

The CROSS CURRENT

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Sing to the Lord a new song, for He does marvelous things.

Psalm 98:1



Crafts, Community, and Cinema

These community gatherings will take place three times throughout the summer, the first of which will be Friday evening, June 21st. The entire St. Christopher family is invited to join in the fun as we welcome our neighbors from The Huntcliff Apartments and League City Elementary School onto our campus for crafts, movies, and refreshments. Come fellowship with each other and get to know our neighbors. This new summer tradition will replace the week of vacation bible school, allowing us to continue to live into our mission and

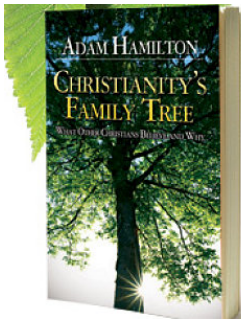
build lasting relationships with our neighbors. If you wish to help, please speak with Julie Hoeltzel about her needs for this event.

Parish News



How We Got the Bible

Have you ever wondered who wrote the books of the Bible and how they ended up together? The Bible is made up of sixty six Spirit-inspired writings penned by many people "at many times and in many ways" over many centuries (Hebrews 1:1). These words from God were given to us for a purpose. This study will use videos, handouts and discussions to help us better understand. Some of the topics include - What's So Special about the Bible? - How We Got the Old Testament - How We Got the New Testament - How We got the Bible in English - among other topics. The class will be in Classroom I and last an estimated 6-8 weeks....and everyone is invited! Classes begin June 16th in Classroom 1.



Christianity's Family Tree What Other Christians Believe and Why

Comparing the Christian family to our own extended families, Hamilton offers an overview of eight Christian denominations.



Christianity's Family Tree

Ongoing now in the conference room, there will be a new summer adult Christian formation offering. We will study eight Christian denominations and faith traditions, exploring each one's unique and valuable perspective of the Christian faith. We will learn a brief history, an outline of major beliefs, and descriptions of elements from each tradition that will strengthen our own Christian faith. The Faith traditions we will study include Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism, and Methodism.

New Summer Study for the LIFE Ladies

Women of St. Christopher are invited to join on Thursday evenings for a new summer study, *The Lamb of God*, by Nancy Guthrie. We will begin on June 13th.



Seasoned Bible teacher Nancy Guthrie shows that the Bible's story from beginning to end is the story of the Lamb—the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Over 10 weeks of guided personal Bible study, relevant teaching, and group discussion, you will gain a fresh perspective on the story of Israel's deliverance and journey, a broader understanding of Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture, and much

more, when you join with Nancy on this incredible journey to see Jesus in the Old Testament!



Women's Wednesday Bible Study

All women of St. Christopher are invited to join on Wednesday mornings for our new study, *The Case for Easter*, by Lee Strobel. Please speak with Charlotte McCalla for more information.

Of the many world religions, only one claims that its founder returned from the grave. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the very cornerstone of Christianity. Written in a hard-hitting journalistic style, *The Case for Easter* probes the core issues of the resurrection. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead: superstitious myth or life-changing reality? The evidence is in. The verdict is up to you.

Ladies Fellowship Luncheon

Celebrating our Moms, Sisters, Children, and Friends in style! We will meet at the Lakewood Yacht Club (2322 Lakewood Yacht Club Dr. Seabrook, 77586) on Saturday, June 8th, 2019 at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am. Come dressed in your best. Hats encouraged!



Youth Bowling Night



To kick off our summer festivities, the youth are headed to AMF Bowling Lanes on Friday, June 14th. We will meet there at 4pm; the address is 318 Bay Area Blvd Webster TX 77598. After a few competitive games, we'll head to Angelo's Pizza & Pasta for dinner. The address is 400 Bay Area Blvd A Webster TX 77598. Pick up will be from here at 8pm. This event is FREE! Please sign up with Meghan by Sunday June 9th to reserve your spot.

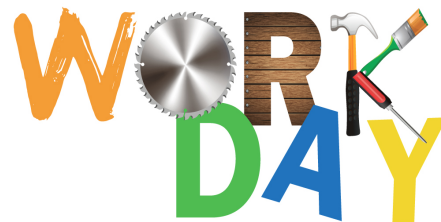


Save the Date! The next youth summer festivity will be on July 10th at Kemah Boardwalk!

This year, the Youth Summer Mission Trip will continue Hurricane Harvey relief work in our community. While staying at Calvary Episcopal Church in Richmond, they will be helping with carpentry, painting, and rebuilding projects all over Brazoria County. The trip is from July 21-27th so please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to be the hands & feet of Jesus in the world.

Children's Ministry Workday

Save the Date: Saturday, June 29th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. we need volunteers to help us "clean up" our Sunday School classrooms. Please see Julie for more details and to let her know you are available to help.





Episcopal Astros Night

Please consider joining in the fun at the Ballpark for the Episcopal Night at the Astros, Friday, July 19th.

Game begins at 7 p.m. Free parking available at the Cathedral, as well as a cookout prior to the game, beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets range from \$35 to \$61. Please see sign-up sheet to reserve your spot. You can see Bob MacGregor for questions.

LWI Mission Trip

Please keep the members of the Living Water Mission Team in your prayers for a successful mission trip. They will travel to Honduras from June 21st through June 27th to drill a well to provide clean water to the people, and to teach good hygiene habits. They will also bring Days for Girls kits to the women. Please consider donating an item from their list of needed items by this Sunday, June 9th.



Love for the Least

Former parishioners, The Rev. Jerry and Stacy Kramer, are looking for prayer partners for their worldwide ministry Love for the Least.

From Jerry:

“For partners, the main thing is a regular prayer commitment. We need prayer here on the frontlines. And we want to be able to pray for you all.

We send regular prayer points and like to know what's happening at the parish so we can pray. Our heart is for this to be a mutually beneficial, two-way street.”

Please consider supporting the Kramer family and Love for the Least by praying for them daily. Go to lovefortheleast.org for more information on how to support Love for the Least.

Mike Brady Graduates in June

Please keep Mike in your prayers through the month of June, as he graduates and is ordained as a Deacon.



Kairos

This is the Kairos Hobby 36 Prayer Chain, ready to go into the Unit and surprise the Ladies in White - they are not forgotten. Three times around the gym. Thank you St Christopher for making this possible.

Donuts and Fellowship

Beginning in June, and through the Summer, we will have doughnuts every morning during fellowship. If in the fall you wish to provide breakfast, please contact Ally for schedule of available dates.





Interfaith Caring Ministries

Interfaith Caring Ministries Donation drive item for June is peanut butter. Please place any donations in the box outside the Welcome Center.

Call for Pictures

Our St. Christopher family is always busy with fellowship, events, and many ways serving our community. There are many of you out there who like to document these happenings. Please share your pictures with us. Send to office@stchrischurch.org. Thank you!



For more information on any items listed in The Cross Current, please reach out to a [parish staff member](#) or contact our [office](#).

Upcoming Events

- JUN 08 Ladies Fellowship Luncheon
Providence Garden Workday
- JUN 14 Youth Bowling Night
- JUN 17 Vestry Meeting
- JUN 21 Children's Movie Night
- JUN 16-23 LWI Mission Trip
- JUL 04 Office Closed - Independence Day
- JUL 10 Youth Kemah Night
- JUL 15 Vestry Meeting
- JUL 19 Episcopal Night at the Astros
- JUL 21-27 Youth Mission Trip

- JUL 26 Children's Movie Night
JUL 28 Backpack Donations Begin

To see the full church calendar, please [click here](#).

Extended Episcopal Events

Camp Allen, Navasota, TX

- Featured [Events](#) - Spring/Summer

Good Shepherd, Friendswood

- [VBS](#), June 21-23, Yee Haw Celebrating God's Greatest Gift

St. John's, LaPorte

- [Tea at Two](#), June 8, Fundraiser benefiting the St. John's After School Program

St. Thomas the Apostle, Nassau Bay

- [Our Sister's Keeper](#), Opening May 4th, Photography Exhibition
 - [Icon Workshop](#), August 5th-9th
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Sunday Worship

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 Fellowship and Breakfast in the Welcome Center

9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II with Children's Sermon*

10:30 Christian Education for all ages

11:30 Holy Eucharist Contemporary in Buckner Hall*

** A sermon for children is now given every Sunday*

Christian Education

SUNDAYS at 10:30 a.m.

Children through 5th grade

- Feasting on the Word

Adults

- The Gospel According to John (Room 1)
- How We Got the Bible (Room 1)

[SUNDAYS at 5:00 p.m.](#)

Jr. High and Sr. High youth will meet in Buckner Hall from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for bible study, games, and a meal.

[WEDNESDAYS at 9:30 a.m.](#)

Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)

- The Case for Easter, by Lee Strobel

[THURSDAYS at 7:00 p.m.](#)

Women's Bible Study (Julie Howell's Home)

- The Lamb of God, by Nancy Guthrie

For more information on our Christian Education opportunities, please visit the [Children's Ministry](#), [Youth Ministry](#), and [Adult Christian Education](#) pages on our website respectively.

Ministry Schedule

For the current ministry schedule, please [click here](#). It is password protected for parishioner's privacy. To gain instructions and access, please contact your respective ministry lead.



Altar Flowers

If you would like to contribute to the Altar Flowers for 2018, please [click here](#) to send the details and text you would like to include in the bulletin.



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