



# The TRIPOD

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**Trinity Episcopal Church:**

*Witnessing to the Power of God to Transform*

*Proclaiming God's Love and Joy for over 162 years in Marshall, Texas*

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## *Invite Someone to Church Sunday*

Do you want to share the joy you have in Jesus Christ with someone you know? We're giving everyone a golden opportunity to do so. Across the Diocese of Texas every Church is hosting "Invite Someone to Church Sunday." Every parishioner is asked to invite one person to join them to worship our Lord and Savior on Sunday, September 15th. Here at Trinity we are excited about this opportunity to let folks who don't know get to experience the richness of our worship and the warmth of our community.

Some of you might say, I'm uncomfortable about inviting someone to Church. Think of it as your inviting a friend or neighbor to share a meal with you. Does that make it a bit easier? That is exactly what you are doing, you're inviting someone you care about to share our Lord's Supper with you.

In a few days we will make further announcements via our weekly e-mails and in the Sunday Bulletin to help make this a great time of encouraging others to be part of our community .

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## Focus on Parish Ministry



### 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.

## Boy Scouts of America Troop 550



Several years ago Trinity Church restarted BSA Troop 550 under the leadership of Mike Brannon as the Scout Master. Since that time we have seen both Troop 550 and Cub Scout Pack 550 grow and prosper. These two organizations have allowed boys from Trinity Episcopal Church and Trinity Episcopal School to thrive in an environment that teaches leadership, team work, and having a strong moral compass.

This year Troop 550 is seeing tangible results of their hard work and commitment to Scout values. Scout Chris Warren recently completed his Eagle Project. It is the park across the street from All Saint's Hall. There are presently several other Scouts preparing to submit Eagle Projects that will benefit the Church in the near future.

Reaching the rank of Eagle is no small accomplishment. It takes several years to earn the merit badges required for Eagle and a rigorous vetting process to complete the Eagle Project and go through the Eagle Review Board.

The Troop and the Pack would not have been as successful as it has been without the help of several other parishioners who have served as volunteers for the Scout program. David Collins has served as past Troop Committee Chair. Mike Jeffries currently fills that role. Doug Jager, an Eagle Scout himself, serves as the chair of the advancement committee. Mike Brannon continues to serve as Scout Master and Kathryn Brannon has served as a Cub Den Leader.



## New School Year Begins at Trinity

The new school year for Trinity Episcopal School began on Wednesday, August 21. After a fun and exciting summer program, I am looking forward to the 2013-2014 school year. I pray that the Lord will bless us and that our children will have a happy and healthy year growing in mind, body and spirit. We ask that you continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Our theme for the 2013-2014 school year is "Growing in Grace". We will be using the book "Grace for the Moment: 365 Devotions for Kids" by Max Lucado in our morning devotions and our teachers will be emphasizing "Grace" throughout the year.

Our Girls' Volleyball season is underway and we started off with a nice win over St. Mary's in Longview! Please feel free to come by and see the exciting things going on at TES!

God Bless,  
Carrie Hammack  
TES Head of School

## Rector's Meanderings

### Dear Beloved in Christ:

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

Frequently one Christian will say to another, "I'll pray for you." Then we may offer an arrow prayer and think that we have done a good deed. When we are offering to pray for someone we need to consider Paul's words in **1 Thessalonians 1:2** he writes, "We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly."

Prayer is the most dynamic aspect of our relationship with God. It is amazing that it also tends to be the most ignored. We are not, generally, a people of prayer and that is a great shame. It is the absence of prayer in our lives that causes us to feel God is so distant from us. After all, how can anyone feel close to someone they never talk to? How can anyone feel intimate with someone they are never with?

In this brief passage about giving thanks for the faithful in Thessalonica, Paul speaks volumes on what prayer is to be about. He says, "Remembering you in our prayers **unceasingly**." Does this mean that Paul spent all his time on his knees? No, what it does mean however, is that he spent his time in conversation with God. That is what prayer is, conversing with God. As a people we get wrapped up around the idea of thinking prayer has to be a specific set thing. Nothing could be further from the truth. We can pray as we talk.

God welcomes us as His children, adopted sons and daughters. How many of us approached mom and dad on our hands and knees using words like, "O mighty father in the recliners, how great art thou" or "blessed mother of the stove cooker of all good things, I thank thee for these pancakes this day" Do you see my point? God desires relationship with His children. The key to any relationship is to be open to it.

Prayer is dynamic, it can be used and said in many ways. We can use a form prayer from a prayer book or some other source, we can send up a shout or cry for help, or a short shout of praise. We can also come to our Lord and begin a prayer with, "Hello, Lord, I'd like to share some of my time with you ...." Then simply begin a conversation with Him as you would an old and dear friend, or perhaps as you would with your parents.

When we feel free to come to God openly and completely, we can live a life of prayer. We can live a life constantly in the presence of our Blessed Lord and Savior. That is what it is truly about. Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly." What could possibly be more abundant than being able to share every aspect of our daily lives with the one who loves us more than we can ever imagine and the one who gives us eternal life through His Son. In this manner when we offer to pray for someone we find ourselves doing so naturally because our prayers or a list of things, it is an ongoing conversation with our Loving Father.

*Pax et Bonum,  
Fr. John*



**Heavenly  
Father for  
Your great  
love and  
mercy I  
thank You.  
Lord I thank  
You for being  
gracious to  
me in  
permitting  
me to come  
to you openly  
and  
completely at  
all times and  
in all ways.  
Give me the  
insight to live  
daily in  
prayer  
offering not  
merely the  
words in my  
heart, but my  
very heart as  
well.  
I pray this in  
the name of  
Your Son and  
my Savior  
Jesus Christ  
Amen.**



### 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.

## Junior DOK KickOff

The Junior Daughters of the King held a successful Kick-Off for the 2013-2014 year! We are already planning a special performance by the JrDOK choir at Camp Allen in September along with a retreat for the all the Juniors to Camp Allen in November. We love Camp Allen so this is great for us! We began our Bible studies and enjoyed a special craft: Transformation Globes. Transformation Globes are custom snowglobes that the girls can use to help them concentrate on praying and how they can allow God's will to transform their lives.

Don't worry if you were thinking about joining JrDOK but weren't able to make it to the Kick-Off! It's not too late to join and we would love to have you.

Just contact the church office or email us at:

[jrdokmarshall@gmail.com](mailto:jrdokmarshall@gmail.com).

Don't forget to also visit our website at:

<http://jrdokmarshall.weebly.com>

to access our calendar of events and other information about the order!



## Rally Day: Focus on TEC Ministries

Trinity celebrated Rally Day on August 25. It began with a wonderful Choral Evensong and ended with a fellowship dinner and a presentation by Fr. John which highlighted the many successful ministries supported by Trinity. Some of these ministries include Trinity Episcopal School, Martha's Kitchen, Daughters of the King/Junior Daughters, Acolytes, Lay Readers/Chalice Bearers, Choir, Prayer Shawl, Women and Men of Trinity and many, many more. The focus of the night was also on growing and



**Choral Evensong, August 2013**



sustaining these ministries and inviting others to share in them. If you are interested in knowing more about the ministries at Trinity, please visit our Ministries page on the church website: <http://www.trinityepiscopalmarshall.org/ministries.html>. Find the ministry that God is guiding you to join!

One of the highlights of the evening was presentation by our Youth minister, Scott Rutherford and the recognition of the ministry our youth did on their New Orleans mission trip.

### Birthdays

2 Jackie Weeks	17 Mary Jane Sanders
2 Bill Jones	18 Joann Cason
4 Jerry Brannon	18 Penny Narramore
4 Ronald "Bud" Denny, Jr.	19 Bill Sullivan
5 Kathleen Abraham	20 Ashton Beavers
5 Sue Boyd	22 Norma King
6 Kathleen McGee	24 Robert Smith
7 Brandon Beavers	25 Bud Bray
8 Judy Gillis	25 Ashley Furrh
9 Michael Brannon	26 Jeanette Barkett
10 Reba Nell Hunt	26 Michael Brannon
10 Dan Love	26 Anne Godinich
11 Mary Spellings	27 Jack Powell Taylor
14 Madeline Runyan	28 Sagan Jameson-Hatch
14 Larry "Yank" Terrell	29 Crystal Brown
15 Cade Runyan	29 Michael DeSa
16 Marjorie Lewis	30 Joyce Hammers

### Anniversaries

1 Fr. & Mrs. John Himes
9 Mr. & Mrs. Ken Kerr
17 Mr. & Mrs. Bud Bray
26 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brannon
29 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Violette Jr.

### Church Financials and Attendance for July 2013

Budget Income for 2013 .....	\$ 443,572
Budget Expenses for 2013 .....	\$ 521,160
Budget Difference for 2013 .....	(\$ 77,588)
Income Received to Date .....	\$ 257,985
Expenses to Date .....	\$ 316,692
Income for July .....	\$ 31,175
Expenses for July .....	\$ 47,675
Difference for the month .....	(\$ 16,500)
Difference to Date.....	(\$ 58,707)
Average Sunday Attendance to date	171
Average Sunday Attendance for July	152
Total Sunday Attendance to date	5137
Total Attendance all other Services	6508

### Vestry Person On Stewardship

It was that time of the year – the annual sermon on stewardship and what to give. As the priest went on about tithing, I got more and more angry – I fidgeted, I fumed. Who was he to tell me I should tithe; it was MY money and I would spend it as I pleased! Of course it wasn't the priest's, but God's admonition to his people. That evening as I was still grumbling under my breath, I heard the still, calm voice of the Holy Spirit: "I have given you everything you have. Would you deny me a tithe to spread the Gospel, feed the poor, and tend the ill?" Ouch! The words deeply convicted me. Although we could not immediately tithe, over time we did; and God has abundantly blessed our obedience.

***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.***

## Daughters of the King Inquirers Classes

As I write this article for the Tripod, I am in prayer that God is calling women of our church to become Daughters of the King (DOK). Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to reflect God's love throughout the world. Our mission is to be the extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. We will meet on two Saturdays for training and for time to reflection on God's will in your life in regard to becoming a Daughter. If you must miss one Saturday, makeup time is Monday evening on November 4. If you cannot attend either of the Saturday sessions, you must wait until our next classes to attend. Lunch is provided each Saturday. Please contact me at 903 263-8877 if you have further questions. Child care is provided during the sessions. Call the church if you will need childcare.

For His Sake,

Sherry Henderson

President, Daughters of the King, Trinity Episcopal Church

DOK inquirers, classes are as follows: **Saturday, September 7, 9:00-3:00; Saturday, October 5, 9:00-3:00; and Monday, November 4, 6:00-9:00 (Make up Monday).**

## You're Invited! DOK Wednesday Night Bible Study

Please join us for Bible Studies this fall. Come join us and bring an unchurched friend. The studies are Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Nursery care will be provided.

### **Bible Study I**

Wednesday evenings, September 11, 18, 25, and October 2

#### Become More Like Jesus

Explore the virtuous life, the prayer-filled life, the spirit-filled life, and the word centered life so that you can be Living Water to those around you. This study is an extension of a study we began on the Day of Reflection. All of us need to know more about becoming more like Jesus. There is no cost, but you will be offered the opportunity to purchase a copy of *Streams of Living Water* which is used in the study.

### **Bible Study II**

Wednesday evenings, October 9, 16, 23, and 30

#### Improving the Real Me to Better Serve Christ

Discover the "Real" you to better serve Christ through improved self-esteem, nutritional habits, technology skills, and exercise.



### Our Core Values:

Commitment  
to Jesus Christ

Authority of  
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leadership

## Youth Fall KickOff

Dear Trinity,

On the first Wednesday of September, our EYC will be the youth's Fall Kickoff for 2013. We will fellowship together, eat, have Bible study, and a scavenger hunt. Please be in prayer for our EYC meetings this fall as we try to reach out to youth in the schools and proclaim God's love to all who will listen. The beginning of school brings its own challenges to both students and parents. There will be tests. I'm not talking about school exams. I'm talking about spiritual tests. For one, there is the test of priorities. How will God fit into our priorities? Too often we fall into the trap of giving the work of God's kingdom a backseat, or worse, the trunk. I was studying and praying psalms 113 and 115 a few mornings ago. These texts provide good spiritual food for the fall. First, Psalm 113 exhorts us to praise the LORD because although he is so great, mighty, and above all things, God is intimately involved in our daily lives. God "stoops down" and becomes involved in what happens on the earth, especially to give justice to the poor, needy, and hurting. God is involved in your daily life, even when you aren't aware of it. And secondly, Psalm 115 begins by saying, "Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness." It is so tempting to just be about what gives us a thrill or strokes our ego. Isn't it? We all must continually fight off the urge of self-glorification and give the glory to God. So whether you are a student at school or parent at work or whatever situation you are in, know that our sovereign LORD God is present with you this fall and that he deserves all the glory for the things that happen.

God's peace,

Scott



Rally Day: Youth being recognized for Mission Trip 2013



*Behold, I come  
among you as one  
who serves.*

**Luke 22:27**

### **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

David Thomas

### **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 - 9:30 AM

Choir Rehearsal - 5:15 PM

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM



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