



# The Trumpet

## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### Strengthening Our Relationships With Each Other

While studying in Chicago this past June I proposed the following Mission Statement for Trinity on our church Facebook page. *“Trinity Episcopal Church is called to be a community of faith that strengthens relationships with God, each other and our neighborhood.”*

I offered it as a talking point, a catalyst for further conversation. How do we encapsulate in a Mission Statement what it is that Trinity Episcopal Church is called to do as a church in Longview? Until we adopt an “official” Mission Statement for Trinity the statement above will serve as a personal guiding principle for my continued ministry at Trinity.

When I reflect on the statement above, I understand what it is to be in relationship with God. Over the last five years we have really worked hard on discerning what it means to be in relationship with our neighborhood. What remains a bit of an enigma to me is, what does it exactly mean for us to be in relationship with one another at Trinity Church?

So, over the last few weeks I have pondered what it looks like

for us to be in relationship with one another, both you with me and with each other.

The answer to the first of those relationships, you with me, has resulted in commitment to meet one-on-one with as many parishioners who will accept my invitation. I know that a forty-five

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minute conversation with a person does not constitute a relationship but it’s a beginning.

I’ve have thoroughly enjoyed the sixteen one-on-ones I had last week and the twelve I have had this week. I have learned wonderful things about each person I have had the pleasure to meet. I’ve also been blessed to receive the encouragement of many to continue this practice of holy conversations.

I hope that each of you will take the opportunity to sign up for

a time to meet with me. My weekly schedule, with the times to meet designated in yellow, will be located on the back table in the nave every Sunday for the foreseeable future. This is just a first step toward strengthening our relationships with each other, and I believe it is an important step.

I also want to extend a challenge to each and every one of you. How would our parish be different if we all took up the challenge to meet with a different parishioner each week? Maybe not sixteen or twelve meetings a week, but maybe one or two times a week.

Some of you are adventuresome and will decide to select a person in the parish that you don’t know. Others will be more comfortable choosing a person that you’ve worked with in ministry at Trinity. Maybe it’s a person on your ministry team. I bet you don’t know some of them half as well as you think you do. Ask them to tell you their story.

Who will take up this challenge? Who will make an intentional effort to help strengthen the relationships we have with each other at Trinity? Will it be you?

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LONGVIEW, TEXAS

## STAFF

The Rev. Kevin Wittmayer	Rector
Gary Whitwell	TST Head of School
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George Pliler	Endowment
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## VESTRY

<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>
Claire Alford	David Balliett	Lucy Germany
Bill Charles	Scott Jones	John Hall
Todd Holman	Elise McClure	Kim Howard
Dinah Rushing	Ted Skeans	Ava Welge
Bill Charles, Senior Warden		
Dinah Rushing, Junior Warden		
Barney Jones, Treasurer		
Kristen Hoover, Clerk of the Vestry		

## Refuge International

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

Refuge International, based in Gilmer, Texas has been chosen to be the mission of the month for August. Refuge International is a compassionate 501(c)3 volunteer organization dedicated to the goal of improving the lives of families and individuals through the collaborative development of sustainable programs in areas where healthcare, adequate nutrition, clean water and education are lacking or non-existent. Refuge International also provides opportunities for mentoring of students who wish to become involved in humanitarian efforts.

For more information about Refuge International, please visit their website at: [www.refugeinternational.com](http://www.refugeinternational.com)

## The Music at Trinity Concert Series

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Under the direction of Brady Weldon

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Cissy Abernathy, Director of Admission at (903)753-0612  
or [cabernathy@trinityschooloftexas.com](mailto:cabernathy@trinityschooloftexas.com)

## STEWARDSHIP –“THE LORD HAS MADE EVERYTHING FOR ITS PURPOSE”

(Prov. 16:4)

Stewardship is another way of talking about ministry, and it would revolutionize ministry if people could think of it in terms of stewardship – that we are accountable to God for what we do and with what he has entrusted to us.

Stewardship respects the purpose for which things were made. When God commanded Adam and Eve to subdue all creation, He was not implying that creation and man were adversaries. There was no sin, and the creatures of the earth did no harm to Adam or Eve. The created order was given by God to man so that man might achieve his temporal purpose in preparation for heaven's glory. It was expected that Adam and Eve would subdue the earth by using its resources for the advancement of humanity. As they filled the earth, they would need its resources to provide for their posterity.

In their act of disobedience, Adam and Eve used the fruit of the tree

of knowledge for something other than what God intended – they did not respect its purpose. As a result of the fall, Adam and his offspring would have to struggle for their survival, but this did not change the initial demand that all creation be respected for its intended purpose.

The primary purpose of all creation is twofold: to give glory to God and to serve man's needs in preparation for the hallowed vision of heaven. Because stewardship is collective, the service provided to man by a particular resource is not intended for only one man. Rather, the resources of the earth are intended for all humanity, and our use of them should reflect this solidarity. In other words, it is not just what we use it for, it's also how we use it. When we use resources for our own good, we must keep in mind the common good.

The dignity of the human person is rooted in His creation in the image and likeness of God. Because of this, the two greatest commandments are “to love God and to love your neighbor.” Christian stewardship is the only way we

fulfil these commands of God. Our Lord challenges us to consider the dignity and freedom of each person. We must not think of other people as “problems.” Rather, we must recognize the fundamental rights of every human person. Respecting these rights means we must consider that all resources were created for all, to serve all.

### PRAYER

*Lord God, You alone created this world and all that is good in it. You allowed our freedom, and entrusted us with great responsibility. All of what we are, all of our concerns, and the unique ability we each have to help those around us comes from You. We ask that You bless us as we strive to transform the earth through our “love of God and neighbor.”*

*Send your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and lives, guide our service, and grant us a spirit of purpose and joy. We pray for grateful hearts in Jesus' name. AMEN*

(Resource: Christian Stewardship What God Expects from Us by Philip CL Gray)

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## JULY VESTRY REPORT

By Lucy Germany

The place of growth in the life of a church, even in one as well known and with as hallowed a history as Trinity Episcopal Church still benefits from a study of itself by its constituency. This was the bell-wether note struck at the July vestry meeting when Fr. Kevin introduced discussion on the importance of mission and vision statements both of which mirror the church's promise to God and exemplify the commitment of its parishioners to personal dedication to education, and service to both themselves and the wider community.

The first segment of the meeting emphasized the need for examination of Trinity's existing vision and mission statements both of which are to be revised in order to emphasize core values. The new statements will then be presented to Bishop Fisher on his scheduled December visit to Trinity.

Fr. Kevin opened the next phase of discussion by asking vestry members where they stand on the question of change-- "Are we satisfied with the status quo or do we

look forward to considering changes in the way we do things?" Core values, such as education, caring for one another, the living of good Christian lives are all important to the people of Trinity, he noted. All these are the base for our core values. Still we must be aware of the shifting of our cultural context so that we can offer those core values to people to whom the changing culture is basic.

The continuing discussion brought forth comments on a number of specific subjects such as positioning of the choir in the nave proper rather than behind the altar, a change which would enhance the quality of the sound and assure the choir of “belonging” in a physical way to the entire congregation. Fr. Kevin stated that there are three elements to be considered—the choir element, the celebration of the arts element—important because Trinity regularly hosts various special presentations of church and classical music groups—and the other alternative worship service element which is under consideration. Comments from various vestry members indicated that there is a consensus favoring the new positioning of

the choir. A possible additional offering being considered for Trinity is a “Rite Three” non-traditional service to be offered at 6 p.m. on the fourth Sunday night of the month beginning in September which would include music from ancient Christian worship, time for meditation and becoming acquainted with some of our Christian antecedents. Also a potluck dinner may be an adjunct offering to precede the Compline service with a celebration of the Eucharist after dinner. The hope is, Fr. Kevin stated, “to develop a community around this service.”

Senior Warden Bill Charles said the Stewardship Committee wants the vestry to join them in signing the stewardship statement, a draft of which has been circulated .

Fr. Kevin reported that he is enjoying his round of meetings with parishioners which began being scheduled early this month. The 35-40 minute meetings are giving members of the church an opportunity to talk about their lives and the importance of Trinity to their lives.



# Youth Mission Trip 2014



Trinity Students had a fantastic time on our Oklahoma City mission Trip. We worked on the home of Rita Monk, who lives in the El Reno area of OKC. Rita's home needed paint, but it also needed light exterior repair and clean up. Raymond, Rita's boyfriend, worked ahead of students to replace rotted and missing exterior siding, while several relatives helped. I'm so proud of our students. They worked very hard, and completed the house in under nineteen work hours. In our off hours, students rode a water taxi through Bricktown, rode go carts, visited the Oklahoma Memorial and relaxed. The most memorable experience from the trip was the forty minute car ride to and from Rita's home each day. Students shared a lot of life during our morning and evenings rides across Oklahoma City.

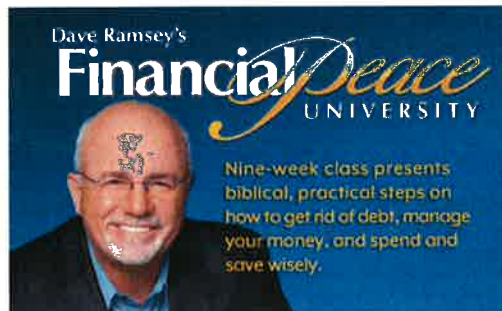
Next time you see one of the students in our church, be sure to high-five or hug them for the good work they did in Oklahoma City. We should all be proud of what they accomplished. To see pictures of the trip, go to the Trinity Youth Facebook Page:

[facebook.com/trinityepiscopalstudents](https://www.facebook.com/trinityepiscopalstudents)

## Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 24th

During 10:30 AM Service



Trinity Episcopal Church will host the Dave Ramsey "Financial Peace University" course this fall in the Church Parish hall. The plan teaches God's ways of handling money. It presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be.

A (no obligation) class preview session is scheduled for August 21, 2014, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Regular classes are scheduled to begin September 11, 2014, at 6:30 PM; class duration is approximately 1-1/2 hours. The course is completed in 9 weeks. Cost is approximately \$100 per family (couple). If you are interested or have questions, contact David Wilcox at 903-326-9797, or Bill Charles at 903-297-4430, or attend the preview class.

You can register at

<http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/31322/class/257371>

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Happy Birthday

8/3	Alyce Monsour	8/16	Charles Davis
8/3	Joe Mraz	8/17	Louise Johnson
8/4	Bryan McBride	8/18	Micah Collins
8/6	Todd Holman	8/19	Bill Gignilliat
8/7	Julie Fowler	8/20	Betty Hancock
8/7	David Wilcox	8/20	Keith Clark
8/9	Joseph Hendrix	8/22	John Griffin
8/9	Marie Piler	8/22	Judy Walters
8/9	Charlotte Wilks	8/23	Barbara Wood
8/9	Linda Leath	8/24	George Piler
8/9	Camp Stevens	8/26	Peggy Rochford
8/9	Kristin Hoover	8/26	Jordan Lewis
8/12	Carson Barbe	8/26	Ann Ireland
8/13	Tom Gignilliat	8/31	Tommy Thomas
8/14	Marilyn Wilson	8/31	John Sheffield
8/14	Kevin Wittmayer		
8/14	Sidney (Piler) Aaron		

## Happy Anniversary

8/4	Jimmy & Jennifer Calk
8/11	Mike & Marilyn Lewis
8/13	Kevin & Pamela Wittmayer
8/20	Charles & Linda Thomas
8/21	Robert & Micki Maly
8/26	Charles & Pamela Davis
8/28	John & Karen Hall
8/28	Gene & Nancy McWhorter




# Trinity Service Calendar

## Month of August – Lectionary Year A

Date	August 3 The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	August 10 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	August 17 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	August 24 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	August 31 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Verger	M. Wilks	J. Barbe	S. Alford	M. Wilks	J. Barbe
Acolytes  8:00 10:30	T. Gignilliat Team 2	B. Charles Team 3	T. Gignilliat Team 1	G. Hoover Team 2	T. Gignilliat Team 3
Lay Readers  8:00  10:30	G. McWhorter G. Rushing  J. Sloan J. Hall	J. Welge B. Charles  J. Sawyer R. McPhee	J. Hall N. Collins  C. Collins Z. Brown	B. Charles G. Hoover  L. Germany K. Sparks	G. McWhorter G. Rushing  L. Sticher E. Smith
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Gen. 32:22-31 Ps. 17:1-7,16 Romans 9:1-5 Matt. 14:13-21	Gen. 37:1-4,12-28 Ps. 105:1-6,16- 22,45b Romans 10:5-15 Matt. 14:22-33	Gen. 45:1-15 Ps. 133 Romans 12:1-8 Matt. 16:13-20	Exodus 1:8-2:10 Ps. 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matt. 16:13-20	Exodus 3:1-15 Ps. 105:1-6,23- 26,45c Romans 12:9-21 Matt. 16:21-28
L. E. M.  8:00  10:30	G. McWhorter G. Rushing  J. Sloan J. Hall	J. Welge B. Charles  J. Sawyer J. Fowler	J. Hall N. Collins  C. Collins G. Hoover	B. Charles G. Hoover  L. Germany J. Fowler	G. McWhorter G. Rushing  J. Sawyer J. Welge
Altar Team	Campbell Team	Crittenden Team	Mann Team	Baker Team	Collins Team
8:00 Ushers 10:30 Ushers	Campbell & Pliier Alexander Team	Campbell & Pliier Kirkindoll Team	Campbell & Pliier Thorson Team	Campbell & Pliier Crittenden Team	Campbell & Pliier Alexander Team
8:00 Greeters 10:30 Greeters	Charles Team Kirkindoll Team	Maly Team Gray Team	Charles Team Skeans Team	McClure/McWhorter' Team Barbe Team	Charles Team Kirkindoll Team
L. E. V.	M. Arnold J. Mraz		L. Leath J. Mraz		L. Leath B. Charles
Parish Security	T. Kirkindoll	J. Crittenden	T. Devon	G. Pliier	T. Todd
Vestry Counters 8:00  10:30	B. Charles E. McClure  S. Jones T. Skeans	D. Balliett D. Rushing  C. Alford T. Holman	B. Charles D. Rushing  C. Alford T. Skeans	D. Rushing <b>TBD</b>  C. Alford K. Howard	D. Balliett E. McClure  T. Holman S. Jones
Flower Delivery	B. Hancock L. Leath	Z. Brown C. Prior	B. Crittenden D. Fricks	E. Cargill B. Hancock	M. Arnold C. Prior
Coffee Hour	N. Sawyer	D. Whitwell	A. Lucas	E. Campbell	TBD

# AUGUST 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7:00 PM East Texas Chamber Ensemble Concert
3 Regular Sunday Schedule  5:00 PM Young Adult / Young Family Fellowship	4 5:30 PM DOK	5	6 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	7	8	9
10 Regular Sunday Schedule	11 6:00 PM Endowment Board Meeting	12 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner	13 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	14	15	16
17 Regular Sunday Schedule	18	19 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting	20 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	21 6:30 PM Financial Peace University Preview Class Parish Hall	22	23
24 Regular Sunday Schedule  Blessing of Backpacks  	25	26	27 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	28	29	30
31 Regular Sunday Schedule	<p><b><u>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</u></b></p> <p>8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist            9:00 Coffee Hour            9:15 AM Christian Education            10:30 Rite II Holy Eucharist</p>					

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### **August Special Events**

2nd	East Texas Chamber Ensemble Concert, 7:00 PM, Nave
3rd	Young Adult / Young Family Fellowship, 5:00 PM, Coffee Café
4th	Daughters of the King, 5:30 PM, Coffee Café
12th	Senior Men's Dinner, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall
19th	Vestry Meeting, 6:00 PM, Guild Hall
21st	Financial Peace University Preview Class, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall
24th	Blessing of Backpacks, 10:30 AM, Nave

### **September Special Events**

1st	Labor Day - Church Offices Closed
7th	Young Adult / Young Family Fellowship, 5:00 PM, Coffee Café
8th	St. Monday, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall
8th	Daughters of the King, 5:30 PM, Coffee Café
9th	Senior Men's Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall
11th	Financial Peace University (Next 9 Weeks), 6:30 PM, Parish Hall
16th	Vestry Meeting, 6:00 PM, Guild Hall
19th	Concert Series Event: Organ Recital, 7:00 PM, Nave