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Diocese of Texas Daughters of the King 2016 Spring Assembly

On Friday, February 26th two years of planning and preparation came to a culmination with the opening Eucharist of the Diocese of Texas Daughters of the King 2016 Spring Assembly there were over 150 Daughters from across the Diocese of Texas present representing their home chapters.

Our chapter of the Daughters of the King, The Hannah Chapter, were the host of this year's event. President Sherry Henderson and the leadership staff of the Chapter began planning this event in 2014 with the theme "Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me."



At the opening Eucharist the Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Fisher, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Texas was the celebrant and preacher with Fr. Michael Gemignani, Diocesan Chaplain to the DOK and Fr. John assisting. Preceding the celebration of the Eucharist the Glory Bound Singers conducted a choir concert for the guests attending the Assembly.

On Saturday the Daughters got down to business. The key note speaker was Mrs. Edwina Thomas, a Daughter and parishioner from Trinity. Mrs. Thomas is the previous National Director of Spreading Ministry Abroad USA(SOMA). Sharing of Ministries Abroad is an international mission agency called by God to serve the Anglican Communion and the worldwide Church through short-term, cross-cultural missions both locally and abroad, ministering to the clergy and lay leaders alike.



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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.

(DOK Assembly Continued)

Also on Saturday several workshops were conducted. One of the workshops was led by Mrs. Sharon Lundgren, also a parishioner at Trinity and former National President of The Daughters of the King. Her workshop focused on the founder of the DOK, Mrs. Margaret "Maggie" Juliet Franklin, For the workshop Sharon was in character.



Following the presentations in the morning the Hannah Chapter hosted a luncheon for the delegates in All Saints Hall.



During the luncheon the guest had the opportunity to explore some of the vendor booths that were set up in Fry and Selcer Hall.

Throughout the weekend members for the Hannah Chapter served as hostess to all the visiting Daughters. The adults Daughters were not alone. On Friday some of our Junior Daughters of the King served as ushers at the Eucharist and on Saturday filled the roll of guides to help the visitors find their way around our campus.

Thank you Daughters for being just terrific representation of our parish!



Rector's Reflection

Dear Beloved in Christ:

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

The very nature of man never changes. What was true in the time of Jesus is just as true today. We are now in the midst of the celebration of Easter and there are those who debate whether the resurrection took place. The words they put forth prove the point Jesus is making in the passage of Scripture in the side bar – there are those who will not believe even with the resurrection of the dead. A person has to wonder why.

There are many theological camps as it were throughout those proclaiming to be Christian, but I see, basically, two main differences between those professing to be Christian. There are those who proclaim humanity as basically good. They will give passing admission to the fall of Adam as a theological analogy of some event, but not something that forever taints the soul of all humanity. In short, they desperately want humanity to be good. This is usually because they themselves want to be perceived as good. One might put them in the same camp as the Pharisee. Their desire is to do what is perceived as being right rather than what might be right. They are going to do what they perceive as good because they wish to be perceived as good. Consider that for a moment; what is the motivation behind the desire to be perceived as good, self glorification or glorification of Christ?

The other side of the coin, on the other hand, are individuals who view humanity as fallen and broken and incapable of doing good at all. Left to our own devices we would surely be more depraved than we presently are. But, through the grace of God we are given a glimmer of hope in God's presence. We are in total need of redemption. More importantly the people recognizes what is needed and sees that need fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

These two views are totally irreconcilable. In one, humanity is self sufficient, in the other humanity is totally deficient. Where does one depend upon God? Is it in sufficiency or deficiency? One view is not Christian at all for it, in all practicality, totally denies every premise of the Christian faith. It denies original sin, through the denial of the physical resurrection, it denies the divinity of Christ. If there is no divinity there is not sacrifice on the cross. The other position holds to every aspect of the faith once delivered. For it realizes that as humans we are totally dependent upon God.

In Jesus' comment on belief he is not talking to a person who does not know of faith, he is talking to a supposedly faithful person. Who thought he was doing all the right things. This rich man comes to realize he was wrong and wants Jesus to raise Lazarus from the dead to go back and tell his brothers the truth. Jesus says, that is all ready available through the Scriptures. Miracles won't change someone's faith nor bring someone to faith. The picture that this leaves us with is the need for evangelism even within the church and discipleship within the church. One cannot accept the premise that those sitting in the pews are all Christians, the rich man's brothers may be in the congregation.

Lord give me a deeper faith.

Pax et Bonum.
Fr. John



Luke 16:31

He said to them, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."



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.

ANNUAL TRINITY JR. DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

BBQ COOK-OFF



Last year our Jr. Daughters of the King held their first BBQ Cook-Off. It was a great success and they were able to raise two pick up trucks full of non-perishable food items for the hunger of Harrison County. The Junior Daughters are striving to reach that same goal this year.

The BBQ Cook-Off will be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM in All Saints' Hall. The price of admission to eat some great BBQ is one non-perishable food item

per person. Prizes will be given for Best Over-All, Best Brisket, Best Ribs, and Best Cobbler. Entry forms can be picked up at the parish office beginning Tuesday, March 29th.

The parish will provide the beans and potato salad as well as the drinks all you need to bring is a non-perishable food item and a really good appetite!

HANNAH CHAPTER CHAPTER

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING CELEBRATE

The Trinity Daughters of the King met Sunday, March 13th at the home of Magda and Chris Altnau to celebrate our part in hosting the Diocese of Texas Spring Assembly the weekend February 26-27. Thank you, Magda Altnau for providing this lovely tea.

The focus of the tea was celebrating God's answer to our prayers for all who attended the assembly. In the words of Mother Teresa, we prayed, "Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly that our lives may only be a radiance of yours. Shine through us and be in us that every soul we come in contact with may feel your presence in our soul. Let them look up and see no longer us, but only Jesus."

Great was our rejoicing!

Sherry Henderson



Birthdays

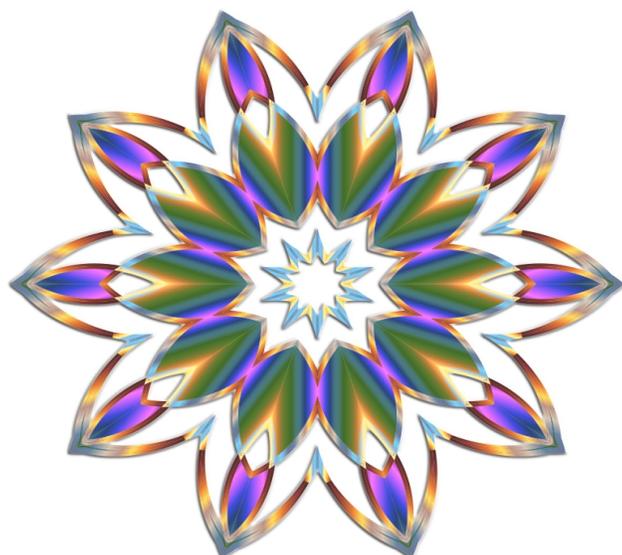
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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Bill Kemp | 20 Trey Hammond |
| 2 JoAnn Bridge | 23 Cameron McElroy |
| 4 Edgar Simmons | 24 Carly Heard |
| 4 Zane Jackson | 24 Kirkley Lewis |
| 5 Kurt Truelove | 26 Andrew Cason |
| 6 Jerry Smith | 26 Adrienne Newton |
| 7 Kim Runyan | 27 Chris Hammond |
| 7 Blair Hammers | 28 Merwin Camp |
| 8 Linda Lasseter | 28 Wes White |
| 12 Flo Lewis | 30 David Rayner |
| 15 Maggie Littlejohn | 30 Steve Lewis |
| 16 Diane Lewis | 30 Aiden Kerr |
| 17 Olivia Parr | 30 Anika Kerr |

Church Financials and Attendance for February 2016

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Budget Income for 2016 | \$ 483,196 | |
| Budget Expenses for 2016 | \$ 525,701 | |
| Budget Difference for 2016 | (\$ 42,505) | |
| Income Received to Date | \$ | |
| Expenses to Date | \$ | |
| Income for the month | \$ | |
| Expenses for the month | \$ | |
| Difference for the month | (\$) | |
| Difference to Date..... | (\$) | |
| | 2015 | Present |
| Average Sunday | 182 | 149 |
| Attendance to date | | |
| | | |
| Average Sunday | 155 | 160 |
| Attendance for January | | |
| | | |
| Sunday Attendance to date | 1420 | 1338 |
| Attendance all other Services | 1384 | 1678 |

Anniversaries

- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sullivan
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Rhoades
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Mac Abney





MOVIE NIGHT!

Youth Movie & Game Night

When: April 9

Where: Youth room

Time: 5-9pm

Bring a friend & join us!

Fellowship

"One and one and one is three, got to be good looking cause he's so hard to see. Come together, right now, over me." A snippet from a great Beatles song. Fellowship is a great thing; seeing it in action is even more glorious. Last week we welcomed two new friends into our home; our first attempt at respite care for foster children. Respite care is where another licensed family watches over children for a foster family. We "eased" ourselves into this new adventure of fostering children through respite care. "Eased" is the key word; we had forgotten how much work little ones were. We also forgot that when our pair were that age we had 1/2 as much square footage, no stairs to worry about, and a grandpa on call to teach them the Barney song and parade them around in the little red wagon. However, we met the challenge head on and the going was good, until Thursday.

All kids test the waters and our guests decided after three days the envelope should be pushed. The next couple of days were rough. And then Palm Sunday was right in front of us which we would see Anika & Aiden arriving as acolytes while I served at the altar; leaving my wife in charge of two active and sometimes very vocal, toddlers at the back of the church.

This is where fellowship happened. Our Trinity family welcomed our guests with open arms and big hugs. They traded inserts and bulletins across the pews. And for communion, gave a helping hand up to the altar. There were no meltdowns, no tantrums, no fussing. Just a whole family and Parish celebrating fellowship on Palm Sunday, with a little help from our friends.

Fellowship is alive and well at Trinity. In May, the Vestry will be hosting our next installment of our Fertile Ground process to spread our fellowship among the Marshall community. Please watch for additional information on our session in May and join us. All you need to bring is your fellowship.

Ken Kerr,
Senior Warden

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER AND WORSHIP: COME JOIN US!

This is a great time for all. What day of the week ISN'T HECTIC! Why worry about cooking a great meal for the family? Trinity has a tasty and balanced meal each Wednesday for parishioners. Between picking up kids getting errands run after work, this will give the whole family an opportunity to sit down together draw a breath and enjoy a great meal. Dinner is at 5:30 PM. After the dinner join us for worship with a Service of Anointing and Healing at 6:15 PM and programs for Youth and Children also at 6:15. This is a wonderful time of fellowship and praise, really helps to recharge the spiritual batteries during the week.



BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Schedule for April is as follows:
Bible Study at Jucy's on Wednesdays April 13th and 27th at 11:30
(Bible Study begins at 12:00)

Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 am monthly meeting at Golden Corral

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

Men of the parish who are interested in becoming a member of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew contact Fr. John Himes.



Our Core Values:

Commitment
to Jesus Christ

Authority of
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leader-
ship

Continuing the Work of the Fertile Ground Project

Beginning in 2015 the vestry of Trinity began a journey that focused on reaching out beyond ourselves to help our parish prepare for the ever increasing demographic change of our community. The vestry invested time and effort in the Fertile Ground Project that addressed the way we, as a parish, is perceived by the larger community and by studying the way to lead congregational change.

Denise Trevino, Canon for Intercultural Ministry for the Diocese of Texas, made two trips to Marshall last year to help us work on the need to broaden the demographics of our congregation. The first visit was to explore with the vestry the benefits of reaching out beyond our comfort zone. The second visit was to lead a two day seminar with members of our congregation in understanding how we reach beyond ourselves and begin to take those first steps in opening our doors and our hearts.

The vestry has continued its work on opening doors by focusing this year on servant leadership. They initiated this work at the Vestry Retreat in January and the work is on-going. While they have moved forward they recognize that it is time for the parish to move forward as well. As a result we have made arrangements with the Diocese to take the next step in the Fertile Ground Project.

The next seminar of The Fertile Ground Project will be on Saturday, May 7th from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM in All Saints' Hall. All members of the parish are invited to attend. A number of people missed the first seminar and may think that they are not prepared for this next step. I can assure you that each seminar can stand on its own. Ms. Trevino will provide some background on the first seminar so everyone will start off on the same page. **We would appreciate it if you would call the office and register so we can insure that we have a good count for the lunch we will provide.**

The schedule for the seminar is as follows:

- 8:15 AM - Gather for coffee and donuts**
- 8:45 AM - Opening Morning Prayer**
- 9:00 AM - Review of 1st Seminar**
- 9:30 AM - Power dynamics through the cycle of Gospel living**
- 10:30 AM - Break**
- 10:45 AM - Photo Language**
- 12:00 PM - Lunch**
- 2:45 PM - Isms and how we make generalizations**
- 1:45 PM - Break**
- 2:00 PM - Gifts and challenges of a new leaders**
- 2:45 PM - Wrap-up**
- 3:00 PM Closing Prayer**

This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish to take the next step in the 21st century to being a flourishing community in the next century. Please plan to join us on May 7th.



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

Luke 22:27

Parish Staff

The Rev. Dr.
John M. Himes, OSF
Rector

Rae Minchew
Youth Director

Magdalena Altnau
*Children's Christian
Formation*

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

Ken Kerr
Senior Warden

Joel Truelove
Junior Warden

Cathy Cope
Clerk of the Vestry

Julie Trexler
Treasurer

Doug Jager

Cindy Cain

Leana Westergaard

Clarence Brown

Jim Kutner

Bonnie Strauss

Micheal DeSa

Cassie Rhoades

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

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM



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