



The Trumpet

*Our Mission: To seek and serve Christ in others,
loving our neighbors as ourselves.*

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Duh ... what exactly is BYOB?

Dear friends,

The Bible tells us in 1 John 4:11, "Since God loves us so much surely we ought to love each other too." The Bible also tells us a great part of learning to love God is also learning to love our friends and neighbors. Who are your next-door neighbors? Who lives in the houses down the street from you? Do your co-workers have a church home? Think about this: if God and the church family of Christ Church have made a difference in you and in your family, couldn't God and our church family make a difference in the lives of someone else? Sometimes all it takes is to ask and invite and allow the Holy Spirit to do the rest!

God has given us a great church home and we need to share it with others! That's why we will be starting on September 13th and carrying through October 4th our BYOB celebration. But what exactly is BYOB? It means **Bring – Your – Own – Buddy** to church!

One evening while Kathryn and I were having dinner at a popular restaurant we noticed their advertisement was BYOB, meaning to bring someone to eat with you at their restaurant. So we both decided this could be a great way for us to invite people to worship at Christ Church. Instead of having the same old Rally Day (just one Sunday of activities to encourage attendance) why

not make our celebration last for several Sundays while spotlighting several of our ministries during this time! I think we can make this event a great celebration!

So I am asking for all of us to ask a friend or several friends to attend Christ Church with you during our BYOB celebration event. We have a wonderful gift of God's love we are given at Christ Church. We can share more of His love with others.

Blessings,

Bruce†



A private conversation with a Faith Partner

In March of last year, Christ Church completed a survey that indicated widespread support for the idea of a recovery ministry that would promote awareness, education, prevention, and celebration of recovery from substance abuse.

One of the Faith Partners recently sat down with a member of the congregation to get her thoughts on substance abuse and our recovery ministry. Here is a summary of their talk:

QUESTION: When Faith Partners first started up in the spring of last year, did you think there was really any need for a recovery ministry at Christ Church?

ANSWER: Yes, I did. I think there's a need everywhere.

QUESTION: Were you surprised that 69% of the respondents to our survey said they thought it was important or very important for Christ Church to have this kind of ministry?

ANSWER: Well, not really, no I wasn't surprised, but I thought it was great that that many people understood the need to take a spiritual approach to addiction.

QUESTION: What did you think about 47 individuals offering to support this work?

ANSWER: I thought it was just great. And they can support it by turning out for educational events like the one Faith Partners just held in August and sharing what they learn with others..

QUESTION: If you could say just one thing to a substance abuser, what would it be?

ANSWER: I'd say I care about you, and you need a Higher Power.

QUESTION: What would you say to a co-dependent?

ANSWER: I'd say, you need some support. You need to be in an environment with people who are having similar issues. There are a number of support groups in the area, and I see that Faith Partners provides meeting schedules in its own bookcase in the library, and I'm glad.

QUESTION: Have you had personal experience with substance abuse?

ANSWER: Yes, my ex-husband was an alcoholic and very abusive. I was a classic co-dependent and battered wife and therefore a substance abuser myself, although not an addict. Through the grace of God, I got out. He almost killed me. It was a life or death situation, and for once I chose me. A friend told me, if you don't leave, either he'll kill you or you'll end up killing yourself. My mother prayed for my soul every day all through that part of my life. And I really believe that she and the grace of God saved my life.

Because of other factors I was more comfortable seeing a private psychiatrist than going to a support group because it was a very small community. But I've witnessed the results of a Higher Power in other lives who were dealing with substance abuse, and I'm a strong believer in 12-step groups, in a spiritual approach. If I had it to do over, I would not marry thinking I could change him. I'd tell him to come back when he had a year sober – and a 1-year chip – and then maybe I'd go out to dinner with him. And if I were with someone now, and he became alcoholic, I hope I'd say, I'll help you and stand by you all the way if you're ready to change. Then I'd find myself a good 12-step group and a sponsor. And I'd tell him, I'm getting help and I will probably change, so if I change and you don't change, our relationship will probably change and it may not last, because I'm not willing to go through what I went through before.

I'd give him a reasonable amount of time to get into treatment, maybe outpatient treatment, and an AA group with some mature sobriety in it. But I'll never again invest myself in someone who's really married to a bottle and won't give it up. I know how that story ends.

Have you considered?

by *Bernie Davies*

Have you considered churches that have stained glass windows? On 1431, closer to I-35 than 183, is a church that during the day is a nice brown brick with a circle of brown markings. I watched that church from the time it was built from its foundation. More than a few years now. Nice brown brick building, with a sign marking it as a church.

Then one evening I had to go to our church for something and the nice, brown, brick church had something going on inside. This meant that there was more light inside than outside. I did not see the nice, brown, brick building. I saw this glorious circle of multi-colored pieces of glass lit up and filling the dark night. Then I considered stained glass windows which is the purpose of this article.

During the day there is less light inside the church and the greater light (God, for the sake of this article) shines through bringing His message which has been written in colored glass for those inside the church to see. At night, our lesser light shines the message to those outside traveling past.

Now, what about Christ Church, our church? We have no blue's, red's greens, yellow, or other colors. In my humble opinion I believe we have a work of art equal to the finest stain glassed windows to be found in any church world wide. It is our window behind the altar that lets the light God provides into our sanctuary. The light is not pure, but is actually "discolored" with a slight green/clear tint. It is a circle, which represents a complete oneness and it contains the cross; to reinforce the one complete circle. Further, outside of the window is an oak tree. That does add the color green (ask Bruce what the color green means in liturgical terms) but also every individual sees a different view from everyone else and it changes week to week with the seasons, weather and wind.

Have you considered that God's stained glass light shines on you individually even in church? The stain is actually the red of the blood Christ shed for you and me. His love for each of us is so great that every Sunday God has a special blessing in store.

3 CEC Vestry positions open for 2010

The CEC Vestry Nominations Committee, Sarah Martinez, Jim Hart and Charlie Cole, who will be rotating off the vestry in January, are taking nominations for new vestry candidates. Vestry elections will take place at the end of October at the CEC Ingathering Sunday. If you are interested in serving the church in this way, please see one of the Nominating Committee members.

Requirements for a Three -year CEC Vestry Member:

- Pray daily for the welfare and mission of our Church.
- Be an active participant during worship on Sundays.
- Give of your stewardship in time, talent and treasure.
- Communicate and Shepherd over one of the ministry categories mentioned below and offer a monthly report at vestry meetings:
 - Parish Events
 - Liturgy and Worship
 - Outreach and Diocesan
 - Christian Education
 - Facilities and Administration
- Attend and participate in all scheduled monthly meetings. (If for any reason you cannot attend please allow the senior warden to know in advance).
- Serve for one month as vestry person of the day during Sunday mornings.
- Attend the annual CEC vestry half-day retreat in January
- Attend the annual Diocesan half-day vestry worship.



Christ Episcopal Church throws off the bowlines in 2009

by David Enders

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream.
- Mark Twain

Would you get on a ship called "The Budget" to sail to paradise? Neither would I. I mean ... what about the inevitable cutbacks: "Do we really need all these lifeboats?"

Somewhere along the way, budgets have been given a bad rap. Devised as a management tool to help people and organizations plan and achieve their goals, in tough economic times they are too often viewed as ominous harbingers of doom that desperately need to be "cut back" lest we be inundated by the high seas of uncertainty.

Like most organizations, Christ Episcopal Church, felt the impact of the recession this year: year-to-date, we have about a \$13,000 shortfall in pledge income and a \$6,000 shortfall in other income. But there is much to be thankful for: Like most nonprofits, volunteerism is up while income is down -- people want to give, they may not have as much money to give right now -- but they give what they can and they give of themselves. And our church has used God's abundance to continue to grow this year ... and maybe not in spite of the economy, but because of it.

Our church paid 100 percent of its Missionary Commitment to the Episcopal Diocese this year, more than \$26,000 in outreach that is used to do God's work all over the world. Our many church ministries have grown in attendance and commitment and our church property has begun preparing the way for new growth through several improvements and with more on the way.

"I think overall we have had a great year at CEC!," says our Rector Bruce Bonner. "Most of our year was consumed with road construction, but I felt we did well in overcoming those obstacles ... especially just trying to find the entrance to the church grounds. During this time, I and many others were so blessed to experience those who would stand at Hwy. 1431 and wave signs and flash lights to literally show people the way! Our attendance actually grew a little during that time."

And attendance continues to grow since the construction of

the new highway entrance and the new parking lot has been completed. One of the largest demographics of the surrounding communities is children and young people, Bonner says, and the church has grown in how we minister to the youth that represent our future. "We now have a paid part-time staff position in Jennifer Cowles as our Children's Minister and she is doing a great job. Moving our Kid's Kingdom time this year to operate during the 10:30 service will make a big difference in reaching more of our children with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In time, this will make a huge difference in the future life of our church. Our Youth Ministry is perhaps the most active ministry of our church. They meet twice a week and attend worship on a regular basis. They also participate in Diocesan spiritual retreats and summer camp events." CEC also has a Youth Minister, Melissa Cox, who travels all the way from Temple to keep the momentum going. "She and the Youth Council are doing a fantastic job."

Our budget this year also has allowed us not only to make much needed improvements to the property, but work has begun on a master plan for continued physical growth at CEC. Vestry member and Building Committee Chair Tony Alvarez, reports much progress has been made in selecting an architect to draw up a master site plan for CEC. Once the architectural firm is chosen, parish input will be sought, Ripe For The Harvest priorities will be revisited, and ministries will be invited into the discussion. Building a church is a non-stop process. "From the information we share with the architect during these meetings they will try and interpret our mission in our surrounding community, and through creativity, provide us a master plan design," says Alvarez. "The Great Commission instructs us 'to make disciples of all nations' and the existing buildings and the future buildings are a means to that end. Physical structures are some of the tools we have to bring our neighbors to Christ, but we as a Planning Committee are extremely cognizant that the 'bricks and sticks' are not

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the Church. Each and every member of CEC, past, present and future are the Church. Our mantra is Psalm 127:1, "Unless the Lord builds the house, it's builders labor in vain."

Phase I of the master site plan will likely include an aesthetic facelift: fresh exterior paint, landscaping, finishing the new sign, city sewer hookup as well as improvements to the Education Building and to the audio/video system in the church. With our improved visibility, Alvarez says, "expect visitors and more new members this fall. And remember each and every one of us at CEC are greeters. If you see a new family, introduce yourself. Ask them if they have had a tour of our grounds and facilities. Ask them if they have any questions about our church. Ask them if they know about our childrens' and youth programs. Show a genuine interest so that we may truly 'see and serve Christ in others by loving our neighbor as ourselves.'"

The economy, the budget, the constantly changing driveway. "There are many things that could have been somewhat



of a distraction this year, but never really were," Bonner says. "We persevered as always to overcome them. What we did accomplish was paying off our original loan for our church property. So, now with the road construction completed, a very nice sign marking our property and the loan paid off, we are more ready to continue our mission calling us to grow and become the church God is calling us to become. Now, more than ever, we at Christ Church have an abundance to share with others in our community and beyond the many gifts of God's grace to others. I give all the glory to God!"

No ... a budget was never intended to keep our ship from sailing. Would you get on a ship called "Faith, Hope and Love" to sail to paradise? Then throw off the bowlines.

On a journey of faith

By Fran Hart

A few years ago I learned the importance of slowing down and appreciating life. Even with this lesson behind me, I still tended to rush everywhere I went. In my eagerness to get to my destination I'd overlook the joy of the journey. When given the choice between slowing down and speeding up, I'd speed up. "I want to get there faster! I want to be where I'm going. Are we there yet?"

Once I recognized this trait in myself and reconciled it with what God wants from us, I embraced a slower pace. "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10) is a wonderful meditation for quiet times. It's great to take time to be still, but what about during times of transition? I have to consciously slow down and enjoy the road I'm on.

We learn most of our "life lessons" through our journeys. Most of the trials that strengthen us are experienced during periods of transition. We gain experience with each mountain we climb, the valleys we cross and with each roadblock we overcome.

Maybe I'm thinking about journeys because I'm getting ready for a business trip to China. The trip from Austin to Shanghai will take about 28 hours. No amount of rushing on my part will speed this journey up. Instead, I'm looking for ways to pass the time with some carefully selected reading material. "If I can't get there any faster," I ask myself, "what

can I do to take advantage of the time?"

In a similar way I'm looking at my life and wondering "Am I taking advantage of the time I have on earth. Am I growing as a Christian?" As long as I'm living and breathing I can't consider myself at my Christian destination, so I'd better be moving along the path God puts before me. I've set some personal goals that are challenging me, so I'll check that as a "yes". If our goals are without challenge, they're not going to result in growth.

"Am I helping others in their journey?" Life is a journey that we share. As we begin a new school year and CEC harvests volunteers, I'm stepping into the Kid's Kingdom ministry. I'll learn more about the program and get to know the children better. I hope to share my love of God and witness Him through their lives and learning. I'm not entering into this role with bold confidence in myself but with bold faith that God will provide the help I need. I'm eagerly anticipating the challenges and the rewards of the children's ministry. On September 13th CEC will celebrate "Ministry Sunday." Although I'll be halfway around the world, I will be with you in Spirit. I pray that as a community, we boldly step forward trusting God and each other, seeking and serving Christ with love and faithfulness.



CEC Kid's Kingdom Sunday School

(for 3-year-olds through 3rd graders)
(4th and 5th grade Sunday school takes place at 9:30)

10:30 Children begin in the big church with their parents.

10:45 Children process out of the church with adult volunteer Shepherds after Father Bruce's children's sermon.

10:45-10:55 Children's Chapel

10:55-11:05 Opening - Led by Shepherd

- Opening prayer
- Group discussion of the children's events of the week to help build relationships
- Lesson - Week 1 of the unit, Shepherd will read/tell the lesson and then explain the scripture. Weeks 2 and 3 have the children recount the lesson and allow them to explain the scripture. Prepare some simple, age appropriate questions to help the discussion. Cite examples in everyday life that pertain to the lesson. Allow the children the opportunity to have open discussion about the lessons.

11:05-11:25 Workshop activity - Led by Workshop Leader. Workshop leaders will need to explain how the activity relates to the story. *Shepherds will assist with projects, but the Workshop leader will be responsible for having all the materials and activities prepared for each class.*

11:25-11:35 - Wrap-up - Either Shepherds or Workshop Leaders can lead

- Clean up
- Discuss daily activity and lessons learned
- Closing group prayer led by Shepherd and children

11:35 Shepherds escort children back to the big church in time for communion.

Please be sure that you open and close with prayer each week. Shepherds are encouraged to engage their groups in creating their own prayers.

*Children will be divided as follows:

Ages 3, 4 & Pre-K - Little Royals

K-1st Grade - Knights

2nd-3rd Grade - Crusaders

Reminders & Resources for early intervention in substance abuse

The information below is from a recent Faith Partners program at Christ Church. Keep in mind that there are plenty of resources, including meeting schedules, books, and literature, free for the taking in the library. If you want to talk to someone confidentially, feel free to contact one of the people below:

- Bruce Bonne, our rector, at 267-2428
- Elizabeth Burba at 259-1345
- Tish Rogers at 259-9106
- Robert Wren at 255-7494

1. The 7 C's:

- You didn't Cause it
- You can't Cure it
- You can't Control it
- You can take better Care of yourself
- By Communicating your feelings and
- Making healthy Choices and
- Celebrating yourself.

2. Ask yourself: When my friend/loved one is drinking or using drugs, does his/her behavior change from acceptable to unacceptable in a way that affects me?

3. Some guidelines to follow when talking to a friend or loved one include:

- Be sure your motive is not to punish, criticize or hurt but to inform your friend about his/her behavior out of genuine

concern. Your hope is that this may present your friend an opportunity to see his or her chemical use as a problem that needs attention.

- Wait until the next day or your next opportunity to see or call your friend, and choose a time when you are reasonably sure your friend will be sober.

- State the specific behavior you are concerned about and describe just what the person did that was objectionable to you. Avoid judgments, such as "You were obnoxious," or "I was ashamed of you" as well as vague statements, such as "You ruined the whole party," or "It was disgusting."

- Let the person know that you like his or her sober behavior and that it was the drinking behavior which turned you off.

4. The Serenity Prayer: God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.

5. Resources:

- Alanon/Alateen - 441-5891 or www.alanon.org

- Alcoholics Anonymous - 444-0071 or www.aa.org

- Families Anonymous - www.familiesanonymous.org

- Hazelden (books, tapes, articles) - www.hazelden.org

- LifeSteps - 246-9880 - screening, educational classes, and support groups

- Mary Ann Kluga, Leander ISD Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator - 570-0315

CEC Kid's Kingdom Sunday School 2009-2010 Schedule and Overview

Rotation One - September 20, 27, October 4
"Creation - He's got the Whole World in His Hands"

Rotation Two - October 11, 18, 25
"The Healing Touch of Jesus"
November 1 - All Saints' Day Celebration

Rotation Three - November 8, 15, 22
"Thanks and Giving"
November 29 - Advent Event

Rotation Four - December 6, 13, 20
"Jesus is Coming"
December 27 - Off
January 3 - New Year Celebration

January 10 - Annual Parish Meeting-No Sunday School

Rotation Five - January 17, 24, 31

Rotation Six - February 7, 14, 21
February 28 - Caring and Sharing Celebration

Rotation Seven - March 7, 14, 21
March 28 - Spring Celebration
April 4 - Easter - No Sunday School

Rotation Eight - April 11, 18, 25

Rotation Nine - May 2, 9, 16
May 23 - End of Year Celebration/Pentecost Picnic

BIG CHANGES AT ANGEL-FOOD MINISTRY

by Arthur Callaway

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. CEC is partners with Hill Country Nazarene Church in the order and distribution of food boxes from AngelFood Ministry.

Angel Food is available in a quantity that can fit into a medium-sized box at \$30 per unit. Each month's menu is different than the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately \$60. Comparison shopping has been done across the country in various communities using a wide range of retail grocery stores and has resulted in the same food items costing from between \$42 and \$78. Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is all the same high quality one could purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost too ripe.

So here are the CHANGES.

1. On-line ordering - Yes, you can now order and pay on-line with your credit or debit card. Click on http://www.hcnaz.org/index_files/Page528.htm to find the On-line ordering information. The AngelFood Ministry tab on the CECTX.org site will lead you to the above ordering site. This September's menu can be viewed at http://www.angelfoodministries.com/menu_0909en.asp

2. Order any of the specials WITHOUT ordering one of the main boxes – you can order all AngelFood Items ala carte now.

3. WE NO LONGER BE TAKING CASH ORDERS AT CEC. Due to the convenience of on-line ordering, you don't have to plan to bring cash to church any more. YAHOO!

4. SEPTEMBER ORDER DEADLINE IS SEPT 11, so place your order before then. Distribution Day for September orders is September 26th at Hill Country Nazarene Church.

Becoming the Parent God Wants You to Be

New Adult Sunday School Offering to Begin on September 13th 9:30 – 10:15 in the Parish Hall

by Sarah Martinez

FINALLY, A PARENTING CURRICULUM THAT MAKES SENSE! If you're tired of second-guessing your parenting skills as you hear conflicting advice from a variety of sources, you need this book. Written by bestselling author and parenting expert Dr. Kevin Leman, this curriculum takes a realistic approach to parenting, giving you the skills you need to raise your kids in today's complicated world. "Too many parents live in constant fear that they're going to do something to mess up their kids. One mistake and BAM! their child will join the skinheads or punkers," writes Leman. "*What kids need today are not perfect parents, but good parents - someone like you.*"

Becoming the *Parent God Wants You to Be* uses an interactive workbook format that is suitable for individual study or as a small-group curriculum. It will help you learn:

- how birth order affects your family
- the difference healthy authority can make
- how "reality discipline" can work with your kids
- why children misbehave and what to do about it
- the power of parenting with love and limits

Join us as we begin this twelve week series on Godly Parenting. Sessions Include:

- What is Godly Parenting?
- "Abel Had it Coming": The Impact of Birth Order on Family Life
- Attila the Hun or Milton Milktoast: Isn't There a Better Way to Parent?
- How to Be in Healthy Authority over Your Children
- Do You Have Time to Be a Godly Family?
- Who Do You Think You Are, Anyway? The Importance of Self-Esteem
- Birth Order and parenting: Should You Treat All Your Children the Same?
- What You Say is What You Get: Encouragement Versus Praise
- Why Children Misbehave
- Combining the Power of Love and Limits
- Reality Discipline for Real Families
- Are We Having Fun Yet? Putting Relationships First

Sign up to order a book by emailing Marilee Verdesca at office@cectx.org

SEPTEMBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sept. 6

10:30 a.m. Carolyn Dupy/Patty Craig: **Lectors**
Carolyn Dupy/JanBuntebart: **LEMs**
Jobie Guzman: **Altar Guild**
Jonah Reeh/Elena Martinez: **Acolytes**

Sept. 13

10:30 a.m. Joan Steele/Bill Sterling: **Lectors**
Joan Steele/Bill Sterling: **LEMs**
Cindy Wells: **Altar Guild**
Alex Rogers/Adele Simms: **Acolytes**

Sept. 20

10:30 a.m. Charlie Cole/Kathryn Bonner: **Lectors**
Kathryn Bonner/Burl Judy: **LEMs**
Cathy Valucek: **Altar Guild**
Randall & Zach Holahan: **Acolytes**

Sept. 27

10:30 a.m. Fran & Jim Hart: **Lectors**
Fran & Jim Hart: **LEMs**
Adam Uthoff/Emma Simms: **Acolytes**
Martha McEver: **Altar Guild**

Oct. 4

10:30 a.m. Jeanette Holahan/Marilee Verdesca: **Lectors**
Jeanette Holahan/Marilee Verdesca: **LEMs**

8:00 Worship Leaders

Sept 6: Thelma
Sept 13: Randall
Sept 20: Travis
Sept 27: Fran
Oct 4 : Thelma

Vestry Person for Month of September: Andrew Verdesca
Offering Counter for Month of September: Jan Halstead

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE

We all want more love. We all are looking for love but are you looking in the right places? John's gospel is all about love and God and how we relate to love through Jesus. If you are interested in finding out more about love, a study of the Gospel of John is a great place to start. Bible Study Fellowship (BSFInternational.org) is offering a free study of John this year that runs concurrent with the school year. The weekly Monday night study for Men starts in September.

If you want to enrich your life with the study of scripture, this is the perfect opportunity. BSF provides a study guide for each day of the week that references scripture, analyzes it, makes you think about it by asking questions and provides you a chance to discuss your answers with others once a week.

I have been involved with BSF for over 8 years and look forward to this study of John. If you are interested, please call, email or talk to me on Sunday and I can give you all the details.

Peace,

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Share your Epiphany in The Trumpet all year long

Everybody has those "Aha!" moments: epiphanies big and small. Those rare times when everything makes sense for a change. Share your Epiphany story in Trumpet newsletter each month. Send your Epiphany story by the Wednesday before the first Sunday of the month to: trumpet@cec-tx.org

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Gathering Leaves

by Robert Frost

Spades take up leaves
No better than spoons,
And bags full of leaves
Are light as balloons.
I make a great noise
Of rustling all day
Like rabbit and deer
Running away.
But the mountains I raise
Elude my embrace,
Flowing over my arms
And into my face.
I may load and unload
Again and again
Till I fill the whole shed,
And what have I then?
Next to nothing for weight,
And since they grew duller
From contact with earth,
Next to nothing for color.
Next to nothing for use.
But a crop is a crop,
And who's to say where
The harvest shall stop?