



# 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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## Youth on a Mission!



Youth Mission week was June 26 through July 1. Our Youth in partnership with the Youth of Trinity, Longview travelled to St. Louis Missouri for a week of prayer, work, and fun. We sent nine of our youth along with our Youth Minister Rae Minchew.

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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.



**Left:** Each Day began with prayer.

**Below**

**Right:** Attention to detail was important.

The Mission trip to St. Louis was an amazing experience for the youth.

They worked hard and played hard. Our assignment was to help Ms. Shirley, who had

been homebound due to an illness, with upkeep on her home. We cut down trees, trimmed over-grown hedges, mowed and raked and had her yard looking great by the end of the week. We also painted a room in her house, cleaned out and painted her basement and added a much needed hand rail. We cleaned and organized her garage, under sinks and in closets. The youth were amazing and hardworking and by the end of the week we had grown attached to Ms. Shirley and left with hugs and tears. God truly blessed not only Ms. Shirley but all of us who were able to be the hands and feet of Christ.



Disciple Summer Missions consisted of 12 churches from 9 states. There were 211 youth with different assignments through the city of St. Louis. We started our day with prayer and breakfast at Washington University as a whole group then loaded up our lunch and supplies and went to our different assignments. After a hard day's work returned to our dorm, quickly showered and met at different churches in the city who would host our dinner and worship service. Each evening after worship the DSM would graciously have fun activities for all of us. One of the favorite activities planned was a visit to City Museum, which wasn't a museum at all. It was 5 stories of tunnels, caves and an amazing 20 year collection of things that the city was going to discard but one man had a vision to use it as a means of preserving history. It could have easily been considered the best entertainment if it weren't for going to watch the St. Louis Cardinals play the Kansas City Royals. This is what our group did on our free night and it was the first professional baseball game for many of the youth.

Our amazing experience is photo-logged on Facebook so please check it out. Many thanks to Trinity members who supported us with money, snacks, and prayers. I know this has left a lasting impression on all of us. What a blessing it is to have a church who is so interested in giving to our youth.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

Rae Minchew



**Above:** Lunches were in some unusual places.



## Rector's Reflection

Dear Beloved in Christ:

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

Exodus is a fascinating book. It is the story of the Chosen People escaping Egypt, wandering in the Wilderness and finally coming to the Promised Land. Throughout the book the people of Israel are constantly having to learn lesson about trust and faith. When they finally are ready to enter the Promised land God makes covenant with them. Moses brings the word of God to the people and their response is the words of Exodus 24:3.

There are over three thousand years between the people who made the declaration to do all the Lord has spoken and the people of today. In this statement alone we see how very little human character has developed spiritually and ethically in these last three millennium. People are no better at keeping their word today than they were then. Does that sound too harsh?

Let us consider how things have worked out. The people made the commitment to God in complete sincerity and desire to be obedient. They really intended to keep their word. One might say that they had the best of intentions, but they knew not their own nature. Now we may want to criticize those individuals. But let's not be too hasty in doing so. Today, people stand before the Lord in Baptism declaring they will be faithful, that they will love their neighbor, and love the Lord, working for peace and justice. People renew those vows when they are Confirmed in the Church. Couples stand before the Lord and bind themselves in the covenant of marriage. In sacraments of baptism, Confirmation and Holy Matrimony there is sincerity in one's heart to fulfill the covenants that are being made. That is to say the desire is there, as long as we feel like maintaining it. When our feelings change we are all too willing to chuck the whole lot of it out the window as quickly as the Hebrews of Moses' day did and we will use virtually the same excuses to the Hebrews did. It doesn't seem we, as a specie, have made a great deal of progress since Sinai does it?

Human character and ethics are fatally flawed by original sin. The truth is that we cannot fix ourselves when it comes to that flaw. The short-term affects may not seem very devastating, but rest assured the long term affects have eternal consequences – separation from God. Both long and short consequences reflect rebellion against God. God did not create the law and the ordinances that were beyond peoples understanding, in fact as one reads them, one would be inclined to agree that they were for the common good and well as for individual welfare. Yet the people could not keep the law and the ordinances set before them. Today, according to St. Paul, we are called to live by faith not by the law. Yet, even that simple act of faith we cannot abide. We try to figure out the angles. We want a bit more surety than faith provides. We then begin to develop our own classifications of righteous and unrighteous based upon the law that faith supersedes. Does this negate the law – no. For the law is needed so that we might know of our sin, repent, seek forgiveness and amend our lives for the glory of God.

It is only through God's mercy that the Hebrews survived. He chastised, admonished and punished, but was always faithful to the covenant he made with the forefathers. We do suffer in this world. God's presence is ever before us in the person of Jesus Christ. Christ is the reality that we can live into for his presence is as tangible as the pillar of smoke by day and the pillar of fire by night. It is in and through Christ we can begin to submit our personal will for God's perfect will and truly begin to live in a manner consistent with, "All the words the Lord has spoken..." becoming that which we will do.



### Exodus 24:3

*Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do."*

*Pax et Bonum.*

*Fr. John*



### 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.



## BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Schedule for June is as follows:  
Bible Study at Jucy's on Wednesdays August 10th and 24th at 11:30  
(Bible Study begins at 12:00)

Saturday, August 20th 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.

## Altar Guild

**We are in need for additional members for our Altar Guild. This is a true servant ministry serving our Lord through care of his Church and preparing for worship. Each Sunday and Wednesday it is the Altar Guild who prepares our Church for the worship Service.**

**On August 6th at 10:00 AM Fr. John would like to meet with all current members and all individuals who are interested in serving on the Altar Guild. Even if you might not be sure our Lord is calling you to this ministry come and join us. You might hear His voice a bit clearer.**



## Confirmation & Reception Class Scheduled

The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher will visit Trinity on Sunday, October 16th for his Annual Visitation and to Confirm and Receive new members into the Church.

Fr John will lead Confirmation and Reception Classes beginning on Sunday, August 14th at 5:00 PM in Fry Hall in classroom 201 on the second floor. This is an eight week class and will finish up on Sunday October 2nd. The class will not meet on Labor Day Weekend.

This class is open to individuals and families who are new to the parish and would like to join. Individuals who are members, but would like to take a "refresher class" are also welcome to attend.

If you are interested in taking the class please register with the office by calling 903-938-4246 or by emailing Fr. John at [fr\\_john\\_himes@hotmail.com](mailto:fr_john_himes@hotmail.com). There is not cost for the class. However, we do need to have people register no later than August 1st so we can order the training material.

Parents who are interest in having their children take the class should also register for the class. The only requirement for the class is that the individuals be Baptized.

## Birthdays

2 Tom Whaley, Jr.	13	Lake Brannon
3 Lillie Parr	13	Penny Van Dyne
4 Gail Runyan	13	Gabriel DeSa
4 Christopher Altnau	14	Charolotte Rhoades
4 Tara Craver	15	Isabel Lewis
5 David Collins	16	Charles Porter
5 Dorcas Collins	18	Vicki Cason
6 Drake Lee	19	Tommie Snyder
8 Jeffrey Littlejohn	20	Ashton Beavers
9 Tracy Chevaillier	24	Allen Staggers, Jr.
9 Lynellen Carmony	25	Douglas Heard
10 Steve Minchew	25	Margaret Lee
	26	Douglas Jager
	28	Judy Denney
	28	Sonya Altnau
	29	Johnny Barkett
	31	Rusty Asaff

## 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
25	Mr. & Mrs. Doug Heard
27	Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Barkett

## Church Financials and Attendance for June 2016

Budget Income for 2016 .....	\$ 483,196
Budget Expenses for 2016 .....	\$ 525,701
Budget Difference for 2016 .....	(\$ 42,505)
Income Received to Date .....	\$ 204,711
Expenses to Date .....	\$ 223,976
Income for the month .....	\$ 29,168
Expenses for the month .....	\$ 32,985
Difference for the month .....	(\$ 3,8170)
Difference to Date.....	(\$ 19,266 )

	2015	Present
Average Sunday Attendance to date	165	177

Average Sunday Attendance for May	116	106
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Sunday Attendance to date	4262	4431
Attendance all other Services	4434	4850

## HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME

We will be having our Annual Parish Meeting and Election in October. It is time to ask yourself a question. Am I being called to serve our parish as a vestry member? This does call for each of us to be in prayer. Our Lord is reaching out to anoint those called to this servant ministry. You just might be the person He is calling. The requirements to serve on the vestry is to be a confirmed communicate in good standing. Those serving on the vestry will be required to be certified in Safe Guarding God's People. If you believe that this is a ministry you are interested in please contact our Senior Warden, Ken Kerr.



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Aren't you glad you know everything there is to know about the Christian Faith, the Anglican/Episcopal Teachings and Holy Scripture? Oh, you don't know everything? Neither do I. That is one of the reasons we have Christian Formation for all ages at Trinity.

Many of us had our first exposure to the Christian faith through our families. The Church was an asset in turning our faith in to something tangible in our lives. Most of us were first exposed to the teaching of the faith through Sunday School. Some folks continued that through being part of a youth ministry as a teenager. Then off we went into the "real" world and figured we knew all that we need to know based upon our learning as a child or a youth.

Christian Formation is a life long process of growing in the knowledge and love of God. We are never too old or too young to learn. Yet, many of us think we have learned all that we need to know about God and our relationship with him. It is rather like a man or woman thinks they know everything they need to know about their spouse because they know the person's full name and date of birth. We all know that there is much more to a relationship than that. For relationships to grow and prosper a person must always be attune to learning new things about another. The same is applicable to our relationship with God.

At Trinity we want to offer as many ways to grow in that relationship with God and to have our lives formed after the mind of God. Taking part in Christian Formation is a means of providing a path for that continued relationship.

This fall we will be offering the following Christian Formation programs for children, youth, and adults. **All classes will begin August 21st except for the *Becoming One* class which will begin on the 14th of August.**

### **CHILDREN:**

**Sunday at 9:30 AM** - Classes for children 5 years to 11 years old in the children's classrooms on the 1st floor of Fry Hall.

**Wednesday at 6:15 PM** - Classes for children 5 years old to 11 years old in the children's classrooms on the 1st floor of Fry Hall.

### **YOUTH:**

**Sunday at 9:30 AM** - Classes for youth 12 to 18 in the Youth Room on the 2nd floor of Selcer Hall.

**Wednesday at 6:15 PM** - Youth Activity Night for your 12 to 18 in the Youth Room on the 2nd floor of Selcer Hall.

### **ADULT:**

**Sundays: Adult classes will begin at 9:30 AM**

**The Book of Common Prayer:** The Rev. Andrew Ellison will begin a series of teaching on the Book of Common Prayer. It is far more than we might imagine. This class is designed for parents of children and youth to provide ways of incorporating the practice of the faith into their families life.

**St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians:** This class will be a discussion in the Epistle to the Galatians and its words to Christians in our day. Mr. Robert Perkins will be the facilitator for this class.

**Sundays at 5:00 PM**

**Becoming One:** This class led by Fr. John prepares individuals for membership in the church. We will discuss theology, Church history, Sacraments, and Christian ethics top name just a few of the topics. In will be an 8 week class beginning August 14th. Prior registration for this class is required. Call the parish office at 903-938-4246 to register.

**TUESDAY: 5:30 PM**

**Women's Bible Study:** Margaret Lee leads this 8 week study for Christian women in classroom 1 on the 2ns floor of Fry Hall. Start date will be announced in the fall.

**WEDNESDAY: 11:30**

**Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Study:** This study is open to all men of the parish it takes place at Jucy's and is over prior to 1:00 PM. Each class is a stand alone class so if you miss one, you can attend and not feel like you are out in the cold.

**SATURDAY: 9:00 AM**

**Daughters of the King Study:** Mrs. Edwina Thomas is the facilitator of this class for women of the parish. Each week a topic of Christian life is focused upon and how it impacts a person's life.



### Our Core Values:

- Commitment to Jesus Christ
- Authority of Scripture
- Evangelism
- Relational Ministry
- Worship
- Servant Ministry
- Sacrificial Giving
- Biblical Leadership

## Curate Corner

Greetings in Christ! I am so excited to be with you all. On behalf of my family I would like to say thank you to each and every one of you for the gracious welcome we have received. We know God has put us in the right place.



Well, I am a little over a week in to my post and I have been busy. I have spent time getting familiar with Trinity as well as the Diocese of Texas. I have also been exploring what this new position will look like. I have met with both the children's minister as well as the youth minister, and can tell

there is excitement for continued development of these two ministries. I learned about what the ministries looked like in the past, what they look like now, what the hopes for the ministries are, etc. After spending time becoming familiar with these ministries I too became excited about them. I am also excited about beginning our ministry for young families.

As your young family minister I would like the opportunity to hear from the young families. By the end of September I would like to meet with each of the parents of children or youth in the church. I would like to hear from you as I heard from the children and youth ministers. I also want to give you the opportunity to get to know me. This goal can be accomplished in a number of ways. One way is that you can schedule an appointment with me from Tuesday through Friday, or on Sunday, to meet. If you want you can simply call the church office at 903-938-4246 or email me at [rev.andrew.ellison@gmail.com](mailto:rev.andrew.ellison@gmail.com). Also, I will be calling you all soon, during those brief phone conversations we can also schedule a time to meet. If you wish to just drop in that would be fine as well, as long as I am not in a meeting. My normal office hours are Tuesday through Friday 9am-5pm. If you do not have any younger children do not let that stop you from scheduling a meeting with me. I would love to get to know you as well.

Thank you again for the warm welcome. I look forward ministering with you all. May God bless us and keep us.

*Dcn. Andrew*

NOTE: We have received approval from the Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth for Dcn. Andrew to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests. So Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM the Rt. Rev. Rayford High, Assisting Bishop for the Diocese of Fort Worth will return home to East Texas to celebrated this ordination. Reception to follow.



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

**Luke 22:27**

### **Parish Staff**

Fr. John M. Himes, OSF  
*Rector*

The Rev. Deacon  
Andrew Ellison  
*Curate*

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

### **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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