Covering Marshall with Prayer

God hears the prayers of His people. That tells us that we should be a people of prayer. We certainly have our personal prayer time. At the same time Christians should come together and pray for their larger community. We are to pray for one another and our collective welfare. That is what Covering Marshall With Prayer is all about.

On Sunday, September 17th people from our congregation and our extended community of Marshall came together to pray for the welfare of our community. The gathered faithful processed through downtown Marshall praying for government, commerce, industry, agriculture and our common life.

This year we had plenty of children walking and praying with us. At the same time as the prayer walk members of the congregation were also present in the Church praying for those making the procession. This was the fifth year that Trinity had hosted this event for our community.

Many communities around our nation have suffered from civil strife over the last several years. Marshall has been blessed not to suffer from the same turmoil. We pray for peace and our Lord has given us peace.
OCCUPYING FOR MINISTRY -
SUNDAY COOKIES AND COFFEE

For the last two years the Hannah Chapter of the Daughters of the King have provided cookies and coffee after the second service on Sundays. We are so pleased that so many of our families are enjoying this service and fellowship that we have provided. Now it is time to open the door to all of our church to participate in this wonderful ministry where we get to know one another better and love one another more.

Several of the DOK have been unable to participate because of their commitment to the choir, Christian formation, or the first service worship, and other obligations that make it impossible to serve in the ministry. Also, it becomes expensive if the same people provide the cookies and punch each Sunday. The Cookie and Coffee ministry is now a church wide ministry of the Trinity Episcopal Church, and I am asking you to join us in this exciting endeavor.

I will serve as leadership chair for the Cookie and Coffee Ministry of the church. Several of the DOK will continue to participate. We need church members, men and women, to participate with us. A calendar will be made so that no one person will be overworked. I will be working with this team to learn all that is needed to provide this wonderful service. The more who participate, the smaller the obligation.

I will contact all who are interested to meet briefly for questions and for making a schedule. Thanks beforehand for answering God’s call to this ministry that has led to bring new people to our church and to open such delightful fellowship and new friendships.

There may be those who are unable to bake or purchase cookies. Funds will be provided through the church budget in those cases. This ministry is a great joy to me and I know God will send us a team dedicated to fellowship and evangelism.

Contact me if you are interested or have questions. Sherry Henderson, telephone, 903-263-8877
Or email me sthen48@yahoo.com

Trinity Episcopal School Welcomed to the Marshall Chamber of Commerce

On Tuesday, September 26th the Marshall Chamber of Commerce welcomed its newest member organization, Trinity Episcopal School. Trinity is proud to be a support of the Marshall civic community.
Dear Beloved in Christ:

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

Recently reflecting on Isaiah 2:22 “Stop trusting in man, who has put breath in his nostrils, of what account is he?” I came to the conclusion that far too many folks place their trust in human beings rather than God. Back in August when we were all focused on Hurricane Harvey I heard a number of people looking to other humans to solve the problems we were facing in the midst of crisis. Now that we have moved beyond crisis to rebuilding I hear much the same.

In the passage from Isaiah you have to admit that Isaiah certainly is able to put things into perspective in a hurry. No beating around the push, his cards are on the table. We trust others, and even in our distrust, more than we trust in God. Most of all, we will initially trust in ourselves far more than we will trust in God. In this I speak from a personal experience. For far too long I often turned to God only as a last resort, only did I go to Him after I had been let down by everyone, only after my strength is exhausted. Even then my response was only half hearted. It was more along the lines of; “OK Lord, I’m wore out over this one, and everyone has failed me, maybe you can do something.” Not exactly a picture of faith is it.

When should we go to Christ with something, when should we surrender it to Him? At what point in the crisis, should we turn to our Lord and say, “I trust in You, here’s another one of my problems.” A person should go to Christ before there is a problem. What I am saying, if a person is in Christ daily, if that person has given their life over to Him, then Christ has His hands on what troubles that person may face even before he or she brings it before Him in prayer. It is the Holy Spirit that sees what is troubling a person’s heart, and groans out a prayer for an individual even before, that person has thought to pray for them self.

The only one we can depend on in any and all circumstances is our Lord Jesus Christ. No one else will stand as firm as He will. No one will hold us in their arms the way He will no one can comfort as Christ comforts.

Man is dust, why would someone trust in the “thing” if they could have the creator of that “thing”. We are created in God’s image; we were not created as god. We will pass away; our hearts are exceedingly deceitful. Only God is eternal, only God sees all is for the eternal good. We are rebelling against God when we place out trust in ourselves, or in others. No one saves. Jesus Christ, alone, can offer us eternal salvation, no one else. Jesus Christ, can wash away our sins and our hurts all in one. No one but Jesus Christ has given themselves up as a pure and perfect sacrifice that enables us to come again into the presence of our Heavenly Father confident in our redemption.

Heavenly Father, let me cease trusting in myself, let me cease depending on others to comfort me, Lord let me turn to You in all things trusting in Your never ending mercy and grace.

Lord let me be an instrument of Your comfort, that my words and my love is merely a reflection of Yours.

Let me humble myself and my desires before You and Your will always.

I pray in the name of Your Son and my

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. John
BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Schedule for October is as follows:
Bible Study at Jucy’s on Wednesdays, October 11th and 25th at 11:30
(Bible Study begins at 12:00)
Saturday, October 28th at 10:00 am monthly meeting at Golden Corral
All men of the parish are invited to attend either of the meetings.

Second Sunday Singles Dinner

A new ministry is beginning at Trinity. The Second Sunday Singles Dinner provides an opportunity for single adults of all ages to gather for dinner and fellowship. The First dinner will be on Sunday, October, 8th 2017. The first gathering will be at the home of Margot Lingold located at 3254 Go-forth Rd., Marshall, Texas and dinner will be from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish of their choice to share. For further information contact Margot at 903-926-0991.

TRINITY SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND FOSTER CHILDREN

As you know, Trinity has been given the opportunity to support struggling families trying to stay together, as well as help foster families. This is a great opportunity for our church to reach to members of our community, to show them Christ’s love, as well as attempt to keep them together.

Last month I wrote about the Hospital Ministry, this month I will talk about personal grooming. Al highlight of most teenagers High School experience is the prom. Many young women and even young men put effort into looking their best for this night. Girls go and get their hair done, and make up. Boys find the best tuxedos they can find. However, this is quite an expense for the students or their families. Prom is one thing, but kids do need haircuts. They need them often, and this is also quite an expensive endeavor. In the end every kid deserves to look their best. CPS has a resource that helps kids and their families providing much needed haircuts, and there are very real ways we can get involved. Congregations can look for stylists willing to work with the kids, hold a cut-a-thon raising money for prom or other special events to help the kids look great, or even co-sponsor PROM prep night with a local stylist to do hair and give tips on etiquette. This is a real way we can have a meaningful impact on the kids, and their families.

I invite you all to look into this, and other ways we can get involved in the supporting these families. If you would like more information on the personal grooming or other ways to get involved you can contact Fr. Joh, Fr. Andrew, or Jackie Weeks, chair of our Outreach Committee.
Birthdays

1. Hope D’Asto
2. Vicki West
3. Dawn Kutner
4. Frank Strauss
5. Irma Tanner
6. Melissa Shaw
7. Wendy Slayter
8. Pieko Hathaway
9. Gary Beavers
10. Robert DeSa
11. Cindy Duncan
12. Gayle Weinberg
13. Bonnie Strauss
14. Julie Trexler
15. Ron Denney, Sr.
16. Diane Taylor
17. Larry Waskom
18. Laynie Abraham
19. Ken Kerr
20. Jeff Henderson
21. Charles Cobb
22. Maggie Truelove
23. Trent Staggers
24. Molly Welch
25. Carolyn Sullivan
26. Lula Waskom
27. Mary Lou Barkett
28. Woody Moseley
29. John Bogue Sr.
30. Lynn Sanders
31. Blake Hammers

Church Financials and Attendance for August 2017

- Budget Income for 2017: $508,664
- Budget Expenses for 2017: $546,091
- Budget Difference for 2017: ($37,427)
- Income Received to Date: $291,205
- Expenses to Date: ($304,470)
- Income for the month: $37,727
- Expenses for the month: $37,416
- Difference for the month: $311
- Difference to Date: ($13,264)

Average Sunday Attendance

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Anniversaries

1. Mr. & Mrs. Reggie Hasty
2. Mr. & Mrs. Jim Kutner
3. Mr. & Mrs. Richard Anderson
4. Mr. & Mrs. Evan Welch
5. Mr. & Mrs. Drake Lee

Pregnancy & Infant Loss PRAYER SERVICE
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 15, 2017
6:00 PM

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
106 N. GROVE MARSHALL, TEXAS
TRINITY TAKES PART IN THE WORK OF RECONCILIATION

Through the efforts of the Episcopal Health Foundation of the Diocese of Texas Trinity was able to host a viewing of the PBS documentary Traces of the Trade along with dinner and a discussion on race and reconciliation. The event took place on Sunday, September 24th and included members of Trinity and members and pastor of other churches in the Marshall Harrison County area. The documentary itself focused on the story of the DeWolf family, the largest slave traders in early America and how the present day family members sought to reconcile their family and personal history in their lives today. The film was followed up by a brief talk by Dain and Constance Perry, Dain is a descendant of the DeWolf family and his wife, Constance, is a descendant of slaves.

After dinner and the film Dain and Constance led the assembled group in a discussion on reconciliation and how communities can be active in the reconciliation process to build stronger communities together. Members of the group were asked to state in one word the impression the film made on them. The words covered a much wider spectrum than one might have thought. Words like compassion, grief, anger, and hope were often repeated among the attendees. The people were invited to share a part of their stories. During the evening it became clear that there is a desire among members of our larger community of Marshall and Harrison County to work towards reconciliation.

At the end of the evening individuals were asked to sign up to continue further conversations working towards healing and reconciliation. The vast majority of those attending chose to sign up to be a part of this ongoing effort. The Episcopal Health Foundation of the Diocese of Texas will partner with Trinity as continue to move forward.
Hello friends, greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. It is October again, and each October is a special time for many. At the end of the month children will be putting on their costumes and going door to door trick or treating. October is also a time where many go out and watch High School and College football. However, for some these events could be hard. For some watching children trick or treating brings not happiness and joy, but heartache. There is heartache because some people are watching something that they are missing, something that they will never be able to see. Too many there are the thoughts of a child who is no longer with them, who will never be able to trick or treat, or play football. Many who have lost a child during a pregnancy or in early infancy, or really anytime, find these times a bit difficult.

We often think of wellness as strictly physical. We exercise, eat healthy, and go to see our doctors yearly so that we can stay healthy. We tend to our physical well beings pretty well, mostly. However, many often forget about the other areas of wellness that they must tend; emotional and spiritual. These are often overlooked, that is until it is too late; until times of crisis, or even difficult times. As a parent of a deceased child I prepare myself spiritually and emotionally for approaching days that I know will be difficult; those being a birthday, death day, and holidays. I prepare myself because I know on those days I will be thinking of Nolan and what could have been. On Halloween I think about what he would have been dressed as, on Christmas I think of him with his siblings under the tree. Preparing myself emotionally and spiritually helps me in these times.

Luckily in October we have a day of remembrance. This is a day for people who have felt the heartbreak of a miscarriage or a death of a child to cope with that, and to lift up their child’s memory. At Trinity we will once again have a prayer service for these children on October 15th. This is a way to tend to ourselves emotionally and physically. If you have lost a child please come, and pray with us. If you need to talk to someone, my door is always open.

Luckily not everyone has felt this loss. However, we all have something that weighs on us emotionally and spiritually. I urge us all to tend to those. Find ways to care for your spiritual lives as well as your emotional lives, just as you do with your physical lives. Spend time in prayer, give God control of issues, take time off when stressed, or just spend time in silence. Whatever ways you need to tend to yourself do it, do not neglect it. When we focus on not only physical wellbeing, but spiritual and emotional we can live whole and healthy lives.

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew
XI. Of the Justification of Man. We are accounted righteous before God, only for the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by Faith, and not for our own works or deservings. Wherefore, that we are justified by Faith only, is a most wholesome Doctrine, and very full of comfort, as more largely is expressed in the Homily of Justification.

In Romans 3:10 we read, “There is none righteous, no, not one;” St. Paul is not alone in saying this it actual restates what King David wrote in Psalm 14:1, “There is none that does good.” But, this shouldn’t be a news flash to any of us. If we have studied the Fall of humanity that takes place in Genesis we know that we have all missed the mark. In short, we are all sinners and fall short of the glory of God.

That last statement is very popular into todays culture. Truth be told it hasn’t been popular—ever. However, that doesn’t make it untrue. Our culture would like to believe that humanity is basically good, all it needs is a few tweaks here and there and we could all live happily ever after. Sadly that has been tried over many millennia and we have never been able to tweak it enough. Why, because there is always someone who wants, who desires to either control others or to have what others have and are willing to obtain that control or take what others have by what ever means necessary. That my friends in the nature of sin on human nature. If we cannot fix our own human nature how in the world can we expect to be righteous based on our own efforts.

As humans we get angry, we envy, we are prideful, we are a great many things that aren’t very pleasant. Have aby of us ever said something along the lines of, “I can’t stand that in that person.” Have we ever imagined someone saying that about ourselves? Probably not. Why is that? It is because we see ourselves as basically good. That is our first mistake. We see our selves in the light we wish to be seen in rather than in the light that actually shines on us. Please don’t get me wrong, I am not saying we are total reprobates. I am saying that we are all broken and in need of healing and we cannot heal ourselves. We need a physician—a spiritual physician who can make us whole.

We have quickly become a culture in which disagreement is equate with hate. You hold a different view on an issue that I there for you hate me or vice versa. From personal experience I can say there are many people with whom I may disagree on a certain topic, yet I can still love them. I can disagree with my children, but it doesn’t supersede the love I have for them. We cannot over come what the culture throws at us on our own. We need something great than self to overcome our own fallen nature. This is where justification and faith come into play.

To fully grasp the reality of Article XI. We have to remember Articles I, II, III. And IV. Those Articles cover the humanity, divinity and atoning death of Jesus Christ. They are the foundation for this Article of faith. Article XI makes clear that we are not nor can we be righteous on our own account. It might be helpful here for the reader to take another look at Article IX, Of Original or Birth Sin.

On the cross Jesus bore the sins that are rightly ours. He bore all our sins, past, present and even future. His atoning death isn’t some sort of ‘get out of jail free’ card. His passion is the execution of judgment upon us. And, as Scripture says, “by his death we are healed.” However, his sacrifice for our sins does not make us righteous unless an individual accepts His sacrifice for their sins, and that means the must first acknowledge that they are sinful and in need of redemption. Jesus was the sinless sacrifice. He was without sin and bore our sins out of love for us. Thus we are account righteous, not based upon any merit of our own, but solely by His righteousness.
We accept this sacrifice on faith. We trust in God the Father accepting the sacrifice of God the Son that we might be made righteous before Him. Without faith this cannot be accomplished. We should rejoice in that. For our justification comes about by one simple act—accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

For many that sounds far too easy, far too painless. Some believe that they have to work themselves into God’s good graces. That is impossible. For we cannot be sinless. As we come to fully accept Christ’s atoning sacrifice on the cross we are changed, in St. Paul's words, “from one degree of glory to another.” I am always drawn to St. Luke’s Gospel when I consider how powerful a person’s faith can be. In chapter 8 in verses 47-50 we see the power of faith. St. Luke writes, “And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. 48 And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.” 49 While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more.” 50 But Jesus on hearing this answered him, “Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well.” These two passages indicate the importance of faith. The woman was healed completely at that moment and the child was restored to life. Both of which many would say is impossible or that there has to be some scientific reason.

We underestimate the power of God because we underestimate the strength of faith. Faith is a comfort when times are bad, when our life is in crisis. People turn to God when things seem the darkest. A life lived with faith on a daily basis still encounters crisis but rather than feeling as with we are overcome by a tidal wave, a person can face the rough seas knowing that Christ is in the boat with them and He calms the waves.

St. Peter came to Jesus walking on the water. As long as his eyes remained fixed on Christ he was safe. However, when his eyes began to wander and he felt the strength of the wind and saw the height of the waves he began to sink and cried out, “Lord save me.” Jesus took him by the hand and admonished him for his little faith. When we keep eyes focused upon Jesus we are comforted by His presence. Faith is simply a person keeping their heart and their eyes upon Christ and placing absolute trust in His promise. Nothing more, nothing less. Article XI is the affirmation of what Christ promises throughout the Gospels and what the Apostles write about in the Epistles. Our faith in Christ brings us through the perils of this life in the calm waters of God’s presence for all eternity. We are righteous because of our faith in what God has done for us through Christ’s atonement.
Trinity Episcopal Church
Annual Memorial Somerford-Parker
Fall Concert
Sunday, October 22, 2017
At 5:30 PM
PRESENTS

The Shreveport
Symphony
String Quartet

Led by Leonard Kacenjar

Join us as the String Quartet performs original Kermit Polling compositions celebrating the lives of the Saints of the Church

Wine and Cheese Reception to follow in

All Saints’ Hall

ADMISSION IS FREE
TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

The Concert has been funded by the family of Wanda Somerford-Parker in honor of her memory
Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Psalm 95:1
Parish Staff
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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  
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Sexton

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Ken Kerr  
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Joel Truelove  
Junior Warden
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Julie Trexler  
Treasurer
Doug Jager
Cindy Cain
Leana Westergaard
Tony Pierce
Carol Meyer
Micheal DeSa
Cassie Rhoades
Jackie Weeks

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 - 6:30 PM

Thursday
Choir practice 5:00 PM
Martha’s Kitchen - 6:00 PM

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