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WELCOME BACK!!!

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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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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.

Invitation Sunday &

Fall Festival

September 21

Invite a friend to join you for worship
This will also be our fall festival following 10:30 service
There will be music, food & games for kids
Come enjoy great food & fellowship!

Fall Adult Christian Formation

The Gospel of John: An in depth look at the Gospel of John. This class is led by Bill Abraham and examines the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ through St. John’s eyes. This Gospel is one of the most powerful example of Christ’s love. It provides each of us with insight into how, we as Christians, are to respond to the ever changing world around us. This class will meet in Classroom 1 on the 2nd floor in Fry Hall.

Learn to Listen to God: God talks to people every day! Learn to create an attitude and atmosphere to hear what He is saying to you individually. Create confidence to distinguish His voice, His direction, so that you may please Him as you learn to walk in heart fellowship with him daily. Together we will learn how obedience in the little things may have far-reaching, fabulous consequences in God’s Kingdom on earth. Edwina Thomas will lead this class in exploring how God speaks to His people. Edwina served as Director of SOMA for twenty years and travelled the world observing how our brothers and sisters hear God and respond to him. Her experience in ministry provides a broad backdrop of ways God speaks to his people in many and varied ways. This class will meet in Classroom 2 on the 2nd floor of Fry Hall.

Confirmation and Reception Class: Fr. John will lead the confirmation and reception class. This class covers the teaching of the Episcopal Church and is the required class for individuals to be Confirmed or Received into the Church. This class will begin on Sunday, September 21st and will meet in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor of Fry Hall at 9:30 AM. If you are a new to Trinity and have not yet become a member this is the class for you. To ensure we have enough material please call the parish office to register at 903-938-4246 or Fr_John_Himes@hotmail.com
Dear Beloved in Christ:

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

I am a big fan of the Book of Ecclesiastes. The poetry is beautiful and touches the soul. We all know that there is a season for everything. That is one of the most well known passages of the text. There is another passage that we might want to take to heart as well. One that is less known, but perhaps one that in this day of being quick to speak or post on a social media site might be worth considering. In Ecclesiastes 5:2 Solomon writes, “Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.” (NIV)

We speak a great deal; I speak a great deal. I often stand convicted by my own words. I speak what God calls His people to be about, and to do, yet I myself do not always do what I speak of. That is the essence of being a hypocrite. Paul was in the same boat, I do what I don’t want to do, and fail to do what I should do. Paul too was a hypocrite, so guess I am in fairly good company. But then Paul recognized himself to be a terrible sinner, I on the other hand tend to lift myself up and be self-righteous. That isn’t at all like Paul.

It is our mouths that get us in trouble, for out of the mouth comes what is truly in the heart. Solomon is telling us in a sense we should be quiet before God. If we babble on too much we think we can instruct God. I was once told, you have two ears and one mouth; they should be used in direct proportion to each other. That is what Solomon is saying in a nutshell. We are to come before God and be silent before Him that He might speak to us, that we might hear that the words may dwell in our heart and change our lives!

We are the created, God our creator; to be silent before Him is to worship Him, for in that silence we stand in utter awe of His power, His Holiness, and His love. We stand before Him as sinners, forgiven only by His mercy and grace. In the great plan of salvation we play only a very small part in once sense and a large part in another. In the small sense, we have done nothing to earn or deserve His grace and the salvation found in Christ Jesus. In the larger sense we are directly responsible for the death of Jesus Christ. For it was our crimes, our sins, my crimes and my sins that nailed Him to the cross. Each Christian should always keep that before himself or herself, our words should be few, and those few words should be, “Thank You Lord for loving me and giving Yourself up for my salvation and redemption. I love You Lord, Help me to be obedient to You.” Those few words speak volumes in God’s ears.

Pax et Bonum.

Fr. John
Women of Trinity

You’ve heard the phrase that describes us as members of the "Trinity Family"...well, the "Women of Trinity" do not take that concept lightly. Once a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, always a member of Trinity Episcopal Church and you’ll always be welcomed with open arms upon return. The Women of Trinity, I s’pose I should explain, is a group that, for as long as I can remember, has met on the third Wednesday of each month from September through May, at 11 a.m. following the 10 a.m. church service. The group is open to all women of Trinity Church (men could probably come and are sometimes invited, but mostly they’d just as soon leave it to the gals) of all ages and interests. You’d be amazed at the diversity of programs that they come up with, although many have a religious theme...and for the most part, are really interesting. That leads me back to the "Trinity Family" thing...Wednesday, September 17, will be the first meeting for the 2014-15 year and we’re so excited to welcome a Trinity child back to the fold as our program...at least for the day!

Lois Rayner Mayberry, daughter of David and the late Jeanne Rayner, has spoken to us twice before, to tell us of her experiences in the mission field. She has an amazing gift of making us feel as though we’re actually with her through these adventures...so come to the meeting on Wednesday, September 17 and we’ll accompany Lois on her recent mission trip to UGANDA. In her lay career, she is a physical therapist with St. James hospital, so you can imagine the important role she would play in the mission field. Please don’t miss this exciting presentation. If you’re not already on the call list for WOT, just call the office and let us know that you’d like to come. We’d love to have you join us for the meeting and stay for lunch to visit with the other women and our guest speaker.

Welcome Home, Lois!

Boy Scouts

Trinity’s Boy Scout Troop 550 held a Court of Honor on Sunday, August 24th. At the Court of Honor three of our parish's Scouts received merit badges they had earned at this years summer camp. The awardees were Logan Jameson Hatch, Lake Brannon, and Chris Cope.

Troop 455 Scout Master, Mike Brannon was also recognized by the Masonic Lodge for his work in Scouting, with the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award.

Troop 550 will hold an Eagle Scout Award Ceremony on September 13th at 2:00 PM in All Saints' Hall. At the ceremony Lake Brannon will receive the Eagle Scout Award.
Birthdays

2 Jackie Weeks 17 Mary Jane Sanders
2 Bill Jones, Sr. 18 Joann Cason
2 Rich Lundgren 19 Bill Sullivan
4 Jerry Brannon 20 Ashton Beavers
4 Ronald "Bud" Denny, Jr.
5 Kathleen Abraham 22 Norma King
5 Sue Boyd 24 Robert Smith
6 Kathleen McGee 25 Bud Bray
7 Brandon Beavers 26 Jeanette Barkett
9 Michael Brannon 26 Michael Brannon
10 Reba Nell Hunt 26 Anne Godinich
10 Dan Love 27 Jack Powell Taylor
11 Mary Spellings 28 Sagan Jameson-Hatch
14 Madeline Runyan 29 Crystal Brown
14 Larry "Yank" Terrell 29 Michael DeSa
15 Cade Runyan
16 Marjorie Lewis

Church Financials and Attendance for July 2014

Budget Income for 2014 .................. $ 482,773
Budget Expenses for 2014 .............. $ 484,854
Budget Difference for 2014 ............. ($ 2,082)
Income Received to Date .............. $ 268,530
Expenses to Date ....................... $ 280,623
Income for the month .................. $ 36,458
Expenses for the month ................ $ 42,239
Difference for the month ............... $ 5,781
Difference to Date ..................... ($ 12,093)

Average Sunday
Attendance to date

Average Sunday
Attendance for July

Sunday Attendance to date
Attendance all other Services

Anniversaries

1 Fr. & Mrs. John Himes
9 Mr. & Mrs. Ken Kerr
17 Mr. & Mrs. Bud Bray
26 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brannon
29 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Violette Jr.

King Ranch Chicken Casserole

1 pkg chicken breast, boiled
1 bag tortilla chips
1 (10 oz) can Rotel
1 can Cream of chicken soup
1 can Cream of mushroom soup
3 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 300°
Layer chips in a 9x13 in casserole dish
Combine Rotel, soups. Pour 1/2 mixture over chips. Layer chicken, 1/2 of cheese, & remaining soup mixture.

Bake at 300° for 20 min. Top with remaining cheese & return to oven until cheese is melted.
Jr Daughters of the King

Kickoff for the new year of Junior Daughters of the King will be on Sunday, September 7, 3:00-5:00pm.

Plan to bring your girls (ages 7-16) for fun and Christian fellowship. Crafts, Bible Study, Service Projects, and Field Trips are all planned for this year. To learn more about the Junior Daughters of the King, visit our website at jrdokmarshall.weebly.com.

Our theme this year is Keep it Holy so plan to share this idea with your daughters as they take part in the activities and devotions planned for this year.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Junior Daughter Kickoff! Invite a friend! You do not need to be a member of Trinity Church to participate in the Junior Daughter program.

Call Trinity Church for more information - (903) 938-4246.
On Sunday, September 14, 2014 at 5:00 pm we will gather as a congregation, as a community, as fathers, mothers, sons and daughters, friends and strangers to walk together in intentional prayer for our city.

In the last few months heartbreaking and overwhelming news headlines seem to be increasing in their frequency and intensity. Around this country and around the world we are witnessing chaos, confusion and horrible atrocities. It can leave us feeling helpless. But there is also hope, and for us, as Christians there is power in prayer.

Scripture reminds us, in Jeremiah 29:7: Seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive and pray to the Lord for it; for in its peace you will have peace.

Deep in our Anglican roots we are reminded of the tradition of “the beating of the bounds”; we know that praying for the protection of our community long precedes any of us. Our history gives us perspective and guidance. If ever there was a time to revive this ancient custom, now would be that time. Our city, our nation and our world needs to be wrapped and lifted up in prayer.

Hopefully, by now you have begun to see signs and posters for Trinity’s Prayer Walk around the church, in your bulletin and around town. The Prayer Walk is an open invitation to everyone in our congregation and our community.

We are asking Marshall, “Will You Walk With Us?” Let’s stand together as a congregation, as the Trinity family, and lead our community in the call to prayer and in putting our motto of “Open Door, Open Hearts” into action, as we invite our families, friends and neighbors to walk and pray with us.
**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

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

**Vestry**

**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**

Meals on Wheels - 9:30 AM  
Choir Rehearsal - 5:15 PM  
Martha’s Kitchen - 6:00 PM

**Luke 22:27**

Behold, I come among you as one who serves.