylor Murphy
Peggy Reynolds
Catinna and Harry Sideris and Family

Births

Catherine Scott Gentzel, daughter of
Courtney and Brett Gentzel
Ann Catherine Hawkins, daughter of
Sarah and Zann Hawkins
Reece Kelly Kerr, granddaughter of
Mary Ann and Verdery Kerr
Warner McConnell Griffin, son of
Beth and Alex Griffin
Abigail Suzanne Wynn, granddaughter of
Virginia and Bill Wynn
William F. Blue IV, grandson of
Betsy and Bill Blue
Savannah Leigh Dunaway, daughter of
Jannell and Brian Dunaway
Richard Griffin Thach, son of
Tory and Will Thach
Caroline Kilgore Roth and William Merrick Roth,
grandchildren of Susie and John Barnhardt
Piper June Hudson, daughter of
Heidi and Rad Hudson

Baptisms

John Buchanan Tomlinson III,
son of Blair and Buch Tomlinson
Henry Wallace Beach,
son of Katherine and David Beach, Jr.
John Walker Dillon,
son of Betsey and Tim Dillon
London Devereux Haigh,
daughter of Kendall and Marsden Haigh
James Evans McConkey,
son of Sarah and Brant McConkey
Ross Alexander French,
son of Emily and Alex French

Marriages

Emily Rudd Ey and Jordan Ellis Hall
Samantha Taylor Thomas and William Glenn Little
Nancy Toms Ratcliffe and John Matthew Currin

Deaths

Mary Ann Shoff, mother of Jim Shoff
Elaine Bell Webb, wife of Grant Webb
Nancy Biddix McKinnis, mother of Beth Poston
Walter Lee Frieze, Jr., brother-in-law of Alfred and Beth Poston
Henry Nicholson, Jr., father of Miller Nicholson
Mary Sherburne
Everett Lonnie Hooks
Mary Lou Koch, mother of Jeanne Evans
Richard Emerson Fogg, father of Rick Fogg
Christy Anne Betler, mother of Christy-Anne Betler
Thomas Taylor Coon, father of Liz McIntosh
Edward "Ned" Fox, father of Ed Fox
Timothy McCoy, father of Chris McCoy
Laura McCleneghan Lee
Betty Ahlborn, mother of F.H. Ahlborn
Florine Poe, mother of Tom Poe
David Stovall Jr.

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