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HARMONY

Have you ever heard a group of singers who were “not in harmony?” Maybe one was trying to be a soloist, singing above the other voices, or perhaps someone was tone deaf and singing off-key (loudly). It is usually apparent to all, and for me personally as a musician, it makes the hair on the back of my neck rise as if someone had fingernails scraping on a chalkboard! In musical terms, harmony means “a consistent, orderly, or pleasing arrangement of parts; congruity, blending into chords *pleasing to the ear*.” I think “pleasing to the ear” is the most important part of that definition – don’t you?!

While reflecting on harmony, which is the goal of our praise team when practicing (and our skilled technicians in the sound room who

adjust the microphones for a blend), I began to think of our church, our congregation, and the harmony that we share. I imagine that when God listens to our conversations about our church, our sharing of the peace on Sunday morning, the love and kindness that we exhibit to each other, our combined efforts to reach our community...it must be harmonious, *pleasing to HIS ear!*

I want to encourage our church to keep this spirit of harmony over the next few months during the transition of priest-in-charge. I imagine that we all wish we could clone Father Wally, but unfortunately that is not possible. I imagine that we all have an ‘idea’ of what type of pastor/priest we want, how old he or she must be, what their personality

By: Dorene Royal

should be like, how long their sermons should be, etc. What if, instead of all of us coming up with our own ideas/agenda of what we want, we joined together in a harmonious prayer and asked God to provide the pastor/priest that HE wanted, and that we would recognize and bear witness to this person when they arrived as being sent by HIM?

Jesus prayed a very important prayer in the gospel of John, chapter 17 (also known as the High Priestly Prayer). He prayed that the church “may be as one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, so that they may be brought to complete unity.” Jesus understands and values harmony.

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The church at Ephesus was having some problems with unity/harmony. Paul wrote to them in Chapter 4 and listed some specific things that un- does a church's harmony: "Do not let any unwhole- some talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for build- ing others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen... get rid of all bitterness,

rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice."

The most recent studies of growing churches find the principles of unity to be foundational. In the months to come, let's strive to maintain the har- mony that we have been blessed with! Let's focus on the same goals (God's will for us, our church mission and vision). Let's put aside our own agen- das and find God's agenda; I believe He will

pour out His blessings on us if we do so, and our church will continue to grow and reach our com- munity for Christ! I am willing to make that com- mitment - will you join me?

Dorene Royal,
Director of Music

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Treasurer's Report

Christ the King Episcopal Church

Funds Report by Date
for period: 01/01/2015 to
01/22/2015

01/04/2015 - Sunday

General Fund	3,086.00
Flowers	30.00
Facilities Rental	150.00
Initial Offering	30.00
Missions	55.00
Total for 01/04/2015	\$3,351.00

01/11/2015 - Sunday

General Fund	1,465.00
Facilities Rental	205.00
Initial Offering	8.00
Restricted payments	60.00
Total for 01/11/2015	\$1,738.00

01/18/2015 - Sunday

General Fund	890.00
Facilities Rental	180.00
Diocese Assistance	1,250.00
Total for 01/18/2015	\$2,320.00

Total Contributions received for Janu-
ary so far \$7,409.00

Total needed to cover our budget for
January \$10,378.34

**Amount needed to collect to-
day to cover January's budg-
eted expenses \$2969.34**

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE PRAISE TEAM

By: Dorene Royal, Director of Music

You see us on Sunday morning, beginning service with Prelude music, energetic and ready to worship...ever wonder what goes on behind the scenes? I thought I'd give you a peek...

It starts on Tuesday or Wednesday. The Praise Team has a private Facebook page and by mid-week I have posted a list of the songs we are singing on Sunday. Chris, our church administrator, then takes the list from the Facebook page and puts it in the bulletin. The weekly songs are chosen a number of ways (1) by checking the liturgical suggestions for the Episcopal Church to match the scripture readings for the day (2) by looking at the list of 120+ songs that are rotated based on season/topic and (3) by prayer – I earnestly ask the Lord what our congregation needs to encourage and uplift them for that week.

If we are learning a new song, a link to the song is posted on the Facebook page. Due to the team's crazy work schedules, we only have 45 minutes of rehearsal on Sunday morning. The team has made a commitment to rehearse at home on their own time. You will notice that if we are singing a brand new song, it is never in the worship segment of the service – for several weeks it is in the Prelude segment so our congregation can become familiar with it before we actually insert it in our worship time. I watch the congregation closely as we sing – if I see they are enjoying the song, we make it a part of our repertoire.

By Saturday I have all of the printed music ready (piano and guitar music sheets, praise team words). I have also created the Easy Worship Slides – this is the software program that projects the words with pictures on the screen. The part I find most enjoyable is finding worship photos, and scenery, etc. that match the music and putting it all together. The music is then loaded on a flash drive to transport and download on the sound room's computer. From there the sound technicians work their magic and insert the remainder of the service (prayers, creed, etc.).

We use Song Select and pay an annual copyright fee to CCLI in order to print and project copyrighted music; you will see that on the church's annual budget. Song Select gives me the top 100 praise songs in the nation, chosen by churches and worship leaders (this is why I poll the congregation once a year). Christ the King is singing 2/3rds of the songs chosen by other congregations across our nation as their top choices.

Sunday morning rehearsal is a quick run through all of the songs with an emphasis on any parts that need fine tuning such as getting the rhythm, tune, etc. The team works on their blend, harmony, listening to each other while watching me out of the corner of their eye, and most of all worshipping – how can we lead our church to a place of praise and worship if we are not worshipers?! Often in rehearsal we get in the middle of a song and don't want to stop, because the presence of the Lord becomes so real!

Are we perfect? Not on your life! But do we have fun? You bet! We have recently welcomed a few new members to the team. Jim and Charisse have now joined the choir permanently. Our team is a family and I can honestly say that in the 25 years of music ministry, which included full orchestras and choirs of 50 members plus, Christ the King's Praise Team has the BEST attitude and heart for worship of any I have ever directed. I love them dearly. THANK YOU, PRAISE TEAM AND SOUND TECHS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO to promulgate the spirit of worship in our church!

DEACON'S CORNER

May the Lord bless you with health and the peace that only trust in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ can give.

As I was reading about the ministries of Stephen and Philip in the Book of Acts it hit me that their stories described the ministries of the first deacons.

A deacon is to be full of the Spirit, a person of good reputation, full of God's grace and power, with a servant's heart. A deacon is available to God for menial tasks and speaking truth; A channel for signs, wonders, and healings. An evangelist, a student of the scripture, obedient to the promptings of the Holy Spirit; willing to minister to the one or the many-blind to color, race or station; courageous in witness, and faithful unto death.

What a role to try to fill – will I try- Yes, I will with God's help and the prayers of you all that I serve as deacon.

Help me “serve” you by communicating your needs to me. You can reach me via a phone call, text, or email, I am available to each and every one of you.

Beginning in February, I am hoping to have the following training and refresher classes: acolyte, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, and reader. Are you interested in joining one of those teams? Please let me know. All are very important ministries in the church.

I will be posting more information as the time gets nearer. Also, there is a need for people who are willing to do visitations and rides to doctor visits, or run errands for some of our church family who are unable to get out on a regular bases. If you would be interested in helping with that, please let me know.

Thank you all,

Your deacon, Kate

Thank You

To Rose Green and June Raymond
For setting up coffee hour each
week!!!

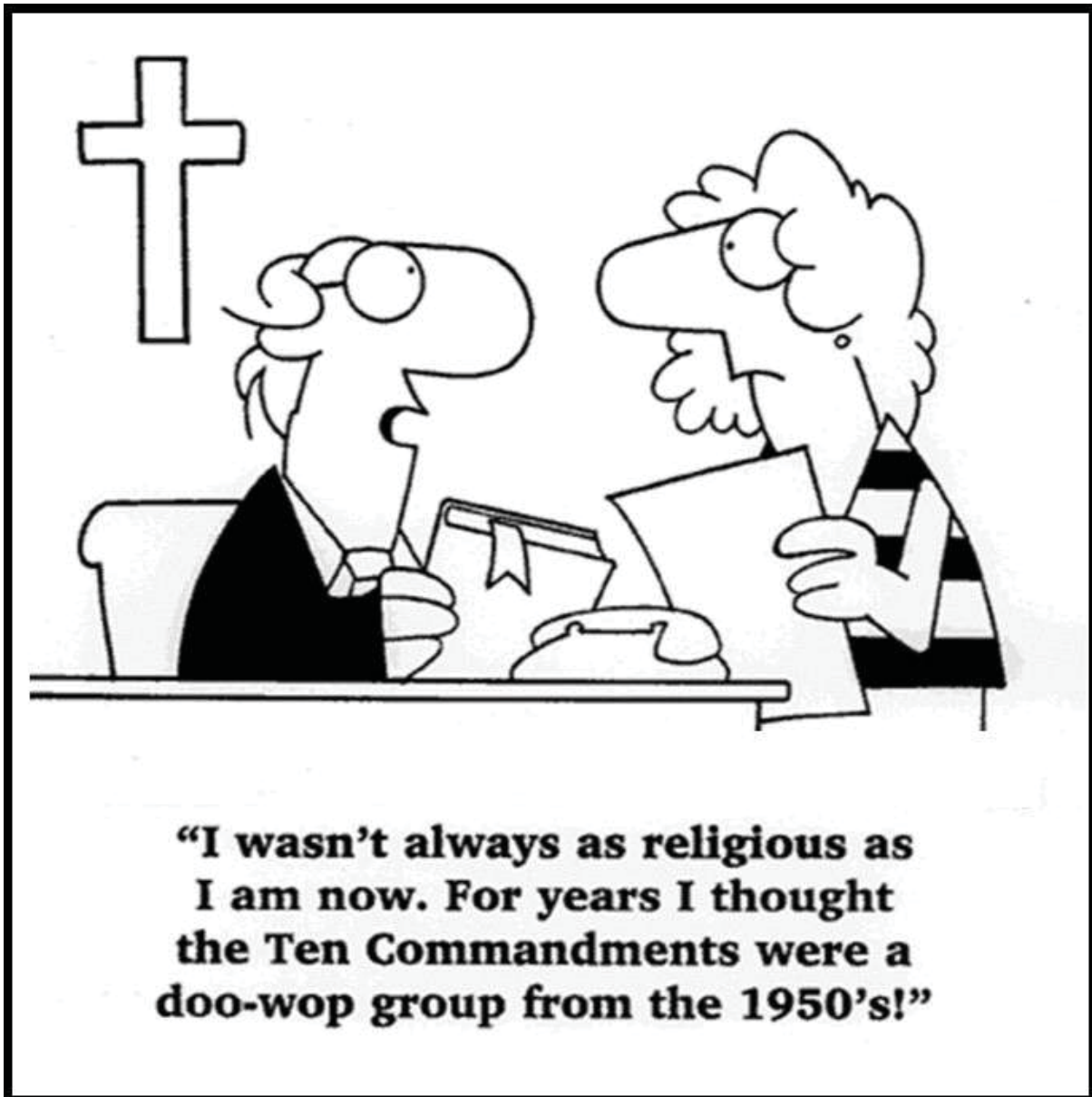
You ladies are a blessing to CTK

To Bob & Marilyn Spring-
thorpe for organizing our
FOURTH annual car show!!!

What a great day!!

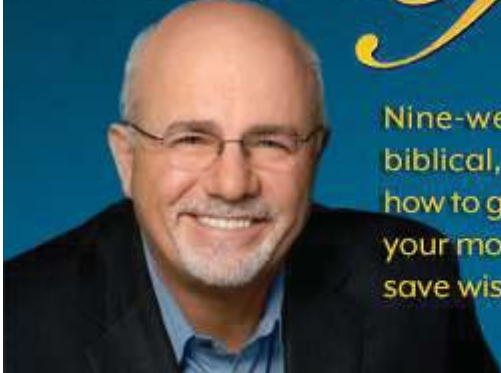
To all who helped with the CAR SHOW,
Josh for music, Ray for entertainment,
Parrish's for cooking. ALL WHO DONATED
food. TOO MANY TO MENTIONED who came
out and pitched in to show what a great
heart for God we all have.

To all who helped out with Father Wally's
last service and the special brunch we
had in celebration of his time here at
Christ the King.



Coming Soon To Christ the King

Dave Ramsey's
Financial *Peace*
UNIVERSITY



Nine-week class presents biblical, practical steps on how to get rid of debt, manage your money, and spend and save wisely.

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am B – Joey Beck		Women's Bible Study 10:00am	Evening Prayer & Bible Study 7pm			B – Father Wally
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am		Women's Bible Study 10:00am B – Jim Royal	Evening Prayer & Bible Study 7pm			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am B – Ray Sharrow		Women's Bible Study 10:00am B – Liam Borden	Ash Wednesday Service 7pm Fr Roger Phillips		A – Jan & Bob Dinerville Their 50 th !!!	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am B – Chris Benton		Women's Bible Study 10:00am	Lenten Series Continues 7PM With Rev, Becky Toalster			A – Debbie & Jack Dale B – Jim Giles

Please sign up to host Altar flowers chart is in the hall

We are on the web
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**MINISTRY
 SCHEDULE**

Ministry area	February 1, 2015	February 8, 2015	February 15, 2015	February 22, 2015
Celebrant	Fr. Roger Phillips	Fr. Roger Phillips	Fr. Roger Phillips	Fr. Roger Phillips
Deacon	Kate Yotter	Kate Yotter	Kate Yotter	Kate Yotter
LEM2	Wade Griggs	Bob Springthorpe	Marilyn Springthorpe	Don Williams
Acolyte~server	Neila Heist	Sydney Sharrow	Liz Hospedales	Elvon Hospedales
Acolyte/cross & bells	Liam Borden	Clive Borden	Mitchell Parrish	Jacob Heist
Acolyte ~ collection	Nathanial Heist	Jacob Heist	Alexander Parrish	Joey Beck
Old Testament	Don Williams	Veda Dwyer	Andrea Borden	June Raymond
New Testament	Wade Griggs	Bob Springthorpe	Marilyn Springthorpe	Don Williams
Prayers of the people	Martha Griggs	Mike Green	Paige Sharrow	Jim Royal
Greeters./ ushers	Betty & Claire	Jack & Debbie	Susan & Ed	Jack & Debbie
Pre k SS (paid)	Debbie	Colleen	Debbie	Colleen
Elementary SS	Pam Sharrow	Andrea Borden	Pam Sharrow	Andrea Borden
Prayer Team	Isabel & Jim	Wade & Kay	Cathy & Charisse	Lisa & Isabel
Altar Guild	Kate	Kate	Lisa	Lisa
Vestry Counters	Wade & Josh	Wade & Josh	Wade & Josh	Wade & Josh

Please sign up for coffee hour and altar flowers