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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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Covering Marshall With Prayer



On May 17th Trinity Church hosted the second community Prayer Walk for Marshall. The theme was to cover Marshall with Prayer. Men, Women and children from all over Marshall came to take part in this time of communal prayer.

The event was sponsored by our Junior Daughters of the King as part of an evangelism grant they had received from the Diocese of

Texas. Almost all of our Junior Daughters were there and many had brought parents and friends. The walk included a number of our parishioners as well as members of several other Marshall congregations and some who are not affiliated with any church. The focus wasn't upon which church a person attended but on the need for our community to cover continually in prayer for God's blessings on all aspects of our life together in this city. The prayers centered on asking God's blessing on our civic and business leaders, our business and agriculture and on all our churches and their members to be a voice of reconciliation and healing for all.

We have not had the friction that a number of communities in our nation have experienced. That is a blessing from God. We, as the citizens of this community need to continually pray for His blessing that we are a prosperous and peaceful community of faithful children.



Trinity will host another Prayer Walk in the fall as our children return to school. Plan on taking part in this Prayer Walk to seek God's protection for our children.



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.



overseas deployments, He left the Marines to pursue his education. Upon completion of his education he joined the National Guard and attended Officer Candidate School and was subsequently commissioned.

1LT Ballenger's homily was a stark reminder of the tragedy of war and its cost in human suffering. It also reflected the strength of he and his fellow Marines as the endured and paid the price for the freedoms we enjoy.



For the last 9 years Trinity Episcopal Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church have gathered together on Memorial Day to pray for the souls of our service men and women who have given their lives for the our nation and to offer prayers of thanksgiving for our veterans and those men and women who are currently serving.

Each year the event has rotated between St. Joseph and Trinity. This year Trinity hosted the service. Fr John and Fr. Denzil officiated together. The guest homilist was 1LT Paul Ballenger, a Cavalry Troop Commander in the Louisiana National Guard. 1LT Ballenger, his wife Ashleigh and their four children are members of Trinity Church. 1LT Ballenger is also a veteran of the Iraq War. During the initial invasion of Iraq he was in the United States Marine Corps serving as a rifleman. Upon completion of that tour and several other



Rector's Meanderings

Dear Beloved in Christ:



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

Over the last several months we have witnessed an increasing level of civil unrest in our nation. It seems we, as a people are more divided than ever. There are undoubtedly many factors that have led us to this point in our history. One of them, I believe, is our increasing dependence on ourselves and less and less dependence upon God. In the Book of Ezekiel one of the passages is, "And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day." (Ez. 2:3)

God still has the same problem with "his people" today as when he sent Ezekiel. Instead of simply Israel being rebellious, now the nations and His Church is as well. The Church too has transgressed against God even to this very day. Over the last 50 years we, as a nation have increasingly sought to remove God from our society.

As for the Church, it began to go astray the moment it was founded and human will began to try and direct it. It was rebellious with Gnostics, Pelagians, Arianism, and every other heresy of the early church. Here we are over two thousand years later and we are still plagued by the same sorts of heresies. Only now we have given them new modern names to fit our pseudo-intellectual culture. So as our fathers transgressed so to have we. Truly, there is nothing new under the sun.

We too have prophets calling us back to the faith and practice that the church is called to. Like the prophets of old, they are often scorned by the powers that be and by the people. Yet these individuals continue to speak the Word of God in season and out. Will the Church hear their voice? All indications are that it will not. Most denominations are locked in step with the hedonistic culture in which western civilization has succumbed. There is very little that separates most church policy today from the dominate cultural beliefs. The two have been blended together in a sort of social religiosity that makes an individual feel the right things so that they feel as if they fit in with the culture.

There is a dire problem with that picture, feelings do not result in salvation. Good intentions do not lead to redemption. Ezekiel was dealing with a specific problem in his day – the corruption of the Law that God has given the people. We are dealing with a specific corruption in our day – the corruption of the Word of God that has been revealed to God's people through Holy Scripture. It does indeed seem that the more things change the more they remain the same.

What can a person do? We need to be intent about studying Holy Scripture not to seek to bend it to our desires, but to truly understand the meaning of God's revelation to humanity through its words. God does call us. He calls us into relationship with himself, with others and with his creation. Through Scripture we can come to understand how we are to faithfully respond to that call. Second, we should be a people in prayer. Prayer is our single most important communication with God. Finally, we need to be a people of worship. We worship God in all his glory and majesty out of a sense of love and honor that transcends our emotional expression but finds expression in our intellect as well. Of the three we must use Scripture as the basis for the other two.

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.

WOMEN OF TRINITY

The Women of Trinity held their last meeting before their summer recess on Wednesday, May 20th at Central Perks in Marshall. A buffet lunch was served. The ladies closed out their business for the past year. They also asked Fr. John if there were individuals that they could pray for over the summer months. Fr. John provided them with some prayer requests and thanked the Women of Trinity for their ongoing ministry to the parish.

The Women of Trinity will begin their regular meeting in the fall. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 16th at 11:00 AM in the Guild Room.

MEN OF TRINITY

The Men of Trinity will meet on **Monday, June 8th at 5:30 PM**
in All Saints' Hall for food, fellowship and prayer.



BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

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

Bible Study at Jucy's on **Wednesday, June 10 and June 24 at Noon**

(lunch begins at 11:30)

Saturday, June 20 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 Adam Lundgren. We will be conducting a training class in the near future.

Birthdays

1 Hartley Denney	18 Karen Neal
3 Claude Hammond	18 Russell Minatreia
3 John Evans	18 Evan Welch
6 Jodi Beavers	19 Mary Price Lundgren
6 Chloe Cope	19 Connie Reeves
12 Nan Spellings	20 Jenny Kerr
12 Jim Weaver, III	20 Hannah Abraham
13 Shirley Weaver	20 Paul Whaley
13 Judy Asaff	20 Lou Violette
14 Holly Hasty	22 Jean Jackson
14 Ellen Bray	28 David Thomas
14 Mark Trexler	29 Charles Manly
18 Christina Anderson	29 Elijah Hammers
18 Fr. John Himes	30 Wesley Simmons

Anniversaries

1	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kemp
2	Mr. & Mrs. Greg Gani
6	Mr. & Mrs. Eric Neal
16	Mr. & Mrs. John Bockman, Jr.
17	Mr. & Mrs. Terry Weeks
18	Mr. & Mrs. Randy Reeves
21	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Trexler
23	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Sanders, Jr.
24	Mr. & Mrs. Harry McGee IV
27	Mr. & Mrs. Joe Weinberg
28	Mr. & Mrs. Tony Bridge
30	Mr. & Mrs. David Collins

Church Financials and Attendance

for April 2015

Budget Income for 2015	\$ 449,952
Budget Expenses for 2015	\$ 436,876
Budget Difference for 2015	\$ 13,076
Income Received to Date	\$ 148,397
Expenses to Date	\$ 149,757
Income for the month	\$ 37,273
Expenses for the month	\$ 38,728
Difference for the month	(\$ 1,455)
Difference to Date.....	(\$ 1,360)
	2014 Present
Average Sunday Attendance to date	171 179
Average Sunday Attendance for April	174 199
Sunday Attendance to date	2906 3219
Attendance all other Services	4632 3357

Summer Wednesday Night Dinner

During the summer our Wednesday Night Dinner is a Potluck Dinner. Everyone is invited to come and share their favorite dish. This is a wonderful time of fellowship and great food come and join us. The dinner is at 5:30 PM

Our regular Wednesday Night schedule continues with Worship at 6:15 PM. At the same time we will have our children's program and will also schedule some activities for our youth. Youth activities will be announced in the weekly e-mail.





DOK & JR DOK



The DOK and JrDOK are taking a break until Summer break is over. If you are interested in either of these groups you need to see Sherry Henderson about the DOK and Jennifer Howard about the JrDOK.

DOK Author Publishes 1st Book

Sharon Lundgren, past National President of the DOK, has published her first book, "Revive Us Again—A Daughter's Spiritual Journey," about her life as a Daughter of the King including 3 years serving as National President of the Order. She has been a Daughter of the King for half her life. Her children do not know her without a DOK cross. This book details the spiritual journey of her family life from early childhood to the present. There's even a chapter about Trinity that you don't want to miss!



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CHOIR NEWS

The choir will not be having practice or sing at services for the month of June. In July, they will return to services and only have practice on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. In August, the regular schedule will resume.

The choir regularly practices on Thursdays at 5:30pm & Sunday mornings at 10:00am to warm up before service.

If you love to sing and are interested in joining our choir please see Jim Johnson.

TRINITY YOUTH GATHERING

Youth of Trinity are invited to a Youth Gathering on Sunday, June 6th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Youth Room in Selcer Hall. Games, pizza and drinks are on the agenda. Rae Minchew and Jamie Craver are spear heading our renewed youth outreach.

This is an opportunity for our youth to meet them and for them to meet the youth. Parents please mark your calendars and remind your children to attend.

Are there the Unseen Among Us?



Our Core Values:

Commitment
to Jesus Christ

Authority of
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leadership

Each Sunday there are a number of people who are at Trinity every week missing from our worship. A few of them have been part of our communal life for almost 15 years. They are here almost every week. Only a few people in our congregation know them and they too only know a few people of our congregations, but they are thankful for everyone who makes the life of the parish viable. The stories of these individuals are varied: some have been in Marshall their entire lives, some have only been here a short time. They are moms and dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents, children; they are families and they are single and widowed. In so many ways they are so much like the rest of the congregation and in some ways they are so diverse. Who are they? They are the members of our Martha's Kitchen Community. You might have noticed a few of these individuals recently at our Sunday and Wednesday night worship services. We are glad to have them with worship us.

Over the last 15 years we have made Trinity a home for them to come and be fed a wonderful home cooked meal. But we haven't done as good a job providing them with spiritual food. It is the spiritual food that leads to changed lives and renewed lives. Recently, I spoke to the vestry about these members of our community and how we might serve them better.

I presented a plan to the vestry to begin inviting our Martha's Kitchen community to take part in the larger life of the church. This will include inviting them to take part in a Bible Study of the Gospel of John on Thursdays before Martha's Kitchen serves the meal. This study will start on Thursday, June 25th at 5:00 PM. This study isn't just for Martha's Kitchen, all members of the parish are invited.

Later in the summer and fall the program will include Evening Prayer and a teaching on the polity of the Episcopal Church. These are not in any way required for people to take part in, they will be invited to take part. Those who choose to take part will be welcomed to do so, and those who choose not to take part will also be continued to be welcome to come to Martha's Kitchen. All those who attend Martha's Kitchen are invited to join us for Sunday and Wednesday worship services. It is our prayer that the children of our Martha's Kitchen community will become part of our children's program. I am also encouraging the churches that help us with Martha's Kitchen to also make our guests feel welcome to join them for their worship services as well.



In the fall those who have taken part in the Bible Study will also be invited to take part in the Confirmation Class if they choose. I think we would be surprised at the gifts that members of this community have to offer. They will add another dimension to who we are as a Church. As members of our Martha's Kitchen Community become more active and visible in our parish let each of us make a point of making them feel welcome and get to know them.



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

Luke 22:27

Parish Staff
The Rev. Dr. John M. Himes, OSF <i>Rector</i>
Caroline Donica <i>Children's Christian Formation</i>
Angela Bray <i>Nursery Director</i>
Jim Johnson <i>Choir Master and Organist</i>
Stacey Shaw <i>Parish Administrator</i>
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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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