Trinity Episcopal Church:

Witnessing to the Power of God to Transform

Proclaiming God’s Love and Joy for over 163 years in Marshall, Texas

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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.

Martha’s Kitchen: Feeding God’s People since 2001

Every Thursday evening from 6:00-7:00 about 100 people are welcomed to The Trinity Parish Hall for a hot, balanced meal, fellowship, and an hour of peace and safety. Presently, 13 clubs and churches from throughout the county are taking a turn in the cooking rotation by purchasing, cooking, and serving their own special menu. Trinity provides oversight, paper goods, drinks and condiments, and use of the large, fully equipped kitchen. What a beautiful example of the Body of Christ coming together in harmony - sharing skills and resources - to accomplish the Lord's work.
Dear Beloved in Christ:

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Our Savior reigns! Easter is a time of joy for Christians. It is the time that gives us hope in the fulfillment of the promise made to humanity by God that he will be with us always. In the resurrection of our Lord what is there not to be joyful about? We celebrate Easter with bursts of color in our dress and in the way we decorate the church with all the colors of spring. What a pity there are those who think the joy is only for that one day, or only for that one hour of worship. In Paul’s first letter to the Church in Thessalonica he writes, “Be joyful always: pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1Thess 5:16-18)

I can’t be joyful all the time, sometimes things stink! Absolutely! Now, when Mondays get to the point of being “unbearable” and we can’t wait to get it over with just imagine trying to get to ‘terrific’ Tuesday by missing one unbearable Monday. It can’t happen, you have to get through the Monday’s, be they good or bad, to get to Tuesday, and there is just no way around it.

We don’t have to be “joyful” in our pain and in the times of trial, but be joyful in Him who walks with us during the moments of our lives; Jesus. Be joyful in Him for it is in Him that we are already victors in the race. It is in Him that we have defeated the enemy who would bring pain and damnation upon us.

In our hurts and troubles we pray for the presence and help of our Lord. In our joy, in our happiness lets praise Him in prayer. We get wrapped around the axle about prayer, we think that it has to be “mighty” and high sounding. Nothing could be further from the truth, it can be quiet and simple; “Lord Jesus, I love You and thanks for being with me.” Eleven words eleven words that convey it all, our love for our Savior and our thanksgiving for what He has done for us. Not only is it a prayer it is worship.

We are to pray continually, but realize in that prayer a person is worshiping as well. Worship denotes worth, in worship a person is saying to our Lord, “You are worthy at all times of my adoration and my praise.” Even when I come on my knees begging forgiveness or with my hands held open asking for help, a person is worshiping The Lord. In prayer an individual recognizes God is higher than one’s self, that person is submitting to Him. A Christian recognizes his or her inability to “handle” the world. If a person thinks they can always have a handle on it, why pray?

I have even heard an atheist pray. Perhaps not to God, but to something that they have made a god in their life. Once sitting in a restaurant with a professed atheist a waitress slipped and covered him with several classes of beer. Immediately he blurted out, “O God.” I looked at him with a bit of a smile and simply said, “Oh really!” When even atheists are upset or what ever they turn to something to say a word to. Watch and listen, rarely will anyone simply “suck it up” as the saying goes.

Be joyful always; Jesus is with you, He loves you beyond measure. Pray continually, for you are talking with your best friend who has given everything for you, Give thanks in all that you do, because Jesus is always with you, even when you feel most alone, especially then, He is with you. The way we keep the joy of Christ in our hearts is always to worship Him.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. John
**WOMEN OF TRINITY**

If you weren't able to attend the March meeting of Women of Trinity, you missed a wonderful program presented by our very own spiritual leader, Father John. His chosen topic was on the many ways in which we can observe Lent. He "had us" from his very first words to the end of his talk. "Thanks, Father John, we needed that!" And the great thing about it is that Easter is just on the horizon and we can still implement some of his thoughts and suggestions, but then, why not observe a little bit of Lent throughout the year?!

There will only be one more regular meeting of Women of Trinity before we have our special Lunch meeting (place to be announced, stay tuned) in May. Sure hope you'll be able to join us, especially since our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, a day when we might need some cheering up or even some extra prayers. Seriously, though, our speaker for the April 15 meeting is sure to bring you some smiles and laughter...our own Alice Camp and Merwin spent their "Spring Break" cruising up the mighty Mississippi River. Alice will be our guide for this amazing journey, so we can relax and enjoy the trip vicariously. As any woman of Trinity is automatically a member of this great group of gals, please join us at 11 a.m., immediately following the Wednesday morning 10 a.m. Eucharistic service. We meet in All Saints Hall and would love to have you join us for lunch following the meeting. If you have any questions about the meeting and/or would like to join us for fellowship and fun, please call Stacey Shaw at the Church office or Flo Lewis, WOT President at 903/938-0444.

**MEN OF TRINITY**

The Men of Trinity will meet on Monday, April 13 at 5:30 PM
In All Saints’ Hall for food, fellowship and prayer.

**BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW**

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Schedule for April is as follows:

Wednesday April 8th & 22nd at 11:30 Bible Study at Jucy’s
Saturday, April 18th at 10:00 am monthly meeting at Golden Corral

All men of the parish are invited to attend either of the meetings.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew contact Adam Lundgren. We will be conducting a training class after Easter.
Birthdays

1 Bill Kemp
2 JoAnn Bridge
3 Edgar Simmons
4 Zane Jackson
5 Kurt Truelove
6 Jerry Smith
7 Kim Runyan
8 Blair Hammers
9 Flo Lewis
10 Maggie Littlejohn
11 Diane Lewis
12 Olivia Parr
13 Cindy Cain
14 Cody Moseley
15 Silas Anderson
16 Trey Hammond
17 Cameron McElroy
18 Carly Heard
19 Kirkley Lewis
20 Andrew Cason
21 Adrianne Newton
22 Chris Hammond
23 Merwin Camp
24 Wes White
25 David Rayner
26 Steve Lewis
27 Aiden Kerr
28 Anika Kerr

Anniversaries

6 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sullivan
7 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Rhoades
24 Mr. & Mrs. Mac Abney
26 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Smith

Church Financials and Attendance for January 2015

Budget Income for 2015 ...............$ 449,952
Budget Expenses for 2015 ............ $ 436,876
Budget Difference for 2015 .......... $   13,076
Income Received to Date ................ $ 67,321
Expenses to Date ........................ $ 78,509
Income for the month ........................ $ 37,987
Expenses for the month ...................... $ 38,020
Difference for the month ............... ($ 32)
Difference to Date ........................ ($   11,187)

2014  Present
Average Sunday Attendance to date
165  200
Average Sunday Attendance for January  .... 200
Sunday Attendance to date           8,374  799
Attendance all other Services         10,525  700

Brownie Refrigerator Cake

1 box brownie mix
1 extra large egg
1 pkg cream cheese, softened (8 oz)
1 c powdered sugar
2 containers whipped topping (8 oz)
1 pkg instant chocolate pudding (3 oz)
1 pkg instant vanilla pudding (3 oz)
3 1/2 c milk
Chocolate shavings or syrup

1. Mix brownie mix according to directions
2. Add egg
3. Bake by directions in 13 x 9 inch pan
4. Mix cream cheese, powdered sugar & 1 container whipped topping
5. Put this mixture on top of cooled brownies
6. Blend puddings & milk together & put on top of the cream cheese mixture
7. Spread 2nd container of whipped topping on top of pudding mixture
8. Put chocolate shavings or syrup on top
9. Refrigerate until ready to serve

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Fr. John will be conducting a Confirmation and Reception Class for individuals who would like to become members of Trinity Church. The class will begin on Sunday, April 12th at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor of Fry Hall.

Individuals interested in attending should call the parish office at 903-938-4246 to register prior to April 1st so that we can order the material for the class.
Honoring Our Trinity Armed Forces—To Honor and To Serve

The Daughters of the King invite all church members to our Monday, April 22 regular meeting from 6-8 p.m. At that time we will honor all of the members of the Armed Forces who we pray for each Sunday with cards and prayers.

Our veterans and active military members have stories that many of us cannot imagine. Join us as we listen to our guest speaker share his story about Jesus during his service to his country. More details to come. Mark your calendars!

JR. DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Recent activities of the Junior Daughters of the King included a movie marathon on Saturday, March 21st. The JrDOK watched several movies seeking to find theological themes in the movies character and plots. They also spent time creating a DVD that will be shown at the Daughters of the King Triannual meeting in Salt Lake City this summer.

SAFE GUARDING GOD’S CHILDREN

Safe Guarding God’s Children Training is required for all Trinity Church and Trinity Episcopal School Staff and volunteers. The Diocese of Texas requires all individuals who work with children and youth either as paid staff or volunteers receive this training. Those who have completed the training are required to update their certification every five years. Trinity Church will conduct Safe Guarding God’s Children training on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM.

Individuals need the training or needing to re-certify can reserve a space in this class by calling the parish office at 903-938-4246 and registering for the class.
Our Core Values:
Commitment to Jesus Christ
Authority of Scripture
Evangelism
Relational Ministry
Worship
Servant Ministry
Sacrificial Giving
Biblical Leadership

Enrollment begins April 1st!

“TLC”
Trinity Learning Center
2015-2016

Mother’s Day Out

“The” is a preschool ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church

The goal of “TLC” Mother's Day Out program is to create a Christ-centered environment that is inviting and full of exciting educational and fun learning experiences. The WEE Learn curriculum used in our classrooms is a Bible-based curriculum. It provides teaching topics for each week that include a Bible verse, story and activity. Our classrooms offer hands on creative art activities, learning centers, science and discovery activities, story time, free play and outside play. We strive to meet the spiritual, emotional, mental and physical needs of your child in a warm and loving Christian environment.

Ages: 18 months- 3 years

Days, Hours and Months of Operation: Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. The program will begin in September and run through May.

Enrollment: We offer both a one and two day program. All children must be pre-enrolled before the first day of school. Early enrollment is encouraged to insure a place for your child.

Registration Fee: $60.00 per child (due at time of enrollment). This is a one time non-refundable fee and covers registration for September-May.

Tuition Fees:

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<td>$105 per month—one child</td>
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Rise and Shine Drop off: $2.00 per day—beginning at 7:45 every M/W

Enrollment packets will be available at both Trinity Episcopal School campuses and in the Trinity Episcopal Church office beginning April 1st. If you have any questions about the program, please call 903-398-9484.
Vestry
Laura Rectenwald
Senior Warden
Henry Henderson
Junior Warden
Cathy Cope
Clerk of the Vestry
Ken Kerr
Treasurer
Doug Jager
Joel Truelove
Cindy Cain
Paul Palmer
Randy Reeves
Clarence Brown
Cathy Cope
Jim Kutner
Bonnie Strauss

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
Dinner in All Saint’s Hall - 5:30 PM
Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

Thursday
Choir Rehearsal - 5:30 PM
Martha’s Kitchen - 6:00 PM

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