



# THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Longview, Texas

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Loving God and others, we invite, welcome and embrace all people through worship, fellowship, and service.

## Paul's Letter to the Romans

Dr. Frank W. Hughes, Interim Rector



As I contemplate teaching through St. Paul's Letter to the Romans this fall, namely September and October, my mind wanders and I remember my doctoral teacher Robert Jewett and his patient and exceptionally fine work on Romans, culminating in his 1140 page commentary on Romans for Fortress Press, which appeared in 2007. I was with him at the big meeting when its publication was celebrated. It was an event. He started writing on Romans, as far as I know, in 1980, just after he accepted his new appointment at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary on Lake Michigan in Evanston, Illinois. He had written a book on Pauline chronology which appeared in 1979, as well as another book on Pauline theology which appeared in 1971. Little did I know that I was beginning to associate with one of the leading Pauline scholars in the world. I had no idea that I would become his first research assistant and his first doctoral student.

My distinguished teacher argued in favor of the idea that Romans was not merely a theological treatise; rather, it was a fully situational letter just like the other letters in the Pauline collection. Bob argued in favor of the full 16-chapter letter, which meant that the greetings in chapter 16 were not added later. They were originally part of the letter. Chapters 9 through 11, far from being a sermon that was originally written well before Paul wrote most of Romans, was also an integral part of the letter. Paul really was concerned about his fellow Jews. Paul really did defend the right of Jewish-Christians to keep kosher, just as had defended the right of Gentile Christians not to keep any part of the Torah of Moses. So just wrapping your (or my) mind around the full 16 chapters of Romans is a big job. I will try to help you do just that.

I also remember teaching Romans when I visited the Diocese of Trinidad and Tobago, while I was teaching in Barbados. This was in about the year 2000. I remember people there being unbelievably eager to learn about the Bible.

The last time I taught Romans was in 2014, when my teacher was visiting me and we were working on *The Corinthian Correspondence* together. My parishioners in northern Louisiana were very privileged to hear the

presentations of my teacher then. He made quite an impression on them with his presentations about how Paul was trying to get Roman Christians to find common ground with each other, so that they could support Paul's mission to bring the Christian faith to Spain. What we taught my parishioners was that Paul is very contemporary. It's like Paul wrote his letters a couple of weeks ago. The problems in Paul's churches are not hard to understand. They were real.

As I prepare to teach Romans here in Longview on seven Wednesday evenings in September and October, I look forward to adding more memories. I will be learning more about Romans, and I look forward to working through the text with you. There is much to learn. When we have truly learned it, I am sure that the Holy Spirit will prompt us to do something about what we have learned about God and about ourselves.

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If you donated the use of any items for VBS this year that you would like to have returned, please contact Jacqui Baker at [jbaker@trinityparish.org](mailto:jbaker@trinityparish.org) or (903) 753-3366, ext. 15

## **TRINITY CHURCH STAFF**

The Reverend Dr. Frank W. Hughes, Interim Rector  
Gary Whitwell, TST Head of School  
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Rae Dickson, Director of Student Ministries  
Jacqui Baker, Director of Children's Ministries  
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George Pliler, Endowment Administrator  
Billie Padgett, Office Volunteer Coordinator

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Gayland Rushing, Junior Warden  
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Tricha Wilcox, Clerk of the Vestry

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Spencer Alford, Kathy Gray, Christine Prior, Gayland Rushing

### Class of 2019

Brenda Alexander, Linda Leath, Cherry Sikes, Jack Welge

### Class of 2020

Lynne Abernathy, Blake Scott, Andrew Snell, Sammy York

## **August Mission of the Month**



### **Training Bodies - Mentoring Minds - Transforming Hearts**

The vision of **Thrive 360** is to be a place where youth thrive intellectually, socially, physically, and spiritually. Their Mission is to empower youth with opportunities to thrive in life by providing a solid foundation build upon the four pillars: Intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual. The Core Values of Thrive 360 are:

#### **Engage Youth**

Youth involved in asset-rich activities are less likely to engage in high risk behaviors.

#### **Habit Formation**

Youth who form healthy habits early are more likely to have long-term success.

#### **Strategic Partnerships**

Partnerships with others enhance the ability to provide additional asset opportunities for young people to thrive.

#### **Christ Centered**

Lovingly weaving the gospel into the daily lives of youth forms a foundation for a young person's inner guidance system.

#### **Continuity of Relationships**

Youth who are involved in long-term support and relationships are more likely to form their own healthy relationships as adults.

#### **Data Driven**

Data demonstrates effectiveness and provides a process for continual improvement of programs that support youth.

## **The Dog Days of Summer**

Cherry Sikes, Senior Warden

It's THAT time of year! Too hot to cook, too hot to be away from A/C in mid-day, too hot for just about everything. Church attendance is down, giving is down but the blessings of our Lord continue to shade us from the REAL heat! And love IS all around us...all of the time. We need to remember that when we are less than motivated to do much of anything.

Recently, a fortunate few of us attended the Episcopal Revival held during the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention of ECUSA in Austin...and it, too, was hot...."Hot" with enthusiasm as only 10,000 Episcopalians can generate when they are motivated to get together, get off their seats and outwardly and actively praise the Lord! We heard the Word from The Right Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of ECUSA. He brought us to our feet many times in his sermon, preaching on the Book of John and his message was "it's all about love"!

He challenged us to reread the Book of John, all 21 chapters, noting that there was a myth that "John ends with Chapter 20". But, like a plane coming in for a landing...yet sensing a need to circle one more time before touching down, one more chapter was added. This is the miracle of the Risen Lord who asked "do you love me?" and told us "then feed my lambs; tend my sheep." Isn't this about love?

"How long has it been", Bishop Curry asked, "since YOU felt real love"? That's a great question! I feel it when I am among you on Sundays, when I am working with the Vestry as we deliberate, as I take part in coffee hour or fellowship meals or attend monthly dinners with the DOK. As a nurse working with seniors in assisted living and memory care, I feel it, too. What about you?

The Episcopal Church is opening its doors even wider! We must make all who come feel welcome. Better still, we must recommit to serving those in the community who may never enter our doors. If you are not already actively involved in missional outreach, please consider doing so. You will receive so much more than you give.

## AUGUST 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### THIS MONTH

**AUGUST 13 - Monday**  
**Daughters of the King**  
 5:30 PM, Parish Hall

**AUGUST 14 - Tuesday**  
**Senior Men's Dinner**  
 6:00 PM, Parish Hall

**AUGUST 19 - Sunday**  
**Blessing of Backpacks**  
 10:30 AM Service

**AUGUST 21 - Tuesday**  
**Vestry Meeting**  
 6:00 PM, Parish Hall

### WEEKLY

**SUNDAYS**  
 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I  
 9:00 AM Coffee Hour  
 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School  
 Children's Sunday School - Out for Summer  
 Youth Sunday School - Out for Summer  
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II

**TUESDAYS**  
**Toastmasters International**  
 12:00 PM, Coffee Café

### WEDNESDAYS

**Holy Eucharist**  
 12:15 PM, Nave

**Orthodox Christian Fellowship Bible Study**  
 7:00 PM, Coffee Café

### MONTHLY

#### SUNDAYS

**Orthodox Christian Fellowship Worship Service**  
 8:30 AM, Third Sunday of month

**Veteran's Outreach**  
 5:30 PM, Second Sunday of month

**Compline**  
 8:30 PM, Second Sunday of month  
 Out May - August

#### MONDAYS

**St. Monday's**  
 11:30 AM, First Monday of month -  
 Out June - August

**Daughters of the King**  
 5:30 PM, Second Monday of month

**TUESDAYS**  
**Senior Men's Dinner**  
 6:00 PM, Second Tuesday of month

**Vestry Meeting**  
 6:00 PM, Third Tuesday of month



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

Carla Mann (8/03)  
 Alyce Monsour (8/03)  
 Joe Mraz (8/03)  
 Linda Wiggins (8/03)  
 Pheobe Payne (8/04)  
 Todd Holman (8/06)  
 Julie Fowler (8/07)  
 Camp Stevens (8/07)  
 David Wilcox (8/07)  
 Linda Leath (8/09)  
 Marie Pliker (8/09)  
 Charlotte Wilks (8/09)  
 Carson Barbe (8/12)  
 Tom Gignilliat (8/13)

Sidney Aaron (8/14)  
 Jessica Wilkinson (8/14)  
 Marilyn Wilson (8/14)  
 Benjamin Rader (8/15)  
 Louise Johnson (8/17)  
 Micah Collins (8/18)  
 Bill Gignilliat (8/19)  
 John Griffin (8/22)  
 Judy Walters (8/22)  
 Barbara Wood (8/23)  
 George Pliker (8/24)  
 Peggy Rochford (8/26)  
 John Sheffield (8/31)

Phillip and Virginia Boaz (8/08)  
 Mike and Marilyn Lewis (8/11)  
 Charles and Linda Thomas (8/20)  
 David and Susan Brown (8/21)  
 Robert and Micki Maly (8/21)  
 Robert and Kim Montgomery (8/22)  
 John and Karen Hall (8/28)  
 Gene and Nancy McWhorter (8/28)



### HEADS UP!

*Watch for exciting developments in the Children's Ministry Calendar for September.*

*You won't want to miss it!*

Blessing of the Backpacks



### SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 10:30

Start the school year off with a blessing! Children Pre-K-12th grade are invited to bring their backpacks to the second service for Dr. Hughes to pray a blessing over their school year.

### JUST A REMINDER!

*There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Nave for Children's Church volunteers. Thank you for your help in this ministry!*

# Youth Mission Trip Report

Rae Dickson



This year's youth mission trip was different in more ways than one. When Hurricane Harvey hit Southeast Texas last year, Trinity Episcopal teamed up with First Christian and First United Methodist Church in Longview to organize a mission trip to help those who are close to our home and heart. Our motto was, "3 Churches, 1 Mission." We formed a team of 45 workers who were split into three different groups. Team One had the responsibility of taping, mudding, and sanding a home that had flooded in four feet of water. Not only did we accomplish this, we did more than what was required of us and hauled off debris and trash and mowed the

yard. The owners were so overcome that they wrote a note to the construction manager and said that, "A thousand angels had been to his home!"

Team Two did a variety of projects for an elderly couple which included painting, replacing wooden floors, trim, hanging doors, yard work and so many projects that are too numerous to name. The elderly couple were so thankful for our crew. They financially could not hire the work out and the elderly gentleman suffered from dementia.

Team Three worked all day in the heat picking up debris from yards and hauling it to the dump site. They spent a day packing lunches for children in underprivileged areas and personally delivering it to their homes. The children were so happy to greet them at the door and were excited to have their sack lunches. We stayed at the Methodist Church in



Orange that had bunk bed accommodations and a kitchen.

We had a wonderful kitchen staff that took care of our every need and fed us well! For all of the hard work that was done, the youth could look forward to an evening of activities and worship at the end of their day.



Each denomination took daily turns hosting the worship service. We worshiped at First United Methodist Church in Orange, Northwood Christian Church in Beaumont, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Beaumont. Justin Briggles was our priest at St. Mark's and he did an amazing job conducting the service and teaching how we worship as Episcopalians. This was a new experience for the other missionaries. Each church provided dinner for us after worship and then we headed off to have a little fun! We went to see The Incredibles 2, had a pool party and went to the beach. Some of the youth told me that this was their first time to see the ocean! The three churches mixed very well together. Our youth groups made new friends and the youth leaders mentored, loved on, and worked with each of the youth. It was difficult to tell who belonged to which church! It was such a success that we are now working together to plan activities to reunite the groups throughout the year and we are already looking into next year's mission trip.

There are no words to express the gratitude I have for the members of Trinity. Your involvement with the youth through time, prayer, and financial support really do make a difference in the lives of these young people. When an article is written about our mission trip it invariably highlights the "good stuff." But, it is important to know that there are struggles as well. We have to get along, we get tired, we get hurt, and we may not be enjoying what we're doing. That's where the learning happens. That's when we dig in deep and find out who we are and what we want to be. It is my desire to impress upon these youth to be the "hands and feet of Jesus" and to serve others for His name sake. Through your support, YOU are making this possible! These youth make me so proud, my heart swells when I think of them. Their hard work, their behavior and how they conduct themselves would make you proud as well. Please continue to pray for these young people at this impressionable time of their lives.



# Trinity Service Calendar

## Month of August – Lectionary Year B

Date	August 5 Pentecost 11 Proper 13	August 12 Pentecost 12 Proper 14	August 19 Pentecost 13 Proper 15	August 26 Pentecost 14 Proper 16
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> <b>Psalm</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> <b>Gospel</b>	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a Psalm 51:1-13 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58	1 Kings 1,6,10-11, 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69
<b>Altar Team</b>	Collins Team	Campbell Team	Sticher Team	Mann Team
<b>Verger</b>	T. Prior	M. Abernathey	S. Alford	C. Collins
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	L. Lloyd	S. Griffin	C. Sikes	Memorial day Doughnuts
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	C. Wilks B. Crittenden	D/T Skeans L. Leath	D. Fricks C. Prior	M. Arnold J. Barth
<b>8:00 AM Service</b>				
<b>Ushers</b>	E. Branch M. Pliier	E. Branch M. Pliier	E. Branch M. Pliier	E. Branch M. Pliier
<b>Greeters</b>	Charles Team	Maly Team	Charles Team	Lindsey Team
<b>Acolyte</b>	G. Rushing	T. Gignilliat	G. Rushing	T. Gignilliat
<b>Lay Readers</b>				
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader</b>	J. Hall G. Rushing	B. Charles G. McWhorter	J. Welge G. Rushing	G. McWhorter B. Charles
<b>L. E. M.</b>	J. Hall G. Rushing	J. Welge G. McWhorter	J. Welge G. Rushing	G. McWhorter B. Charles
<b>10:30 AM Service</b>				
<b>Ushers</b>	Kirkindoll Team	Crittenden Team	Jones Team	Kirkindoll Team
<b>Greeters</b>	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team	Skeans Team
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Lay Readers</b>				
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader</b>	J. Fowler J. Sawyer	T. Wilcox A. Robertson	C. Thorson L. Sticher	H. Bane S. York
<b>Lay Eucharistic Minister</b>	D. Conrad J. Sawyer	S. York A. Robertson	J. Sloan J. Sawyer	A. Robertson S. York
<b>Lay Eucharistic Visitor</b>	L. Leath B. Singer		J. Hall K. Hall	

### 10:30 AM USHER TEAMS

**Kirkindoll Team** – J. Kirkindoll, K. & P. Howard, K. Gray, T. Wilcox, C. Prior

**Crittenden Team** – J. & B. Crittenden, D. & M. Crawford, B. & C. Wilks

**Jones Team** – S. Jones, D. & B. Alexander, P. & K. Tate, L. Rosson

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# Vestry

## Report for August

Cherry Sikes, Senior Warden

- Our annual stewardship initiative is approaching. It was agreed that a Committee will be formed that will include "non-Vestry" members but all Vestry will participate.
- Dr. Hughes announced plans for several Adult Christian education offerings including one that will be designed for young families to be held at the Outreach Center on Thursday evenings. Claire and Spencer Alford will serve as coordinators.
- A full report of the break-in was given. Some items have been recovered. Repairs have been made to the door that was the point of entry and it has been strongly

secured. Vestry will consider the use of an alarm system along with changes in the entry door codes.

- The position of Youth Director is open and recruitment efforts are beginning. This is an important ministry and a paid part-time position. Please let Tim Baker know of potential candidates.
- We are in need of new Vergers for both services. Interested parishioners are encouraged to let Dr. Hughes know. Training will be provided.

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

**Altar Flowers are needed!**  
We have many open dates for the next several months, so if you can help, please call Tim Baker or Bill Bane in the church office to sign up. **Thank you!**