RALLY DAY - August 25

We have done Rally Day in a variety of ways over the years. Some approaches have been more well attended than others. This year we are going to try a little different approach. We are going to focus on who Trinity is in its life here in Marshall. First, we a community of worship and praise to God. We are going to highlight this by beginning the formal part of our celebration with a service of Choral Evensong at 6:00 PM to be followed by a parish dinner. Secondly, we are a fellowship of Christians which during dinner we will honor some of our members for their special ministries to Trinity.

Normally, Rally Day begins the “official” kick off to the fall you and focuses on signing people up for a variety of ministries in the parish. The opportunity to sign up will still be available. When we commit to any activity it is because we have a desire to participate based on the relationships we have with the folks already involved. Our time together will be about building our relationships and simply having a good time. So mark your calendars for the 25th of August and join us for Choral Evensong and a party!

Choral Evensong
August 25
6:00 - 7:00 PM
A special worship service
One of the attractions of the Episcopal Church is our liturgical worship. Our worship has as its focal point our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. One of the aspects of our worship that highlights this is that our services involve far more than the minister leading it. There are lectors and chalice bearers, choir and organist, vergers, and acolytes.

Our acolytes are serve as ministers of the word and sacrament. They literally lead us into worship and throughout the service are instrumental in pointing the way to Christ through Word and Sacrament.

We are blest to have a strong group of boys and girls that serve our parish as acolytes. Their presence enhances and enriches our worship service. The Acolyte Ministry is open to boys and girls ages 7 through 18. Each member of the acolytes normally serves one Sunday every 5 to 6 weeks. If you have a child who is interested in becoming an acolyte during the coming year contact our Acolyte Verger, Walter Fugler. He is always seeking out new members and will be holding training classes in the fall.

**CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION CLASSES TO BEGIN**

Individuals who are new to Trinity and are seeking to join the Church go through a series of classes to prepare them to become members of the Body of Christ. These classes are called Confirmation and Reception Classes. The cover areas of Sacramental Theology, Church History and Polity. After the classes and individual is then prepared to be confirmed or received by our bishop into full communion of the Church.

Confirmation is for individuals that were not baptized into the Church as Episcopalians or Anglicans. Reception is for those who have been confirmed in another church in Apostolic Succession, such as the Roman Catholic, Orthodox or Lutheran Churches and now wish to join Trinity.

Fr. John will begin classes for new members on Sunday, August 4th at 5:30 PM in Fry Hall. Individuals interested in being a part of this class please call the office to register. The classes normally run 8 weeks.

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle is scheduled to come to Trinity on Sunday, January 26th to confirm and receive new members.
Dear Beloved in Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

The other day a parishioner mentioned to me that he was glad things would be getting back to normal this month with school starting and vacation season over. I imagine there are a few other individuals that feel that way as well. I ask myself a question about “normal”. Is it a time when the schedule is regular and we can get back to dealing with the important things or is it a time when we merely feel complacent about what goes on beyond our own sphere? Could be that we view it as a time when we once again confront the world and all that entails? When I think about the transition from summer to the school year I see it as a time when each of us will once again be challenged to make choices about decisions for our families and careers and such. Then I ponder how much attention a person pays to how their faith impacts the decisions they will be called to make in the coming months. In his 1st letter to Timothy Paul writes, “O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you. Avoid godless chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge, For by professing it some have missed the mark as regards the faith. Grace be with you.”

Guard what has been entrusted to us. I know I often think that I do that, but in all honesty I don’t. I let things of the secular world enter in and pollute that which God has freely and mercifully given. I can get caught up in what “looks acceptable” to the culture, rather than being concerned with what is acceptable to God. The godless chatter and falsehoods that Paul speaks of isn’t just ideas of false religious doctrine, though that was a concern in his day, but rather it deals with the mundane everyday noise we create in this world to simply get through the day.

We claim to “know” something, when in fact we know very little. If we claim knowledge, how then can we walk past a brother or sister in need? How can we tolerate and do business with those who torture and enslave others? Do we do it because it is good business and besides, what can one person do? That is perhaps the greatest lie Satan ever told; that one person can’t do anything. Look what Christ did, he was one man, Look what Paul did, he was one man, look at the saints down through the ages, they were each one person during their lifetimes, but they made a difference.

They made a difference by living their faith in Christ Jesus. They made a difference by aiming for the mark, knowing full well that on their own they fail far short, but trusting in our Lord to ensure they did indeed hit the mark. They emptied themselves of self that they might be made full in Christ. They didn’t let the things of the world load them down. They recognized what was truly important, what was true knowledge and clung to that regardless of what those in the world thought. Often they suffered and died for that little bit of knowledge, for that faith. These saints indeed guarded what had been entrusted to them. Can we do any less this day?

Our Lord has entrusted each one of us with the commandment to go and make disciples. It is an awesome task, which would cause anyone to draw back. Yet, it is our task. How then do we do this? That is the question that often results in us sitting on our hands. We don’t want to be embarrassed, or seen as different. We fail to realize that the greatest way we have for doing what Christ called us to do, is to simply live our lives reflecting Him in our lives, that is to live what Paul wrote to the Galatians; “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” In doing that we do care for that which has been entrusted to us and guard against the false knowledge of the world. Most importantly, we depend on Christ guiding us to the mark, rather than assuming we have the target in sight.

Pax et Bonum.

Fr. John
Inviting others to Trinity!

Did you see the new Trinity billboard that was installed on US59 near Walmart? Well, if you didn’t you should definitely take a little detour to see it. This marvelous new advertisement for our church was designed by new parishioner, Magdalena Altnau. She, her husband Chris, and their two children, Yuri and Sonya joined our congregation in 2013. Magda is a professional photographer and her skills were definitely needed as the church moved forward in its campaign to spread the light of the Christ’s love throughout our community (and to all those who are simply passing through on 59 as well!) The billboard features our mission statement: “Open hearts & open doors to God’s healing & transforming power!” and a lovely photo of the doors of the sanctuary open to welcome all who come to worship and learn more about Christ’s love. The billboard also features one of our most successful community outreach ministries, the Junior Daughters of the King. We hope that these amazingly creative efforts by one of our own will result in more people in Marshall knowing what a great blessing we have in Trinity Episcopal Church!

Special thanks also go to Mr. Harry McGee, son of parishioner Katherine McGee, who donated use of this fantastic billboard to the church!

To see more of Magdalena’s creative work, you can visit http://www.magdalenaaltnau.com

Sing unto the Lord!

The choir will be back from vacation the 1st Sunday in August. I certainly have missed them. This is a good time to ask for new volunteers to help with the music program. It would be great to have a bigger enthusiastic group. It is a serious commitment but very rewarding. The choir supports Father John in his ministry and is so important in a liturgical church. To sing to the Glory of God and to get the congregation involved is our goal. So if you can sing, please consider helping us achieve this goal.

God bless Trinity Episcopal Church,

Jim Johnson
Choir Master & Organist
Birthdays

2  Tom Whaley, Jr.  16  Charles Porter
3  Dawn White  18  Vicki Cason
3  Lillie Parr  19  Tommie Snyder
4  Gail Runyan  19  Randy Jones
4  Christopher Altnau  20  Ashton Beavers
5  David Collins  21  Jean McCarroll
5  Dorcas Collins  24  Allen Staggers, Jr.
6  Ashley Chevaillier  25  Douglas Heard
6  Karen Williams  25  Margaret Lee
7  Rock Cason  26  Douglas Jager
9  Tracy Chevaillier  28  Judy Denney
9  Lynellen Carmony  28  Sonya Altnau
13  Lake Brannon  29  Johnny Barkett
13  Penny Van Dyne  31  Rusty Asaff
15  Isabel Lewis

Church Financials and Attendance for June 2013

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Anniversaries

2  Mr. & Mrs. Steve Lewis
3  Mr. & Mrs. Henry Henderson
6  Mr. & Mrs. Scott Rectenwald
9  Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Tanner
18  Mr. & Mrs. Richard Toussaint
20  Mr. Matthew Hatch & Juli Jameson
20  Mr. & Mrs. Jay Van Dyne
21  Mr. & Mrs. Larry Waskom
27  Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Barkett

We welcome articles for the Tripod if you or a ministry you are a part of would like to submit an article please have it to the parish office by the 15th of the month.
DOK Luncheon Invitation

The Hannah Chapter of the Daughters of the King
Trinity Episcopal Church

Invites you to an afternoon of inspiration
through the

Word of God, personal testimony, special music and fellowship over lunch
On Sunday, August 11, 2013 at noon.

We hope you will join us and bring a friend. A nursery will be provided. Those interested in becoming Daughters of the King will have the opportunity to ask questions about DOK and sign up for the next DOK Inquirers’ class.*

*Contact Sherry Henderson, Chapter President, for further information. (903 263-8877 or sthen48@yahoo.com)

New Website for Junior DOK

The Junior DOK have launched a new website to help us tell our story, share successes, and reach out to our larger community.

The URL is jrdokmarshall.weebly.com

Visitors to the website can learn more about the Junior Daughter program, download the calendar of events for the year, view pictures of activities, and find out how they can contribute to planned service projects. We are very excited to share the good news of the Junior Daughters with as many people as possible. Please share this site with your friends and encourage all the young girls you know to become part of this very special ministry!
Dear Trinity,

This past month of July, Trinity youth were well represented on our mission trip to New Orleans. It was an amazing experience for all of us. Our group consisted of Cathy Cope, Chloe Cope, Courtney Tolar, Chris Cope, Sydney Lucas, Dagen Ward, Melanie Cason, and Vicki Cason. Our group worked hard through painting, insulating, installing sheetrock, etc. We worked on the home of Ms. Lucy Brister, who was affected by Hurricane Katrina. She has not been financially able to furnish the supplies or hire people to fix her house, especially since she takes care of four of her grandchildren, who live with her. Even in 2013, her home is still in the process of being restored by mission groups like ours. Our group was touched by her story. We are so thankful God allowed us to assist a fellow believer and to continue the work of God’s kingdom. We received so much support from across our parish. We received help through the beignet breakfast, the pancake breakfast, and generous donations. To all those who participated in these things, we appreciate you! Thank you for your prayers and support of our mission trip. We are already looking forward toward next summer. Keep us in your prayers. From what the group is telling me, they are ready to go back to New Orleans to help Ms. Lucy. But who knows where God will send us.

God’s peace,

Scott
Parish Staff
Fr. John M. Himes, OSF
Rector
Scott Rutherford
Youth Minister
Caroline Bump
Children’s Christian Formation
Angela Bray
Nursery Director
Jim Johnson
Choir Master and Organist
Stacey Shaw
Parish Administrator
Suzie Ward
Administrative Assistant
Melvin Williams
Sexton
Reggie Hasty
Treasurer

Vestry
Tony Pierce
Senior Warden
Bud Bray
Junior Warden
Laura Rectenwald
Clerk of the Vestry
Matt Hatch
Henry Henderson
Erik Howard
Eric Neal
Mary Price
Lowell Runyan
Ann Brannon
Paul Palmer

Weekly Schedule

Sunday
Holy Communion - 8:00 AM
Parish Breakfast - 9:00 AM
Christian Formation for all ages - 9:30 AM
Holy Communion - 10:30 AM
After 10:30 Service
Coffee & Cookies In All Saints Hall

Wednesday
Holy Communion - 10:00 AM
Youth Program - 5:30 PM
Dinner in All Saint’s Hall - 5:30 PM
Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

Thursday
Meals on Wheels - 10:45 AM
Choir Rehearsal - 5:15 PM
Martha’s Kitchen - 6:00 PM

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Behold, I come among you as one who serves.
Luke 22:27