



# 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 163 years in Marshall, Texas*

## PARISH FALL FESTIVAL



Join us for the Fall Festival on Sunday, September 13th after the 10:30 Mass, from 12:00 to 1:30 PM.

This is the “official” kick off to the new year at Trinity. We’ll have information on the ministries available at Trinity.

We will also have presentations on our ongoing Christian Formation program for all ages.

The parish will provide the meat dish, BBQ brisket and sausage. Parishioners are asked to bring a salad, side dish, or a dessert.

This is a great time to discover what’s happening in the coming year. Looking forward to seeing everyone and tasting some great food.

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## USHER MINISTRY

Have you ever wanted to be an usher? Before you do, “Whoa, not me.” Let me tell you what a great ministry this is and how we are opening it up. The first person any one meets coming in the doors of the Church is the usher greeting them. An usher is the first person a visitor encounters and they immediately begin to form their first impression.

So what are the requirements to be an usher? Can you smile? Can you say “Good Morning, glad to see you”? Can you hand out a bulletin? If you can answer “Yes” to each of these, you make the cut!

Traditionally, Trinity has only had men as ushers. Lately we have had several women have asked if they could usher along with several youth. So we are going to add those folks to our usher rotation. Children that are interested will serve as “assistant usher” to help out the adults and so the adults can show them the ropes. Please let the office know if you are interested.

## Blessing of the Back Packs



### 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.



On Sunday, August 23rd The children and youth at Trinity celebrated the start of school with a Service of the Blessing of the Back Packs. The blessing was conducted at both Sunday services. We had our twins at the 8:30 AM service. The 10:30 service had blessing for children and youth from age 4 up to age 20. Not only were we blest to have our regular children with us. We also had a large group for East Texas Baptist University present also taking part in the blessings.

Often we may think an liturgy such as this is only for the children. The college students recognized the need for every blessing and provided a great example for all of us that one is never too old to have a life event blest by God.

Let us keep all our children and youth covered in prayer this school year.



## Rector's Reflection

Dear Beloved in Christ:

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

Getting back in the regularity of the school year is a wonderful opportunity to reflect our faith anew. Our children make new friends, we encounter new teachers and parents of other children. It is an opportunity for us to live out the Great Commission, especially the last portion of it. The Great Commission can be found in Matthew Chapter 28:18-20. The last verse **Matthew 28:20** "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (NKJ) This last portion of the Great Commission says a great deal, perhaps more than we might imagine.

*Teaching them ....* Who is "them"? Have you ever asked yourself that? Is "them" the other folks like us? That's all right, I won't be really uncomfortable if I do that, except that our society tells us that I should recognize diversity as one of our strengths, and I wouldn't want to step on anyone's toes. Or, is "them" people totally unlike us? Is the "them" the homeless, the addicted, the abused, those that are different from us in what ever area? Now the ante just went up, we just got moved further from our comfort zone. I know, I'll use "doctrine" to stop me from having to go too far down that road. After all it is the church's doctrine, not mine personally. But, I can't help it if these folks, these "them", don't recognize the "true" doctrine that my denomination has been blessed with.

Well, we have pretty much nailed that one down. When push comes to shove, we are uncomfortable teaching anyone, whether they are like "us" or not like us. In one sense that's all right. We often have a misconception of what teaching is. It isn't always standing up at a whiteboard with a laser pointer. Sometimes, and more often than not, it is merely living our life in a manner consistent with what our Lord and Savior taught us, so that our lives might be a lesson in the salvation story.

The hard part for us whether we talk Christ's teaching or not; is living Christ's teaching, that is the "all that I have command you." You would think that if we could do all that Jesus commanded us, we probably wouldn't have needed the cross. But think for a moment, what did He really command? That we turn to Him as our Lord and Savior, as the one who has borne our sins and paid for them in full. That puts it in a bit of a different light. That light points to the truth that we have true life in Him and we want to share that life with everyone we meet.

If a person has any doubt that Jesus Christ paid our debt in full that person can simply look to the next line, "lo I am with you always, even until the end of the age." Jesus is with us because He lives still. He has eternal life as the promise of the eternal life that we have with the Father through Him. Rejoice! For our Savior has and will continue to walk with us.

God will bring new people into our lives and the lives of our children with the start of the school year. Each of us is to teach with love each and every person we meet the love of Christ Jesus by opening our heart and giving Christ's love. In that manner, each of us obey His command.

*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.

**MEN OF TRINITY**

Meeting **September 14th at 5:30 PM** in All Saints' Hall for food, fellowship and prayer. All men of the parish invited!

**BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW**



The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Schedule for July is as follows:  
Bible Study at Jucy's on Wednesdays: September 9th and 23rd  
at 11:30 (Bible Study begins at 12:00)  
Saturday, September 19th 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.

**WOMEN OF TRINITY**

As a caring Christian, it's difficult to pass up an individual(s) who appears to be in need, especially if you're a woman. Am I right? There are as many options as there are scenarios and one of those options could be to contact a mission here in Marshall that's been around for quite a few years now..."My Friends' House."

Dr. Carolyn Snow and her husband Pastor Dave Snow have provided a haven for those in need, whether it be housing, jobs, counseling, clothes, household goods or just a helping hand. Dr. Carolyn Snow has agreed to be the guest speaker for the September meeting of Women of Trinity. You might be surprised at the many ways in which we can serve, as Jesus said, "When ye do it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye do it unto me."

Please circle Wednesday, September 16 as the first meeting of this year for the group known as "Women of Trinity." No dues, although we do take up a little optional collection at each meeting in lieu of having to have a bake sale (great idea, don't you think, especially when we're still experiencing summer heat). We welcome women of all ages with open arms. You don't have to serve on a committee but we do ask that you might help by serving on a team to provide one of the lunches that follow the meetings...not a big deal 'cause we try to follow the K.I.S.S. (keep it simple, sister) principle.

We'd love to have you join us on Wednesday, September 16 at 11 a.m. in all Saints Hall following the Wednesday Church service...feed your soul first, your intellect and then your body, o.k.? Let's all find out how we can all join "My Friends' House" in serving those less fortunate than ourselves. See you on September 16!!

## Birthdays

2 Bill Jones, Sr.	16 Marjorie Lewis
2 Jackie Weeks	18 Joann Cason
4 Jerry Brannon	19 Bill Sullivan
4 Ronald "Bud" Denny, Jr.	20 Ashton Beavers
5 Kathleen Abraham	22 Norma King
5 Sue Boyd	24 Robert Smith
6 Kathleen McGee	25 Bud Bray
7 Brandon Beavers	26 Anne Godinich
9 Michael Brannon	26 Jeanette Barkett
10 Reba Nell Hunt	27 Jack Powell Taylor
11 Mary Spellings	28 Sagan Jameson-Hatch
12 Auby Minchew	29 Crystal Brown
14 Larry "Yank" Terrell	29 Michael DeSa
14 Madeline Runyan	30 Jack DeSa
15 Cade Runyan	30 Joyce Hammers

## Anniversaries

1	Fr. & Mrs. John Himes
9	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Kerr
17	Mr. & Mrs. Bud Bray
26	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brannon
29	Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Violette Jr.

### Cookie & Coffee Ministry

The Daughters of the King invite all church members and guests to enjoy coffee & cookies after the 10:30 am service on Sunday mornings. Come & enjoy a short time of fellowship! What a wonderful way to meet new friends & to enjoy one another!

### Church Financials and Attendance for July 2015

Budget Income for 2015 .....	\$ 449,952	
Budget Expenses for 2015 .....	\$ 436,876	
Budget Difference for 2015 .....	\$ 13,076	
Income Received to Date .....	\$ 246,747	
Expenses to Date .....	\$ 245,360	
Income for the month .....	\$ 30,724	
Expenses for the month .....	\$ 33,546	
Difference for the month .....	(\$ 2,822)	
Difference to Date.....	\$ 1,386	
	2014	Present
Average Sunday Attendance to date	162	164
Average Sunday Attendance for July	133	155
Sunday Attendance to date	4742	4920
Attendance all other Services	6091	5219

## Youth Movie Night!

The Youth will Have a  
Movie Night  
on the 26th of September  
at 6:30 PM.  
We'll be watching  
the classic "  
The Lion, the Witch and  
the Wardrobe"



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## UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES



### Movie Night:

Saturday, September 26 at 6:30pm

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Join us for pizza and popcorn as we watch and discuss the secrets and symbols of Narnia.



### Youth to help with Martha's Kitchen

Youth and/or parents of youth

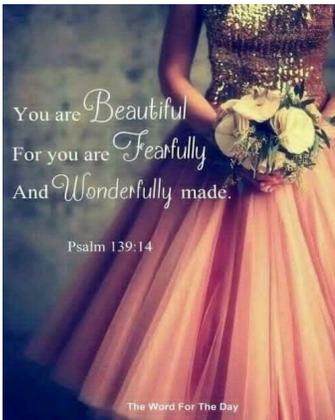
October 1st

5:30 - 7:30pm

contact Rae if interested (903)241-2399



## JRDOK KICK OFF MEETING



Sunday September 13th at 2:45 pm

Our theme this year is Biblical Beauty

## NEW DAUGHTERS OF THE KING INQUIRERS CLASS

Daughters of the King is beginning a new Inquirers Class for women interested in becoming Daughters of the King. Classes begin Sunday, September 13 from 9:15am-10:15am in the Guild Room. The last class is October 25th. Please contact Sherry Henderson 903-263-8877 if you are interested in attending.

# Family Minister Future



## Our Core Values:

Commitment  
to Jesus Christ

Authority of  
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leadership

Last year the vestry authorized the hiring of a family minister. However, due to budget constraints we were not able to move forward with bring an additional priest to Trinity. We have not given up on seeking a family minister to work with and help attract young families to Trinity.

Recently we received a generous donation of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) to help partially fund the position. There has been an interest by others to help fund the position as well. The vestry is also including funding for the position in the 2016 budget. The parish is also exploring the possibility of obtaining a curate grant from the diocese as well. So what does all this mean?

There are two avenues that we can take moving forward. The first is a curate grant from the diocese. If we qualify for a curate, the diocese would fund half of the salary of the curate for two years. The parish would be required to fund the other half. The grant and designated fund would cover a large part of the cost of the curate with the remainder coming from our operations budget. We would then be given the name and ministry profile of a potential curate to consider. That individual would then be interviewed by the rector and a decision made whether or not to offer that individual the position.

The second way forward is to inform the diocese that we are looking for a Family Minister, the diocese already has a copy of the job description and they would then screen priest looking for a position and forward us the names based upon that individuals ministry profile and how well it matches the job description. This course of action would require the parish to be able to completely fund the position.

Why a family minister in the first place? That's a good question. Surveys have shown that pastors normally attract individuals to their church who are either ten years older or ten years younger than they are. So a pastor who is 60 might appeal to someone between the ages of 50 and 70, he would not be as appealing to someone in their 20's or 30's. If you look around the parish you might have noticed that we are an aging parish. We need to reach out to young families intentionally. That means developing and implementing ministries that attract younger families. We presently have a part time Children's Minister and a part time Youth Minister. They are doing a great job with the children and youth they minister to and we are blest to have them. A Family Minister becomes the lynch pin in the family ministry coordinating Christian formation for children, youth, and their parents. The Family Minister is also instrumental in integrating our Trinity School Families into the life of the parish by being the religion teacher and assistant chaplain to the School.

The role of the Family Minister is uniquely focused on pastoring and developing strong Christian relationships within a family with children at home and connecting those relationships throughout the parish. That individual would certainly play a liturgical role within the church and the school, but that would be a secondary; the role of working with our young families would be primary.

What is the time frame we are looking at? Fr. John is meeting with the Rev. Canon Kai Ryan, the Canon to the Ordinary at the end of October concerning a curate. We should have an answer to that prior to the end of the year. If the answer is that we are eligible. Then we would have the name and do an interview sometime in March 2016. If the individual meets our parish requirements that individual would start July 2016. If the answer is we are not eligible for a curate. Then we would request names from the diocese beginning in January of 2016. The length of time that process would take is really in God's hands. However the goal would be to have a Family Minister by the start of the 2016-2017 school year.



*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*

Mary Lundgren  
*Middle School  
Religion Teacher*

Angela Bray  
*Nursery Director*

Jim Johnson  
*Choir Master and Organist*

Stacey Shaw  
*Parish Administrator*

Suzie Ward  
*Administrative Assistant*

Melvin Williams  
*Sexton*

### **Vestry**

Laura Rectenwald  
*Senior Warden*

Henry Henderson  
*Junior Warden*

Cathy Cope  
*Clerk of the Vestry*

Ken Kerr  
*Treasurer*

Doug Jager

Joel Truelove

Cindy Cain

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**

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM



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