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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

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Marshall Symphony String Quartet to Perform at Trinity



The String Quartet from Marshall Symphony will perform a concert at Trinity on Saturday evening, October 18th beginning at 6:00 PM. The Quartet, led by Leonard Kacenjar, will perform an original composition glorifying the Saints of the Church.

This event is open to the community. Tickets are free however they are limited. Individuals and families need to reserve them early. The tickets will be available starting October 1st.

Following the concert, Trinity will host a Wine and Cheese Reception in All Saints' Hall.

This concert is made available through a Strategic Mission Grant from the Diocese of Texas to our Junior Daughters of the King Chapter. We are thankful for the Diocese's assistance in allowing Trinity to develop a unique outreach program to the community.

Annual Parish Meeting Scheduled

The Annual Parish Meeting and Election for Trinity Episcopal Church will take place on Sunday, October 19th at 9:30 AM in All Saints' Hall. The parishioners will be asked to vote on the 2015 budget, the Delegates to Diocesan Council and representatives for the Vestry.



The Council nominees are Carol Meyer, Tony Pierce, and Lowell and Gail Runyan. The Vestry nominees at this time are Cindy Cain, Doug Jager, Ken Kerr, and Joel True-love. Absentee ballots will be available in the parish office on Monday, October 13th.



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.



Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The BStA have begun a new Bible study of Proverbs and they invite all men of the church to join them. Meetings will be at lunchtime every other Wednesday at Jucy's (on 80 across from Kroger). The October meetings will be held on the 15th and the 29th. Call the church office for more information.

What: BStA Bible Study and Fellowship on Proverbs

When: Wednesdays at lunchtime

- October 15
- October 29

Where: Jucy's Hamburgers



Men of Trinity

Men of Trinity will meet on Monday, October 13 @ 5:30pm in All Saint's Hall. All men of the parish are invited to come enjoy food & fellowship!

First Communion Classes

First Communion Classes will begin on Sunday, October 26th @ 9:30 AM in Fry Hall, Children's Classroom 1. The Celebration of First Communion will be on Sunday, November 9th at the 10:30 Service. If you would like to register your child for the class please call the parish office at [903-938-4246](tel:903-938-4246).

Rector's Meanderings

Dear Beloved in Christ:

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

Indeed, we live in distressing times. Cruelty and slaughter of innocence takes place around the world. It seems far away, yet in our hearts we may be horrified or relieved. Horrified that such evil exists or relieved that it isn't happening to us. Our society though materially rich is spiritually bankrupt. The poor continue to falter each day, those who are materially secure move blindly about ignoring their suffering brothers and sister both close by and in distant lands. There are those who turn to the works of man to "fix" that which is broken rather than the power of the Holy Spirit to move, shape, and change lives and societies. Children turn against their parents, parents against their children. Turmoil throughout the earth, wars rage, famines spread, abortion, the modern day slaughter of the innocence is held up to be a right, promiscuous sexuality is professed as alternate lifestyles to be honored. Those who initiate the genocides taking place are to be managed rather than confronted. We cannot say this is evil because that might be offensive.

In St. Paul's 2nd Letter to Timothy he writes, "You must understand this, that in the last days distressing times will come." Indeed we are in a distressing time. What did Paul mean to say to Timothy in this letter of two thousand years ago? Were things as bad then as they seem to be now. Yes, in their eyes they were. In our eyes we often wonder will we survive another generation. Even now it may seem the Church itself is faltering. Far too many have accepted the secular humanist agenda. The voices of our bishops are silent when it comes to the suffering of our brothers and sisters in foreign lands. If the leadership of the Church does not speak the faith once delivered who will?

Isaiah stood and said to the Lord, "Here I am Lord Send me." We must keep before us that the Gospel message itself is not the Church. Often Christ will call us to stand against the Church, if it ceases to proclaim the truth just as he called his disciples to stand against the Pharisee of his day. We are to stand for Christ, for Christ alone, and that will sometimes mean we will run counter to the culture, and at times even a church that is silent in the face of human tragedy. It will certainly mean that we will run counter to the politically correct norms of our society. Later in the same chapter Paul tells Timothy, "Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." It seems evident that in our age this persecution may occur not only within the confines of our society, but also within the walls of the Church. Those who seek to follow faithfully the teaching of our Blessed Lord are ridiculed, shouted down, called names and cast aside. But they continue to follow regardless of the cost.

I ponder this, as I sit within the walls of this church, often frustrated and feeling a bit marginalized by an Episcopal Church that seems more concerned with being in step with the society of the day than one that seems focused on spreading the liberating Good News of the Gospel and reaching out to our brothers and sisters facing persecution. O that I could hear more clearly the words being whispered to my heart! I strain to listen more carefully to the words of my Lord and my God. I pray that each of us strains to hear.



Heavenly Father give me ears to hear and strength to follow. Lord help me to be obedient to all that You call me to this day. Open my eyes to what you desire for me to see, open my heart to love those who are lost that I might love as you loved. Lord move my heart to more closely resemble yours. I pray this in the Blessed name of my Lord and my Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

Pax et Bonum.
Fr. John

Women of Trinity

Coming to the programs that the Women of Trinity present is an amazing experience...it's like riding a magic carpet to exotic places, but on October 15, you'll not only fly away, but back in time, as well. Yes, our delightful ETBU professor of Church History, Dr. Warren Johnson, is returning by popular demand, to whisk us back to Biblical times. Dr. Johnson has that rare gift of making history come alive, making you feel as though you're right there...and you don't have to take a test afterwards, either! In September, Dave and Jeanne Rayner's daughter, our very own Lois, took us with her to Uganda...we could almost hear the natives singing and watch as the children from the orphanage excitedly gather around this special guest from America...this is the "Mustard Seed Project" and we were fascinated. Join this interesting group of women of all ages, "Trinity Women" on the third Wednesday of each month (except December) at 11 a.m. in All Saints Hall for interesting programs, lots of laughter (often at ourselves!), a nice lunch and great camaraderie. You won't want to miss our trip to the Holy Land, and in Biblical times, at that, on Wednesday, October 15, in All Saints Hall right after the 10 a.m. service!! All Trinity Women of all ages are invited.



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.

Boy Scouts

Troop 550 Has another Eagle Scout. On Saturday, September 13th, Lake Brannon, son of Mike and Katherine Brannon was awarded the rank of Eagle. Lake is only the second scout in the Troop to achieve that rank.



Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

1	Mr. & Mrs. Reggie Hasty
2	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Kutner
4	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Anderson
5	Mr. & Mrs. Evan Welch
20	Mr. & Mrs. Fred Westergaard

Church Financials and Attendance for August 2014

Budget Income for 2014	\$ 482,773
Budget Expenses for 2014	\$ 484,854
Budget Difference for 2014	(\$ 2,082)
Income Received to Date	\$ 307,344
Expenses to Date	\$ 317,656
Income for the month	\$ 38,814
Expenses for the month	\$ 37,033
Difference for the month	\$ 1,781
Difference to Date.....	(\$ 10,231)

Average Sunday Attendance to date 160

Average Sunday Attendance for July 141

Sunday Attendance to date 5490

Attendance all other Services 6743

Slow Cooker Chicken & Dumplings

- 4 boneless chicken breast
- 2 tbs butter
- 1 can Cream of Chicken
- 1 can Cream of Celery
- 2 cans biscuits, torn into pieces
- Onion powder & garlic salt

Place the chicken, butter, soup, onion powder & garlic salt in slow cooker and cover with water.

Cook for 5-6 hours on high. About 1 hour before serving, place torn biscuit dough in slow cooker. Cook until the dough is no longer raw in the center.

If too thick add chicken broth or water.

Jr Daughters of the King



Welcome new
Junior DOK!
May God bless
your journey!



For His
Sake



Daughters of the King

The Inquirers Class for the Daughters of the King is still open for those who would like to be a part of the Daughters of the King. Our next meeting is Saturday, October 11th from 9-2 p.m. in All Saints Hall. Lunch and childcare are provided. Contact Sherry Henderson by phone or email if you are interested in attending classes.

On Saturday, October 18th from 9-2, the DOK will hold its Day of Reflection. Julie Cosgrove, Christian author and Daughter of the King, will be our guest speaker. Invite your friends and come to this wonderful day with the Daughters. Lunch is served and childcare is available.

On Monday, October 27, Sherry McCord of Benton, Arkansas, will be our guest speaker. Sherry is a former teacher and guidance counselor who will continue our focus of Telling My Story About Jesus. You don't want to miss this powerful story of the love of God during unimaginable grief and heartbreak. It will be a real joy to have Sherry at Trinity Church. A light supper will be served. Call the church to reserve childcare.

Ad maiorem Dei gloriam!



Our Core Values:

Commitment
to Jesus Christ

Authority of
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leadership



A huge turnout and glorious weather blessed the first Prayer Walk for Marshall led by Trinity Episcopal Church. Fr. John and over 120 participants walked around key locations in the city center including the county and U.S. District courthouses, the community garden, and the 1st Presbyterian Church building to pray for specific concerns of the community. The welfare of the city and its people was lifted up throughout the prayer walk for God's grace and mercy to be poured out upon our community.

The hope is that other church congregations will institute a Prayer Walk in their area of the community and that we can indeed cover all of Marshall with prayer.

Trinity plans to hold another Prayer Walk for a different part of the community in the future.



The tradition of prayer walks is an ancient tradition in the Anglican / Episcopal Church. The tradition is often used on Rogation Days on the Church Calendar as a means of asking for God's blessing for bountiful harvests and productive industry. It also seeks to bind Satan from influencing the affairs of the people of a given community.

The Prayer Walk was sponsored by the Hannah Chapter of the Daughters of the King and the Junior Daughters of the King.



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

Luke 22:27

Parish Staff

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

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

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

Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

Thursday

Choir Rehearsal - 5:15 PM

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM



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