

THE CHRISTCHURCH HERALD

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD



NEWS OF GOD SINCE 2005

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AUGUST 31ST

This Week

- Sunday** Parish Breakfast Paused, resuming September 7th
Holy Eucharist, 9:30am
New Believer Bible Study, immediately following worship, Church Office
All Other Sunday School Paused, resuming September 7th
HS Youth Group Paused, resuming September 7th
- Monday** Church Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day
- Wednesday** All Wednesday Evening Activities (including Novo), Paused, resuming September 10th
- Thursday** Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 7:00-7:45am
Tea with the Rector, 9:00-10:00am, Fr. Andrew's Office
- Friday** Celebrate Recovery, 6:00pm, Canterbury Hall

Don't miss the
Christchurch Bookstore
& Gift Shop

End of Summer SALE!

Stop by and enjoy
30% OFF
all Home Decor and Gifts
today - Sunday, August 31st

And don't forget, items with a green dot
are always 50% off!

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTCHURCH

Come celebrate with us
NEXT Sunday, September 7th,
as we launch our Fall programming and praise God for all
that He is doing at Christchurch, both past and present!



Upcoming

September 7	Festival of Christchurch Parish Breakfast and Sunday School Resumes Taste of Celebrate Recovery (details below)
September 10	Wednesday Evening Programming Resumes
Sep. 17-20	New Wineskins Mission Conference
September 18	Fisherfolk Potluck
September 21	Daughters of the Holy Cross Meeting
October 4	Christchurch Bazaar
October 5	Blessing of the Animals
Oct. 9-12	Paseo #27
October 10	Autumn Quiet Retreat
October 13	Church Office Closed for Columbus Day

LET'S
celebrate

5 Years of
Celebrate Recovery

Join us as we celebrate
the **5th Anniversary** of
Christchurch's
Celebrate Recovery Ministry
September 5th at 6:00pm
in Canterbury Hall.

You can also join us for a
Taste of Celebrate Recovery
NEXT SUNDAY, September 7th
during the Sunday School hour
in Canterbury Hall.

Join us for
Fisherfolk
POTLUCK

Thursday, September 18th at 6:30pm
at the home of Mary Gray, 3038 Bankhead Ave, 36106
Please bring a dish to share.

Paseo Weekend #27 October 9-12, 2025

There are people at Christchurch who have never been blessed by a "4th day weekend." This may be your time to bless them by being a sponsor! Paseo #27 will be Oct. 9-12 at Camp ASCCA. If you want to be a sponsor, or if you want to find out more about Paseo, reach out to Eric Leisy (334-657-6707, eric@greatsouthernland.com) for more information!

Applications are due by September 2nd.



Missions



2025 GIVING TREE

There are **19** children left of the **170**
in All Saints School in the Sebei Diocese
who need to be sponsored.

A donation of **\$450** will cover the majority of a child's needs throughout the next year. Your donation can be covered in one or more payments. Please let Katherine Akin know if you would like to donate at katherine@christchurchanglican.net.

Birthdays

August 31 Woody Bagwell Bill Llewellyn	September 2 Marion Smith Eric Leisy Kate Rees Mazie Minshew	September 5 Maribeth Lambert
September 1 Ron Brown Rogers Parker Jack McLemore	September 3 Larry Harvill	September 6 Jayson Kuboka

Prayer List

Our Parishioners Who Serve in Harm's Way

Dave Arnett, Ashley and Edward Beasley, David Brewbaker, Ted Brewer, Timothy Burdette, Patrick Cain, Jon Everett Dennis, Jordan Dennis, Heath Garrison, Andy Hardy, Todd Hawkes, George Mardre, Matt Minshew, Collier Phillips, Stuart Philips, Aidan Quinn, Anthony Shields, Bobby Thorington, Andrew Tonnell, and Olivia Wittman

Our Parishioners

Mary Evans, Jean Chancellor, John Register, Glenn Jones, Ann McQueen, Norma Tonnell, Norma Placke, Alice Rainer, Mici Short, Elaine Mack, and the Owen family

Our Extended Church Family

Archbishop Steve Wood, Bishop Alex Farmer, Archbishop Stephen Kaziimba, Bishop Paul Masaba, Rev. Canon David Siwa, the people of Sebei Diocese, and our Uganda Christian University seminarians

Our Vestry

Class of 2025-Chris Cantey (Sr. Warden), Lynn Bloch, Pamela Swan, and Lyle Wilder; Class of 2026-Kat Murchison, Ted Klose, Catlin Tench (Jr. Warden), and Valerie Owen; Class of 2027-Susan Barnes, Tricia Seay, Pete Cobb, and Price McLemore

Music and Worship

The Music Program at Christchurch includes our adult choir, contemporary praise teams, and concerts and events during the year. Our Chancel Choir rehearses Sundays at 8:30am in the *Choir Room*. **Regular 6:00pm Wednesday rehearsals are paused in August and will resume September 10th.** Questions? Contact Margaret Cauthen at mcauthen@christchurchanglican.net.

Children’s Ministry
Birth through 5th Grade

SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:30am

New Mothers’ Room: Available for mothers and newborns. 2nd floor of the church building next to the elevator.
Nursery: Birth through 4 years old—1st floor near Canterbury Hall
Nursery and preschool aged children are also invited to join children’s church upstairs with a parent, remain with their family in the service, or any combination thereof!

Children’s Worship Services:

Children are invited to follow the last cross in the procession to our Children’s Worship services. All children will return at the Peace to join their families for Holy Eucharist.
Children’s Church: 5 years old through 2nd Grade, *Emmaus Room*
Junior Worship: 3rd Grade through 5th Grade, *The Café*

Sunday School Paused, resuming September 7th

Kingdom Story Level I: 4 years old through Kindergarten, *2nd Floor of Church*
Kingdom Story Level II: First and Second Grade, *2nd Floor of Church*
Level III (Gospel Project): 3rd grade through 5th grade, *2nd Floor of the Church*

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, Paused, resuming September 10th

Puppet Ministry: 4th through 12th grade, 5:15-6:00pm, *Emmaus Room*
Children’s Gathering : For children not participating in puppets, 5:30-6:00pm, *Playground*
B.L.A.S.T. Children’s Programs: 5 years old through 5th grade, 6:00-7:00pm, *Emmaus Room*

Student Ministry
6th Grade and Above

SUNDAYS, Paused, resuming September 7th

HS Sunday School (9th-12th grade)
Ever wondered how all those books in the Bible, and all those names and places and stories, fit together? Join us as we take a ‘bird’s eye view’ of God’s work of creation and salvation, exploring the narrative arc of the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. Through the programme ‘CASKET EMPTY’, we will explore how the lives of our ancestors in the faith have revealed to us who God is and what God does. *Emmaus Room*
MS Sunday School (6th-8th grade)
“Who do you say that I am?” From the beginning, the question ‘who (or, what) is God?’ has caused us to wonder. This is one of the biggest and most important questions we can ask! Join as we delve deep into the question of who God is, taking the Nicene Creed as our guide, and learn how it is that we can talk about him. *The Café*

HS Youth Group

Luminaries: Join us on Sunday evenings as we cook, eat, and learn about what it looks like to live the Christian life in the world. Each week, we will focus on a particular person in Christian history, a ‘luminary’ whose walk with Christ offers us an insight into the many ways God calls us to his service and uses us for his purpose. We shall explore how the path of discipleship has been navigated by those who have gone before, and ponder what it is for each of us to be called to be saints. *The Café*

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Blessing of the Animals

Please join us Sunday, October 5th, at 2:00pm in the Garden of the Cross for our Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Don’t forget to bring your offering of pet food for the Humane Society.

Students, we are looking for volunteers to help with this event. Please let Fr. Jack know if you would like to help out!

Adult Formation
Graduated High School Seniors and Above

SUNDAY MORNINGS, Paused, resuming September 7th

Adult Sunday School-Paul has a tall order for the Philippians
Paul has a tall order for the Philippians: the call for unity in Christ. How do we live this out in our own discipleship and as part of the global kingdom of God? Join us to study this epistle week by week. *Canterbury Hall*

Adult Bible Study-Relevance Class

This inductive Bible study explores the Scriptures and how they can be applied to our lives both practically and effectively. *Choir Room*

Bible Study for Men-Damascus Road Class

This class encourages men to encounter the Risen Lord through the study of Scripture, and equips them to share the Gospel with others. *Church Office Conference Room*

New Believer Bible Study

The NOVO Discovery Bible Study is for everyone who wants to learn more about the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. *Church Office*

MONDAYS

Evening Bible Study for Women

The Gospel according to Luke is that perfection is not a prerequisite for a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. This women’s study **beginning September 15th** will use Lisa Harpers’ *Luke: Gut-level Compassion*. Contact Judy Derickson at 396-4268 for more information. *The Café*

TUESDAYS

Women’s Afternoon Bible Study

Summer Joy Gross’s book, *The Emmanuel Promise: Discovering the Security of a Life Held by God*, provides the basis for this study in which we will learn simple practices grounded in Biblical teaching that equip us to build a secure attachment with God. Contact Dcn. Leah for more information. *The Café*

Summer Gross will be our Winter Women’s Retreat Speaker!

WEDNESDAYS

Putting on the Character of Christ

We live at the mercy of our ideas and our narratives. A lot of false narratives about God and human life are perpetuated in our world. The key to a good and beautiful life is to “clothe ourselves in the Lord Jesus Christ” as Paul says? But how do we do that? Using James Byran Smith’s *The Good and Beautiful Life: Putting on the Character of Christ* we will discover how to adopt the narratives of Jesus that will transform our character into his likeness. *Epistle Transept*

S.A.C.R.E.D. Prayer

When life feels overwhelming, the best place to begin is on your knees. Reorient your soul in relation to God through Scripture, prayer and study. Learn the six steps of SACRED prayer using Ann Voskamp’s *Waymaker Bible Study Guide*. *Conference Room*

Novo

This prayer training course empowers disciples to fully discover and step into their identity as sons and daughters of the King. In each session, participants will learn new prayer tools, practice them, and emerge equipped to pray confidently with others. *Canterbury Hall*

THURSDAYS

Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study

Join the men from our parish for breakfast and Bible study 7:00-7:45am, *Canterbury Hall*

Scripture Walk

NEW DAY!-Beginning October 2nd, join the group meeting in the parking lot of our Church at 9:00am for a reading from Scripture followed by a 30-minute walk along our Walking Path. After the walk, we reconvene in the parking lot for an opportunity to share reflections and pray. The leisurely pace is perfect for all age groups, and friends, children, and dogs are welcome! In the event of rain the walk is canceled. Questions? Reach out to Elise Hicks at 462-8354.

Thursday Morning Bible Study for Women

Beginning September 4th from 10:00-11:30am, In the study, *12 Women of the Bible: Life Changing Stories for Women of Today*, you will meet a group of women in the Bible whose lives teach us about ourselves and about who God is. The stories of these women reveal the frailties, struggles, brokenness, and victories of real women from both the Old and New Testaments. *Canterbury Hall*

FRIDAYS

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurts, hang-ups, or habits of any kind. Each meeting includes dinner, worship, a testimony/lesson, and gender specific small groups. Dinner at 6:00pm, Meeting at 6:30pm, *Canterbury Hall*