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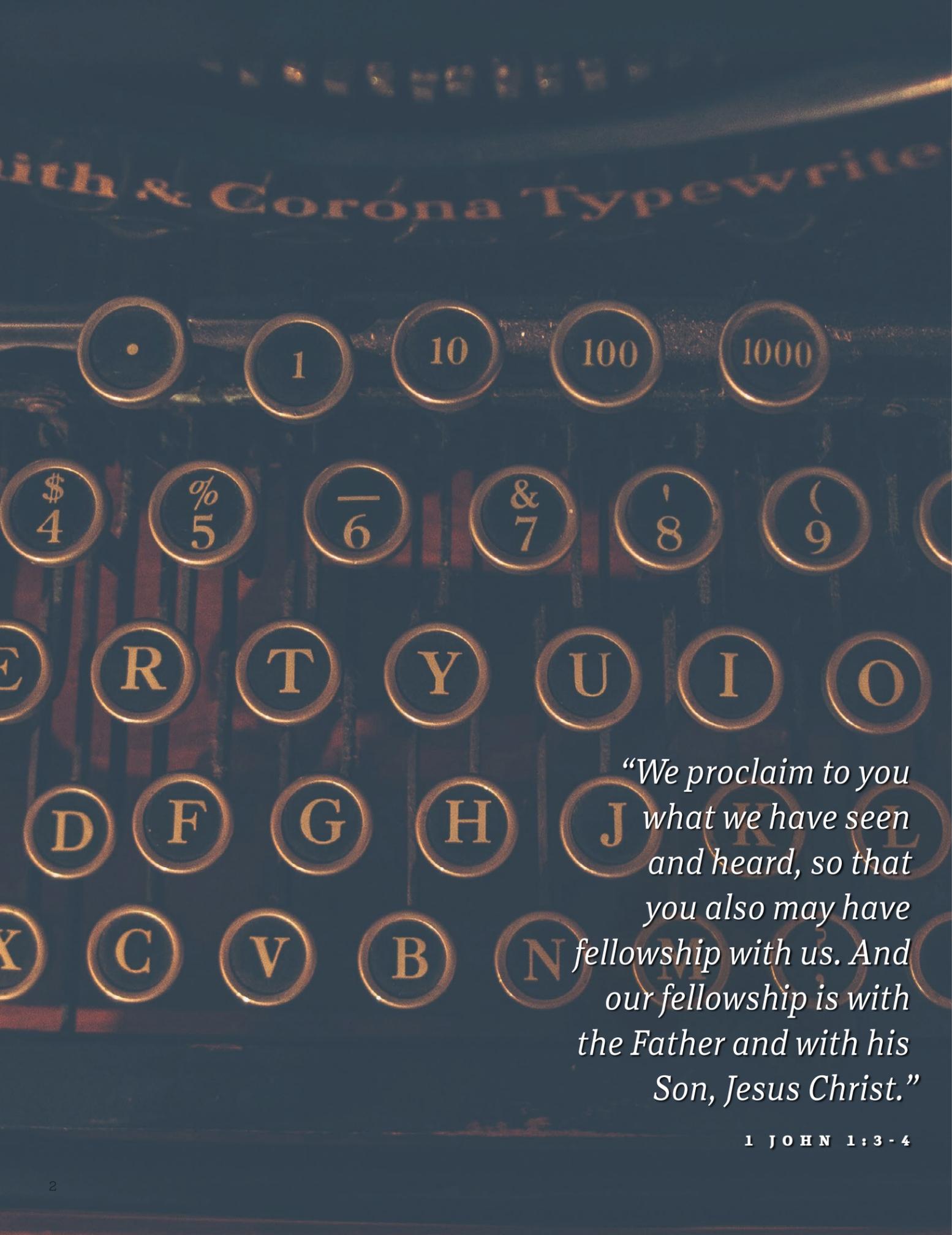
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This is a bulletin cover from 1985, with a sentiment that still rings true today.

Helping People Find Meaning and Purpose in Life



“We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.”

1 JOHN 1:3-4

a word

from our
LEAD PASTOR

Dr. C. Chappell Temple

LEAD PASTOR



The psalmists said it well. For in the 78th chapter of that book of songs, Asaph declared that “We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, His power and the wonders He has done.” In turn, David echoed that idea proclaiming in Psalm 145 that “one generation commends your work to another.”

And that’s the power of having a history that you can share. For in recounting what God has done in the past, we can be encouraged indeed that He will work just as mightily in the years yet to come. From its earliest days, in fact, Christ Church has not only been at the heart of First Colony, but it has had First Colony and places well beyond in its heart as well. Our outreach has extended quite literally all around the world even while focusing on how to meet the needs of those closest to us right here in our own backyard.

In this issue of *Community*, thus, we share some of the stories of how God has blessed the work of Christ Church over the thirty-nine years of its existence, including the celebrated ministry of our day school, along with some of what He has done in just these past few summer months.

What’s more, the good news is that despite whatever other changes may come in an ever-shifting world, our congregation can be confident that

the work of Christ will continue to be expressed through the feet, hands, and hearts of all those who call this church home. So along with hearing some of the stories of what has been, you will find in this issue an introduction to two new staff members who promise to extend our story to many more in the months ahead, bringing not only our church to the world, but the world to us, too.

Settle in with a cup of coffee thus—maybe from our own Jacob’s Well—and take a look at what God has done and is doing here. And then, in the words of the psalms, go out and tell someone in the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.

C. Chappell Temple

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*“Just as a body,
though one, has
many parts, but
all its many parts
form one body, so it
is with Christ.”*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12

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(FAR LEFT) THE CARTER FAMILY IN 1983, the year that they joined CUMC as founding members.



THE CARTER FAMILY IN 1987, the year that the Church School was founded.



PICTURED CLOCKWISE: Christ Church School 10 year picture with Beth and Becky Neese.

Becky preparing lessons on the "office" floor.

15 year picture with the original teachers.

Beth and Pastor Temple leading Chapel on Western Day in 2019.

10 year dinner and performance at First Colony Middle School.

39 years OF FAITH + SERVICE

WRITTEN BY BETH CARTER

Beth is our much loved Director of the Church School, and has attended Christ Church since the beginning. As she plans to retire after this year, we want to celebrate her journey, and her leadership with the children in our community. We asked her to share about her calling, and the years that she helped build the church that we attend today.

IT WAS JULY 1983, and I was taking our 2-year-old son, Brett, to a Mother's Day Out in Houston. One of the assistant directors, Debbie Herring, lived in Sugar Land and she knew we did as well. She told me about a new Methodist church that was going to begin meeting at the Kanab Building (now it is United Health Care) on the Southwest Freeway. She invited my family to the service. A few days later, there was a knock at our door. A man introducing himself as Pastor Will Reed of Christ United Methodist Church visited with us and invited us to attend the service.

We enjoyed the service on July 17, 1983, and have attended ever since. My husband, David, played football for the Houston Oilers at that time, and he left for training camp a few weeks later. Will wanted us to be charter members of Christ United Methodist Church. Since David wasn't available to attend church during the season, Will came to our house one day and we promised to serve our church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. CUMC outgrew the Kanab building and we moved to the Clements High School commons area where there was a huge Ranger on the back wall watching over us every Sunday. It was a happy, growing time at CUMC. There were many families and lots of children. The church broke ground in September 1984 at our current location. During that time, we held services at First Colony Middle School using much of the first floor for adult and children's Sunday School Classes and worship services. There were many ways to get involved at the church with UMW, Women Aware, VBS, many missions and outreach programs. It was a very busy time and place for the church.

I served as the Sunday School Children's Director for several years, helped with VBS, was a member of Women Aware, and served on a committee to start a preschool. I was excited to be involved with

the committee to have a preschool at our church. My sons (I had three by then) had attended several Mother's Day Outs and preschools in the area, and I had a little knowledge about what would work. I have always loved children; babysitting was how I made my spending money in middle school and high school. I got my degree in Special Education at Indiana State University. I worked in Illinois for several years before I married and when we moved to Sugar Land, I taught at Sugar Land Middle School before our family came along.

In 1986, Alison Stuart was appointed to be the director of Christ Church School. The preschool opened for a summer session in 1987. There were 86 children ranging from 6 months to 5 years of age. I began working as a toddler teacher in the fall of 1987. We enrolled 84 children who attended on Mondays and Wednesdays, and in October, we added Fridays. The ground floor was where the school was located, and believe me, it did not look like it does now. The restrooms, kitchen and offices along the walls were there, the middle of the room was all open. We used portable partitions were moveable and about 5' in height. Does anyone remember hearing the term "open concept"? They were open classrooms (no doors, no windows), in the public schools during the late 80's and early 90's. Christ Church School was open concept before it was a "thing". We finally got doors and windows when we broke ground in October of 1995 when Keith Whitaker was pastor.

The end of September, Alison found out her family was being transferred. The Governing Board approached me about taking the director position. I was hesitant because by this time, I had 3 sons who were 6 and under, and a husband who traveled a lot, but I took the position until a replacement could be found. In January 1988, Rosemarie Foster became the director of CCS. She

stayed until August 2019. I interviewed and was offered the position in October of 1991. Becky Neese volunteered to help Alison with all the paperwork when the school opened. Thankfully, Becky stayed on and I'm happy to say she finally started receiving a paycheck; not a lot, mind you, but she got paid for all her hard work. Becky and I have been friends and co-workers for a very long time. We met at the community pool in 1980 when we were pregnant with our oldest sons. She continued to work as the administrative assistant until she retired in May 2019. Her retirement didn't last long, thankfully. She decided to return (with a little persuasion) in April 2022. We are all so excited to have her back.

Becky and I have worked very hard over the years to make everyone - staff, children, families, to be part of our family. Our office has always been open to our parents for questions, concerns, advice, visits. We have former CCS "graduates" return with their own children and a few of our "graduates" actually taught at the school.

We have seen lots of changes throughout the years with educational theories and ideas, but we still feel that children learn best through hands on experiences. We learn so many concepts through play. We help each child grow spiritually, emotionally, physically, intellectually, and socially. Our children go to chapel, music, PE, and we play on the playground daily. Our mission statement is: dedicated to helping children reach their full potential in a Christ-centered environment.

Regardless of who is director and administrative assistant, the plan for CCS is to continue to love on our kids and prepare them to be successful students as they head out in the big world.

Beth Carter, we want to wish you a heartfelt "thank you" for all of your kingdom work, from all of us here at Christ Church. We know countless parents and children that you have served are equally, if not more, grateful. If you would like to reach out and congratulate Beth, you can email her at bethc@christchurchsl.org.



LAKEVIEW

SWAPPING Stories

We asked for some of your favorite memories from our past church missions, camps, and events.



FYSH KAMP (2022)



MEXICO (2016)



UM ARMY (2007)



RJM (2014)

WE USUALLY HAD Youth provide the morning Devotions. One day the boy that was a part of my small group at Sunday night Youth said he would do the next morning Devotional. This particular youth was the most disruptive and did not participate in any Bible Study discussions. I asked if he need any help...his response was "no I got this". The next morning he made the most inciteful devotional message, which really surprised me. At the end he said, with a smirk, "You know Ro Ro we really do pay attention to what you teach us, and it means a lot that you take the time to be with us"

-Roland Huysman

THE FIRST TIME I went to Lakeview I was 13 years old. There were two cabins then about where Copeland Center is located now. One was for the boys and the other was for the girls. If I recall there were 3 sides that were screens and onside was wooden. I fell in love with a young man from Katy but never saw him again after camp. That was in 1951. Boy how it has grown and changed.

-Billie Blair

MY FAVORITE MOMENT of FYSH camp would be on the last day. We went to the Houston Food Bank and sorted lemons and oranges into twenty pound bags. We made over a hundred bags of oranges. Then afterwards we went to Dave N Buster's and had even more fun and fellowship!

-Gabriella Castillo

FAMILIES COME to East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry seeking help to feed their family or to pay utility bills or to pay rent/mortgage. One such family received much needed food. Both Mom and Dad had unexpectedly lost their jobs resulting in the family being evicted. Both Mom

and Dad were looking for work but that is hard when living in your car. One of the pantry volunteers heard on TV that the Houston Rodeo was looking to hire 1,000 people and informed the Pantry Manager who contacted the family. Both Mom and Dad got jobs. A short time later this same volunteer heard on TV that a major retailer was holding a job fair to hire several hundred people. The volunteer passed on the info to the Pantry Manager who contacted the family again. Dad got one of those jobs. The family has not returned so it seems the job info was the help needed to get back on their feet.

-Ginny Schabacker

THE SUMMER going into my 5th grade year, I attended camp with Christ Church. One day, I noticed a group of people crying. After asking what happened, I found out Michael Jackson had passed away! Not knowing who that was, I assumed he was a camper like me. Even though this news was upsetting, when my parents picked me up at the end of the week, I remained silent afraid if they were to find out a camper had died, I would not be allowed to return to camp. Flash forward to my freshman year of high school and my friends were talking about Michael Jackson's death, to which I exclaimed "I WENT TO CAMP WITH HIM THE SUMMER HE DIED! Wait, how did y'all know about him? I thought that only people at camp knew?!" And this is how I found out that 1. I did not, in fact, go to camp with Michael Jackson and 2. Who Michael Jackson actually was.

-Madeline Hill

ON A UM ARMY week to Lake Charles, LA, one of the clients who was in his mid 50's and in a wheelchair attended the traditional Thursday night client

dinner. He said God called him to also attend the evening worship. He volunteered to share that he had not attended church in years and had given up on God because of the challenges he faced with his health and overall situation. He said his heart was overwhelmed with the kindness shown by the kids and adults who had given of their time to help him. He was so grateful that someone cared for him. The man said his faith in mankind had been restored and he planned to start praying again. We were all in tears.

-Norma Mendez

ONE OF MY FAVORITE memories of ministry was during the first night of UM-Army and my birthday. After a hard day of working outside and serving, the group of teens and I participated in a scavenger hunt where we loaded (safely) all the students and adults into a minivan and drove around West Columbia trying to find the clues. The night was filled with adventure, laughter and worship!

-Allison Thummel

MY FAVORITE mission trip when I was in youth group here was Los Manos De Cristo, our mission to Mexico, where we built homes and spread God's love through drama and song. One year that sticks out to me, a few girls and I formed an unexpected friendship with one of the older ladies at the Quiet Home, Dolores. Dolores hadn't been visited by her family in years, and we spent our spare time talking and laughing with her, painting nails, sharing faith, learning wisdom from her stories, and bringing each other joy. She even gave us gifts that she had knit and embroidered.

-Stefanie Pepping

ON JULY 7, we went out to Bates Allen Park in Kendleton to clear the overgrown brush and

to wash tombstones of former slaves. One grave we enhanced was the first African-American Methodist Pastor recognized in Texas history, Benjamin Franklin Williams. He was also the first African-American to represent Fort Bend County in the Texas House of Representatives and the first black man in Texas history to receive votes to be the Speaker of the Texas House

-Pete Olson

IT IS MY GREAT PRIVILEGE to see lives changed and redeemed at the Carol Vance prison. God takes some of the worst people that society has given up on, and transforms them into productive Godly men ready to leave prison and change the world. These men are living proof of what a Spirit filled life can accomplish... and I get to witness this change regularly.

-Betty Waedemon

ONE OF OUR PASTORS from Mexico mentioned that he would love a flute so he could teach the children how to play. We have been collecting school supplies from Fort Bend schools for the past 20+ years and never have we received musical instruments. But what was in a box this year? You guessed it...a flute! God is the best shopper!

-Olinda Jehovics

Did one of these stories jog a memory? We would love to hear more stories! You can share memories or photos to communications@christchurchsl.org. You can also send them to us through Facebook.

This Summer's MISSION TRIPS

OUR UGANDA MISSION TRIP (photos 1-4)

On Sunday morning, July 10, it was time to go to church in Bulike, Uganda.

In the six days since we arrived in Bulike, the Christ Church Uganda Mission Team had been offering themselves as God's servants, sharing His joy and enlightening His children in Bulike to help them live their best lives. In the mornings, Olinda, Steve, Jim and Ette taught Vacation Bible School with crafts and Bible stories to Primary School students, and offered career insights to Secondary School students. Betty and her assistants, George and Michelle, taught dental hygiene to eager flossers. Bob photographed the delight.

In the afternoons, the Mission Team delivered a Leadership Seminar sharing many ways in which church leaders can use the "Fruits of the Spirit" and the "Gifts of the Spirit" when leading their congregations. Many of these church leaders walked several hours to attend the four-day seminar and sat in open-air tents in the shadow of their newest church nearing completion. Mission Team members swapped their microphones for paint brushes and with the help of local painters, the first white church in the area shone with the glory of God—truly a labor of love.

After a week of sharing God's love, it was Sunday and we were ready to worship with a church full of new friends in Christ. We were danced into the church with jubilation where we shared tender moments of sympathy and encouragement and a celebration of love. The choir sang AND danced and hearts were lifted in praise.

Pastor Ronnie led the congregation in a song of faith and God's triumph:

*"Jehovah turns my life around.
He makes a way where there seems no way.
Jehovah has the final say!"*

Pastor Michelle shared a lesson based on Thessalonians 5:11: "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." Surely God smiled as we worshipped His holy name in praise and prayer. We were blessed. Our mission to serve was complete – yet just begun. "Hallelujah! – Amina!"

- Ette Green

OUR MEXICO MISSION TRIP (photos 5-8)

Before I describe our most recent Mexico mission trip, I'd like to go back to the 1980s and share how the missions' ministry of our church was launched. Stan Holt, a former member, and I attended a presentation from the UMC Partners in Mission, which had committed to help La Trinidad build their new sanctuary. They were recruiting volunteers, we looked at each other, and before I could comment, Stan spoke out saying, "We'll go."

I recall my goal was to deliver a message of hope and help. Instead, I experienced the incredible depth of faith of the people of La Trinidad UMC. It became my desire to bring more team members from our church to experience that depth of faith. I returned, continuing to help build the sanctuary and work on their clinic.

Years have passed since those early trips, but with recent retirement, I found I had the opportunity and time to volunteer again this summer. I was overwhelmed to see what Christ UMC, partnering with La Trinidad, has accomplished in the ensuing years.

From that first church building, the mission has grown to serve the many mission churches of La Trinidad, which includes 11 other churches and, in turn, their mission churches. We no longer perform construction, but now listen to them to learn how we can help in their mission to present Christ in their communities. The work, led by Rene Teel and Olinda Jehovics, is truly incredible and a witness to our Lord.

This summer, our purpose was to deliver the used school supplies collected from our local FBISD schools. We drove to the border a box truck and two cars, all packed with supplies. Once there, we learned 700-800 children were registered for the various Vacation Bible School programs that the 12 churches were offering.

One poignant moment for me was re-meeting a "boy," now in his early 40s, and his mother. They remembered me from those early trips when he was around six.

I'm humbled by our congregation's response to what Stan and I began. Christ UMC has sent hundreds to Mexico over the last 30+ years, and thousands have been served, having a truly lasting impact.

- Craig Fredrickson





OUR NEWEST *leaders*

We are excited to welcome Pastor Marquice Hobbs, and Minister of Traditional Music David Lee, to our staff at Christ Church. How did they get here, and how is God calling them?



PASTOR MARQUICE HOBBS
Pastor of Contemporary Worship and Young Adults

IN MY GRANNY'S HOUSE, church was not optional. She expected me to attend and to look my best. Hence, Sunday mornings were marked by lessons on faith and fabric. My calling did not blossom until a high school summer camp at Lakeview. Friends who attended the year prior shared stories of all the beautiful girls they saw, so there was an "alternative" motive in following my grandmother's request to participate. What I didn't know then was this would become the catalyst for my calling.

At camp, I self-selected to deliver a devotion using an old KJV Bible. Although I've since forgotten the sermon I preached, I'll never forget the overwhelming sense of peace and confidence that came over me and the communal affirmation that ensued. In this moment, at 16 years old, I knew I was called to be a pastor.

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Soon enough, I was a part of every Texas Annual Conference activity available for youth and young adults. From Texas Youth Academy and being president of the Conference Youth Council; to CPIP (Conference Pastoral Internship Project), serving as a Jurisdictional Conference delegate in 2012 and General Conference delegate in 2016, interning for Bishop Swanson in the Mississippi Annual Conference and Bishop Dale Bronner in Atlanta, GA; to taking a pilgrimage to the Holy Land twice and studying abroad in Ghana for four months. God took me on a journey that the 16-year-old boy preaching at Vesper's Point could never have imagined.

Now, after four years as an associate pastor, I am grateful that the Lord has led my family and I to serve at Christ Church. Already, I've observed how devoted to serving others this congregation is—from welcoming missionaries from Uganda and West Columbia, to providing safe shelter for families, and caring for the forgotten graveyard of slaves and freedmen—and I am eager for all the ministry we'll do together both locally and globally.

As I look ahead to our future, my goal is to intentionally cultivate unique space for authentic community to thrive. I'm a firm believer that isolation is an effective tactic Satan wields against



DAVID LEE
Minister of Traditional Music

GENESIS 11: 1 *“And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.”* When we had only one language initially, humans started building a city for themselves. God confused their language and scattered them not to understand each other. Their language was used to boast about themselves and to make themselves known to the earth. The language made humans separate instead of being united to worship God. However, unlike language, music has the power to connect the world even if the languages are different. Henry W. Longfellow said, “music is the universal language of humankind. We will find music in every culture, every country, and every background. It is vitally important across the globe and has the potential to bring people together in peace and harmony.

When I was six years old, I was passing by one building. I did not know that it was a church building. I heard singing from inside. I stopped in front of that church, and I leaned on the entrance door to listen. One lady came out and led me into the church. Many children were singing. The song was “Jesus Loves Me.” I believe God called me as His child from that time. After that experience, I started to attend church and loved to sing in the choir. It is still mysterious why I said I would become a music pastor when my teacher in elementary school asked what I wanted to be in the future. I believe that God put this desire in my heart.

At the age of 14, at the youth summer retreat, I surrendered my life to God, and decided that I wanted to glorify God throughout my whole life. I liked listening to music and singing in the church choir. I started learning to play the piano, studied music composition, and later went to a music college. After I graduated, God opened the door for me to work for Yoido Full Gospel Church, the largest church in the world (a membership of 700,000).

During college, I had a chance to go to the USA with my school choir, touring all around the USA and Canada. We stopped by Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. I wanted to study at this school, so I prayed to God standing in the music

library. After returning to Korea from the choir tour, I prepared to go for an interview to acquire a Visa. I had to do this in front of an American ambassador. I prayed to God, “God, if this is your will to go to America, let window 5 call my name”. Then I sat in the waiting room and began reading a book. What I heard after 15 minutes of waiting, I could not believe: “Mr. Lee, could you come to window 5?”

Making everything short, after God opened the new door for me to work for Christ Church in Sugar Land, I asked Him, “What do you want me to do here at Christ Church, Sugar Land?” God reminded me of what He showed me through the school counselor at Westminster Choir College and the spouse of the Director of Mission Department at CFNI, Christ For the Nations Institute. I realized God wants me to be a bridge builder between America and other countries. The school counselor told me that I would be a perfect person who would make a bridge between America and other countries. Also, the spouse of the Director of the Mission Department at CFNI prophesied to me that I would be a bridge builder between America and a different world.

As I had worked at a previous church, I have seen many international people in the Irving area and noticed that the world is around me. I do not have to go to the other side of the world to reach out to them. The world is around us here, too. I believe God wants to use the music gift given to me to reach out and bring the world to Him, our nation, and the world near us. I believe music can unite the world to glorify God, not boasting ourselves like the people of the tower of Babel.

Worship is not about music, and music does not save people. Only the Word of God changes people, and Jesus Christ, our Savior, saves the world. But music is an essential tool to touch people’s hard hearts to be softened so that they can open their hearts to listen to the word of God and come closer to God. Therefore, I hope many people will turn to Christ through the Music Ministry of Christ Church.

We must remember what Jesus had done in His life. He did not stay in one place or synagogue to invite people to come to Him, but He went out to find people where they were. Many church musicians stay in their church to perform instead of reaching out to them where they are. We must find a way to use our music gift to bring the world to our church. I pray that God will give us His wisdom to make His kingdom grow through music that can make this

world come to Jesus and be united. Revelation 15: 4 says, “For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you.” I believe before our Savior, Jesus Christ, comes again, there will be loud music we will hear, the trumpet sound in the sky, not any country of language.

I want to end with the part of lyrics of this song that Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie wrote together on March 7, 1985. “We Are the World” features a choir of 46 of the biggest names in music across other genres, all united to sing one song to help support those suffering from poverty and hunger in Africa.

*“Oh, send them your heart,
so they know that someone cares
And their lives will be stronger and free
As God has shown us by turning stones into bread
And so, we all must lend a helping hand*

*We are the world. We are the children.
We are the ones who make a brighter day,
so let’s start giving
There’s a choice we’re making.
We’re saving our own lives
It’s true. We’ll make a better day,
just you and me.”*



UPCOMING EVENTS



SEPTEMBER 9

Parents, we would love to give you the night off! Join us for Parents' Night Out on Friday, September 9 from 6 - 10 pm.

Included in the night will be a meal, games, crafts, and a movie. Your kids are sure to have a great time!

This event is open to anyone, but you must register on our website no later than one day prior to the start of Parents' Night Out so that we can plan accordingly. The cost to register is \$15 per child, and includes dinner.



SEPTEMBER 18

Students, bring your Nerf guns and your friends to a Nerf 'n Turf battle at Revive on Sunday, September 18! Come prepared for battle! The gym will be outfitted with all sorts of fun obstacles. Bring your own Nerf gear and weapons, some bullets will be provided. Let the wars begin! Will you be the last one standing?



OCTOBER 1 & 2

Join our Christ Church family in our annual weekend of service on Oct 1-2. We will come together to be servant hearts and reach out to our community. Opportunities are available on-site and off-site to help those in need. This is a great opportunity to serve together as a family! Filling Food bags, Constructing, Crocheting, Coloring and who knows what else... Whatever your gifts, they can be put to use. Contact Renee at reneet@christchurchsl.org to learn more!



OCTOBER 6

This ministry is for loved ones with mild to moderate Alzheimer's, other dementias or cognitive impairment. Caregivers can receive respite, a break from caregiving responsibilities, during this time while their loved ones will participate in 3.5 hours of planned activities such as games, music, arts and crafts, lunch, exercise and socialization.

Contact Gigi Gomez at GGomez@Care-partnersTexas.org to sign up.



OCTOBER 29

Christ Church's annual Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 29th from 10 am-12 pm! Bring your decorated trunks and we will have games, crafts, and more! Who will win our annual Trunk competition?

Any candy donations can be given to Sarah Stewart! Interested in helping out with Trunk or Treat? Visit our website for more information on how to sign up!

RECURRING GROUPS & CLASSES

Each of our ministries has weekly events. This is a brief overview of our current offerings.

For more up-to-date details about our recurring events, please visit our website or contact the e-mail listed for each activity.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our bible studies and sermon-based small groups meet weekly in person and online. To learn more about these and how to join them, please visit christchurchsl.org/smallgroups.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Mondays 12 pm	*Al-Anon, reneet@christchurchsl.org
7:30 pm	Overeaters Anonymous, reneet@christchurchsl.org
8 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous, reneet@christchurchsl.org
Tuesdays 7 pm	*RE: Mind Depression & Bipolar Support, bdeblance@comcast.net
Wednesdays 12 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous (closed meeting), reneet@christchurchsl.org
6:30 pm	Overeaters Anonymous, reneet@christchurchsl.org

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Mondays 3 pm	Sacred Harps, mollyn@christchurchsl.org
6:30 pm	Christ Church Ringers, mollyn@christchurchsl.org
Wednesdays 7 pm	Festival Choir, davidl@christchurchsl.org

ADULT LIFE

Tuesdays 10:30 am	*Be Fit For LIFE, janr@christchurchsl.org
Thursdays 10:30 am	*Be Fit For LIFE, janr@christchurchsl.org
Fridays 9 am	Prayer Shawls, janr@christchurchsl.org

CHRIST KIDS / STUDENT MINISTRIES

Sundays 9:30 am	Christ Kids Adventure, sarahs@christchurchsl.org
	Students Quest for Christ, erics@christchurchsl.org
10:30 am	Christ Kids Create, sarahs@christchurchsl.org
5 pm	Revive, erics@christchurchsl.org

**online attendance available*

We are always adding new events to the calendar! See what's coming up at Christ Church, please visit christchurchsl.org/events.

UPCOMING SERMONS:

AUGUST 21
"Live A Balanced Life" | Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

AUGUST 28
"Clean Up Your Own Mess" | 2 Kings 22:3-13

SEPTEMBER 4
"Learn How To Say You're Sorry"
Matthew 5:21-24

SEPTEMBER 11
"Don't Hurt People" | Philippians 2:1-4

DEVOTED:

FOUR MARKS OF A FAITHFUL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 18
"The Apostle's Teaching" | Acts 2:42

SEPTEMBER 25
"The Fellowship of Believers" | Acts 2:42



UPCOMING SERMON SERIES:
**SIMPLE AND SACRED
LESSONS FOR LIFE**

New MORNING SCHEDULE



9:30 - 10:30 am

MOSAIC* WORSHIP

A blended time of praise featuring both traditional hymns and contemporary songs, and the weekly celebration of Communion at the altar.

*mosaic - a combination of many different parts forming one thing

- › CHRIST KIDS ADVENTURE (1st - 5th Grade)
- › STUDENTS QUEST FOR CHRIST (Middle School)
- › ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

10:30 - 11 am

COFFEE, COOKIES, AND CONVERSATION

Come and join others at Jacob's Well for a time of fellowship and catching up on all that God is doing in the lives of our members and friends.

11 am - 12 pm

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Our sanctuary service with organ, choir, and the great hymns of faith. Communion celebrated monthly on first Sundays.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

An exhilarating worship experience in Covenant Hall, led by our worship band with a children's lesson. Communion celebrated monthly on first Sundays.

- › CHRIST KIDS CREATE (up to 5th grade)

We will also offer nursery care for our younger children during both worship hours.

FIFTH SUNDAY SCHEDULE Combined traditional and contemporary services in the sanctuary offered on Fifth Sundays of the year, with a blend of musical styles and elements.

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CHRIST *family* CORNER

Christ Kids and Student Ministries are excited to kick off our fall activities! We are starting back up with Revive for students, Third Grade Bibles, Parents' Night Out, and more! Feel free to cut out the other half of this page and keep it on your fridge as a reminder of our upcoming events. And invite your friends to join, all are welcome!

Visit christchurchsl.org/christkids to learn more about Christ Kids.

Visit christchurchsl.org/students for more information about our Student Ministries.

September UPCOMING EVENTS FOR KIDS & STUDENTS

STUDENT MINISTRIES

HIGH SCHOOL LIFEGROUPS

WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING AUGUST 17 | 6 - 8 PM
Connect mid-week on a deeper level. Snacks served.

REVIVE

SUNDAYS | 5 - 7 PM
Join us weekly for worship, fellowship, and fun! Dinner is \$2.

*SPECIAL REVIVE: NERF AND TURF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | 5 - 7 PM
BYO Nerf gun and extra ammo for an epic battle in Covenant Hall, and enjoy "surf and turf" food!

CHRIST KIDS

THIRD GRADE BIBLES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | 10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

LEARNING TO USE MY BIBLE (LTUMB)

8 SUNDAYS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 18 | 5 - 7 PM
3rd-5th graders learn about their bibles! Cost is \$20 each, dinner included.

FUN FOR ALL!

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT (PNO)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 | 6 - 10 PM
Dinner and fun for \$15 each! Sign up at christchurchsl.org/pno.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 ● REVIVE	5	6	7 ● HS LIFE GROUPS	8	9 ● PNO	10
11 ● REVIVE	12	13	14 ● HS LIFE GROUPS	15	16	17
18 ● REVIVE* ● BIBLES ● LTUMB	19	20	21 ● HS LIFE GROUPS	22	23	24
25 ● REVIVE ● LTUMB	26	27	28 ● HS LIFE GROUPS	29	30	



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October

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOR KIDS & STUDENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 ● REVIVE ● LTUMB	3	4	5 ● HS LIFE GROUPS	6	7	8
9 ● REVIVE ● LTUMB	10	11	12 ● HS LIFE GROUPS	13	14 ● PNO	15
16 ● REVIVE ● LTUMB	17	18	19 ● HS LIFE GROUPS	20	21	22
23 ● REVIVE* ● LTUMB	24	25	26 ● HS LIFE GROUPS	27	28	29 ● TRUNK OR TREAT
30 ● REVIVE ● LTUMB	31					

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HIGH SCHOOL LIFEGROUPS

WEDNESDAYS | 6 - 8 PM

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REVIVE

SUNDAYS | 5 - 7 PM

Join us weekly for worship, fellowship, and fun! Dinner is \$2.

*SPECIAL REVIVE: PUMPKIN CARVING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 5 - 7 PM

We provide the stencils, carving tools, and paint to make your own amazing pumpkin creation!



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CHRIST KIDS

LEARNING TO USE MY BIBLE (LTUMB)

SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 6 | 5 - 7 PM

3rd-5th graders learn about their bibles! Cost is \$20 each, dinner included.

FUN FOR ALL!

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT (PNO)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 6 - 10 PM

Dinner and fun! Sign up for \$15 per child at christchurchsl.org/pno.

TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 | 10 AM - 12 PM



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