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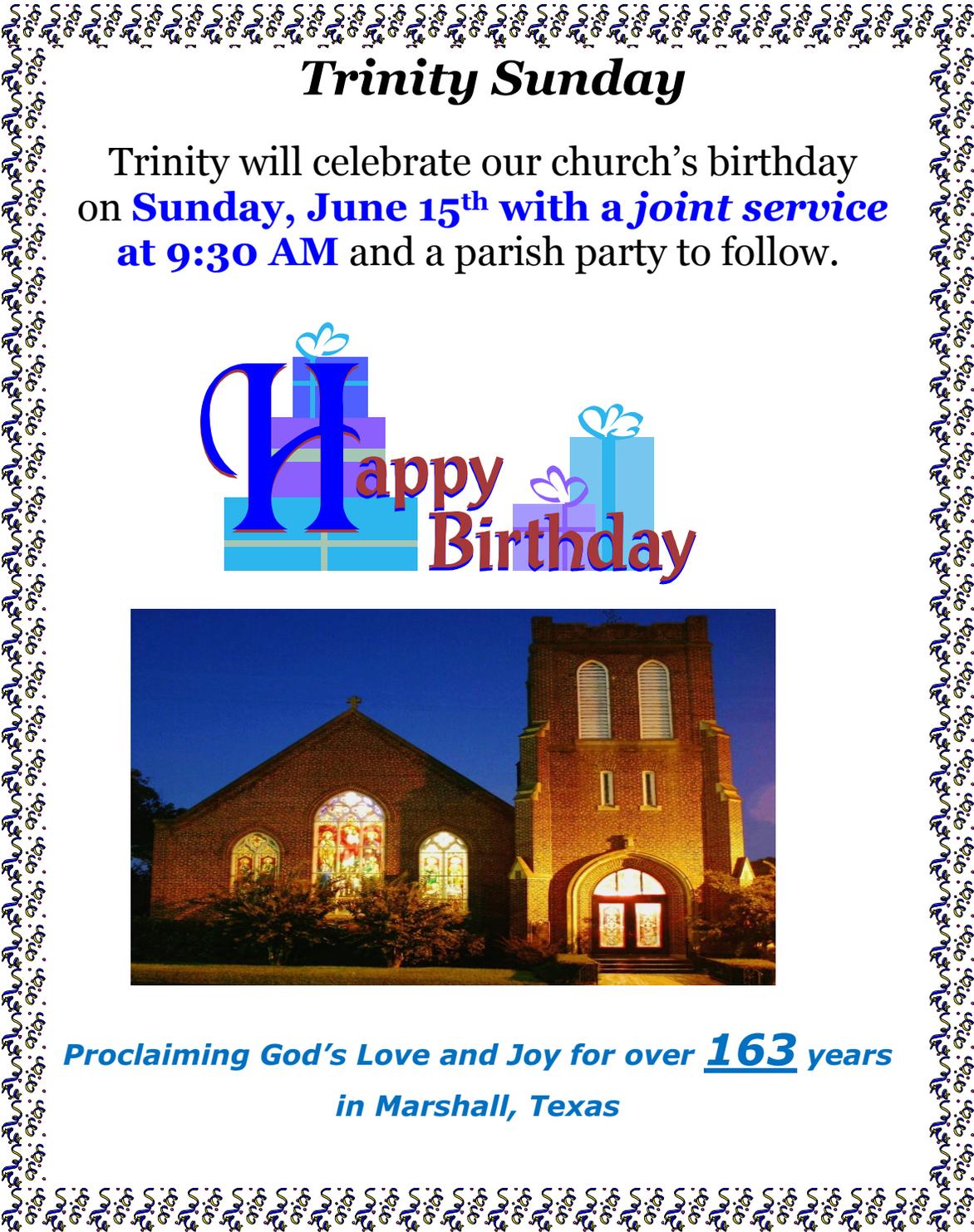
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**Trinity Episcopal Church:**

*Witnessing to the Power of God to Transform*

*Proclaiming God's Love and Joy for over 162 years in Marshall, Texas*



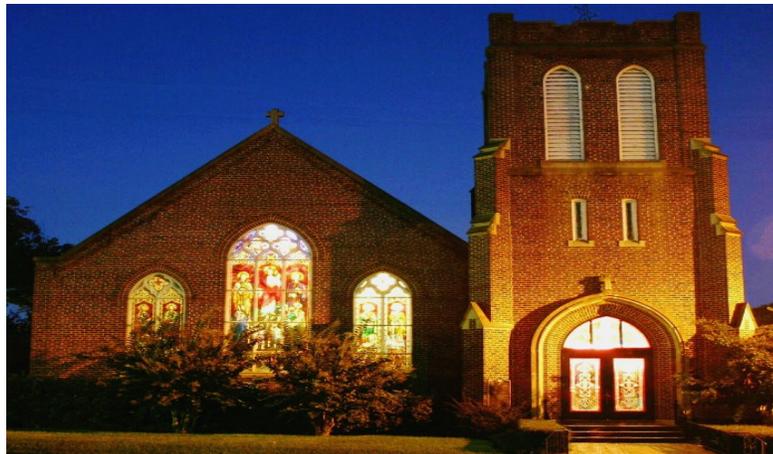
## Trinity Sunday

Trinity will celebrate our church's birthday on **Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> with a joint service at 9:30 AM** and a parish party to follow.



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## Focus On: Choir Members



### Our Mission

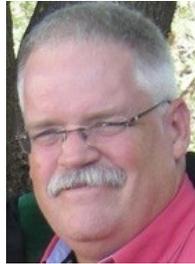
To proclaim the  
Gospel of Jesus  
Christ by:

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.



**Randy Reeves**

I have been a cradle Episcopalian all of my life, raised in Fort Worth, Texas, where I was raised in the very conservative Fort Worth Diocese, as a matter of fact the church that I grew up and was married in to my great wife and best friend Connie, is now a Greek Orthodox church.

As far as my musical career, I was raised in a musical family, my mother is a retired music teacher from Fort Worth ISD and taught music for 32 years. I was also in band in Junior High School and part of High School, playing the trombone. I have been in several church choirs and love to sing. When we moved back to Marshall back in 1996, Martha Key was a major reason for me getting back into the choir thing, she hounded me until I said OK!

I have a BS in Agricultural Economics and MS degree in General Agriculture, both from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. I serve as the County Extension Agent for Agriculture in Harrison County, Harrison County is the first county that I served in when I graduated. I left Harrison County and served in a couple of other East Texas counties and had the chance to come back to Harrison. Connie and I see Harrison County as our home, our oldest, Steven was born here and Robin grew up here in Marshall.

I am a die-hard Texas Tech Red Raider fan, no, I did not go to school there, but my son and my money did (eight long years) and they are a fun team to watch!

As far as misbehaving men on the back row, yes, we are, that is what keeps the gals on the front row on their toes and keeps it fun! Jim loves us guys on the back row, especially with all of our music knowledge...Right! Mike Jeffries is my biggest buddy in choir and we help each other try to stay straight and fly right!



**Paul Palmer**

I was born in Pennsylvania and grew up in Natchitoches and Jena, LA. I'm a Navy veteran of the Vietnam era. Graduated from LA Tech in Ruston with a degree in Forestry using the G I bill. Married Amanda in 1980 at the little Methodist church we both attended in high school. Started singing in a high school play (until then, I didn't know I could sing). Joined a church choir in Baton Rouge shortly after Amanda and I were married and have been singing in choirs pretty much since then. It was a great privilege to sing in a choir at St. Andrews in Amarillo under the guidance of Margret Lacy. I learned so much of classical choir music from her. It has also been a great joy to sing in this choir under Jim Johnson.

## Rector's Meanderings

### Dear Beloved in Christ:

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

In the spring of the year there are a great many celebrations, graduations and weddings fill the months of May and June. Celebrations of milestones in life are wonderful. For those blest to witness these events we cheer the graduates and newlyweds on to aspire to the next of life's milestones. It is good to be cheer leaders for those who are important to us. It is a reminder that they are loved, that their very presence in the life of another has meaning and is valued.

The milestones in the lives of others also serves to be a reminder to ourselves of those same milestones in our own lives. Some of those can be bitter sweet and others treasured memories. It is often in the bitter sweet that we learn the greatest life lessons.

I remember my graduation 45 years ago. I was a pretty cocky kid that day and if there was ever someone who needed to have an attitude adjustment it was me. Unfortunately at that moment I was a bit too full of myself to accept much Godly counsel of advice from anyone.

I don't care how many times I try to put my pride away; it sneaks back into my life in a most corruptible form. Impacting on every aspect of life in this world. In boasting and in pride a person becomes the god of their own world. He or she will take center stage and will rebuke any, including the God of the universe who comes to remove us from our exalted position.

The danger a person faces is that our Lord God will not remove us by force. If we desire center stage, He will let us have it. Yet, our self-centeredness is the key to our very own destruction. In it we condemn ourselves to the very depths of hell, for we have worshipped the idol of self and the secular age.

A few short years later life had changed immensely, and so had my attitude. A lot had happened in the course of five short years and I remember coming across a piece of Scripture; **2 Corinthians 10:17** "Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord." It was sound advice, I should have paid greater attention to it.

It is in putting aside oneself that one finds true life. It is in surrender to the glory of Christ Jesus that we see the eternity that is before us and praise and glorify His holy name. In moments of time when I find myself stepping in front of God saying, "I can.." He sometimes rebukes me as a father with an errant child. Other times He steps aside and seems to say to me, "You will learn from this a painful lesson, which you must learn to lean more heavily upon me." In either case I am grateful for Him, for in both situations He reminds me that I am in dire need of His merciful presence in my life. He reminds me that He is the Creator, and I am the created. He reminds me He is the Father and I the Beloved adopted son, Thanks be to God.

If we have pride, then let that pride be in the sacrifice of Christ on the cross for our salvation, for nothing else is worth boasting about. We can then look back at our milestones and see that the greatest ones were the ones that brought us closer to Christ.



*"Let him who  
boasts, boast  
of the Lord."*

**2 Corinthians  
10:17**

*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.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND WORSHIP: COME JOIN US!

Beginning Wednesday, **June 4<sup>th</sup>** we will be going to our Summer Potluck schedule.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. This is a great time for all, we have some amazing cooks and there is always enough. Dinner is at 5:30 PM followed by a Service of anointing and healing at 6:15 PM and programs for Youth and Children also at 6:15. This is a wonderful time of fellowship and praise, really helps to recharge the spiritual batteries during the week.



### Men of Trinity



The Men of Trinity will have a work day on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM. We are going to be replacing the fencing around the All Saints Hall A/C units. We'll need some hammers, nails, piers and screw drivers to complete the job.

### Hunting on the Sabbath

I know we're a long way from hunting season, but I just couldn't resist this. Thank you Beverly for reminding us how our Lord sometimes works.

I had everything planned and had told my wife I would not be going to church with her on Sunday. My wife reminded me that Sunday was the Sabbath Day and hunting a trophy buck should not be part of the Sabbath.

1. I scouted the area all summer.
2. I searched out the best location for my tree-stand.
3. I set it all up a month ahead of time.
4. I trailed the herd.
5. I picked out a trophy buck.
6. Two days before opening day I rechecked every aspect of the hunt.
7. Everything was in place.
8. Sunday morning, I woke up at 2 am.
9. I put on my camo, loaded my pack, set out for my stand.
10. This was destined to be an epic hunt.
11. As I approached my deer stand. (see picture and caption)



***I called my wife and told her I had decided not to hunt on the Sabbath and would meet her at church. The Sunday sermon was entitled***

***"The Lord Works In Mysterious Ways".***

## Birthdays

- |                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Hartley Denney          | 18 Evan Welch        |
| 3 Claude Hammond          | 19 Mary Price        |
| 3 Kent Martin             | 19 Connie Reeves     |
| 3 John Evans              | 20 Jenny Kerr        |
| 6 Jodi Beavers            | 20 Hannah Abraham    |
| 6 Chloe Cope              | 20 Paul Whaley       |
| 12 Nan Spellings          | 20 Lou Violette      |
| 12 Jim William Weaver III | 22 Jean Jackson      |
| 13 Shirley Weaver         | 25 Sybil King        |
| 13 Judy Asaff             | 28 David Thomas      |
| 14 Holly Hasty            | 29 Charles Manly     |
| 14 Ellen Bray             | 29 Heather Augustine |
| 18 Christina Anderson     | 29 Elijah Hammers    |
| 18 Fr. John Himes         | 30 Edna Gani         |
| 18 Karen Neal             |                      |
| 18 Russell Minatrea       |                      |

## Church Financials and Attendance for April 2014

Budget Income for 2014 .....	\$ 482,773	
Budget Expenses for 2013 .....	\$ 484,854	
Budget Difference for 2013 .....	(\$ 9,768)	
Income Received to Date .....	\$ 156,286	
Expenses to Date .....	\$ 168,136	
Income for the month .....	\$ 35,742	
Expenses for the month .....	\$ 44,609	
Difference for the month .....	\$ 8,868	
Difference to Date.....	(\$ 11,850)	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Average Sunday Attendance to date	182	171
Average Sunday Attendance for April	190	189
Sunday Attendance to date	2369	2906
Attendance all other Services	3726	4632

## Anniversaries

- |    |                              |
|----|------------------------------|
| 1  | Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kemp         |
| 6  | Mr. & Mrs. Eric Neal         |
| 16 | Mr. & Mrs. Damon Falke       |
| 16 | Mr. & Mrs. John Bockman, Jr. |
| 17 | Mr. & Mrs. Terry Weeks       |
| 18 | Mr. & Mrs. Randy Reeves      |
| 23 | Mr. & Mrs. Jack Sanders, Jr. |
| 24 | Mr. & Mrs. Harry McGee IV    |
| 27 | Mr. & Mrs. Joe Weinberg      |
| 28 | Mr. & Mrs. Tony Bridge       |
| 30 | Mr. & Mrs. David Collins     |

## Strawberry Pretzel Salad

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups crushed pretzels
- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 2 (3 ounce) packages strawberry flavored Jell-O®
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 (10 ounce) packages frozen strawberries

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
2. Stir together crushed pretzels, melted butter and 3 tablespoons sugar; mix well and press mixture into the bottom of a 9x13 inch baking dish.
3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes, until set. Set aside to cool.
4. In a large mixing bowl cream together cream cheese and 1 cup sugar. Fold in whipped topping. Spread mixture onto cooled crust.
5. Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Stir in still frozen strawberries and allow to set briefly. When mixture is about the consistency of egg whites, pour and spread over cream cheese layer. Refrigerate until set.

## *Altar Flower Donors Needed*

*There are still a couple of dates in August & November that are available for donors. Please sign up on the flower calendar in the Narthex or in All Saint's Hall.*

## Daughters of the King

The Junior and Senior DOK worked to clean up and replant the garden outside ASH in anticipation of Mother's Day. Many Juniors and their moms spent the afternoon of Sunday, May 4 cleaning beds, raking leaves, pruning bushes, and planting and watering new growth. This is the Junior DOK gift to the church so that everyone who uses the parish hall will have a lovely view!



## Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is a ministry for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men and boys in the Episcopal and Anglican Communion. Through the discipline of prayer, study, and service; "Brothers Andrew" members seek to strengthen their spiritual condition, thus empowering them as spiritual leaders in their homes, churches, and communities.

Founded in 1883, The Brotherhood was incorporated by an Act of U.S. Congress signed by President Theodore Roosevelt on May 30, 1908. The act states, "...the sole object of said corporation shall be the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men."

For two years Father John has prayed for the revival of Trinity's Brotherhood chapter, as it has been inactive since the late 1960s. The recent emergence in interest is truly an answer to prayer. We will be meeting regularly this summer to complete the training lessons required before our chapter can be reinstated during Sunday service. All men of the church are invited to take part. If interested, please contact Father John or Adam Lundgren for further details.

## Youth News!



### Our Core Values:

Commitment  
to Jesus Christ

Authority of  
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leadership

There's one thing Jesus did that we don't think about very much. It's one of the most overlooked parts of the gospel story. It's not when he came into the world. We do a great job celebrating Christmas. It's impossible to overlook the birth of God incarnate, right? It's not when he died either. Holy Week is a busy week. And then there's Easter Sunday. There's no way we could forget it. The birth, death, and resurrection of our Lord are obviously huge moments in God's word. And we make a big deal about them, just as we should. But after spending a lot of time studying Scripture, I've come to believe that Ascension Day isn't given enough attention. It's the one thing Jesus did we don't like to think about: He left. Jesus had to leave. This was a tough lesson for the disciples to swallow. Jesus' time with them was done. For better things to come their way, their spiritual leader had to go. They had now to take up the baton and run the race without him. They had to be the spiritual leaders that they weren't while he was with them. So much happened when Jesus left the physical realm of this world and entered into the spiritual dimension of the heavens. John 14:25-27 and 16:5-16 teach us that there is a connection between Jesus leaving and the Holy Spirit coming. Pentecost happened because the ascension happened. And there are connections between the Holy Spirit in us, the authority Christ has, and the authority he gives us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have gifts and abilities that allow us to do the work of God's kingdom. Paul quotes Psalm 68 in Ephesians 4:8, which says, "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men." In the psalm, God triumphantly ascends to the throne in Jerusalem after defeating his enemies and taking their possessions (which already belong to God). Paul uses it to teach us that at Jesus' ascension, Christ defeated the powers of evil and has given "gifts" to us. The gifts that are given are gifts of the Spirit, empowering us to do good in the world and live the gospel.

I am writing this before Ascension Day 2014 arrives. You are reading this after it has passed. Ascension Day 2014 is Thursday, May 29. I encourage you to take a Thursday and use that day to praise God and prayerfully remember that Jesus' ascension means his rule and our victory. It means the presence of the Holy Spirit in you and your life. The Holy Spirit on you means you walk by faith in Christ and have assurance of future blessings; and therefore, your future salvation is sealed (Eph. 1:13-14). You are secure in Christ. Jesus left so the Spirit could come on us. The Holy Spirit's presence with us means we belong to God forever. Ephesians 1 uses interesting language for this: The Spirit is our down payment (*arrabon*) of an inheritance (*kleronomias*) that is coming to us. By faith in Christ Jesus, we become co-owners, or co-rulers if you will, in his kingdom. Our spiritual stock in the kingdom will pay dividends when Christ returns to establish the kingdom. *When we walk by the Spirit*, we show we are entitled to a share in the glory of the kingdom. One day we will receive what the Spirit in us always promised: everlasting life in God's kingdom. Jesus' ascension to the right hand of God the Father shows he owns this world. In his death and resurrection, Christ defeated death and earned the right to be exalted over all the earth as Lord and King. Psalm 47 echoes the desire of God's people to see the LORD as King of all the nations of the world. The ascension is for us a reminder that the LORD reigns through the person of Jesus. The ascension is proof of Christ's defeat of our enemies, and he has given us the authority and strength to do God's will and prepare the world for the reign of our Lord Jesus.

God's Peace,

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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