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Missionaries Prepare to Serve



By it.....! In it.....! Through it.....!

A great group representing Christ the King will take off for an adventure of service, learning, and amazing fun! Please keep the following youth and adults in your prayers as they prepare, as they travel, and as they serve:

Christian Ogle, Chris Sullivan, James Taylor, Stephen Norris, Ashley Ogle, Andy Nutting, Catherine Clifton, Thomas Richards, Misty Gurst, Jay Hamblin, Justin Higley, Fr. Steve, Pastor Sonia, Amanda Dean

The itinerary is as follows:

Sunday, July 15, mid afternoon - leave and travel to Tallahassee

for the night.

Monday, July 16 - FSU Challenge Course (team building, low & high ropes); Wild Adventures in the evening; overnight in Lake Park GA.

Tuesday, July 17 - Travel to Bay St. Louis, MS to join 300 other Episcopal teens from the southeast for Katrina Relief Mission Work.

Wednesday, July 18 thru Sunday, July 22 - During the day, work with Katrina victims; in the evening, worship & play in community.

Sunday, July 22 - Travel to Gulf Shores AL and play at Waterville USA; overnight there

Monday, July 23 - Return to Christ the King.

Thank you so very much for your prayers and support as we work to help those who

still struggle so desperately from Katrina devastation.

Mission Trip Supplies Needed.

The following is a list of supplies we need. Please bring the items to the church by Sunday morning, July 15th.

- Trail Mix
- Chex Mix
- Pop Tarts (non-chocolate varieties)
- Granola Bars
- Bottled water (16 and 24 oz bottles)
- 2 loaves white sandwich bread
- 2 loaves wheat sandwich bread
- 1 plastic squirt bottle mayonnaise
- 1 large pkg sandwich meat turkey
- 1 large pkg sandwich meat ham
- 1 pkg 24 slices American cheese
- 1 bag of oranges
- 1 bag of apples
- 48 individual pkgs of cookies (mixed variety)
- 36 individual pkgs of cheese or peanut butter sandwich crackers
- 72 Crystal Light (or similar) "To Go"

Happening: A

Christian Experience!

Over the last several years, much has been spoken of and written about the youth retreat called Happening. It is a weekend led by teenagers for teenagers that is the most relevant experience of God that many have ever had. Ask any of our teenagers who have been and they'll tell you that it was a weekend that they will never forget!

Another of these retreats is coming up August 3-5 and is open to anyone entering the 10th grade and up! Signing up early is critical as there are lots of people who try to attend this summer weekend, so please let Pastor Sonia know if you are interested in attending.

In the meantime, please keep the following in your prayers as they prepare to serve on the staff:

Andy Nutting, Ashley Ogle, Catherine Clifton, Justin Higley, Misty Gurst, and Pastor Sonia.

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Origins School Closes

We are saddened to learn that Origins Montessori Charter School has been closed by the Orange County Schools as of June 30th.

We have enjoyed the presence of children on our campus throughout the week, and of course Origins was a Godsend when CTK was struggling to find the funds to call a new Rector five years ago. The Finance Committee and Vestry will be in discern-

ment about what the closing of Origins might mean, and a Task Force on Facility Use has already met to begin the process of discerning how God would have us open our facilities in ways consistent with our mission.



For every closed door another opens.

Please pray for the Origins faculty, staff, students, and parents as they make transitions to other schools and endeavors, and for our parish leaders as they look ahead for our future facility use and adjustments to our parish budget.

Your priest, pastor, and friend

Fr. Steve +

How God calls you to a specific place and leads you to the right Church — by Luz Cotto

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y husband Tony and I moved to Texas in May 1982, a place I never dreamed we were going to spend twenty years of our life. Tony's passion was to help the needy and poor. He started working with Catholic Charities helping the Hispanic Community. He met a husband and wife lawyer team, and started a program for immigration at a Lutheran Church. The church noticed the devotion that Tony had to bringing comfort and the word of God to those who were in need of it, and asked him if he would like to become a preacher. This was his lifelong dream, but because he was born and raised a Roman Catholic and married, he was not accepted as a priest in the Catholic Church. In 1991 he decided to enter the Lutheran Seminary Program in the southwest. He was ordained in 1994 and founded San Miguel Lutheran Church in Fort Worth, Texas. It was named in honor of his brother who had passed on. We grew from thirteen people to over 400 a week. We worked hard to build that church. With him I became more involved in the Word of the Lord and the ministry. He became ill slowly, with diabetes and heart problems. I decided that he needed to retire and come to Florida where he had some family.

We had come down two years before to scope out locations for churches, but we remained undecided. In 2002 we decided it was the right time and made the move. At that time, the Spanish pastor at Cristo Rey was leaving, so they asked Tony if he would be willing to take on the group. I was a little worried because he was not healthy, but he accepted the job part-time. He did it for four years before the Lord welcomed him home. I then decided to join Christ the King 's English service because the people always were friendly and I felt like they always accepted us as brothers and sisters of God. They gave me a lot of support in my most difficult time of sorrow. Father Steve, Pastor Sonia and Deacon Pat were there with me and my family at the hospital. They were a great support for us. We are very grateful to the Christ the King family for the love they share with us.

The lord put us in the right place.

This is in honor of the memory of Father Antonia Cotto.

Thank you all,
Luz (Lucy) Cotto



Faith Alive is Getting Closer-Prayers needed!

We are looking forward to a wonderful weekend of fun, fellowship, food, and spiritual renewal on September 21-23rd – hope you have your calendars marked! But a key component of the success of the weekend is its undergirding in prayer. There will be a 24-hour prayer vigil just before the weekend begins, but the time to begin praying is NOW! The Prayer Committee has composed the following prayer for every member of CTK to say daily between now and September:

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit through the



Be prepared for a spiritual awakening!!

teaching of your Son Jesus Christ: As we prepare for our Faith Alive Weekend at Christ the King, create and make in us a willing spirit so that our parish will be renewed and strengthened to serve you as faithful witnesses. We pray that you will guide the coordinators and team members as they prepare for the weekend, and that your prevenient grace will draw those whom you have chosen to be a part of this weekend; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ., Amen.



- 2 Ed Wojchick
- 3 Theresa Browne
- 5 Delmer Morgan
- 11 Jennifer Hunter
- 17 Amanda Dean
- 19 Keith Przeclawski
Jody Shaw
- 20 Misty Gurst
- 21 Jordan Hyde
- 24 Ethan James
- 28 Juanita Gill
Jeanette Martin
- 29 Isaac Hines
- 31 Carol Hamblin
- 8/3 Phil Browder
- 4 Kent Roberts
Mark Roberts



Hubbard House Outreach

Hubbard House is a place of respite for families who have loved ones as patients at ORMC, and it is a place where patients from out of town stay while receiving critical treatments (usually for cancer) at ORMC. It is much like a hotel, but so much more! Each evening the residents gathered for some "down time" while they are served a home cooked meal prepared by groups in the community.

Our youth have responsibility for preparing and serving an Italian feast on Wednesday, July 11th. As important as the food, and maybe even more important, are the conversations our teens will

have as they dine with those who are looking for a breath of "fresh air" from the all consuming tasks of waiting, hoping, and praying. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to be the hands and voice of Christ!

We'll gather at Christ the King at 3:00p on Wednesday and return to the church around 8:30p

Adults Can Have Fun Too!

Over forty CTK'ers went to *Evan Almighty* on June 24th, followed by dinner. The movie was lots of fun, and we look forward to more adult outings to come soon!



LOCK-OUT AUGUST 11th!!

For all youth entering grades 6 and up!

Bring a change of clothes, toiletry items, sleeping bag, and tons of energy for a night you will long remember!!!

A Wet n' Wild Day



There's nothing better than an afternoon of screaming down water slides, floating around the lazy river, and munching on fried chicken! A group of 23 of

us had a blast in late June doing just those things. Many thanks to Kathy Ogle, Jennifer Hunter, and Amanda Dean who helped chaperone a fabulous time together at Wet n' Wild!

Faithfulness Abounds!

The Vestry and Finance Committee would like to thank members of CTK who have responded to the recent letter concerning pledge income. God is faithful, and God's people at CTK are responding with similar faithfulness! Please continue to be aware of the ongoing nature of our financial obligations, particularly in light of the closing of Origins School.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 10 Norge/Ericka Ramos
- 20 Ed/Lizette Montano

Bible Trivia

What did Jesus have in common with the fish that swallowed Jonah?

Ans. To last month's question - Solomon

The Vine and the Branches-Jody Shaw

John 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in me.

I think the fifteenth chapter of John is an extremely important one, and my interpretation goes something like this; I think so many Christians believe the key to life is to work hard. They often live by the old saying, "God helps those who help themselves." Now obviously we all have a personal responsibility to use our God given talents. All of us dream of success. It's our goal or destination in life.

Some of us see success as making lots of money, living com-

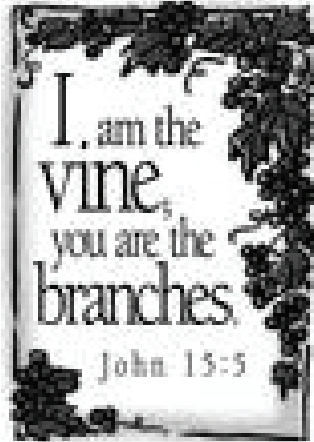
fortably and retiring early. Others want to become proficient in their chosen field, making money, and having folks look up to them as important and wise. And then there are those of us who dream of having an accumulation of material things - with no debt. And then we have those who think of success with having a happy and healthy family - free from disease and heartache.

Well folks, I think the bottom line is this. We all have a dream of success. Could it be that we have the wrong idea of what success is? Could it be possible that we have not lis-

tened to what God's conditions for success are? There is only one, "Take delight in the Lord."

We gather all of our strength from God- we are filled with his energy and resources. By ourselves we cannot produce fruit; we must be connected to God who produces fruit through us. The branches on the vine grow wild and rapidly, and requires constant care and pruning on a regular basis in order to have a fruitful vine.

So in closing, I ask that each of us look deep inside ourselves to see if we need to do some spiritual pruning, the Father removes things like sin or worldly distractions that would hinder our fruit from bearing because He wants us to operate at maximum capacity.



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Sunday Schedule
8:00am—Holy Eucharist
9:30am- Holy Eucharist w choir
11:00am-Fellowship
11:30am-Holy Eucharist (Spanish)

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