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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*

Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday was a special day for our parish as we celebrated 163 years of ministry in Marshall. It was a great day filled with worship, fellowship and laughter. The day began with a celebration of the Eucharist as a joint service for both the 8:00 AM congregation and the 10:30 AM congregation. It was wonderful to see the sanctuary so full of folks praising the Lord.

After the service the party started in All Saints Hall. The BBQ lunch was terrific and was enjoyed by all. During the meal there were other things taking place. We had a jump house in the garden that was well used by our children. Since Trinity Sunday was also Father's Day this year we had a photo drop for Dad's and their children to take a special picture together.

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Below left: The Brannon family, Lake, Kathryn and Mike take advantage of the photo backdrop for a family picture. **To the right** is Chris and Yuri Altnau doing a Father and Son picture.





Focus On: Choir Members



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.



Mary Price

I was raised in Houston, Texas and sang in my church choir throughout those years. I was also part of the choir at my high school. I did not sing for many years following that and had basically forgotten how much I enjoyed music. Upon coming to Trinity, I was recruited by Joan Jones and the rest is history. Because I did not grow up Episcopalian it has been great fun to learn hymns which I did not already know.



Cindy Cain

My name is Cindy Cain. I was born and raised in Marshall, and I grew up in Trinity Church. I graduated from Baylor in the late 70's, and I lived in Houston for several years while teaching school. I moved back to Marshall in the 80's, and I taught at MISD for a short time before starting a family. Later, I worked in our family business, Sullivan Funeral Home, for almost twenty years. I presently co-own and manage Marshall Floral & Gifts. I have two sons, Clay and John Hightower. Clay and his wife, Beth, reside in southeastern New Mexico where they practice law. John is studying to be an attorney at Texas Tech School of Law where he will graduate in May.

I was exposed to Trinity choir at an early age when my mom, Carolyn Sullivan, was a member. Later, after joining the choir as an adult, Mother and I sang together in the choir for years. Many of the choral pieces and hymns that we sing today bring back such fond memories.

Music has always meant so much to me. I enjoyed training under many fine choral directors in high school, college, and at church. As a choir, working hard on a particularly challenging piece of music that initially sounds like a train wreck and finally gels musically is so rewarding. Also, the many friendships that I have made through the years in Trinity choir are very special to me. We laugh, cry, and try Jimmy's patience, but the fellowship that we enjoy is precious. As a choir, I feel that our goal is to praise God through music. Hopefully, it blesses those who are present each week.

Rector's Meanderings

Dear Beloved in Christ:

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

Years ago, the summer between my sophomore and junior year in high school, I achieved the glorious goal of every teenager. I got my driver's license. It was one step into the adult world I had been looking forward to achieving.

That same year at the end of school I had an English teacher who had given us an assignment for the summer. It was to come back in the fall and give a 3 minute presentation over "What I Learned Over the Summer." It was a play on the grade school theme often used, "What I Did on Summer Vacation." I didn't think much about it in the weeks following the end of school, but one Monday afternoon it came back to be in a tragic and unexpected way.

Our family took a vacation that summer to go back to Oklahoma to visit my father's parents in the small town of Chickasha, Oklahoma. That Monday afternoon we were going to visit one of my uncles when we were stopped at a light in town. While we waited at the light out of the corner of my eye I saw a blue Chevrolet on my left coming toward the intersection and a white Chevrolet pickup coming from the other direction. In a flash I knew that they were going to hit head on. Time slowed and as the pickup passed in front of us I could see a teenage boy and girl in the cab of the truck, not much older than me. At that moment the vehicles struck each other. This was in the days of no seat belts and no airbags. The girl in the truck was thrown through the windshield. The driver of the car was thrown out the drivers door. No one survived that crash.

In an instant I learned my lesson for the summer and for life. A lesson that each of us needs to learn at some point. That lesson is that life is terribly fragile. We have no promise of the next moment much less the next day, or month, or year. Each moment must be lived with purpose. Each moment should have meaning. I found that ultimately it is Christ Jesus who gives purpose and meaning to the days. In him a person finds that they have life more abundantly. A person may think that everything is going swimmingly in their life, then in a blink of an eye all that changes. What then is the rock to which they cling?

A person may learn a great many things in the course of their life. Some will be good and some will be not so good. The one lesson that is most needed is the one that brings eternal reality to one's life. That reality is Christ Jesus and how he can fill our days with purpose and meaning far beyond what we could ever imagine.

What lesson would you seek to learn this summer; what lesson would you seek for your children to learn? Summer is a time of vacations, summer camps, and family sharing. If someone were to ask you or your children in September, "What you learned over the summer?" What would you answer?

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.



Eagle Scouts!

The highest award in Scouting is the Eagle Scout Medal. Only 2 to 4 percent of young men who join Scouting achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Since the re-start of our Troop 550 six years ago we are now awarding our first Eagle Scout awards. On July 13th at 2:00 PM in All Saints Hall our Scouts Chris Warren and Lake Brannon will be awarded their Eagle Medals. I would like to invite everyone attend this wonderful awards ceremony.

Both Scouts complete Eagle projects that were a great benefit for the Parish. Christ planned and supervised the development of the parish prayer garden across fro All Saints Hall. Lake’s project was to design and build podiums for each of our classrooms.

This is a great milestone in the life of both Chris and Lake and a great milestone for our Troop as well. Perhaps the greatest benefits is the development of two outstanding young leaders for our community.



 * *Altar Flower Donors Needed* *
 * *There are still a couple of dates in November that are available for* *
 * *donors. Please sign up on the flower calendar in the Narthex or in All* *
 * *Saint’s Hall.* *

Birthdays

1 Cheryl Stagers	16 Sandy Toussaint
1 Hugh Taylor	17 Vince Godinich
5 Reggie Hasty	19 Pat Jeffries
5 Sarah Rectenwald	20 Damon Falke
6 Katie Godinich DeSa	20 Ann Staggers
6 Douglas Manly	20 Theresa Harper
7 Doug Lewis	21 Michael Cason
7 Michael Jones	25 Sherry Henderson
8 Della Nader	25 Julian Shaw
Ashleigh Maranto	26 Dorothy Whaley
9 Ballenger	26 Lillian Weeks
9 Elise Welch	27 Albert McPhail
10 Lucy Parr	27 Glenda Lane
10 Cody Godinich	27 Gail Love
11 Courtney Tolar	28 Nadine Kraeger
12 Wil Moseley	28 Lal Terrell
13 Stephen Littlejohn	28 Jennifer Abney
15 Mason Haynes	29 Gloria Snyder
16 Walter Fugler	31 Charlie Falke

Church Financials and Attendance for May 2014

Budget Income for 2014	\$ 482,773	
Budget Expenses for 2013	\$ 484,854	
Budget Difference for 2013	(\$ 2,082)	
Income Received to Date	\$ 188,861	
Expenses to Date	\$ 205,453	
Income for the month	\$ 32,576	
Expenses for the month	\$ 37,317	
Difference for the month	(\$ 4,741)	
Difference to Date.....	(\$ 16,591)	
	2013	2014
Average Sunday Attendance to date	179	166
Average Sunday Attendance for May	167	146
Sunday Attendance to date	3766	3491
Attendance all other Services	6139	5649

Anniversaries

3	Mr. & Mrs. Zane Jackson
4	Mr. Claude & Dr. Chris Hammond
11	Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Jager
14	Mr. & Mrs. Yank Terrell
16	Mr & Mrs. Christopher Altnau
16	Mr. & Mrs. Brett Weeks
17	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Smith
17	Mr. & Mrs. David Thomas
22	Mr. & Mrs. Dick Boyd
30	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lewis
31	Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Hammers
31	Mr. & Mrs. Adam Shaw

Parmesan Chicken

Skinless chicken parts (breasts, tenders, thighs, etc.) to fill a 9" X 13" pan

6 Tablespoons butter melted

3/4 of a large stack of Ritz crackers

1/3 c of dried minced onion

1/3 c of dried parsley

1/2 c of parmesan cheese (green top, not the fancy grated type)

- ◆ Use Pam in 9" X 13" pan.
- ◆ Heat oven to 350 degrees.
- ◆ Mix crackers, onion, parsley, and cheese together in a bowl.
- ◆ Dip chicken in butter and then in crumb mix. Arrange in pan.
- ◆ Bake 45 min for tenders, 60 min for large breasts.

By: Edwina Thomas

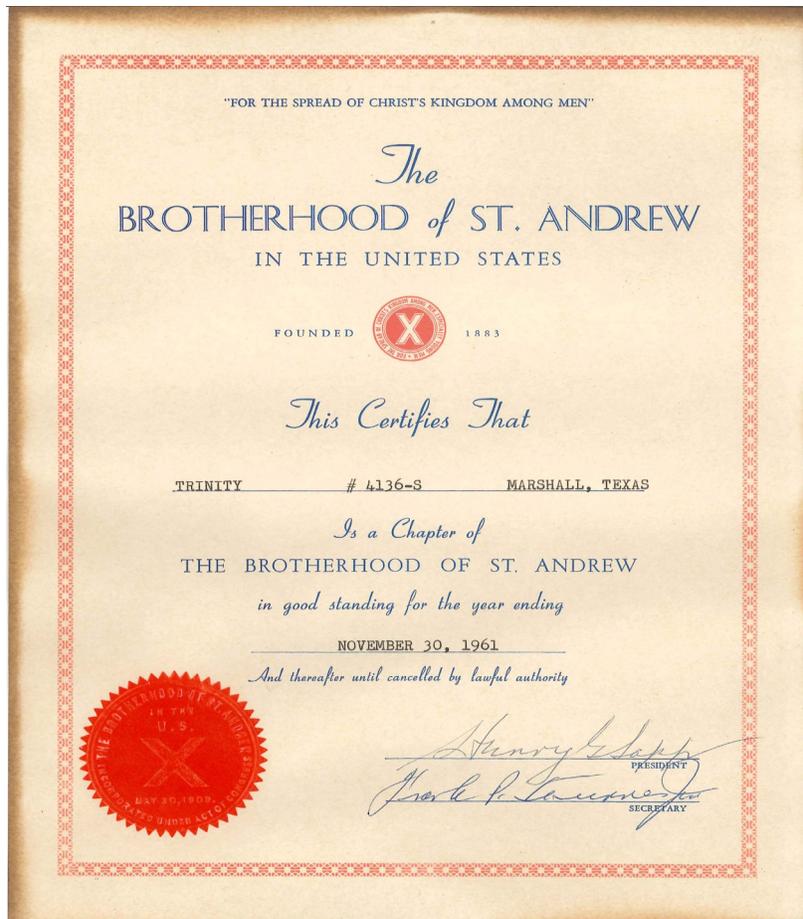
Brotherhood of St. Andrew



On Sunday, July 20, 8 men of the Parish anticipate being installed in the newly re-activated chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at Trinity. The Right Reverend D. Bruce MacPherson, retired Bishop of Western Louisiana and former National Chaplain to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, will be visiting the church and conducting services where he will be presiding over the re-activation of the chapter.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew was active at Trinity in the 1960s and has recently been revived through the efforts of Fr. John, Adam Lundgren, and 6 other men of the Parish. The individuals to be installed are Paul Palmer, Chris Altnau, Mike Jeffries, Randy Reeves, Harold Hoffmeister. Frank Strauss will be renewing his membership. We are excited to see a new era for this important ministry renewed with this very special visitation. Bishop MacPherson is himself a 40+ year member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and served as the National Chaplain of the Order from 2006 to 2012, so it is especially fitting that he will conduct this key service.

Below is Trinity's Brotherhood Certificate from the 1960s.



Youth News!

Adieu, Adieu



Our Core Values:

- Commitment to Jesus Christ
- Authority of Scripture
- Evangelism
- Relational Ministry
- Worship
- Servant Ministry
- Sacrificial Giving
- Biblical Leadership

When I was a kid, I loved to watch the movie *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. Near the end of the movie as another mischievous child is whisked off, Wonka says, “Adieu, Adieu, parting is such sweet sorrow.” I didn’t realize it as a kid, but this is a line from Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*. As the lovers bid each other goodnight, Juliet tells Romeo, “Good night, good night, parting is such sweet sorrow.” Romeo and Juliet didn’t want to depart from each other but it was inevitable. The phrase is an oxymoron, with contradictory ideas of pleasure and pain—it is great delight and awful disappointment. I’m sure everyone is aware that this month of July is my last as youth minister here at Trinity. And indeed, it is bittersweet. I will be moving back home, and it will be so nice to be close to family again. But this isn’t easy for me either. It was a difficult, gut wrenching decision that I hated to make. Trinity is a special place. So many here at Trinity have touched my heart in numerous ways. Whether it be a hand shake and hello on Sunday morning or conversation over a meal, everyone is special to me. It is especially difficult to leave the youth of this church and their parents. I’ve enjoyed being a part of this church, and I am thankful I’ve been able to use my spiritual gifts to bless this faith community. Leaving you will be “sweet sorrow.” Ministers come and go. But the core group of you believers in this community, who live and work here, doesn’t, and you are responsible for loving the spiritually and physically poor in this town. I encourage you to continue in living out the gospel here in Marshall. In my absence, my words to you will be the same as St. Paul’s words to the Philippians, “I thank my God every time I remember you in all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of the partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” (Phil. 1:3-6). The good news is that with technology, I’m always a phone call or email away. I will always be available to anyone who wants to chat about life or talk about the Bible and theology. But I will miss you. And if I don’t see you in my visits back to East Texas, I’m sure we’ll run into each other on the streets of gold. I leave you with the words of Juliet,

“Sweet, so would I, Yet I should kill thee with much cherishing.
Good night, good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow, That I shall say
good night till it be morrow.”

God’s Peace and Roll Tide,

Scott



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

Luke 22:27

Parish Staff

The Rev. Dr.
John M. Himes, OSF
Rector

Scott Rutherford
Youth Minister

Caroline Donica
*Children's Christian
Formation*

Angela Bray
Nursery Director

Jim Johnson
Choir Master and Organist

Stacey Shaw
Parish Administrator

Suzie Ward
Administrative Assistant

Melvin Williams
Sexton

Reggie Hasty
Treasurer

Vestry

Lowell Runyan
Senior Warden

Junior Warden
Henry Henderson

Laura Rectenwald
Clerk of the Vestry

Bud Bray

Erik Howard

Terry Weeks

Paul Palmer

Randy Reeves

Clarence Brown

Cathy Cope

Matt Hatch

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

Youth Program - 5:30 PM

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

Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

Thursday

Meals on Wheels - 9:30 AM

Choir Rehearsal - 5:15 PM

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM



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