Youth on Mission

The mission trip to New Orleans was more than amazing. We began each day with morning prayer and a prayer walk through various neighborhoods. We walked through upper income neighborhoods as well as lower income neighborhoods. We walked through parks with families and cemeteries praying for the families who are still living. It was a spiritual practice that drew us closer to the people of New Orleans.

Our projects after lunch were different every day. We helped in a thrift store that was ran by a local shelter the helped those who are recovering from various addictions or who have been in abusive situations. We were able to listen to their stories of recovery and failure back to recovery again and see the joy that they had in the saving grace of our Lord Jesus.

We served in an outdoor food pantry that provided fresh fruit and vegetables to the underprivileged. It was a hard day of work moving crates of food, working in the store house and distributing the goods to others. We carried food to their car, prayed with them, and talked with them. Labor of Love food pantry is an impressive organization that provides necessary food to hundreds a people every week.

Our Mission
To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by:
Inviting all to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
Fostering the presence of the Holy Spirit for the equipping of saints to do the work of ministry.
Witnessing to the power of God to heal, transform, and make all things new.
Supporting those who by word and example make Christ’s redemptive work known.

CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION CLASS SCHEDULED

The Bishop Is Coming! Bishop Doyle will be visiting Trinity on December 1st during our 10:30 am service. One of the things bishops do is confirm and receive members. Confirmation is the sacrament in which we make a mature commitment to Christ and receive strength from the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands by the bishop. If you are an adult or youth and want to make this mature commitment to Christ you are eligible for confirmation. If you have been confirmed and want to be a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church then reception is for you.

Fr. Andrew will conduct a Confirmation and Reception Class beginning on Sunday, October 13th, at 5:00 PM. Child care will be provided. The only requirement for confirmation is that each individual be Baptized prior to the Bishop’s Visitation on Sunday, Dec. 1.

The class covers the Christian faith and polity of the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church. The class is 6 weeks in duration. A class schedule will be available in August.

Those who are interested in attending should contact the parish office at 903-938-4246 to sign-up.
Hello Friends, greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. This month has two Major Feast Days. First off Major Feasts Days are Holy Days observed throughout the year. They have precedence over all other days of commemoration or of special observance, aside from Sundays. Meaning, that they can be moved to other days, and will have precedence over those days. One of the Feast Days is the Feast of the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Christ. The other is The Transfiguration of our Lord. We celebrate the Transfiguration twice in the year. Once on it’s fixed day, which is August 6th. The other time we celebrate the Transfiguration is on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

The Transfiguration was the event in which the glory of the Lord was shown to just a few of Jesus’ disciples. The event was referred to in the 3 Synoptic Gospels; Mark, Luke, and Matthew. It was also referred to in St. Peter’s second Epistle. During the transfiguration Jesus took James, John, and Peter up to the top of a mountain to pray. Whilst on the mountain the 3 Disciples witnessed the Transfiguration. When our Lord was transfigured His face and clothes became dazzling white, indicating his divinity. Elijah and Moses also appeared on either side of Jesus. Finally we hear the voice of the Father say “this is my son, my beloved, listen to Him.” This is similar to what the voice of the Father said at Jesus’ baptism. The big point of the Transfiguration was to show Jesus’ holiness, His divinity. For that to happen his appearance changed. This led Peter to want to stay, he wanted to stay on the mountain with the Lord, as well as Elijah and Moses. However, that was not what Jesus needed to do. Jesus, and the Disciples were to go out and spread the Kingdom of God.

We too are called to share the Kingdom and to grow the Kingdom. To do that well we must live out Transfigured lives. That being, when we act our actions should reflect Jesus. When we speak our words must reflect Jesus. As Christians we are Christ’s body on earth. We are His hands and His feet. That is why it is important to transform our lives to truly look Christ like. When we are doing ministry, we must do it transformed as Christ. When we are out in the community, we must transform into Christ. This transformation happens in our hearts. Receiving Christ’s Body and Blood in the Eucharist is how we can live as Christ. When we take the communion, we are taking that into the world, and showing Christ through us. Through our actions and words. This is important work.

As Christians we must take note in how we are living. Are we living and acting in ways that shows Christ? That truly shows who Christ is? When we allow God to transform us, and when we allow that transformation to take over our hearts and minds, then the answer will always be yes. Transform yourself to Christ. Own your part in the Body of Christ. Because we all are Christ to the world.

Blessings,
Fr. Andrew
Our Vision:
Our vision for Trinity Episcopal Church includes:
Growing a dynamic youth program.
Reaching out to our community outside the walls with the love of Christ.
Increasing spiritual and congregational growth for our parish.

LEGACY CLOSET “MINI” CLOSET IN MARSHALL

I wanted to give an update on the Marshall location of Legacy Closet. In the past two months, we’ve been able to help eight families. In those families, there were needs for a double stroller for a foster mom with four kids under the age of two, a pack ‘n play, a baby gate that was only needed for a week while one foster family was helping another, high chair, clothing and diapers. One family is even new to the area and I was able to share some of the support groups available including the Longview Legacy Closet so she could get the rest of her needs met. Thank you for continuing to allow us the space to serve families that are helping kids in need.

Legacy Closet was started in Longview by a foster mom wanting to support other foster families. What started in a backyard shed is now a 501(c)3 with a main location in Longview. We, at Trinity, are opening a closet and another one is coming soon to Daingerfield. As foster parents, Kenneth and I have received children from several counties, most coming with little more than the clothes they’re wearing. What Legacy Closet has done for us is asked for our needs (clothing sizes, shoe sizes, etc) and had a volunteer pull items we needed so we didn’t have to take a scared and confused child to Walmart. Our licensing agency, based in Longview, would then deliver these items. Personally, I met a CPS caseworker at the Longview closet so she could get items needed for kids on her case load. We also allow foster parents to “shop,” for free, for items they need such as school clothes, school supplies, etc. Recently, a friend from the Texarkana area came to our house to get beds for her children as we replaced all of the kids’ beds and were giving her some of the old ones. On the way home, she stopped at the Longview closet to get items she needed. At a recent board meeting, a friend’s daughter said “Legacy receives donations but we give out love.”

We are completely separate from the Rainbow Room but, in my experience, equally valuable and worthy of support. We would love your support with new or gently used clothes, gear (not expired and never been in an accident car seats, strollers, etc) or anything a child (newborn to teenage) might need. We support all foster families through these donations. Also, we are hoping our church, as well as other churches and businesses, would host drives for diapers and new packages of socks and underwear. Thank you to Trinity Church for allowing us the space to serve these families.

YOUTH NEWS

Hello Trinity Members! In years past the Youth have participated in Operation Christmas Child every November and it has always been a special blessing for us to know that we are helping in spreading the Good News of our Christ to children all over the world. In an effort to be more efficient, this year we will be asking for a special item each month for donation as opposed to asking all at once.

This month we are asking for: Air Pumps or $1 donation for bulk purchase.

You are welcome to drop them off at Rae’s office in All Saint’s Hall or upstairs in the lounge area or near the youth door. Thank you for all you do in participating in our projects!
Birthdays

2 Tom Whaley, Jr.  
4 Gail Runyan  
4 Christopher Altnau  
5 David Collins  
5 Dorcas Collins  
6 Drake Lee  
8 Jeffrey Littlejohn  
9 Lynellen Carmony  
12 Lynne Winn  
13 Lake Brannon  
13 Gabriel DeSa  
14 Charlotte Rhoades  
15 Isabel Lewis  
16 Charles Porter  
16 Fr. Andrew Ellison  
19 Alena Ellison  
20 Ashton Beavers  
21 Samuel Abney  
21 Jim Steidley  
24 Allen Staggers, Jr.  
25 Margaret Lee  
26 Douglas Jager  
28 Judy Denney  
28 Sonya Altnau  
31 Rusty Asaff

Church Financials for May 2019

Budget Income for 2019 .................. $465,536  
Budget Expenses for 2019 .............. $475,960  
Budget Difference for 2019 ............ ($10,424)  
Income Received to Date ............. $255,031.32  
Expenses to Date ..................... $203,311.06  
Income for the month ................. $23,900.05  
Expenses for the month ............... $42,862.53  
Difference for the month ............. $(20,962.48)

Anniversaries

2 Mr. & Mrs. Steve Lewis  
3 Mr & Mrs Henry Henderson  
6 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Rectenwald  
9 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Tanner  
9 Mr. & Mrs. Cody Badeaux Cutrer  
18 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Toussaint  
20 Mr. Matthew Hatch & Juli Jameson  
21 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Martinez

Parish Meeting

October 20

We will be nominating 4 new vestry members & 4 council candidates.

If you feel called to one of these please let the office know.

Wednesday Nights

There will not be any regular Wednesday Night Family Dinners or Children’s program during the Summer.

However, there will be a fun children’s activity as well as a hotdog or pizza dinners once a month. We will resume regularly scheduled Wednesday programming when school resumes in the Fall.

Please note the dates for Children’s programs during the summer on Page 2 of this Tripod.

There will still be services at 6:15 every Wednesday.

HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE SUMMER!
Youth Mission Trip Continued:

We spent a very hot afternoon trying to recover an overgrown lot in the Ninth Ward. The Ninth Ward was one of the hardest hit areas during Hurricane Katrina in 2006. Much of New Orleans is still trying to recover from that storm. When you speak with the locals they talk in terms of “before” or “after” Katrina. It has become a dating system for them. Unfortunately, our tools needed repair and were of little use. That didn’t stop the youth from putting more hard work into them. Our goal was to simply find and uncover a sidewalk. In the end we were where able to accomplish this but it was disheartening to see that much more work needed to be done after we left.

One of the most interesting afternoons was spend talking with the homeless population of New Orleans. We handed out care packages that included soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and bottled water. We carried toys in our backpacks in case we came across some children and a Life Book for those who asked for a bible. We were able to share the gospel by giving and explaining to them the colors of salvation. We wore them on our wrist and pulled them off to put on them to personalize the experience. They loved it! Our task was to simply talk with them, asking about who they were and have them share their story. When asked of the homeless, one of the hardest challenges for them to overcome is to be treated as if they are invisible. We wanted to change that, at least for a few, and treat them as sons and daughters of the Most High God. I will always cherish the look on their faces when I would tell them that, some would close their eyes and breathe in these words. They are in such need of God’s grace and life has hit them so hard. Please keep these people in your prayer. To quote John Bradford, “If not for the grace of God, there go I.” This is a recognition that others’ misfortune could be our own, if it were not for the blessings of God bestowed upon us all.

At the end of the week I asked the youth what they enjoyed the most about our mission trip. There were three answers that were equally divided among the group. Their answers were the prayer walk, working in the food pantry and working with the homeless. This says a lot of Trinity Youth. We have a service-oriented group that loves to serve others hands on.

As I stated before the trip, this year was going to be different for us. In the past we have served others through building, repairing and cleaning. Sometimes we met the people we were serving, sometimes we didn’t. This trip put us face to face with those we were helping and it made a personal difference in them and also in us. The youth that have been on a mission trip with me before all say that this trip has been the best and I agree with them.

Thank you and God bless you for all you have done to make this possible for us to serve the people of New Orleans. Please keep the organizations that help others in your prayers and lift up those who are seeking God who have little resources. Please continue to pray for our youth to serve in the name of Christ in our own community and in our Christian walk that we may be a light that enlightens the nations.

Rae Dickson
Youth Director
Our Core Values:
Commitment to Jesus Christ
Authority of Scripture
Evangelism
Relational Ministry
Worship
Servant Ministry
Sacrificial Giving
Biblical Leadership

Pictures from Mission Trip:
Message from our Senior Warden

Greetings from your Senior Warden!

God’s Peace to each of you!

I pray your summer is full of joy and safe summer time fun for you and your families. To update you since our last dialogue, your Vestry has been progressing forward with the required activities involved in preparing our Parish for the calling of a new rector for Trinity Marshall. Over the past several months, there have been questions pertaining to Fr. Andrew staying and transitioning from his current role as Locum Tenens to the position of full time Rector. Fr. Andrew has addressed that scenario in last month’s Tripod and we greatly appreciate Fr. Andrew directing us on his role, responsibilities and future at Trinity Marshall. Fr. Andrew has and will always be a Blessing that has been bestowed upon Trinity Marshall.

Your Vestry continues with the existing “pre-search” work that shall be done in preparation of beginning the Rector search committee. As stated previously, The Diocese of Texas is governing our Vestry work and is guiding us throughout this process. During our July vestry meeting, the Rev. Blake Rider, Transition Minister with the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, joined your vestry to offer prayer, guidance and comfort during this transition period. Rev. Rider too reiterated that we shall have Comfort and Peace to know that God already knows for whom He has called to serve as the new rector of Trinity Marshall and He is currently preparing that calling, as well as preparing Trinity Marshall too. Rev. Rider will return to Trinity Marshall in the early Fall to discuss more of the rector search processes.

I want to personally thank each of you that participated in the HOLY COW parish survey that was conducted in June. We were very excited to have had 116 participants with this survey. Granted, there were several questions that were included that were questioned by members of our congregation and I want you to know that your vestry heard your comments and respect each of the comments that were delivered. The survey committee has received those survey results from HOLY COW, Rev. Rider has reviewed and guided the vestry on those results and the parish survey committee had an extensive conference call with the HOLY COW consultant to review the results. The next step is for an executive summary to be generated by HOLY COW and distributed and or presented to the congregation. We will communicate more as we receive the executive summary. The work continues with creating and finalizing the Trinity Marshall Parish Profile. Chris Altnau and Angela Bray are continuing to finalize this profile.
Many of you are asking yourselves, when does the search committee actually begin. You should have received an email from the church office with an attached Search Nomination form. You can complete this form for yourself and or complete on behalf of nominating another member of the parish. Remember, there are listed guidelines that shall be followed when completing this nomination form so please ensure those guidelines are met. As we move forward in prayer discerning for whom is to be nominated, let us be reminded that two most important qualifications to serve are the individual must be Confidential and Collaborative. Are you capable, able and willing to be able to tell your spouse and or family member, “I am sorry, I am leaving town and I cannot tell you where I am traveling to”? This is how important confidentiality is to this Rector search, as well as, being able to work together on a team front and collaborate together, even when beliefs and or opinions differ. The deadline for returning completed, qualified applicant forms is August 12th and shall be returned electronically and or hardcopies to the church office. Please do not return the completed applicant forms to any member of the vestry for submittal.

A very important process will occur in the upcoming annual Parish meeting, tentatively scheduled for October 20th, for which will be the election of four new vestry members. Jackie, Carol, Angela and myself will be stepping off the vestry on December 31, 2019. This may be a surprise to many of you as you may have understood that the vestry is frozen and or will remain in play until a new rector is called. The Cannons do not allow this and therefore, I am asking each of you to be in continuous prayer for those four new vestry members as this election will potentially seat the new vestry for our new rector. Know that I and your current vestry continue to work steadfastly in the needed preparation associated with this rector search process.

From a Rector compensation financial status update, the minimum compensation package has been established and will be included in the 2020 budget for which will be presented during the October Parish meeting.

Let us continue to be in prayer and listen to the Holy Spirit as Trinity Marshall is guided in this ever so important rector search process.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace!

Blessings!

Tony
BACK TO SCHOOL!

Some Important Dates to Consider:

Blessing of Backpacks!
August 18 @ 10:30am service

Trinity Episcopal School Begins
August 21st

New Youth Transition
August 25th @10:30am service

Marshall ISD Begins
August 26th
Trinity Episcopal Church
Children's Ministry
Summer Backpack Drive

Help Us Kids, Help Other Kids!

June 2 - August 11th, 2019

Can you help us collect 50 backpacks
to help other kids in need?

Drop off all Summer in our Sunday School Classroom or with Church Office

TO BENEFIT

Help Harrison County Kids

Help Harrison County Kids is a non-profit whose purpose is to collect funds, items, and resources to fill any needs of children and families involved Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Child Protective Services Division and Investigations. They operate on a voluntary basis, and use donations of their own and those from the community to help with as many needs as possible.

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Legacy Closet: Marshall

Legacy Closet supports all children in the care of DFPS without regard to county of origin. Its aim is to offer assistance with clothing, and other important needs that foster families may encounter when receiving a new placement, through transitions etc.
Parish Staff
Fr. Andrew Ellison
Locum Tenens
Rae Dickson
Youth Director
Magdalena Altnau
Children’s Christian Formation Director
Angela Bray
Nursery Director
Jim Johnson
Music Director and Organist
Melissa Hammers
Choir Director
Stacey Shaw
Parish Administrator
Suzie Ward
Administrative Assistant
Melvin Williams
Sexton

Vestry
Tony Pierce
Senior Warden
Jackie Weeks
Junior Warden
Angela Bray
Clerk of the Vestry
Margot Lingold
Treasurer
Carol Meyer
Chris Altnau
Steve Lewis
Don Bramlett
Sam Clark
Blair Hammers
Roy McCarroll
Kathleen Abraham

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
Choir Practice 5:00 PM
Dinner - 5:15 PM
Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

Thursday
Martha’s Kitchen - 6:00 PM

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

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