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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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## Stewardship & Easy Tithe



The vestry has made some changes to make pledging and giving to the ministries of the Trinity a little bit easier. We have added a feature to our website called "Online Giving". The program is called Easy Tithe and helps you give directly to the parish. If you would like to utilize this feature go to the parish website and click on the icon shown on this page. The web address for the parish website is [trinityepiscopalmarshall.org](http://trinityepiscopalmarshall.org). When you click the icon you

are taken to the Trinity Online giving page & you will have the option of giving one time or to do recurring gifts. You can also select specific accounts you would like to donate to. If you are going to pay your pledge online it is recommended that you give to the "General Church Budget". Other ministries you can support include, Maintenance Fund, Youth Ministry, Jr. Daughters of the King, Stain Glass Windows, Martha's Kitchen, the Outreach Ministry of the parish, and Parish Ministry Support. Funds given for Parish Ministry Support will be allocated among the ministries that need extra funding. We pray this makes giving a bit easier for those who are comfortable with online giving and making purchases.

The first week of October each of you will receive your pledge card and Stewardship Letter. Each family is asked to prayerfully consider their giving and support the church. This current year we are running a deficit that looks as if it may be in excess of \$50,000. While we have contingency funds to cover expenses and the ministries we do for this year. Maintaining operations at the same level next year will be a challenge. The vestry has been very frugal in its budget preparation for next year and it presenting a budget that is lower than last year's budget. This has come about through finding cost saving measures and not cutting ministries. Each family will receive a copy of the budget with their stewardship letter and the budget will also be presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 20th at 9:15 AM in All Saints' Hall. We would ask that all pledge cards be returned by October 31st.

Our pledges are not about keeping the lights on. It is about continuing our ability to minister to both those within the walls of Trinity and those outside. Nothing happens without your support. We pray that each of you will support the parish for the coming year. We continue to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and show the love of Christ to those who do not yet know him. The Diocese has reduced our overall assessment and asking so that more local ministry can be done. We are thankful for this opportunity to touch more lives and we are counting on everyone's support to help us continue to grow into the community of Faith our Lord Jesus calls us to be.

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## **Focus on Parish Ministry**



### **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.

## **THANKSGIVING OUTREACH**

Each year Trinity and other churches in our community gear up for the Thanksgiving Outreach program. The mission is to provide a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to those who could not otherwise afford one. Over the least 5 years we have fed over 1000 people each Thanksgiving.

Needless to say, this wouldn't happen without a great deal of help from a great many people. This year our chairs are Eric and Karen Neal. Our on the ground "job foreman" is Gary Beavers. These three parishioners help organize to make this ministry a reality. Eric and Karen gather the community support from other churches, local businesses and media. KMHT Radio and Super 1 Food Store have been especially helpful over the last number of years. Gary ensures that the volunteers working on Thanksgiving know what to do and ensures every meal that is given out is a great Thanksgiving meal.



Our parishioners volunteer to provide turkeys and help on Thanksgiving day. This ministry wouldn't be possible without the involvement of each of you. We have so much to be thankful for ourselves; it is a real blessing to our community when we can share our Thanksgiving with others.

If you would like to help signup sheets will be in All Saints Hall.

### **Vestry Stewardship Message**

**One of our vestry members when asked what their message on stewardship would be turned to Scripture and offered the following:**

#### **The Widow's Two Mites**

21 And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

All that we have comes from God. One of the great offertories of the Church is "All things come of thee **and off thine own have we given thee.** God has blessed us. Can we bless others?

## Rector's Meanderings

### Dear Beloved in Christ:

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

It is that time of year when I am expected to write a Stewardship article. I would like to approach that task from a little different perspective. I would like us to consider the stewardship of God in light of **Romans 2:4** which states, “Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead to repentance.” (ESV)

We can assume too much when it comes to God. We can assume that “I’m okay, it is the other folks that are in real need of getting it right.” When we harbor such thoughts we are not only exhibiting our fallenness through our pride; we are snubbing God by presuming upon his kindness. For our action is indicative of our sin nature, which has been judged already.

Without a doubt each of us is the “Beloved of God”. If such were not the case why on earth would he have sent his Son to die for our sins? Is that not the very picture of kindness, forbearance, and patience; to sacrifice Our Lord Jesus Christ in the hope, mind you, that it would lead people to repent of their sins and accept Christ’s atoning sacrifice?

If we consider how often people fail us in our own lives we would have to honestly be amazed that God would do such a thing for humanity. Our track record isn’t very good when it comes to our relationship with God. Throughout time humans have denied God, turned their backs upon him and run after false God’s. Yet, God who is kind, patient, and forbearing, has not rejected us out of hand. He has continually called us back to himself and took it upon his shoulders to remedy the problem of our sins on his own, out of love for his children.

There is a song that has the words, “Precious love how can it be, that you would die for me.” Consider the nature of such love. Consider its width and depth, can we even imagine? However, if a person does not truly view himself or herself as being in need of a Savior, it doesn’t much matter how deep or wide the love of God is does it? Because we do not believe we are in need of one to redeem us.

It is God’s patience and kindness that is to draw us to God to see his love, his holiness, and his justice. When we recognize that God, who is holy and just, invites us into an everlasting relationship with him we begin to notice the stains on our clothing, the stains of sin. We see clearly that we have no right or position before God on our own, but that he invites us to come and be healed, to come and be made clean in the blood of the lamb. Then in that instant we are humbled by his grace and mercy in having the patience, kindness, and forbearance to put up with our pride and self centered nature.

The greatest wonder in the world is not that God loves us – it is that he chose to save us. He chose to out of his all encompassing love, a love that is patient, kind, gentle, forbearing and immutable. We are blest to be loved by God, we are blest to be made holy by Christ, we are blest to be guided by the Holy Spirit. If God pours out such wondrous blessing upon us, how can we not repent of our sins and run to His loving arms? Accept the love of Christ in his sacrifice as the witness of God’s patience, kindness and forbearance.

How much of God’s love, grace, mercy, patience and kindness is enough for you? How about 1% of those gifts of God, maybe 2% or 3% would be better. If God blest you with 10% of his gifts would that be plenty? The truth is God has given each of us 100% of his love, 100% of his forgiveness, 100% of his grace. Please consider our Lord’s gift to you as you consider your support of the ministries of the Church.



**HOW  
MUCH  
SHOULD  
GOD  
GIVE  
YOU!**

*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.

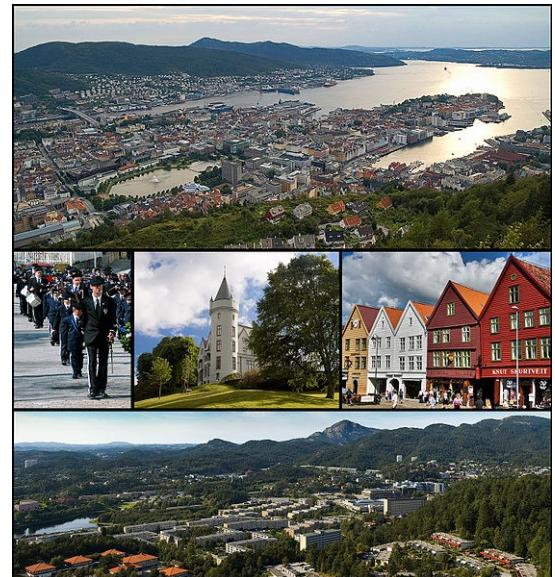
Increasing spiritual and  
congregational growth  
for our parish.

## Update on the Falke Family

Cassie Falke and her family (Damon, Charlie, and Sebastian) are living in Norway while Cassie is on sabbatical from East Texas Baptist University. The following is an update on how they are doing.

All is well here. I am teaching three seminars (two for undergrads and one for masters students) and sharing a lecture course with three Norwegian professors. The department here has received me warmly, and teaching has gotten off to a good start. The students here only take exams once, or maybe twice a semester and receive no formal evaluation beyond those exams, so my time in the office generally goes to preparing for classes and research.

I had a back up plan in case I did not receive the Fulbright. That plan was to write about the ways that reading literature strengthens the mental habits of attention, empathy and hope—the same mental habits we use to love God and neighbor. My proposal to present an excerpt of this writing at the Modern Language Association Convention in Chicago was accepted, so I am getting to work on this project some while I am here as well. This is the largest literature conference in the world, with thousands of people attending (not my session, but the conference :)), so I am honored to be working toward that. I feel especially honored to be expounding on the work of a Christian philosopher in such a large forum.



As a family, we are enjoying Bergen, Norway tremendously. The city is ringed round with seven mountains and green on every side except at the harbor, where the city opens right onto the sea and fjord land. We have climbed to a different peak every weekend we have been here. Our oldest boy, Charlie, spent yesterday afternoon memorizing Viking poetry in a museum. Our littlest, Sebastian, spent it picking currants in our backyard with his Papa. Needless to say, they like Norway. I miss my students, but so far my sabbatical is providing just what a sabbatical is designed to provide: a sabbath from my regular teaching and administration there and an opportunity to refine competencies that will help me continue growing as a professor.

Now that we have heard from the Falkes, you may be wondering about the Briggles. Check back next month to read an update from the Briggle family!

## Birthdays

2	Dawn Kutner	16	Ken Kerr
2	Frank Strauss	21	Charles Cobb
3	Melissa Shaw	22	Trent Staggers
3	Wendy Slayter	22	Maggie Truelove
3	Irma Tanner	22	Molly Welch
3	Brent Truelove	25	Carolyn Sullivan
5	Mieko Hathaway	25	Lula Waskom
6	Cass Anderson	26	Mary Lou Barkett
6	Judy King	27	Keith King
8	Jay Van Dyne	27	Woody Moseley
9	Gary Beavers	28	John Bogue Sr.
11	Gayle Weinberg	28	Lynn Sanders
13	Ron Denney, Sr.	29	Buzz Snyder
13	Bonnie Strauss	29	Blake Hammers
13	Katie Thompson	30	Adam Beavers
13	Julie Trexler	30	John Bockmon, Jr
14	Nathan White	30	Gregory B. Gani
15	Diane Taylor	31	Virginia Nader
15	Layne Abraham	31	Curtis Weeks
15	Larry Waskom		

## Anniversaries

1	Mr. & Mrs. Reggie Hasty
2	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Kutner
4	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Anderson
5	Mr. & Mrs. Evan Welch
20	Mr. & Mrs. Fred Westergaard
26	Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Cason

## Church Financials and Attendance for August 2013

Budget Income for 2013 .....	\$ 443,572
Budget Expenses for 2013 .....	\$ 521,160
Budget Difference for 2013 .....	(\$ 77,588)
Income Received to Date .....	\$ 293,349
Expenses to Date .....	(\$ 334,680)
Income for the month .....	\$ 35,364
Expenses for the month .....	\$ 17,989
Difference for the month .....	\$ 17,375
Difference to Date.....	(\$ 41,331)
Average Sunday Attendance to date	171
Average Sunday Attendance for August	170
Total Sunday Attendance to date	5816
Total Attendance all other Services	7065

## Trinity School Fall Festival

**Sunday, October 20**

**3pm - 6pm**

at Rosborough Springs campus

**Games, Prizes, Raffle**

**Bring family& friends and  
FUNdraise for Trinity  
Episcopal School!**

Community invited!

*We welcome articles for the Tripod!  
If you or a ministry you are a part  
of would like to submit an article,  
please send it to the parish office by  
the 15th of the month.*

# Junior Daughters: What does a meeting look like?

We would like for everyone in the church to feel welcome to visit a Junior Daughter meeting to see what it is like! We would love for every girl age 7-17 in our church and community to join us! If you would like to talk to a girl you know and tell her about our meetings, here is what a typical meeting looks like:

1. **Prayer:** We begin every meeting with the Junior Daughter prayer and the prayer of the Order. This prayer reminds every girl and every directress that Junior DOK is more than a club or art party, it is an order devoted to prayer, service, and evangelism (every DOK accepts these vows). We want to make sure that every member of our church knows that too! We hear prayer requests from each girl and share our own prayer needs and thanksgivings with them. We are truly a community which depends on the love of God. In fact, the Junior Daughters is part of an International Order of Women—<http://www.doknational.com>. The order has been around for 125 years! If you are older than 17, you may be interested in joining our adult DOK chapter. Contact the church office or talk to Mrs. Sherry Henderson.
2. **Bible Study:** You may remember when Haley DiMarco, the author of the God Girl Bible series, came to visit our church and sign autographs for our girls and their families. Well, we are still using a Bible study curriculum that Haley has written especially for young girls growing into young women. Sometimes, we separate our very youngest Juniors and they have a special Bible study to fit their needs and sometimes both groups study together. We always have a fun activity that fits the theme of the Bible study and which helps each girl to more fully understand its meaning and how she can use it in her life. Sometimes this activity is a beautiful, meaningful craft that each girl will take home. We hope that her family will ask her about it and that she can share what she has learned about the love of Jesus Christ!
3. **Theme Verse:** You may also have heard that we have a theme Bible verse for this year. It is Romans 12:2: "*Be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind in Christ Jesus.*" We recite this verse at every meeting and we encourage the girls to talk about what it means in their lives. We know that this may be a difficult concept for all our girls to grasp so we will highlight this verse every time we meet to help them both memorize and internalize it. It's not just about knowing the word, it's about living the word!
4. **Choir Practice:** We also make time for choir practice at each meeting. Many times, we sing familiar hymns *a capella* so that the girls get used to listening to each others' voices. The words of these hymns give us another opportunity to talk about God's love as it has been expressed through music. Our choir practice has really paid off! Recently, we were invited to Camp Allen to sing for the entire adult DOK of Texas assembly. The girls sang *a capella* in front of almost 300 women. There were tears and praises throughout the room when they finished! It was truly a beautiful moment that every junior who was able to go will always remember (not to mention the 5 DOK moms who volunteered to drive and stay with us on the overnight trip!)
5. **Fellowship and Snack:** Yes, our girls need time to visit with each other, play, and have some "down time!" This is part of building the lasting sisterhood that we envision will carry them throughout the rest of their lives. We know that these girls (who attend many different churches and go to many different schools) will remember their DOK sisters and that many of them are forming lifetime friendships. This is also an important part of JrDOK.
6. **Guest Speakers:** We don't have a guest speaker at every meeting but I wanted to highlight some of the awesome speakers on our schedule: Mrs. Bonnie Strauss teaches our girls about hospitality and Christian women. She is always a hit! Dr. Chris Baker teaches our girls about babysitting and knowing when to contact emergency services. So important! Mrs. Pat Jeffries has been a mainstay in helping us to complete many art and sewing activities. She helped us make fellowship pillows last year and pillowcase dresses as a service project. A new treat this year will be Sara Whitaker, a theater director, who will do a presentation on drama and self-expression.

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**Our Core Values:**

Commitment  
to Jesus Christ

Authority of  
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leadership

**7. Service Projects:** In addition to prayer and spreading the word, the other vow of the JrDOK order is service. We do many small service projects for special needs in our community as well as a large one that is our focus for the year. This year our focus project is Nets for Life. One service project that was a special blessing last year was when the girls learned about Anything for Anthony and donated money to help a young Marshall boy (and best friend of Junior Devon Willis) collect money for his heart transplant. Junior DOKs were among the first to donate to Anthony's fund and to add their "heart hands" photo to what became an international collection.

If this sounds like something that you would like to be a part of, please feel free to contact Jennifer Howard through the parish office. We are always looking for volunteers and we would love to put you on next year's calendar if you would like to be a guest speaker. Don't forget to visit our website at [jrdokmarshall@gmail.com](mailto:jrdokmarshall@gmail.com) or LIKE us on Facebook! Please spread the word about Junior DOK throughout the community so all girls can be a part of the Order of the Junior DOK!

## Youth

This campout will be our second annual "Sukkot" (meaning "Tabernacle" or "tent"), which is a celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles. During the feast, Israelites would live in temporary shelters for one week. The Feast of Tabernacles in biblical life provides believers a way of going deeper in one's relationship with God and other believers. Our theme this year will be "Belonging." Being part of the Church means belonging to a group of people united in a common cause. We belong to God and we receive the fellowship we so desperately need through "belonging," which is defined by close relationships and common bonds, like kinship or birth (the New Birth for us!). People need a sense of belonging in a group or they will not want to be a part of it. This is exactly why Christ said, "Love each other as I have loved you" (Jn. 15:12). How much are you "loving" your brothers and sisters in Christ?

On Halloween, Thursday, Oct. 31, from 5:30-7:30, we will join together with First Baptist Marshall to put together a Trunk or Treat on the street that runs between our churches. This will allow our youth and children to have a good time together but will also allow us to reach out to our community. We saw several parents, youth, and children come and go through our parking lot last year, even after dark. It's a great way to share the love of God. If you plan on decorating a trunk or just having one with candy, please let me know. And if you are a parent of a youth or child here, please do it!

God's peace,

Scott



*Behold, I come  
among you as one  
who serves.*  
**Luke 22:27**



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Erik Howard

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Ann Brannon

Paul Palmer

David Thomas

**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

Youth Program - 5:30 PM

Dinner in All Saint's Hall - 5:30 PM

Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

**Thursday**

Meals on Wheels - 10:45 AM

Choir Rehearsal - 5:15 PM

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM

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