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Trinity Episcopal Church's Holy Vision:

In glorifying God, we the members of Trinity Church, will foster a unified parish, demonstrate our spirituality with an open heart, and reflect in our actions the good news of the Holy Spirit to all members of our

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Family Camp Out



On Friday April 27th a group of our young families embarked on a camping trip into the wilderness of Northeast Texas for our Second Annual Young Family Camping Trip. We went to Atlanta State Park for the weekend, and had a blast. Our original plan to go to Shady Lakes Arkansas had to be changed due to tornado damage at that park, and Atlanta State Park accommodated us, and treated us wonderfully. Many of our older kids hiked all around the park, the younger kids hiked a little closer to the campsite. We went to the lake, where some fished and others threw rocks, while some simply enjoyed the beauty of the East Texas landscape around the lake. We shared meals together, enjoyed the campfire together,



made s'mores together, and laughed together. On Sunday we celebrated an outdoor mass at our campsite, or as I like to call it "Mass in the Grass."



We had a great time, and are already looking forward to next year's camping adventure. If you could not make it to this campout, we look forward to having you and your family join in the fun next year.



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.



Trinity now has three trauma First Aid Kits for emergency use. The First Aid Kits are kept in the Nursery, the Sacristy and All Saints' Hall. We have also received two Automatic Electric Defibrillators (A.E.D.) which one will be in Fry Hall and one in All Saints' Hall.

In May we held training for the Safety team. Fifteen people signed up for the training and we had 12 attend. This training will be conducted quarterly. New members are always invited to take part.

If you would like information about being a part of the safety team contact Fr. John at 903-938-4246 or via email at Fr_John_Himes@hotmail.com

CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION
CLASS SCHEDULED

Are you new to Trinity would you like to become a member of the parish? If so the opportunity to become a member is approaching.

Fr. John will conduct a Confirmation and Reception Class beginning on Sunday, September 9th at 5:00 PM. Child care will be provided. The only requirement for confirmation is that each individual be Baptized prior to the Bishop's Visitation on Sunday, November 4th.

The class covers the Christian faith and polity of the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church. The class is 6 weeks in duration. It will not meet over the Columbus Day Weekend. A class schedule will be available in August.

Those who are interested in attending should contact the parish office at 903-938-4246 to sign-up.

Rector's Reflection

Dear Beloved in Christ:

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

I love spring and summer. This time of year I find expressions of God's love not only in the wonder of the season, but how the majesty of God can be seen through Scripture that matches the season we live in. In Psalm 66:5 The psalmist writes, *"Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man."*

In the spring of the year we are overwhelmed with the breaking forth of new life all around us. *"Come and see what God has done"*. Often people become wrapped up in the beauty and majesty of spring they forget our Bless Lord who has caused this new life to spring forth. We are less for not giving praise to our Lord who recreates this new life each spring. It is not noticing the hand of God in the re-awakening of His creation we turn our backs upon Him. We don't do it intentionally, we simply do it because the rose is so beautiful. In itself not a bad thing to say, but the rose doesn't make itself beautiful; it is God who has made it beautiful.

If we cannot capture the majesty and wonder of God in our hearts in spring I wonders if a person would ever be able to see the awesomeness of God at all. Truly spring is one of God's most awesome deeds.

It is a season that reminds us of the eternal nature of God. It reminds us of resurrection. The bleakness of winter fades as if the sun were coming out for the first time. The creations of God that have slept through the darkness of winter begin to raise their fragile heads to be blessed by the warm of the sun. It is a season of the miraculous more than any other season.

In Summer, we are surrounded by life, rarely do people notice the glory around them in August. The fall begins with the splash of a final burst of color on a painters palate then fades into browns and grays. We know that things are dying, but we can accept the living things will die – it is part of the nature life. The winter enshrouds us in not the splendor of a new snow fall crispness, that is only the interlude between periods of bleak slate gray clouds over hanging the empty branches of leafless trees. Indeed a sense of hopelessness could invade one's soul. Then spring breaks forth! Buds appear everywhere, colors peaking through, as if testing the waters before they burst forth. A week or two before in the darkness of winter one would have thought this rebirth impossible. But now the very glory of it fills our hearts with joy!

The rebirth we see around us this time of year is a reminder for the rebirth that awaits those who are born anew to life in Christ Jesus. The bleak winter of their lives gives forth to an ever renewing joy of spring. For those who strive to be ever faithful in their lives and the span of time is slowly wearing them down like the final days of fall before the first freeze spring reminds us that God is faithful in his promise of resurrection. We to shall burst forth upon the garden of heaven showing forth the glory of God through our praise. Yes, *"Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man."*

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 Bible Study will meet on June 13th and 27th at Jucy's Hamburger in Marshall. (Bible Study begins at 12:00) We will also hold our Monthly Meeting on June 27th prior to the Bible Study. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

Summer Wednesday Night Dinner

During the summer our Wednesday Night Dinner is on hiatus. Once a month we will have a Pizza Night. This will be announced in the Bulletin on Sunday and in the weekly email. On Pizza Night we hope everyone will come. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship and food come and join us. The dinner will be at 5:00 PM.

Our regular Wednesday Night schedule changes with Worship at 6:00 PM.



Young Families Swim Party

June 5

Marshall Lakeside Country Club

Swim Party



June 2

4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Sign up at nursery

Birthdays

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 3 Claude Hammond | 18 Russell Minatrea |
| 3 Casie Ellison | 18 Evan Welch |
| 5 Kensley Ellison | 19 Connie Reeves |
| 6 Jodi Beavers | 20 Jenny Kerr |
| 6 Chloe Cope | 20 Hannah Abraham |
| 13 Shirley Weaver | 20 Paul Whaley |
| 13 Judy Asaff | 20 Lou Violette |
| 13 Dick Tracy | 22 Jean Jackson |
| 14 Holly Hasty | 27 Bridget Ryan |
| 14 Ellen Bray | 28 David Thomas |
| 14 Mark Trexler | 29 Charles Manly |
| 16 Bill Jones, Jr. | 29 Elijah Hammers |
| 18 Christina Anderson | |
| 18 Fr. John Himes | |

Anniversaries

- | | |
|----|------------------------------|
| 1 | Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kemp |
| 2 | Mr. & Mrs. Greg Gani |
| 12 | Mr. & Mrs. Robert Perkins |
| 16 | Mr. & Mrs. John Bockman, Jr. |
| 17 | Mr. & Mrs. Terry Weeks |
| 18 | Mr. & Mrs. Randy Reeves |
| 21 | Mr. & Mrs. Mark Trexler |
| 23 | Mr. & Mrs. Jack Sanders, Jr. |
| 24 | Mr. & Mrs. Harry McGee IV |
| 27 | Mr. & Mrs. Joe Weinberg |
| 29 | Fr. & Mrs. Andrew Ellison |
| 30 | Mr. & Mrs. David Collins |

Church Financials and Attendance for April 2018

Budget Income for 2018	\$498,837	
Budget Expenses for 2018	\$557,879	
Budget Difference for 2018	(\$ 59,042)	
Income Received to Date	\$135,820	
Expenses to Date	\$142,874	
Income for the month	\$ 45,188	
Expenses for the month	\$ 44,788	
Difference for the month	\$ 400	
Difference to Date.....	(\$ 6,655)	
	2017	Present
Average Sunday Attendance to date	165	169
Average Sunday Attendance for April	178	186
Sunday Attendance to date	2928	2874
Attendance all other Services	4127	3056

Altar Guild Polish

Thursday, June 21st
9:00am

This is when all the
brass and silver in the
church is polished.

There are several
pieces to do so this is
for **all** of the altar guild
to come help with if you
are available.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

JUNE 25-29

Our youth will be traveling to Southeast Texas to assist in Hurricane Harvey relief. They will be staying at the Malloy Center at First United Methodist Church in Orange, TX



Curate Corner



Our Core Values:

Commitment
to Jesus Christ

Authority of
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leader-
ship

Hello friends, greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Many things happen at the end of May. For one, we are celebrating many graduations. Be it college graduations, high school graduations, Junior High, or even Kindergarten graduations. One of the things about graduations are the kids are being sent out. Sent out to do new things; be it work, college, or another school. Another big thing that happens at the end of May 2018 is Trinity Sunday. The Old Testament reading for Trinity Sunday is the



calling of Isaiah. In that passage Isaiah has a vision of God in the Holy Temple. It is an awe inspiring sight. With God are the Seraphim singing back in forth “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” Obviously this scares Isaiah a little, as I am sure it would any of us would we be in that circumstance. One of the Seraphim flew to Isaiah with a burning coal from the altar and touched it to his mouth, saying it has made him clean. The end of the reading the Lord asked whom shall I send, and Isaiah without thinking immediately said “Here I am! Send me.”

This reading is also used for ordinations to the priesthood, including my own. There is a reason. Isaiah new the Lord needed someone to go out for him, and without hesitation Isaiah agreed, and went. This passage is not just for those of us going into ordained ministry. At the end of the Eucharistic service we say a dismissal, and all of them involve going out into the world. They all indicate that our work is not done, and our work is not confined to a building. It also indicates that the work is not to be done just by the ordained. We all have a ministry to do, we all have a mission outside of the church. We are all called to be the voice and hands of Christ in the world. And that requires us to go out into the World and bring Christ and his message with us.

There is much need in our community. Poverty is a big problem, drug use is a problem, lack of mental health care; these all are an evil in our community that we must be a voice for. We must work to ensure that they are being addressed. To do this work requires someone, or many someone to go out. It requires someone to go out for the Lord, to be his hands and voice in the world. There is much need in our community. Let us be like Isaiah and answer the call readily. When asked “who will go, whom shall we send” let us without hesitation answer the call with “Hear I am! Send me.”

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew

Understanding the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion

XIX. Of the Church. The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men, in which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments be duly ministered according to Christ's ordinance, in all those things that of necessity are requisite to the same.

Is the Church an institution of man or of God? This isn't a trick question, and it is one that this Article of Religion addresses. In The Gospel of St. Matthew Jesus says, "*Blessed are you Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it.*" In this passage we see that the Church is an institution created by God and governed by men, who it is hoped, are guided by the Holy Spirit. However, it is clear by history that those who lead the Church have not been attune to the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, the failures of men does not preclude the manifestation of God's will being made manifest in the Church.

Let's take a closer look at what is being said in this Article. The Church is first an assembly of people, and not just any people, but of faithful people. People who have come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. This understanding is important, for without having faith in Christ as Lord and Savior, the people are just another club or secular institution. I am not implying that clubs or institutions do not do good things, they do. What makes the Church different is that its existence is to be about the salvation of souls in a very specific way. This is not to say, the Church does not do good works that benefit others, she does, but the basis of that work is the unconditional love of God and not an individual or group of individuals seeking anything for themselves. For clarification on this you might want to review Articles XII, *Of Good Works*, Article XIII, *Of Works before Justification* and Article XIV, *Of Works of Supererogation*.

The idea of unity that underlies all the figures by which the Church is described in the New Testament. In the New Testament the Church is spoken of as ; The Kingdom of God, the Body of Christ, the Temple of God, the Bride of Christ, the Branches of the Vine. The unity of the Church rests on Jesus Christ, its divine founder and head. Jesus Christ is the King of the Kingdom, the Head of the Body, the Builder of the Temple and the Bridegroom. One precept that runs throughout the New Testament is that of the Church's unity in itself through its union with Jesus Christ.

In the New Testament, the word Church is used in two senses. First, it is used to refer to one divine society founded by Jesus Christ. Second, in other parts of the New Testament it is used to refer to lesser parts of the one Church. For instance in the Book of Revelation, St. John refers to the seven church's of Asia. But we are not to presume that these Churches are separate or in competition with one another; they are merely one world wide society which is united in Christ.

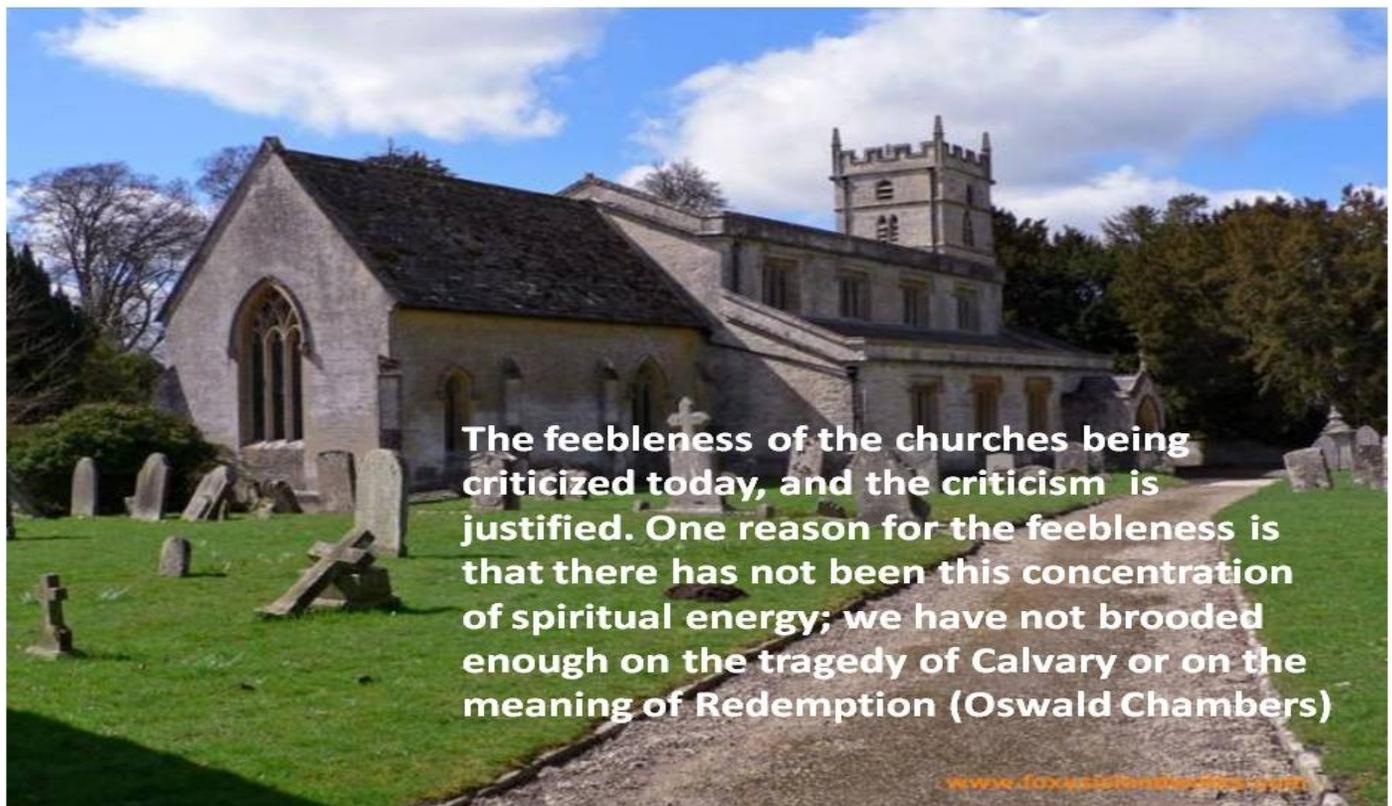
St. Cyprian teaches that the unity of the Church depends upon the unity of the order of bishops sent by Christ, and upon the sacraments which they minister through themselves, priests and deacons. St. Cyprian teaches that the episcopate forms one undivided body, each bishop being in direct line with Christ through their consecration that stretches back to Christ's consecration of the Apostles and that they minister through His grace imparted to them which is intertwined with the life of the Church.

Through this premise we can go on to say that the unity of the Church cannot be destroyed by death because death cannot sever union with Christ. If we think about the times since Christ consecrated the Church we can easily see that at our moment in time the greater part of the Church is not now on earth.

The vast majority of Christians are now with our Lord and Savior in the Kingdom of Heaven. Yet though they have departed this world they are still part of the Church. In this we can see that the Church has a foot in both Kingdoms; the Kingdom of heaven where it is victorious and the kingdom of the world where it is the Church Militant continuing to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In the final analysis, the Church is constituted of faithful people who recognize the coming of the Messiah and understand its mission in universal terms. In the words of Str. Paul, “*For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*” (ESV 2 Cor 4:5-6) The Church not only requires faithful people, it requires the Word and Sacraments God has ordained. Christ himself is the living word, but the whole canon of Scripture must also be a visible aspect of the Church, for the Word written is a gift of the Holy Spirit to guide and direct the Church. The Sacraments, especially, Baptism and the Eucharist were instituted by Christ for the good of the Church, the other Sacraments ordained by Scripture are for the welfare of the people in the Church.

A person cannot truly call themselves a Christian if they are outside the Church. A man once said to me, “I believe in Christ, but I don’t believe in the Church.” That is a contradiction in terms. For The Church is Christ’s body. Satan would be quite comfortable saying the same thing, he believes in the Son of God, but he does not accept the union on Christ’s disciples, in fact his desire is to separate the people from Christ so that they do not come to salvation. Christ did not call his disciples to be lone wolves, he called them to be of one Lord, one faith, one baptism. (Ephesians 4:5)



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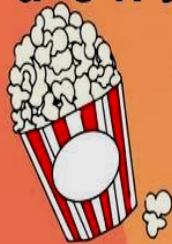
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

KID'S

SUMMER FUN

WEDNESDAYS

WACKY HAIR & MOVIE NIGHT



Wednesday, June 13, 2018

5:30-7:30 PM



SCAVENGER HUNT GAME NIGHT



Wednesday, July 11, 2018

5:30-7:00 PM



SUPERHERO NIGHT

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

5:30-7:00 PM



Trinity Needs You!

Trinity is looking for a volunteer to help with our Media Ministry.

OVERVIEW:

The Media Minister will have oversight of all social and print media of Trinity, as well as coordinate outside advertising.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Coordinate messaging of all media of the parish: Social Media, Tripod, Bulletin, E-mail, and commercial advertising.
- Implement and maintain a church wide social media strategy within the umbrella of the overall communications strategy that supports the church's ministry goals.
- Manage the church's social media platform that engages the larger community of Harrison County and Marshall.
- Understands the overall messaging of the church and how it can be implemented more effectively.
- Create and manage the church's social media ads.
- Create social media content that is distributed through the various social media channels.
- Respond to questions and concerns posted to the church social media accounts.
- Stay up to date with current trends in social media.
- Work with church ministries to develop specific social media strategies that fit within the church's overall branding and social media strategy.
- Identify, develop, and deploy social media volunteers to enhance the church's social media effectiveness.
- Work with the rector, and vestry to develop staff wide social media policies.
- Collect and communicate all media metrics that faithfully describe the effectiveness of the church's media outreach.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Commitment to the mission of the Parish
- ◆ A Growing Christian faith and character
- ◆ Self-starter
- ◆ Experience managing print and social media
- ◆ An understanding of current trends in social media and how maximizes its use in a faith based context.



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

Luke 22:27

Parish Staff

Fr. John M. Himes, OSF
Rector

Fr. Andrew Ellison
Curate

Rae Dickson
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

Tony Pierce
Senior Warden

Junior Warden
Micheal DeSa

Angela Bray
Clerk of the Vestry

Julie Trexler
Treasurer

Leana Westergaard

Carol Meyer

Kathleen Abraham

Jackie Weeks

Chris Altnau

Steve Lewis

Margot Lingold

Robert Perkins

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

Choir Practice 5:00 PM

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

Contemporary Worship - 6:00 PM

Thursday

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM



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