



# The Trumpet

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## EPISCOPAL "REVIVAL" WEEK

The words "Episcopal" and "Revival" are not two words you typically hear in the same sentence. In fact, many would see their occurrence together as an oxymoron. For someone that comes out of an evangelical tradition the word "Revival" congers up all kinds of images from my past, some positive but also many that are negative; long-winded preachers, endless altar calls, pressure to attend each and every night of the week long revival. Needless to say the negative far outweighed the positive aspects in my mind.

There is nothing wrong with "revival" in and of itself. "Revival" is found over and over again in the scriptures. God says through the prophet Isaiah, *"I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."* Is. 57:15 The Psalmist cries out to God, *"For the sake of Your name, O LORD, revive me. In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble. Psalm 143:11.* And in the most popular of Psalms David writes, *"He restores (revives) my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake."* Psalm 23:3.

So maybe, just maybe, revival isn't something we should disdain or fear but something we need and should seek. Lucky for us Episcopalians we have "Revival Week" on an annual basis. It's called Holy Week. It contains everything found in the revival meetings of other traditions; raw emotion, guest preaching, altar calls, and singing. We just do it in an Episcopal way, *"decently and good order,"* as St. Paul recommends in 1 Corinthians 14:40. "Decently and good order" doesn't mean it is void of emotion or meaning as anyone who has attended Holy Week services can attest.

In my years of ministry I've observed that many parishioners skip the services between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. That is why Palm Sunday always includes a reading of the Passion narrative so everyone has to go through the cross to arrive at Easter, even those that miss Holy Week services. In conversation with some who do not attend Holy Week services I've been told that the services are too emotional, too negative in tone for them to enjoy. Let me just conclude this article by putting in a plug for Holy Weeks services, in particular

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

The Holy Week Services, our "Episcopal Revival" emphasize two important messages of the Christian faith. The first is that we are sinful, broken people. Not a pleasant message but I don't think it comes as a surprise to anyone. There is the betrayal of Jesus by Judas on Maundy Thursday, the cross of Calvary on Good Friday as a powerful image of our unwillingness or inability to live into the life God has for each of us.

However, there is also a message that trumps our sinfulness. It is the message of God's great love for us in spite of, and in the midst of our brokenness. On Maundy Thursday he commands us to love one another but only in response to the fact that he has first loved us. On Good Friday he goes to the cross to offer himself unselfishly "for us and for our salvation." As John writes to the Church, *"This is real love--not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins."* 1 John 4:10.

**Come to the services in Holy Week  
and be revived!**

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# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

## STAFF

The Rev. Kevin Wittmayer	Rector
Gary Whitwell	TST Head of School
Bill Bane	Director of Music Ministries
Tim Baker	Director of Student Ministries
Tisha Grotemat	Director of Children's Ministries
Leno Mancilla	Sexton
George Pliier	Endowment
Billie Padgett	Office Volunteers

## VESTRY

<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>
David Balliett	John Hall	Christy Collins
Scott Jones	Kim Howard	Karen Frith
Elise McClure	Ava Welge	Robert Maly
Ted Skeans		Bryan Wilks
Senior Warden, John Hall		
Junior Warden, Robert Maly		
Treasurer, Sammy York		
Clerk of the Vestry, Kristin Hoover		

## MISSION OF THE MONTH



The mission of Hannah House is to reach out to teens and young women in a crisis pregnancy situation; to provide an alternative to abortion such as adoption or parenting; to develop better decision-making, life, and parenting skills; to further education; to build stronger belief & understanding of the family; to glorify God and share His word and answers for today's world. For more information about Hannah House ministries, visit their website at: [www.plministries.org](http://www.plministries.org)

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Trinity Students will be venturing to Nashville Tennessee this summer to do mission work, seeking to help the hungry people in that city. Our trip is scheduled for June 29 – July 3. About fifteen of us will be traveling to Nashville in borrowed cars and rented vans, staying at Vanderbilt University, and living together in community with about 300 other students. Our work will be focused on helping two organizations: The Nashville Dream Center ([www.nashvilledreamcenter.com](http://www.nashvilledreamcenter.com)) and The Nashville Food Project ([www.thenashvillefoodproject.org](http://www.thenashvillefoodproject.org)). We'll be doing manual labor, helping with the ministries of these two projects, and seeking ways to do relational ministry. As with last summer, we will be traveling with / working alongside several other youth groups.

Would you please participate with us in several ways?

- Please pray for the team. Pray for safe travels and for safety while working. Pray for the adults who are going, and for the students who are committed to helping the people of Nashville. Students will give emotional effort in addition to physical effort. Pray that they are filled before they leave, and pray for them the week of the trip.
- Please help pay for the trip. Each student is required to pay \$300, with an additional \$75 for trip expenses. Some students can afford to pay this amount, others will need scholarships. In addition to scholarships, there will be general trip expenses, a van to rent, etc. If you're able, give a gift to help fund this trip. Checks can be made payable to Trinity Episcopal Church, please be sure to put "Youth Mission Trip" in the memo.

I am convinced that our students are ready for this trip, and I cannot wait to see how God uses our students. I'm THRILLED about this trip. Thank you for your support of our youth!

## Service of Compline

Come and worship with us as we celebrate the ancient monastic service of Compline performed in the darkened and peaceful nave by the men's Compline Choir.

Join us for refreshments in Guild Hall immediately following.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12  
8:30 PM

## Music for Brass and Organ

Featuring the East Texas Baptist University  
Faculty Brass Quintet  
Bill Bane, Organ

*Works by popular Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary Composers*

Tuesday, April 14 - 7:00 PM

Admission is Free

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2nd - 7:00 PM  
Service of Holy Eucharist and  
Stripping of Altar

### GOOD FRIDAY

April 3rd  
8:00 AM Eucharist - Tower Room

12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy  
Followed by Stations of the Cross  
NO EUCHARIST

## EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH  
8:00 AM RITE I HOLY EUCHARIST  
10:30 AM RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST

EASTER EGG HUNT ON FRONT  
LAWN FOLLOWING  
10:30 AM SERVICE



## VBS 2015

When: June 22-25  
Times: 9 AM-12 PM  
Ages 3-10

### What is the *Camp Discovery* VBS? Discover His plan! Discover His purpose!

In *Camp Discovery* VBS, your children will learn that Jesus works in and through us! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five tree-mendous Bible accounts where God works in His people to save them and through His people to serve! Jesus saves us, gives us faith, courage, and wisdom to serve Him and share His good news with our neighbor!

God does have a plan and a purpose for each of His beloved children! You may go online at [www.trinityparish.org](http://www.trinityparish.org) and follow the link to enroll your child. We will also have forms you can fill out in the main office. Questions: contact Tisha Grotemat @ 903-753-3366

# March Vestry Report

The March Vestry meeting was a somber occasion as we were painfully aware of the absence of our dear friend and vestry member Lucy Germany and the recent death of Tommy Kirkindoll. As is our custom we opened our meeting with prayer, praying for both the Germany and Kirkindoll families as well as other concerns that were on our hearts. Approval of the minutes was quickly dispatched and the Vestry moved on to its agenda items.

The first of those was the financial report by our new Treasurer, Sammy York. The financial condition of the church is solid. There is an adequate cash balance in the bank to meet our current expenses. While we had a net loss in the month of

February due to some large expenses it was nothing out of the ordinary. Our pledge income was below budget but there are always monthly variances and irregularities in giving.

Robert Maly your new Jr. Warden gave a report on the recent flooding of the basement in the old building caused by our recent rains. We have successfully avoided flooding during the past six or seven years but we incurred new problems which are being addressed. Over the next few months, Robert wants to create some files that can be stored on the computer that diagram the wiring, plumbing, and other important building data of the church.

John Hall, Sr. Warden, reported

that new chairmanships and membership is being developed for the two standing committees of the Vestry; the Stewardship Committee and the Nominations Committee. An additional standing committee was proposed and accepted that addresses the security needs of the parish.

Fr. Kevin concluded the meeting with a discussion of the process of selecting a person to fill the vestry position of Lucy Germany. According to the by-laws of the church, the position is to be filled by a person of the Vestry's choosing until the next Annual Meeting of the parish. At that time a person is to be elected to fill the remaining years of the vestry term.

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## Christian Principles of Stewardship: The Importance of Household and Financial Management (Part 1)

Stewardship, by Biblical definition, simply refers to the management of household and financial matters. A steward is a manager, one who is faithful, diligent, has impeccable integrity and honesty, and is skilfully competent. Psalm 24:1 declares that "The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness." Therefore, the responsibility of a Christian steward is the God-given privilege to manage a part of God's property. Without this foundational perspective, life's work becomes nothing more than a selfish pursuit.

The following are several areas that Christians can put the Christian principle of stewardship into practice.

### Work vs. Laziness

God built into man the ability and the need to work. It's the one thing a man can do hour after hour, day after day. Work keeps a man's mind healthy. It is essential as an exchange for one's livelihood. No man enjoys being unemployed or unemployable, because God formed man with the natural desire to work. God also designed man to need times of rest and refreshing, but that time should not be an excuse for laziness. In the 6th century, sloth, or laziness, was taught as one of the Seven Deadly Sins. Sloth was described as "the only sin characterized by an absence or insufficiency of love, the failure to utilize one's talents and gifts, an unwillingness to act, an unwillingness to care." Observing the poor quality of lazy people's lives should warn the Christian steward to avoid that path. In contrast, the Christian steward loves God, his wife and his children, and passionately desires to provide the best possible lifestyle for his family. This love motivates him to get up and go to work every day, a duty which he willingly accepts.

### Sowing and Reaping

For the farmer, the most important component is the seed. All the soil preparation, fertilization, sunshine and water won't help if the seed is of poor quality. In life, if the crop is unsatisfactory, it is essential to pay more attention to the quality and quantity of the seed sown. Sowing includes giving money, time, talents and resources. Giving should be done with cheerfulness, and it is not to be burdensome or grievous. For today's churches and assemblies to thrive, money is necessary. With this in mind, there is no more important contribution to be made than to God's business. Proverbs teaches to "honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first fruits of all your increase." Prosperity is the guaranteed harvest.

### **To be continued in next month's Trumpet**

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### PRAYER

*Lord, we offer up a prayer of Thanksgiving for the abundance of treasure and abilities with which you have blessed us. Give us the desire to joyfully share our gifts for the good of our community and Church. In His holy and precious name we pray, AMEN.*



APRIL 2015  
Birthdays & Anniversaries



*Happy Birthday*

4/02	Tisha Grotemat	4/09	Geoff Hoover	4/18	Bonnie Singer
4/04	Tinka Amos	4/11	Connor Barbe	4/19	Summer Styles
4/05	Edwin Buckner	4/12	Neina Kennedy	4/20	Tom Phillips
4/05	Craig Jackson	4/12	Rolin McPhee	4/24	Kay Pigeon
4/05	La Juan Snider	4/12	Jack Madison Abernathy	4/24	Bobby Mann
4/06	Elizabeth Cargill	4/15	Scott Stevens	4/24	Lakin Styles
4/08	Micki Maly	4/15	Noah Collins	4/26	Henry Yarbrough
4/08	Elise McClure	4/16	Steve Brice	4/28	Stan Hayes
4/08	Tom Taylor	4/16	Beverly Todd	4/29	Kate Wilkinson
4/09	Charles Fricks	4/17	Barbara Johnson	4/29	Reagan McLemore
4/09	Christa Howard	4/18	Frances Avent	4/30	Jennifer Calk

*Happy Anniversary*




4/02	Stephen & Alyce Sparks
4/19	Robert & Marilyn Hampton
4/25	Ernest & Susan Thomas

# Trinity Service Calendar

## Month of April – Lectionary Year B

Date	April 5 Sunday of the Resurrection Easter Day	April 12 The Second Sunday of Easter	April 19 Third Sunday of Easter	April 26 The Fourth Sunday of Easter
<b>First Reading</b> <b>Psalm</b> <b>Second Reading</b> <b>Gospel</b>	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 1 Cor. 15:1-11 John 20:1-18	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18
<b>Altar Team</b>	Campbell Team	Crittenden Team	Mann Team	Baker Team
<b>Verger</b>	J. Barbe	C. Collins	M. Wilks	S. Alford
<b>Parish Security</b>	T. Devon	J. Crittenden	G. Piler	T. Todd
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	L. Lloyd	P. Charles	M.OM.	M. Arnold
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	All Available	C. Prior J. Walter	M. Arnold Z. Brown	C. Wilks D. Skeans
<b>Early Service</b>				
<b>Ushers</b>	E. Campbell M. Piler	E. Campbell M. Piler	E. Campbell M. Piler	E. Campbell M. Piler
<b>Greeters</b>	Charles Team	Maly Team	Charles Team	McWhorter Team
<b>Acolyte</b>	G. Hoover	T. Gignilliat	C. Collins	T. Gignilliat
<b>Lay Readers</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader</b>	J. Welge G. Hoover	G. McWhorter G. Rushing	J. Hall C. Collins	L. Snider G. McWhorter
<b>L. E. M.</b>	J. Welge G. Hoover	G.. McWhorter' G. Rushing	J. Hall C. Collins	L. Snider G. McWhorter
<b>Late Service</b>				
<b>Ushers</b>	Crittenden Team	Jones Team	Kirkindoll Team	Thorson Team
<b>Greeters</b>	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team	Skeans Team
<b>Acolytes</b>	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1
<b>Lay Readers</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader</b>	J. Sloan C. Collins	Z. Brown J. Fowler	R. McPhee J. Sawyer	J. Sloan N. Collins
<b>L. E. M.</b>	J. Sloan C. Collins	S. York A. Robertson	J. Welge J. Sawyer	J. Sloan N. Collins
<b>L. E. V.</b>		J. Mraz L. Leath		B. Charles M. Arnold

# APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 Soup, Salad & Small Groups 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>2</i>  <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	<i>3</i>  <b>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES</b> 8:00 AM Eucharist NOON - No Eucharist Followed by Stations of the Cross	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i>  <b>EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES</b> <b>8:00 AM RITE I</b> <b>10:30 AM RITE II</b> Easter Egg Hunt on Front lawn immediately following 10:30 AM Service	<i>6</i> <b>CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED</b>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 Soup, Salad & Small Groups 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 12:00 PM ECW Regional Gathering
<i>12</i> Regular Sunday Schedule 12:00 PM Youth Zip-line 5:30 PM Young Adult Group - Coffee Cafe 8:30 PM Compline	<i>13</i> 5:30 PM Daughters of the King	<i>14</i> 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner 7:00 PM Brass and Organ Concert	<i>15</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 Soup, Salad & Small Groups 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> Regular Sunday Schedule 9:00 AM Breakfast Parish Hall 5:30 PM Youth Small Groups	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> 6:00 PM Vestry	<i>22</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 Soup, Salad & Small Groups 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> Regular Sunday Schedule	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>30</i> 7:00 PM TST Senior Ring Ceremony		
				<b>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE</b> 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist		

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### April Special Events

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| 2nd  | Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 PM, Nave  |
| 3rd  | Good Friday Services: 8:00 AM (Eucharist)<br>12:00 PM (No Eucharist) followed by Stations of the Cross                        |
| 5th  | Easter Sunday Services, 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, Nave - Easter Egg Hunt<br>on the front lawn immediately following 10:30 AM Service |
| 6th  | <b>Church Offices Closed</b>  |
| 12th | Youth Zip-line Event, 12:00 PM  |
| 12th | Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave   |
| 13th | Daughters of the King, 5:30 PM, Coffee Shop   |
| 14th | Senior Men's Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall   |
| 14th | Brass and Organ Concert, 7:00 PM, Nave  |

### May Special Events

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| 3rd  | Young Adult Group, 5:30 PM Coffee Cafe                  |
| 4th  | St. Monday's, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall                     |
| 10th | Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave (Last Compline Until September) |
| 11th | Daughters of the King, 5:30 PM, Coffee Shop             |
| 12th | Senior Men's Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall               |
| 14th | TST Baccalaureate Service, 6:00 PM, Nave                |
| 15th | TST Graduation Ceremony, 7:00 PM, Nave                  |
| 17th | Youth Small Groups, 5:30 PM                             |
| 25th | <b>Church Offices Closed</b>                            |