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**Trinity Episcopal
Church:**

**Witnessing to
the Power of
God to
Transform**

**Proclaiming God's
Love and Joy for
over 160 years in
Marshall, Texas**

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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 ongoing. 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

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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.

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**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.

FROM THE SR WARDEN:**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

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.



**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."

*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.

ANNUAL TRINITY JR. DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

BBQ COOK-OFF



Trinity's 2nd annual BBQ was another great success! It was beautiful weather and great food!

Great turnout of church members and the community!

As you can see in the picture the judges had a table full of food to taste. It was not an easy job, but they managed to narrow it down to just one in each category.

Remember, if you like to BBQ this is a great opportunity to give it a try for a good cause. This is also a good way to show the community what a great church Trinity is!



GIRL SCOUT PINK FLAMINGO SPAGHETTI SUPPER

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 5PM - 7PM



Trinity's Girl Scout Troop 7143 will be having a spaghetti supper here in All Saint's Hall. Tickets may be purchased from Anika Kerr & Sagan Jameson-Hatch or any other Girl Scout. Cost is \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Chicken spaghetti will be served and to go plates will be available. Fundraiser is to help with the girls Summer activities.



SENIOR BREAKFAST

Trinity Church will be honoring our graduating Seniors at breakfast on May 22. Please come and help us honor them!

Birthdays

1 Jackson Howard	16 Fort Staggers
1 Robbey Simmons	17 Carol Hicks
2 Randy Reeves	17 Amanda Palmer
2 Mia Abraham	17 Scott Rectenwald
4 Harold Hoffmeister	17 Dudley Taylor
6 Hannah Tondee	18 Carol Meyer
8 Ken Haynes	19 Dylan Minatrea
9 Dick Boyd	21 Lily Price
9 Misty Brocato	26 Jerry Tanner
14 Ben Whaley	27 Jack Sanders, Jr.
14 Margot Lingold	27 Catherine Cope

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	\$ 102,310
Expenses to Date	\$ 117,284
Income for the month	\$ 32,273
Expenses for the month	\$ 33,250
Difference for the month	(\$ 977)
Difference to Date.....	(\$ 14,975)
	2015 Present
Average Sunday Attendance	182 149
Attendance to date	
Average Sunday Attendance	155 160
Attendance for January	
Sunday Attendance to date	1420 1338
Attendance all other Services	1384 1678

Anniversaries

4	Mr. & Mrs. David Cope
7	Mr. & Mrs Woody Moseley
10	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Strauss
12	Mr. & Mrs. Merwin Camp
14	Mr. & Mrs. Walter Fugler
17	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Palmer
23	Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Duncan
26	Mr. & Mrs. Louis Slayter
31	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Whaley III

Chicken Pot Pie Casserole



INGREDIENTS

1 lb Chicken Breast
 12 oz Frozen Peas and Carrots, thawed
 2 cup Frozen Diced Potatoes, thawed (like Hash Browns or Potatoes O'Brien)
 1 Onion diced
 2 can Cream of Chicken Condensed Soup
 1 cup Water
 2 cans Refrigerated Crescent Rolls.
 1/2 tsp Poultry Seasoning
 Salt and Pepper to taste.

DIRECTIONS

Cook chicken breasts
 Cook diced onions until transparent. Set aside.
 Dice chicken into 1/2" cubes.
 Preheat oven to 350.
 Grease a 11x13" baking dish.
 Unroll 1 can of crescent rolls and pinch perforations to seal into a sheet. Press into bottom and up sides of prepared dish. Don't worry if sides do not go all the way up.
 Bake for 20 minutes or until crust is light brown.
 Allow to cool.
 In a large skillet, combine chicken cubes, diced onion, water, potatoes and peas and carrots.
 Stir and cook over medium heat until ingredients are warm (5-10 minutes).
 Add soup and poultry seasoning and continue heating for another 5 minutes. If sauce looks too thick, slowly add a little more water until desired consistency is reached.
 Pour chicken mixture over baked crust and spread evenly.
 Unroll other can of crescent rolls and pinch perforations to seal into a sheet. Place over top of chicken mixture and press into sides of dish.
 Bake for 25 minutes or until top is golden brown.



JRDOK POOL PARTY

May 21 from 3:00-6:30pm. We will eat at 5pm. This event will take place at Trinity Episcopal School's pool on Rosborough Springs Road. Families will need to bring folding chairs and if you have folding tables and awnings, dominoes, or playing cards, please bring them.



WOMEN OF TRINITY

We do hope that you, as a woman of Trinity have been able to attend some, if not all, of this year's meetings. The programs have been outstanding and have certainly touched on many facets of our Christian existence...from biblical history to contemplations of our relationship with God, Lenten direction to "what can we do for foster children". It's been a conscience-centered year...but in a good way. Please join members of "Women of Trinity" as they conclude this year's activities with a lunch gathering at Roseville Bed and Breakfast on Highway 80 west, on Wednesday, May 18th at 11:30 a.m. Please contact Flo Lewis at [903/938-0444](#) or Sandy Toussaint at [903/938-3372](#) for reservations (necessary) and information. If you need a ride, some will meet at the church to carpool. The April program, by Ken and Jenny Kerr, was very thought provoking and answered many questions about the Foster-care system for us. We're thrilled to announce the new President for WOT for the upcoming year, Julie Trexler...WOT will be in good hands!! See you May 18th at Roseville!

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 May is as follows:

Bible Study at Jucy's on Wednesdays May 11th and 25th at 11:30

(Bible Study begins at 12:00)

Saturday, May 21st 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.

Diocese of Texas Assigns Curate to Trinity



Our Core

Values:

Commitment
to Jesus Christ

Authority of
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leader-
ship



The Ellisons: From Left to Right:
Casie, Kensley, Landon, Andrew and
Blake.

On Monday, April 19th the Bishop of the Diocese of Texas released the assignments for the new curates for the Diocese of Texas. The Rev. Mr. Andrew Ellison has been assigned to Trinity and will become our curate beginning July 1st of this year.

Andrew Ellison was born and raised in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 2007, studying Sociology. He worked for a company that provided services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Casie Ellison, for 8 years. They have three living children; Blake (8), Landon (6), and Kensley (3.5). Andrew and Casie lost their fourth child Nolan at 2 ½ weeks old this past summer due to a heart defect. They are joyfully awaiting the birth of a girl in August.

Andrew is a cradle Episcopalian and spent the majority of his life in the Diocese of Fort Worth. He grew up at St. Mark's in Arlington and Church of the Holy Comforter in Cleburne. After college the Ellisons moved back to Arlington where they both worked and began raising their family.

Andrew began perceiving a call to ordained ministry during his final year in college. He put the call on hold when the family moved to Arlington. In

2011 he began to sense the call again, and he entered into active discernment. Andrew went through the discernment process in the Diocese of Fort Worth and was subsequently granted postulant status by the Rt. Rev. Rayford High, Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth.

In 2013 Andrew and his family moved to Austin where he began his theological education at the Theological Seminary of the Southwest. He will graduate from Seminary on May 24th with his Masters of Divinity degree.

Andrew was ordained to the Deaconate on December 16, 2015 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church by Bishop High.

The Ellison family is anxiously awaiting their move to Marshall, and beginning Andrew's ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church.

While serving at Trinity, Andrew's primary focus as Curate will be development of our family ministry. He will also serve as Chaplain to Trinity Episcopal School and conduct services for the staff and students beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. As Chaplain he will assist Fr. John with pastoral care for our school families. He will also work closely with our Youth Minister and the Director of our Children's Ministry.

Having a curate is a wonderful opportunity for our parish to continue to grow our ministries and to help train the future leaders for the Diocese of Texas. Andrew brings a great many gifts to assist us with our current ministries.



*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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