Sunday, September 11th was a day for remembrance. It was also a beautiful late summer day that Trinity gathered for its Annual Fall Festival. At worship that day we remembered those who had lost their lives on that fateful day 15 years ago. We prayed for the repose of their souls and we prayed for their families.

After worship we gathered in All Saints’ Hall for a wonderful time for food and fellowship. Bud Bray prepared terrific pulled pork for the meat dish and parishioners brought a great variety of side dishes to ensure everyone was well fed.

The parish was shown a slide show of parish ministries and events that had occurred over the last year.

Part of the program was to thank everyone who was involved in the ministries of the parish and invite others to choose a ministry they could make a part of their life.

A special part of this year’s celebration was to honor some wonderful women in our congregation for their ministries to our community and our parish.

Mrs. Patty Whaley and Mrs. Mary Jane McElroy were honored as Women of the Year for the faithful ministry to our parish by the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Texas. They will also be remembered at this year’s Episcopal Church Women gathering in October at Camp Allen. Both of these wonderful ladies have faithfully served Trinity by their service in Women of Trinity and by serving on the Altar Guild.

Mrs. Juli Jameson was presented with the St. George’s Award for ministry with youth for her work with our Girl Scouts. Over the last several years Juli has developed the troop from a group of 8 Daisies to troop that now includes Brownies, Jr. Girl Scouts and Sr. Girls Scouts.

Thank you to everyone who joined with us on Fall festival Day, you made it a wonderful celebration.
Vestry and Council Nominations

At our parish meeting on Sunday, October 16th we will be electing four new members to the vestry and four delegates to Diocesan Council.

The individuals coming off the vestry are C.B. Brown, Cathy Cope, Bonnie Strauss, and Jim Kutner. We would like to thank each of them for their faithful service over the last three years; they have done a wonderful job representing the parish.

We have a number of nominations for vestry for the class of 2019 they are:

- **Angela Bray** - Angela has been active in parish life often behind the scenes making things quietly happen. She also serves as our Nursery Director.
- **Mike Cason** - Mike is a long time member of Trinity and freely volunteers to be our organist when Jim is out.
- **Tony Pierce** - Tony presently serves as an usher and is also has served on a previous vestry and also served as senior warden. He has also served as delegate to Diocesan Council.
- **Carol Meyer** - Carol is an active member of the Daughters of the King, a choir member and active in our Wednesday night worship program. She has also served as Diocesan Council delegate.
- **Fort Staggers** - Fort is a longtime parishioner and has served on two previous vestries over the years.
- **Jackie Weeks** - Jackie is an active member in the Daughters of the King and also active in our Wednesday night worship program.

The individuals running for Diocesan Council delegates are:

- **Carol Meyer** - Carol is an active member of the Daughters of the King, a choir member and active in our Wednesday night worship program. She has also served as Diocesan Council delegate.
- **Gail Runyan** - Gail is a long time parishioner. She teaches at Trinity Episcopal School. She has previously served as a delegate to council.
- **Lowell Runyan** - Lowell has served on two previous vestries. He has also been our senior warden and has previously served as delegate to council. He is currently chair of our Thanksgiving Outreach Committee,
- **Tony Pierce** - Tony presently serves as an usher and is also has served on a previous vestry and also served as senior warden. He has also served as delegate to Diocesan Council.

2016 Prayer Walk for Marshall

It was a small group this year, sad when there are so many prayers needed for our community. On the bright side it was a committed faithful group of Christians from all around our community who walked through downtown Marshall on September 18th and prayed for our government officials, our law enforcement and judicial branches, our business community, our schools, churches and agricultural community. This event hosted by our Jr. Daughters is an annual event to ask God to cover our community with His protection and blessings. How can our God bless us if we do not ask?
Rector’s Reflection

Dear Beloved in Christ:

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

In Second Kings Chapter 10:28-29 we read of the actions of one king to make things ‘right’ after the horrendous rule of one of Israel’s worst kings. The passage states, “Thus Jehu wiped out Baal from Israel. But Jehu did not turn aside from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel to sin – that is, the golden calves that were in Bethel and in Dan.” Idolatry is idolatry. It doesn’t matter what face you put on it. Jehu, the one who destroyed Ahab and his entire family to become king of Israel, sought to destroy the foreign God’s of Jezebel. He slaughters the King Ahab’s sons and brings all the worshipers of Baal together and slaughters them. He then directs the people of Israel to worship the golden calves set up previously by King Jeroboam to prevent people from worshiping in Jerusalem. He simply traded one set of idols for another set of idols.

We, at times, tend to do that in our lives as well. I watch and listen to folks as we go through a political season and I have noticed that people can tend to create idols of the political positions that they hold. There is little desire to seek common ground; but only to have their position be the dominant position. Do we focus on the political because it will determine our lives for the next four years? Or do we focus on it to have our personal position on an issue or candidate validated? Is a person willing to alienate another over one political candidate or a political issue? If we become a people on either side of the aisle whose main goal is to win at any cost because we think that our position is the absolute right position or our candidate is the only person who can fix something, we have created an idol in our hearts.

I would honestly have to say that neither one is of primary importance in the scheme of one’s salvation. Though whether one is a child of salvation will impact how one views the political in any given culture. As follows of Jesus our focus should be on Jesus we should see the world through the eyes of disciples not the eyes of spectators. We should see the events of our time through the lens of the Cross.

How do our Christian values inform our participation in the political process? Are views of the electoral process informed by our faith or are we captured by the cultural process itself and simply seeking earthly power. Is it win by any means or is the manner of the victory important?

Elections are hardly the things that great theological debates hinge upon. But, they are example of things that people can make into idols. We can worship politics to the danger of our soul; we can turn our politics into our religion by projecting our political views on to our faith rather than informing our political views by the teaching of our faith.

Idols are idols. Can we tear down one without replacing it with another? We can if we focus only on the Cross of Jesus Christ. We can leave all our idols far behind if we open our hearts to the carpenter from Galilee and permit him to fill our hearts with the work and ministry he calls each of us to experience for the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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 October 12th and 26th at 11:30
(Bible Study begins at 12:00)
Saturday, October 15th 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.

A Prayer to the Parish of Trinity Episcopal Church in Marshall
Ken Kerr, Senior Warden
Greetings and peace be with you. I want to give thanks to our Junior Daughters of the King (Jr DOK) for hosting our Prayer Walk on Sunday evening, September 18th. As an open ministry to our community, the Jr DOK is living the purpose, by spreading Christ through fellowship. Our Jr Daughters serve nobly and seek not recognition, yet display solid faith in principle and character. I would also like to give thanks to our Youth Program for their support of the Prayer Walk as well. Again, an open ministry to the community that brings people together through Christ, recently, as far away as Missouri. To our youth and Jr DOK members, I pray that God continue to grant you strength, courage, peace, and wisdom, as you are leading our Parish by example.

In the Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 15, we learn about reproving another who sins. We are instructed to openly face our brother and tell him his faults; and know if our brother listens we know we have gained a brother, but if not take two or three witnesses so that every word can be confirmed. My friends, I come to you today as Sr. Warden of the Vestry and as your brother; and I ask that you listen to this censure with your hearts and seek the wisdom behind my words. If it were not for our Jr DOK and Youth on Sunday, there would have been no prayer walk; our youth and Jr DOK represented half of the participants for the Prayer Walk. Jesus had twelve disciples; our Prayer Walk on Sunday had barely double that many members. This reproach extends to my friends on the Vestry as well; there were as many clergy and laity as vestry members in attendance Sunday afternoon. I understand life happens and we cannot be everywhere for everything, but if not us as a Vestry to guide our Parish, then whom? To all my friends, I have seen many noble efforts fail when members thought there will be a throng and I will not be missed, and the expected strength in numbers dissipated exponentially. For those of you truly unable to attend, I pray for continued peace and strength through Christ for you; I regret this reproach falls upon your ears but it is a necessary message, lest we become complacent as a Parish.

Finally, in Matthew 18:20, we also learn, “for where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Let us cling to the hope, that our meager assembly, indeed embodied this verse of truth and drew strength from the Lord for our community and our Parish. I pray you meditate on my thoughts and hear the sincerity in my admonition; I also pray you understand Matthew 18:21-22, and that I will be here for you, always.

May God’s peace and strength be with you.
Birthdays

1  Hope D’Asto       20  Deann Heard
1  Vicki West        20  Don Bramlett
2  Dawn Kutner       21  Charles Cobb
2  Frank Strauss     22  Maggie Truelove
3  Irma Tanner       22  Trent Staggers
3  Melissa Shaw      23  Cecil Portman, Jr.
3  Wendy Slayter     25  Carolyn Sullivan
5  Mieko Hathaway    25  Lula Waskom
8  Jay Van Dyne      26  Mary Lou Barkett
9  Gary Beavers      27  Woody Moseley
11 Cindy Duncan      28  John Bogue Sr.
11 Gayle Weinberg   28  Lynn Sanders
13 Bonnie Strauss    29  Blake Hammers
13 Julie Trexler    29  Buzz Snyder
13 Ron Denney, Sr.  29  Gavin McAdam
15 Diane Taylor     30  Adam Beavers
15 Larry Waskom     30  Gregory B. Gani
15 Laynie Abraham   30  John Bockmon, Jr
16 Ken Kerr         31  Curtis Bockmon, Jr
17 Jeff Henderson   31  Virginia Nader

Church Financials and Attendance for August 2016

Budget Income for 2016 .................. $483,196
Budget Expenses for 2016 ................. $525,701
Budget Difference for 2016 ............... ($42,505)
Income Received to Date ................. $234,576
Expenses to Date ......................... $274,518
Income for the month .................... $29,865
Expenses for the month .................. $50,542
Difference for the month ............... ($20,677)
Difference to Date ....................... ($39,943)

Average Sunday Attendance to date
2015      Present
162         174

Average Sunday Attendance
Date: Saturday, October 22, 2016
Time: 2-4 p.m.
Place: Trinity Episcopal Church
Guild Room
Registered at Lollipops & Lace in Longview, Texas and online at
Amazon.

Hosted by Sandy Toussaint, Pauline
Manly and Daughters of the King

Sip & See

Women of Trinity's program for October 19 is providing a very
special opportunity to get to know the newest "Father" in our midst
(in more ways than one!) Our own Father Andrew Ellison will speak
with us about the path that has led him to Trinity Episcopal Church
in Marshall. Please know that we'll be meeting at 11 a.m. on
Wednesday, October 19 in All Saints Hall with a really good lunch
and time for camaraderie following the program. Circle the date and
know that all women of Trinity are invited and encouraged to
attend. See you October 19!!
FR. ANDREW’S THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

When we hear the word stewardship we may think of a number of things; money, time, talent, the church, the environment. All of these things do go with stewardship. However, it seems like money is the first thing many of us think about. Stewardship is caring for what was given to us. The definition of stewardship according to Merriam-Webster is “the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.” I think this is how we can look at stewardship.

God entrusted his creation to us. He expects us to care for it. The same goes with the church. Christ entrusted the church to the Apostles who left it to their followers, and so on and so forth. Today we are entrusted with the church. We are all called to care for it, to manage it, to ensure that it conducts its mission. Yes, this does happen with money, we can’t do the type of outreach, worship, or formation we do without money. Pledging money is very important to the work of the church. The same can be said about our time and talents. We cannot do ministry without people giving their time. We cannot have worship like we do without people setting up the altar, singing in the choir, or serving as lectors. We cannot support our neighbors without people serving on the outreach team. These are just a few ministry options. Ministry is much more than those ordained. Ministry is all of us, lay and ordained, working to further the mission of our church.

God gave us what we have, money and time. Those are his, and he expects us to give a little back. That includes pledging funds to the church so that it can operate. It also includes committing some time and talents to a ministry in the church. Stewardship is done by all of us, lay and ordained. These are the ministers of the church, and without all of us contributing the church would not be able to live out its mission of spreading the Gospel of Christ and his redeeming love to the world.

YOUTH SCHEDULE

Every Wednesday
After School Hangout & Homework 3:15 - 5:00 PM in the Youth Room
Lesson 5:00 - 5:30 PM in the Youth Room
Dinner 5:30 - 6:15 PM in All Saints’ Hall
Worship 6:15 PM in the Church

Monthly Activities:
September  Karaoke
October     All Saint’s Eve Party
November    Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
December    Ice Skating and Christmas Party
Hello friends, greetings in the name of Christ.

Some say that parenting is one of the most difficult things one can do. While parenting certainly has its ups and downs, I am not sure that statement is completely true. The hardest thing anybody can do is lose a child, especially an infant or a baby in the womb. October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month in the United States. October 15th is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. These are dates that are near and dear to my heart, along with many others; some of whom are in our church community.

In June 2015 we lost our 4th child at 17 days old due to a congenital heart defect. When Nolan died, it was the community that kept us afloat. It was also our leaning on others who went through similar losses. Our friends dropping by, our church and diocese, as well as people who heard our story and wanted to reach out; all of these helped us make it through a very difficult situation.

Grief is a crazy thing, it never really goes away. It is like the waves of the ocean. When you first get in, the waves seem to knock you over. However, eventually the waves won’t knock you over every time. They may cause you to lose balance a little, but you eventually get more stable. However, sometimes a big wave comes out of nowhere and that is the one that really knocks you over. I have found this to be true with grief. In October talk about the grief, live with the grief. When a big wave knocks you over, reach out and talk about it. Remember that my door is always open to those who wish to talk.

Trinity will have a special service to remember those who lost their lives much too young. We invite all to come out, whether you have experienced the loss of a pregnancy or infant or have not. Come out to remember these babies with us. If you have experienced a loss come and remember your loved one. If you have not experienced this loss personally come and support your brothers and sisters who have. The loss of a child does not only affect the family, it affects the entire community.

**Pregnancy and Infant Loss Prayer Service**

**Saturday, October 15th at 6:00 PM.**

Hope that you will come and join us in prayer.
Beginning are always a blessing. September 22nd we the beginning of fall, a day that started off cool and comfortable to remind of the coming of another season. It was also the beginning for our curate, Fr. Andrew Ellison, it was the first day of beginning his ministry in Christ’s one, holy and apostolic Church.

The ordination service is one of the oldest and most beautiful services in the Church. Trinity was blest to host the Ordination for Fr. Andrew. This was the second ordination at Trinity in recent history. The Rt. Rev. Rayford High, Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Fort Worth was the celebrant. Fr. Andrew is canonically resident in the Diocese of Fort Worth. The preacher for the service was The Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings, he is the J. Milton Richardson Associate Professor of Liturgics and Anglican Studies at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. The lay presenters of Fr. Andrew were his wife, Casie Ellison, Trinity’s Senior Warden, Ken Kerr, the Trinity Children’s Formation Director Magdalena Altnau, Francine Lyons. The clergy presenters of Fr. Andrew were The Rev. Dr. John Himes, Rector of Trinity, The Rev. Lecia Brannon, Curate at Calvary Episcopal Church in Richmond, Texas and The Rev. Kevin Johnson, Rector at St. Albans Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Fort Worth.

After the Ordination the Hannah Chapter of the Daughters of the King hosted a reception for Fr. Andrew and the guests.

Above: Fr. Andrew before Bishop High.

Below:
Left: Clergy Laying on hands with Bishop High. Right: Fr. Andrew’s family vesting him.
Trinity Episcopal Church
Annual Fall Concert
Sunday, October 9, 2016
At 5:30 PM
PRESENTS

The Shreveport Symphony
String Quartet

Led by Leonard Kacenjar
Join us as the String Quartet performs original Kermit Poling compositions
celebrating the lives of the Saints of the Church

Wine and Cheese Reception to follow in
All Saints’ Hall

ADMISSION IS FREE
TICKETS AVAILABLE IN
THE PARISH OFFICE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
9:30 AM
IN ALL SAINTS’ HALL

THE 2017 BUDGET WILL BE PRESENTED AND ELECTIONS FOR NEW VESTRY AND DELEGATES TO COUNCIL WILL TAKE PLACE
Calling all families with children and youth! On Saturday, October 22nd at 11 am there will be a young family mixer at The Shadowood Lake Club at 675 Shadowood Drive, Marshall, TX.

Come and join us for good food, fun games, and fellowship as we get to know one another better. Fr. Andrew will supply the meat for the event. Families with children can bring sides. Families with youth can bring desserts. This will be the first of other fun events being planned for the young families of our church. Let your friends know!

Please RSVP with the church office at 903-938-9296 so we will have an idea on how much food will be needed.
### Parish Staff
- Fr. John M. Himes, OSF  
  Rector
- Fr. Andrew Ellison  
  Curate
- Rae Minchew  
  Youth Director
- Magdalena Altnau  
  Children’s Christian Formation Director
- 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
- Choir practice 5:00 PM
- Martha’s Kitchen - 6:00 PM

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