



# THE CHRONICLES

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## THE FIRE OF GOD'S TRANSFORMING LOVE

THE REV. ROBERT P. GOOLSBY

In this season *after* Pentecost, you might find it curious that I write about the Fire of God. Or you might be as surprised as I am that this article actually has a title – which is unusual for me.

Speaking about God's holy fire, Holy Spirit fire, and other notions of fire, can be frightening, in a challenging sort of way. To embrace God's holy fire means that we show a willingness to be transformed, indeed, cleansed into a more purer state. This is also called sanctification. But let's stick with Holy fire for now.

Throughout the Old Testament we hear great stories of God's fire: in Exodus God appears to Moses in a flame of fire out of a bush. In Deuteronomy God is regarded as a "devouring fire". Malachi writes about God, "For he is like a refiner's fire...who will sit as a refiner and purifier." And in the gospels, John the Baptizer proclaims that he "baptizes you with water, but the one more powerful than I...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

I love the imagery of Malachi's 'refiner's fire.' A refiner burns out all of the impurities that are found in precious metals, like silver and gold. If we are

willing to be cleansed by this "refining fire" that means that we recognize our need for wholeness and healing. Now, we all know that fire burns. We've all been burned by things and it hurts! Just a couple of weeks ago I burned my finger on a hot fajita plate and had to keep ice on it for around an hour. Yes, to be burned, to be near fire is a painful thing. So it is with God's holy fire. And it is this fire that we are

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RENEWAL

baptized with as well.

I believe St. Christopher's is in that fire now. The

heat is being turned up and it's beginning to feel a little uncomfortable. The temperature is rising to a level we are not all that familiar with. But there is joy. I see smiling faces and looks of excitement on people's faces. Sure, there is still that underlying sense of nervousness that comes from "fear of the unknown", which disturbs most of us. But God is refining us in this journey to renewal.

Changing our daily behaviors and patterns is not easy, and perhaps not enjoyable, but God is ever calling us to do so. Changing our worldviews and

values are painful, and we are usually reluctant to allow these things to be challenged, but God is ever calling us to reassess our values. Changing our environment, allowing others to be right, trusting others, keeping our opinions and complaints to ourselves, relinquishing control, are all challenging and uncomfortable things to live into, but God is ever calling us to do so. In this there is freedom. Going through holy, refining fire is a painful and unpleasant journey, but we can be assured that there is freedom on the other side of that fire.

Writer of daily meditations and Episcopal priest, Tom Erich speaks so poignantly about the ever-changing life of the God-filled faith community, and I think it speaks well to our journey and campaign to Renew St. Christopher's:

"We aren't a memorial society, but a moving-on, stepping-out fellowship that dares to imagine a better tomorrow. That's where the disciples were, too. Jesus had changed their lives, taken them beyond their histories and boundaries, and left them ready for tomorrow. They didn't know what to do next, but they knew it wouldn't be a  
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RENEWING FOR

Mission

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If you wish to add a prayer to the Prayers of the People, please fill out the form provided in the church office at 713.465.6015 or [jill@stchrishouston.org](mailto:jill@stchrishouston.org). This form can be picked up or emailed to you upon request. Unless otherwise noted, the prayer will only be added for one week.

### **PASTORAL CARE**

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### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

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### **BUILDING SPACE RESERVATION**

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**Rector**

**Sunday Services**

<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Rite I Eucharist</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Christian Education</b>
<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Rite II Eucharist</b>
	<b>Children's Chapel</b>

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**Hours**

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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repeat of yesterday. Some had new names, all had new awareness, all had left their homes, all were separating from families and occupations. *They were a new people*, not yet formed, not yet focused, but **new**, ready to go wherever God led.

Now came the disruptive blast of wind and the annealing heat of fire. Like materials in a steelmaking furnace, they were *transformed, made stronger, given new purpose*. When they left that room and entered the streets of Jerusalem, they were like nothing the people had seen before.

They were courageous, steeped in oneness, able to move beyond wealth and property, able to carry on the ministry that Jesus began. They attracted people to their way of living.”

I pray that we continue to be consumed by God’s refining and purifying fire so that we too may step out, ready for tomorrow, ready for where God will lead us in new and exciting ways. What a great time to be at St. Christopher’s.

In Christ,

The Rev. Robert P. Goolsby

*See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.*

– Malachi 3:1,3

## FROM THE PARISH

### EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

If you would like to donate lunch to the EYC during the months of October, November or December, please contact Jill Center.

EYC is open to all youth ages 11 and up. Visitors are always welcome. Contact Jill Center at 713-465-6015 or [jill@stchrishouston.org](mailto:jill@stchrishouston.org) for more information.

### DO YOU TAKE PHOTOS?

We all love participating in the different events and activities around our parish. If you like to take photos or have photos of past events you think might be fun to share, please contact Jill in the church office at 713.465.6015.

If you enjoy taking photographs, consider bringing your camera to the next activity or event you attend and taking pictures.

Photos can be emailed to

[jill@stchrishouston.org](mailto:jill@stchrishouston.org) or we can make digital copies if the originals are brought by the office.

By sharing the photos, you are giving the church permission to use them in any printed materials or web designs.

### THE WIRED WORD

Are you interested in leading a session of our new current event forum? *The Wired Word* links scripture and current events from around the globe.

Instructors are provided summaries and questions to assist in leading discussions.

If you would like to be called on to lead a session, please speak with Father Bob, Ann Seitz or Jill Center.

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

This summer St. Christopher’s supported many different organizations. After the establishment of the Outreach committee and in light of the generous contributions from parishioners, the following support was possible:

A parish gift of \$300 was given to the Seminary of the Southwest. By supporting the seminary, we are supporting the next generation of Christian leaders.

A second parish gift of \$300 to Krist Samaritan Center. Krist Samaritan Center provides faith-based counseling and mental health care. The donation made helps those in the Greater Houston area attain emotional, mental, and spiritual health through quality counseling and education and ministering to ALL, following the example of Jesus.

It is your support of our ministries through financial contributions that enables our parish to support these worthy institutions and causes.

Additionally, we as a parish have continued to support Mission of Yahweh and Lord of the Streets.

Mission of Yahweh served 218 women and 148 children in 2010. In addition to providing a safe place to live, residents are provided with three meals a day, clothing and basic needs as well as classes to help them obtain jobs and to develop their self esteem.

The Lord of the Streets is an outreach ministry helping to feed and care for the homeless of the Greater Houston area. The snack packs that are assembled here monthly are greatly needed and appreciated.

# Supporting Congregations



## BENEFITS TO SUPPORTING CONGREGATIONS

Krist Samaritan Center offers faith-based counseling for members of partner congregations in a setting that respects each individual's religious beliefs and incorporates a person's spiritual journey as part of the healing process.



Through our shared ministry of touching lives and healing hearts, supporting congregations receive the added benefits of:

- Pastoral counseling for church members;
- Consultation, support and a referral resource for pastors in their counseling ministry;
- Sensitivity to each person's spiritual needs and tradition; our counselors do not impose their personal beliefs on others;
- Adherence to the highest professional standards as required for licensure in the State of Texas and for national accreditation;
- An affordable fee system with flexibility to accept insurance benefits and a sliding fee scale for those in financial need;
- *Two free hours of each:* Educational presentations and leadership consultation for church events such as retreats and seminars.

## About Krist Samaritan Center

Krist Samaritan Center is a not-for-profit, faith-based organization committed to providing affordable counseling services and educational programs to people of all economic backgrounds, as well as training for mental health and church professionals.

Founded in 1986, Krist Samaritan Center is accredited for continuing education by the American Psychological Association and as a service center and training program by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and the Samaritan Institute. Serving at more than 20 locations in the Greater Houston-Galveston area, the Center has provided faith-based mental health services to more than 40,000 area families.

## Mission

Krist Samaritan Center helps those in need throughout Greater Houston to attain emotional, mental, and spiritual health through quality counseling, education, and professional training programs. We seek to follow the example of Jesus in ministering to ALL, regardless of age, ethnicity, faith, or ability to pay. Services include:

- Counseling for individuals, couples, families and children
- Psychiatric services to provide medication as needed
- Psychological testing through MindWorks Testing
- Preventative education programs
- Professional education for mental health professionals
- Congregational care training for clergy and lay persons

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## OCTOBER EVENTS

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

10 AM Blessing of the Animals  
1:00 PM Safeguarding God's Children Training

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND FIRST FRUITS SUNDAY

Donations of fresh fruits and vegetables and other food items are collected, blessed and delivered to Mission of Yahweh, a local ministry that assists mothers and children in need.

8 AM Rite I  
9:00 AM Christian Education  
*Adult Forum:*  
Waltrip Funeral Homes  
Planning Presentation  
10:15 AM Rite II  
10:15 AM Children's Chapel  
11:30 AM Reception for Nathan Thorpe  
11:30 AM Daughters of the King  
11:30 AM Episcopal Youth Community

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM Senior Exercise  
11:00 AM Bible Study w/ Fr. Bob

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl  
10:00 AM Day School Chapel  
12:05 PM Healing Service

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

**Pumpkin Delivery @ Noon**

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

#### SECOND SUNDAY RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

8 AM Rite I  
9:00 AM Christian Education  
10:15 AM Rite II  
10:15 AM Children's Chapel  
Noon-7 PM Pumpkin Patch

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open  
6:30 PM Day School Board Mtg.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM Senior Exercise  
11:00 AM Bible Study w/ Fr. Bob  
7:00 PM Labyrinth

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open  
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl  
10:00 AM Day School Chapel  
12:05 PM Healing Service

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open  
6:30 PM Capital Campaign Comm.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open  
6:00 PM Kid's Night In & Family Movie Night

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

#### THIRD SUNDAY—LORD OF THE STREETS OUTREACH

8 AM Rite I  
9:00 AM Christian Education  
10:15 AM Rite II  
10:15 AM Children's Chapel  
11:30 AM Episcopal Church Women  
Noon-7 PM Pumpkin Patch

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM Senior Exercise  
11:00 AM Bible Study w/ Fr. Bob  
6:30 PM Finance

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open  
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl  
10:00 AM Day School Chapel  
12:05 PM Healing Service

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

#### INVITATION SUNDAY

8:00 AM Rite I  
9:00 AM Christian Education

10:15 AM Rite II  
Noon-7 PM Pumpkin Patch

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open  
7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM Senior Exercise  
11:00 AM Bible Study w/ Fr. Bob

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open  
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl  
10:00 AM Day School Chapel  
12:05 PM Healing Service  
12:30 PM Clericus

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

#### INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE & POTLUCK/LITURGY OF BELONGING & VESTRY ELECTIONS ONE SERVICE SUNDAY

10:00 AM Rite II with Children's Sermon  
11:30 AM Potluck Lunch

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch Open  
6 PM - 8 PM Trunk or Treat

## COMING SOON

### ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

### THANKSGIVING FOR ALL DINNER IN LATHAM HALL THANKSGIVING DAY 2011

## ADVENT 2011

AUSTIN P. ESTES  
 PETYY OFFICER 1<sup>st</sup> CLASS, USN

In November 1942, Austin enlisted in the US Navy following five brothers already in the Navy. As Austin puts it, he had little choice as to which branch of the service he was headed.



After boot camp in San Diego, he was sent to Ordnance School at the University of Oklahoma. He then went on to gunnery training at Purcell, Ok., U/W Ordnance at Solomon Island, Maryland, and further training in Naval Mine warfare at Yorktown, VA. He became part of a six man special weapons crew and they were assigned to the USS Bogue, CVE in early 1943.

At the time of the United States entry into WWII, German U-Boats were a deadly threat to the convoys supplying vital men and equipment needed to the war in Europe. The concept of Hunter-Killer Groups with escort carriers, CVEs as the centerpiece, was conceived to counter this threat and eliminate it. This mission was accomplished. The USS Bogue Hunter-Killer Group, with Austin and his five fellow special weapons crewmates on board, was one of most successful, with 12 kills, including one Japanese cargo type submarine in the North Atlantic on its way to Bordeaux with a cargo of molybdenum, tungsten and tin, 54 tons of rubber, 3 tons of quinine, 2 tons of

gold and 14 Japanese industrial experts. Many other U-Boats were damaged, driven away or rendered incapable of attack.

The tactic used by the Escort Carrier Groups denied the U-Boats the use of their infamous 'picket lines' which virtually set up shooting galleries. If spotted on the surface they were subject to strafing attacks by the carrier's fighter planes. Driven below the surface, the torpedoes delivered by the TBM Grumman Avengers took their toll. They were forced to operate independently. The capture of the Enigma coding devices and radio intercepts gave us their locations. We knew where they were operating. Submarine warfare was an all out effort by the German Navy. At war's end, the U-Boat loss was well over 750 boats.

It was the responsibility of Austin and his crew to maintain and prepare for use, the highly sophisticated acoustical torpedoes used by the Torpedo Bombers that flew off the Bogue in pursuit of the U-Boats. These torpedoes were designed to detect propeller sounds and hone in on them, exploding on impact or proximity. The design, engineering and technology of these weapons was a work in progress. When not at sea hunting U-Boats, Austin would be at a Naval Weapons facility working on operational, design, engineering and developmental aspects of these and other U/W weapons. His hands on battle experience with these weapons was vital information.

No convoy lost a ship while escorted by The Bogue and no Bogue aircraft were shot down by the enemy during the war. For such impressive service, and pioneering US Navy escort carrier techniques, Bogue was awarded 3 Battle Stars and a Presidential Unit Citation.

Life was fast and furious onboard The Bogue when at Battle Stations. On one occasion, an

**LIFE WAS FAST AND FURIOUS ONBOARD THE BOGUE WHEN AT BATTLE STATIONS**

Avenger came in hard and dislodged the unfired torpedo dropping it to the

flight deck. Austin calmly went about the business of disarming the weapon by removing the firing pin mechanism and dropping it overboard. Never a dull moment. Austin has a wealth of stories to tell and will gladly share them. Not too bad for a country boy from Texas who fought a war in the North Atlantic in harms way. Austin can proudly put 12 notches on the handle of his six-gun.

Austin was offered the rank of Chief Petty Officer had he chosen to stay in the Navy, but elected to return to civilian life. He was discharged in early 1946 and pursued a career as a private contractor in the construction industry. He became a member of St. Christopher's 12 years ago and has served as a Lay Reader and currently, Eucharistic Minister. He is also active as a volunteer with the USO.

Well done Austin. You have served your country and St. Christopher's with dignity and honor.

**PUMPKIN PATCH IS HERE! DELIVERY DAY IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH AT NOON**

THE PATCH WILL BE OPEN SUNDAY OCTOBER 9TH - MONDAY OCTOBER, 31 ST!



**Pumpkin Patch Hours**

Noon - 7 PM Sundays

9 AM - 7 PM Mondays-Saturdays



**Trunk or Treat**

Monday, October 31st

6 - 8 PM



St. Christopher's Children's Ministries invites  
**YOU**

to Latham Hall for Kid's Night In!

**Free Admission**

**Saturday, October 15th  
6 PM - 9 PM**

We will be watching  
**“Wallace & Gromit: Curse of the Were-Rabbit”!**

We will have October-themed crafts and games.  
Snacks and dinner included.

Kids 3 and up are welcome to attend Kid's Night In.  
Parents are welcome to tag-along  
or enjoy a night out while the kids have fun, too.  
Bring the Kids. Bring some Friends. Bring Yourself.



**Questions?**

**Contact Jill Center at 713-465-6015 xt. 225 or [jill@stchrishouston.org](mailto:jill@stchrishouston.org)**

**Reservations for Kid's Night In must be received by Friday, October 14th.**

**Space is not guaranteed without a reservation.**

# Let's Get Together

Chili's is teaming up with  
**Citizens for Animal Protection (CAP)**

Come join us for lunch or dinner  
every **Monday - Wednesday** in **October**  
from 11:00am to 11:00pm  
CAP will receive 10% of your check  
to help homeless animals at CAP

(To go orders are included)

Bring your family and friends and come ready  
to eat a lot!

**YOU MUST BRING THIS FLYER**  
**WITH YOU**

Where: Chili's Town and Country  
Chili's at I-10 Taylor  
Chili's at Cinco Ranch

Come see how we're spicing things up w/our  
fired-grilled favorites, like our Big Mouth Burgers,<sup>®</sup>  
our fajitas & our famous Baby Back Ribs. At Chili's<sup>®</sup>  
things are always sizzling.



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Baby Backs



White Chocolate  
Molten Cake



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**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S DAY SCHOOL**



St. Christopher's Red Day  
Wednesday, September 7, 2011



St. Christopher's Spirit Day  
Friday, September 2, 2011

**PRE-K: OH, WHAT A DAY!**



From left to right: Eloise painting, Christine at the Alphabet Tree, Harper all dressed up



*Left:*  
Londyn and  
Nikolai counting  
coconuts

*Right:*  
Christine and Yin  
getting  
glamorous



# Birthdays

David L.	10/2
Adrian	10/4
Logan	10/4
Isabella	10/5
Nico	10/10
Russell	10/16
Dean	10/17
John N.	10/20
Ms. Patricia	10/22
Ainsley	10/23
Emma R.	10/26
Samuel K.	10/26
Norah	10/28
Ms. Mary R.	10/30
Ms. Maria C.	10/31



# FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL



*Above from left to right:* Pre-K lining up the first day, Lucas (Caterpillars) painting, Charlie and Cooper (Bumblebees) ready for school!

*Right, from top to bottom:* Doodlebugs Class, Bumblebees Class, Pre-K Class and Butterflies Class

*Below:* Wednesday Chapel with Bumblebees and Pre-K





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**MISSION STATEMENT**

**St. Christopher's will joyfully share the Word of Jesus Christ with all people, reaching out in faith, love, and fellowship.**

**October Anniversaries**

Ken & Michelle Robinson

**October Birthdays**

Agnes Hill

Lee Etta Sloan

Jeane Squires

Jack Ruffing, Jr.

Sharon Caico

Van Valentine

Joan Graves

Nevada Farris

Betty Chiswell

Angie Saenz

John Stucker

Cynthia Bamsch

Walter Bullitt

Gladys Pace

Christine Walker

Mary Roberts

Dick McLeod

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**COMMEMORATING 9/11: 10 YEARS LATER**

This year, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church joined with Compassionate Houston to participate in a weekend of service in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. The Thrift Shop held a special sale and was open Sunday, enabling parishioners to visit and volunteer, some for the first time. Other parishioners made sack lunches to hand out. It was a huge success by all accounts.

In Commemoration of 9/11, the **Day School Students** helped make this flag. Ms. Bailey (Bumblebees) delivered the flag to the local fire station, who were very appreciative.

