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ARISE
LET LIGHT SHINE
IN THE DARKNESS!

WELCOME

BY BRAD DELOACH



Each morning when I come to work I can't help but look out the windows of our staff offices for a few minutes to watch the construction crew work on our new building addition. I love to see the symphony of earthmovers, engineers, plumbers, and technicians working together to build this amazing new facility.

And while the building process is really a fun thing to watch its even more to fun to step back and see how the Lord is at work across the life of our church using the diversity of gifts of this church body to extend his kingdom in Houston and beyond. In this addition of the Scroll you'll get a few glimpses into some of the exciting things that are happening this spring like Peregrinos, our first ever Spanish language Bible Study, the behind the scenes work of the deacons, the launch of CONNECT our new online database, and updates on staff, children/student ministry and new serving opportunities.

As you reflect on these things I'd encourage you also to ask the Lord to be at work in your own heart this spring. When you come into the gathering hall and see the construction process use that moment to ask the Lord to continue his work deep in your heart to build you up more and more into his likeness.

Warmly in Christ,
Brad DeLoach

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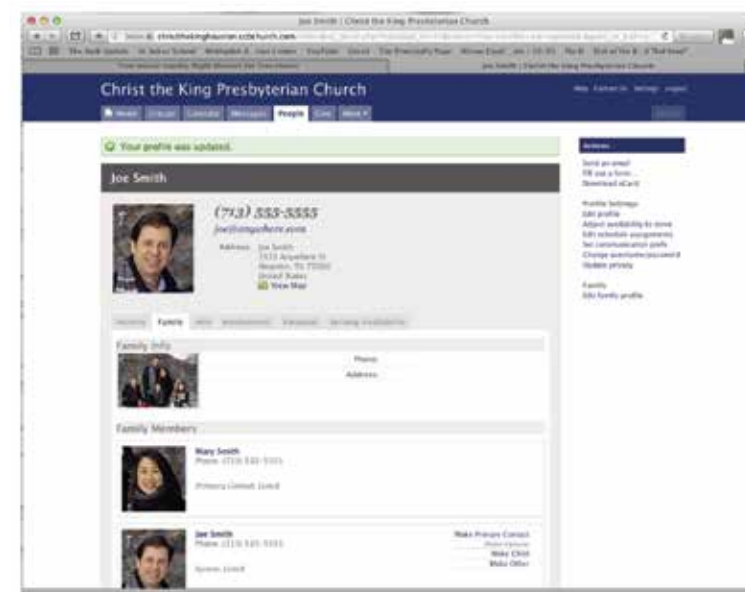
CONNECT

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Hopefully you have heard about CONNECT, the church's new internet-based system, that allows you to securely share information and communicate with your church family, discover ministry opportunities, and keep track of what is happening in the church.

CONNECT has been designed to help us stay more connected as a church. When you login to CONNECT you'll have the opportunity to see what is happening in the groups you are a part of. For example, if you happen to be in a Bible Study you'll be able to login to CONNECT, click on your group, and then see a list of people in your group and click to get their contact details. If your group has shared prayer requests or thoughts on a Bible study, your group can post them to the group and keep up with things that way.

CONNECT also lets you share your latest contact information with the church body by simply updating it in the system. You can also add a picture of yourself or your family to help people get to know you better. CONNECT also has lots of fun - like if you login to the system and click on a form you won't have to add all your contact details again. You can also manage your financial giving and print contribution statements for tax purposes. CONNECT has other features that we will continue to roll-out and we are excited to have a tool that can help us all know one another better and stay connected in a more effective way.



What can I do with CONNECT?

- Update your contact information and privacy settings
- View an online member directory with pictures
- Communicate with groups you belong to
- View both personalized and church-wide calendars
- Manage online giving and print contribution statements
- Register for events

ARISE: LET LIGHT SHINE IN THE DARKNESS

BY CLAY HOLLAND

Have you ever been in the dark? I mean, really in the dark – dark where you couldn't see your hand in front of your face, dark where if you turned around you would completely lose your orientation?

I have been in that kind of dark once in my life. I was in Utah with a small group exploring canyons and caves. We went into one cave wearing helmets and headlamps and, after twisting and turning through it for several minutes, we found ourselves in a large opening deep inside. Our instructor gathered us all together and said, "Turn off your headlamps." At first we could see the residual glow of the lights as they cooled down, but eventually even those went out.

And it was dark – deeply, thickly, intensely dark. It was so dark that, even though I knew other people were with me, I felt completely alone. It also felt heavy like the darkness weighed more than the light. It was not just an absence of light; it was a darkness to be felt and experienced.

It is, of course, possible to feel and experience deep darkness even during daylight hours.

The gospel accounts tell us that the followers of Jesus felt the weight of darkness after his death on the cross. In fact, Matthew reports that darkness descended upon Jerusalem for three hours while Jesus hung on the cross. And, after Jesus' death, his followers dispersed and fled because they feared that they might be next.

That's darkness. And what about you? Do you live in the darkness of doubt? Do you live in the darkness of unmet expectations? Do you live in the darkness of this deep nagging sense that things in this world are not the way they are supposed to be? Do you live in the darkness of relational discord or illness or vocational difficulty or even just a pit in your soul that you cannot put your finger on?

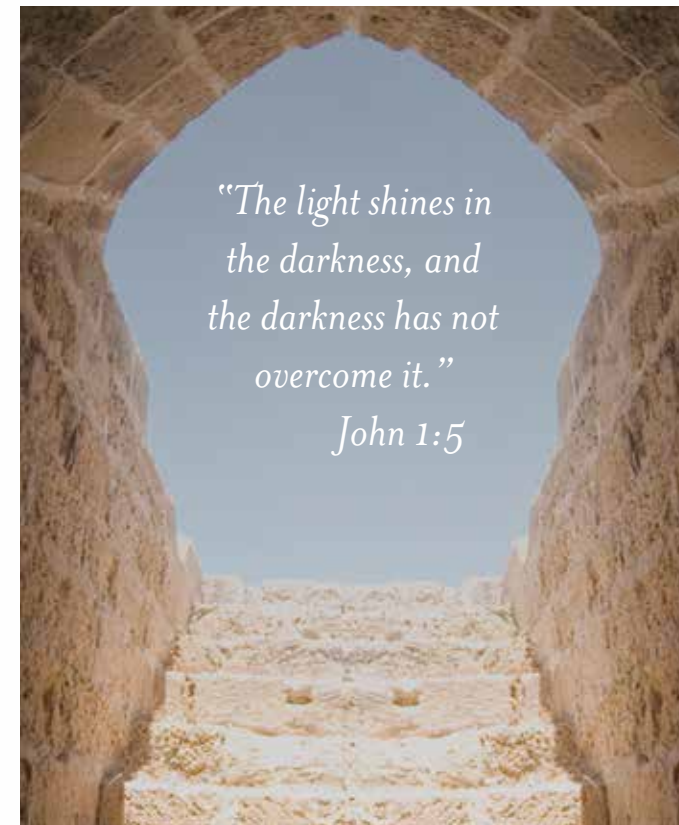
At some point in our lives, all of us do. And that is what makes the resurrection of Jesus not just a powerful event

but a powerful promise. When he rose again from the dead, Jesus rolled the stone away from the tomb flooding a dark place with the light of life. When he appeared to his followers on the road he gave them hope that all was not lost. And he has left us with his Word, which promises his return and the future resurrection of all who trust in him.

Darkness may exist for a time. But darkness will never have the last word. Light speaks last. After standing in that dark cave for a few moments, we all heard the words we were longing to hear: "Lights on." And when we turned on our headlamps, the darkness

seemed to run away and hide.

Jesus, by his resurrection, dispels the darkness. He defeats it with the light of life. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."



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NEW MEMBERS



EDGARDO AND ELIZABETH AVILA



CHRIS AND REGAN BAILEY



WILLIE BICKERS



PRESTON AND MICHELLE BRUCE



CAMP AND VIRGINIA CRAIG



CATHERINE EVANS



CASEY AND BEKAH GORDER



MARY RAINE IVY



DONNIE, HEATHER, CONNOR, SEAN, AND CHLOE PATTERSON



EVELINA, PHILIP AND FELICIA ROMLAND



ERIK, JULIE, JESSICA, A.J., AND JONATHAN SALWEN



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STUDENT MINISTRY

UPDATE AND SUMMER SCHEDULE



Joe Deegan has been promoted to Director of Student Ministries. Joe has been on the Christ the King Student Ministry staff for the past four years working as a Student Ministry Coordinator. In this new role Joe will be leading our growing ministry to middle school and high school students. Joe and his wife, Leah, had their first child, Ellie Anne, on March 10.

High School Mission Trip
(New Orleans, LA): June 8-14

High School RYM
(Panama City Beach, FL): July 7-12

Middle School RYM
(Cedar Hill, TX): August 1-5



WHAT'S NEW AT CHRIST THE KING

MEET ANDREW FLATGARD



The Session of Christ the King has called Andrew Flatgard to be our new Assistant Minister of Discipleship. In this role, Andrew will be responsible for equipping us to grow in spiritual depth with a particular emphasis on developing our teaching and leadership development ministries.

Andrew grew up in Mississippi and Memphis. He attended Ole Miss for undergraduate studies, and then Covenant Seminary in St. Louis for masters degrees in both divinity and counseling. He was an intern at The Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church in St. Louis for three years before becoming an Assistant Minister there for a year. After that, Andrew served as the RUF campus minister at The University of Memphis for three years. For the past seven years, he has worked as the RUF campus minister at Rhodes College. Andrew loves the New York Yankees and all college sports.

Andrew and his wife Shelley have two daughters, Mary Spencer (4) and Reagan (2). Shelley was raised in Nashville and attended The University of Tennessee at Knoxville. After college, she spent five years working with RUF at Mississippi State University and in Atlanta.

The Flatgards have just moved to Houston, and are eager to engage in the ministry of Christ the King. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to this family.

CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING



On February 13th we held a ceremonial groundbreaking to praise the Lord for his faithfulness to us and to ask his blessing on the construction of our new facility. Our general contractor, Mission Contractors, is already busily at work on our facility expansion. This new addition will add over 16,100 square feet to our facility and includes a large gathering hall, indoor playground, and new children's classroom and worship space. Construction is anticipated to last approximately one year.

Over the next year please be mindful of periodic construction updates as we make you aware of various logistical changes in our facility. You can see more photos and see progress updates online at ascend.christtheking.com. Please continue to join us in prayer for the construction asking for safety for those working on the project and asking the Lord to prepare us to use this new facility to extend his kingdom among us and beyond us.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

10,000 REASONS

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 103:1-5

BY BECCA SCHWINGER

What does it mean to bless the Lord? When we are blessed by the Lord, generally we are referring to ways we are made better off or somehow provided for or strengthened. But when we "bless" God, He is not strengthened or made better in any way. Truly, God is all-powerful and is the source of all blessings. There is nothing we could say or do that would add to or improve God's being in any way. So, instead, when we say we will "bless the Lord," we are expressing our total gratitude and love for Him...we are lifting His name above every other name and proclaiming He is Lord of ALL!.

As we approach the Easter season, we want to celebrate and express all the reasons why our hearts are full of worship for Him! We invite every student and child at Christ the King to join in with our Season of 10,000 Reasons. Every week through Palm Sunday, our church family is invited to list all the reasons we have to bless His Holy name! In addition to learning the song 10,000 Reasons in children's worship hour, we will have tables out that you and your children are welcome to come write down all your reasons for praising His name. As Matt Redman, author of the song 10,000 Reasons, so beautifully stated, "In the verses of this song we try and make a little list of our own—noting of course that we're hardly even scratching the surface of God's worth—there are 10,000 Reasons for our hearts to find.

With anyone or anything else, that would be an outrageous over statement. With Jesus, it is a huge understatement. "

We could never even begin to scratch the surface of all the reasons why we should lift up His name and offer our praise, but there is great benefit to reflecting on his never ending flow of goodness and holiness and grace and seeking to put it into words of thanks and adoration. By collecting all these reasons in one place this semester, we hope to encourage those who might not be able to see His goodness in their own lives and who might have lost sight of the Lord's deep, unending love for His children. Who knows, your child's expression of love could be the very words someone needs to read to be reminded how very much the Lord loves His children... young and old. Our hope is that, every day, we can awaken with a fresh sense of gratitude for the Lord. He is completely and utterly worthy of our highest devotion.

This Season of 10,000 Reasons will culminate with the children singing the song in worship on Palm Sunday. We pray the experience will be filled with God-honoring truth and that the Lord's children will be singing His praises for "10,000 years and then forever more. "



CODE 45 NEWS

This spring Shannon Holland joined our church staff as Code 45 Coordinator. Code 45 is our ministry to fourth and fifth graders. Shannon was the original mastermind behind the launch of Code 45 in early 2009 and she has a wealth of experience in children's ministry.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

BIRTHS

Eliana (Ellie) Grace was born to Katie and Erik Askenasy on August 5
 Luke Ryan was born to Jessica and Andrew Evans on August 14
 Hunter Mullins was born to Alicia and Collin Croley on August 21
 Louisa Caroline was born to Catherine and Peter Olasky on August 28
 Jack Campbell was born to Sol and Jonathan Edwards on September 5
 William Patrick was born to Molly and Patrick Johnson on September 11
 Henry (Hank) Hedwall was born to Meghan and Jonathan McElvy on September 13
 Emily Claire was born to Carolyn and Andrew Paine on September 17
 Margaret (Maggie) Cerny was born to Julie and Jack Perry on September 23
 Jackson (Jack) Ford was born to Michelle and Rob Hays on September 25
 Drake Alden was born to Becca and Phillip Gayle on September 26
 Bennett Reed was born to Reese and Garrett Calpouzos on October 10
 Davis "Mills" was born to Devin and Ryan McCord on October 15
 Katherine Rose was born to Andrea and Andy Reichenbach on November 4
 Joshua Douglas (JD) Seo was born to Jenny Yang and John Seo on November 7
 Bryant "Phillip" was born to Sarah and Bryant Lee on December 12
 Paul Nathan was born to Carrie and Mike Cavanaugh on January 2
 Ethan Asher was born to Alyssa and Travis Graham on January 21
 Nolen Michael was born to Stephanie and David King on January 31
 Keller Morgan was born to Kami and DJ Beaty on February 5
 Ella Walker was born to Jennifer and Ryan Whitley on February 6
 Cooper James was born to Rebekah and Ben Van Someren on February 19
 Robert Whitten (Whit) was born to Lori and Rob Hendricks on February 21
 Hollis Lee was born to Lindsay and Casey Lanham on February 26
 Julee Etta was born to Cecilia and James Taylu on February 27
 Abigail Ann was born to Amy and Jeremy

Bartholomew on March 1

Ellie Anne was born to Joe and Leah Deegan on March 10

John William III was born to Staci and John Donovan on March 10

BAPTISMS

Aaron Ryan Bell, Guinevere Katherine Gabriel, Lucy Margaret Trapp, and Audrey James Webster were baptized on August 11
 Eliana Grace Askenasy, John William Hopper, Matthew Joseph Hopper and Owen Whitaker Moore were baptized on September 15
 Isaiah Willem Bolin, Sarah Elizabeth Bolin, Alexa Claire Harger, Sara Catherine Knapp, Emily Claire Paine and Margaret Camellia Wells were baptized on October 20
 Mary Margaret Croyle, Luke Ryan Evans, William Joseph Gorder, Warren Patrick Howell, Eleanor Powell McWilliams and Imogen Adelaide Thomas were baptized on November 17
 Caroline Elizabeth Bruce, Maxwell James Evans, Zoe Olivia Evans, Jackson Ford Hays, Margaret Cerny Perry, Lauren Abigail McAfee and Richard Andrew Smith were baptized on January 19
 Owen Thomas Albers, Annie Blake Fox, Paige Elizabeth Parcus, Eli Carl Rosin and Leo Bruce Rosin were baptized on February 16

FIRST COMMUNIONS

Henry Paul Urbani celebrated his first communion on September 1
 Anna Elizabeth Shughart celebrated her first communion on September 8
 John William Hopper, Katherine Grace Hopper, Matthew Joseph Hopper and Mark Wells White IV celebrated their first communion on September 15
 Jack Anderson Perry, Jr. celebrated his first communion on September 22
 Alexandra Marie Bell celebrated her first communion on September 29
 David Hudson McLeroy and Mary Grey McLeroy celebrated their first communion on October 13
 Isabella Christina Oliver, Connor Lynn Patterson, Sean Patrick Patterson, Alexander Jordan Salwen and Jessica Corinne Salwen celebrated their first communion on November 10

Eleanor Powell McWilliams celebrated their first communion on November 17
 Anna Caroline Thielemann celebrated her first communion on December 22
 Noelle-Marie Martha Barber celebrated her first communion on December 29
 Audrey Robert Finch and James Robert Finch celebrated their first communion on March 2
 Catherine Marie Russell celebrated her first communion on March 9

MARRIAGES

Kristen Johnson and Aaron Monroe were married on September 1
 Hilary Hazel and James Newman were married on September 1
 Allison Lowrance and Ben Durig were married on October 5.
 Kathleen Underwood and Gill Dolan were married on October 19
 Catherine Bishop and Paul Duffin were married on October 26

DEATHS

Randolph Lane died on October 16. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Catherine

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Tess Ladrillo in the death of her mother
 Our sympathy is extended to Carol and Sonny DeShong in the death of Sonny's stepmother
 Our sympathy is extended to LaKeia Moore in the death of her grandfather
 Our sympathy is extended to Catherine Lane in the death of her husband, Randolph
 Our sympathy is extended to Brenda and Kyle Pounds in the death of Brenda's brother
 Our sympathy is extended to Jennifer and Wil VanLoh in the death of Jennifer's grandfather
 Our sympathy is extended to Lisa and Colby Hodges in the death of Lisa's father
 Our sympathy is extended to Cathy Murphy in the death of her father and David and Kathryn Murphy in the death of David's grandfather
 Our sympathy is extended to Jody and Paul Rasplicka in the death of Paul's father
 Our sympathy is extended to Marcille and Bonham Magness in the death of Bonham's brother
 Our sympathy is extended to Lori and Rob Hendricks in the death of Rob's father
 Our sympathy is extended to Ashlie and Stuart Hutton in the death of Stuart's father

SERVING DURING **LENT**

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'...

Isaiah 58:6-9a, ESV

BY JUAN CARLOS MARTINEZ

Lent is a season that invites us to prepare our hearts to remember our Lord's painful death on the Cross, and to anticipate his glorious resurrection and ascension. To this end, Isaiah 58:6-9a is a particularly helpful text, for in it the Lord makes it abundantly clear that to prepare our hearts for the unimaginable grace given us at Calvary, we are to offer grace to others through sacrificial love, particularly to the oppressed, the hungry, the naked, and the homeless. That is to say, godly introspection that leads to repentance that not only looks inside ourselves, but also looks outwardly toward the needs of others, and takes action to meet those needs through the redemptive love of Christ, is great preparation for Easter.

During this season of Lent, therefore, we want to invite you to one or more of the following serving opportunities with our ministry partner, Star of Hope. As many of you know, Star of Hope is a local Christian organization dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless men, women and their children. As a way to support their work, and to bless the people they serve, we have worked with them to provide you with the following serving opportunities (some of which are designed to allow families with young children to participate, while others are more appropriate for groups of adults to serve together):

SNACKS & GOODNIGHT: At both the Transitional Living Center (TLC), or the Women & Family Emergency Shelter, it can be a long time between dinner and breakfast when you can't raid the fridge for a snack. Volunteers have a great time visiting with clients as they provide and serve an evening snack from 7:45-8:30 at the Transitional Living Center or 7:15-8:00 at the Women & Family Shelter. Young children can participate in this activity by helping to prepare and sort the snacks.

KITCHEN VOLUNTEER: Assist with lunch (11 am - 1:30 pm during weekdays, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm on Sundays) or dinner (4 pm - 6:30 pm) at the Transitional Living Center (TLC) or the Women & Family Emergency Shelter.



CELEBRATE: On Sunday, April 13, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm, Christ the King will host a night out celebration for 175 Star of Hope TLC clients. We want this to be an evening full of food, fun, and games that will help us demonstrate the love of Christ in word and deed.

We hope that you will take advantage of these opportunities to serve during Lent. In the gospels, Jesus famously tells his disciples on the Mount of Olives, "...as you did it to one of the least of these, my brothers, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). To volunteer for any of the opportunities at Star of Hope, please email juancarlos.martinez@christtheking.com. To help with Celebrate, please email jesseking@aol.com.

MEET ELIZABETH AND EDGARDO **AVILA**

The Spanish language Bible Study, 'Peregrinos' (meaning, 'Pilgrims'), has been meeting at 11:00 am on Sundays since last December. What is a typical meeting of Peregrinos like?

First of all, Peregrinos is a place where newcomers feel welcome and cared for. There is a lot of laughter, which allows people to quickly feel at ease. The teaching happens in the context of relationship, which is very important for the Spanish-speaking community.

How has the Spirit been at work during Peregrinos?

I see the Spirit is opening the eyes of people's hearts and giving them wisdom to understand the teaching from Scripture. I also notice the Spirit at work in the fact that the group has a sense of ownership regarding our vision to reach others with the gospel, so they are doing what they can to make our gatherings warm and welcoming, greeting newcomers, and even inviting friends and family members to attend.

What do you perceive as the greatest challenge for Peregrinos?

People have a lot of needs, so we need to have the capacity to minister to those needs as we lead them to Christ. Marriages need to be restored through God's Word. We will also need strong women's, student and children's ministry.

How can Christ the King be praying for you?

Pray that we might have more opportunities to meet people to evangelize. Also, pray for the Lord to open doors for us to have a significant Christ-centered ministry in the city.



CTK **DEACON UPDATE**

BY JOHN ALLISON

"Silent Running" Not a term or words that you typically associate with church activities. It is probably better used in submarine movies. But it is a term that the deacons like to use in their activities. It indicates that we are engaged and that no attention is being directed toward what we are doing. But there is just one problem with that. The side effect is that the majority of the congregation does not know what the deacons do and what resources they can be.

It may be that you don't even know who the deacons are. With our new Connect, that will now be easier. There is also a list on the Christ the King website. But that just gives you names and faces. There are young guys and old guys (well maybe just two, but there is room for more). But the main point is that there are men that are desiring to serve the congregation wherever we can. It is not that these guys have all the answers. But we can come along side members and listen to them, pray with them, help them look for jobs, or provide temporary financial assistance if an emergency comes up. We can help you get a car fixed, help you select insurance, assist in establishing a budget, clean up resumes, and a lot more. The Benevolence Ministry is defined as follows: *Caring for the whole person through acts of mercy and service so that Christ is honored as King and his reign is powerfully extended in Houston and beyond.*

This is our focus. That is what we do. Helping people. But back to the "Silent Running" comment. Sometimes people are reluctant to approach us because they are embarrassed that they have to ask for help, which is why our Confidentiality Policy is key. No information goes outside of the Diaconate regarding a situation. We try to help so that no one else knows about it. But I feel that sometimes we do such a good job that the congregation forgets that we are available, which is why you may see a deacon come to your Spiritual Growth class to deliver this message directly.

And the message? We are here to help. We are here to listen. We are here to pray with you. And if you are aware of someone that needs help, please encourage them to contact us at deacons@christtheking.com.



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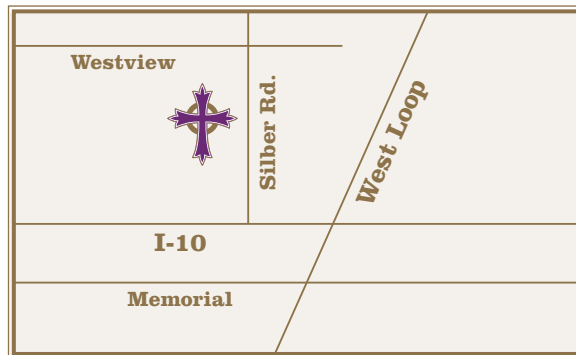
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