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“INVITATION SUNDAY:” UNLOCKING THE GROWTH

In this month’s article I want to unpack some of the details of “Back to Church Sunday” that I spoke of last month. The first thing I should mention is that I received an email from Bishop Fisher in Tyler informing me that he had read my article in last month’s Trumpet and was excited to see that we would be participating in this diocesan effort. Now the pressure’s on!

He also informed me that we can’t use the phrase “Back to Church Sunday” coined by Michael Harvey in England because it is already the trademark of another para-church organization in the United States. Henceforth, September 15th will be known throughout the land as “Invitation Sunday.” I hope that it will become apparent that it is a much better title.

Over the past few weeks I have watched Michael Harvey DVDs, previewed videos on his “Unlocking the Growth” website, and read his book *Unlocking the Growth*. As others will attest, I’m very skeptical about any 1-2-3 step programs marketed as sure fire ways to make your church grow. Therefore, I was every bit the skeptic when Spencer

and Claire Alford gifted me with a DVD from the Diocesan Conference they recently attended at Camp Allen. But, I’ve become a believer.

The reason is simple. Michael Harvey makes a bold claim



at the beginning of his book that should set everyone at ease. He writes, “I don’t believe in church growth. Now, that might sound odd, given that this book has the aim of growing the church! What I do believe is that God gives the growth. The success of ‘Invitation Sunday’ lies in one person inviting one person. And remarkably, it does not rely on one person inviting one person and that person saying ‘yes.’ The answer to the invitation is in God’s hands.”

Beginning Wednesday, July 24th I want to invite you to join the Wednesday evening group for a

shared meal and conversation about “Invitation Sunday.” We will view both Michael Harvey’s DVD and a number of short videos found on his website. The videos cover material pertaining to the “12 Steps to Becoming an Inviting Church.”

I’ve invited the Vestry as the church’s elected leadership to attend these evenings. I hope that you will join them as well as we learn how to be an inviting church. Many guests at worship on Sunday remark to me how welcoming Trinity Church is when they visit. The next step is for Trinity to become an inviting church, as well.

We have so many special opportunities to welcome people into our midst if we adopt a culture of invitation; Christmas Eve service, Easter Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, and now “Invitation Sunday.” We have ready-made opportunities every three months to make a special effort to invite others to our church. “Invitation Sunday” would be an excellent opportunity to invite inactive members back to church. God has the hard work, he grows the tree, and all he asks us to do is plant the seed.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

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The Rev. Kevin Wittmayer	Rector
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VESTRY

<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>
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Barney Jones, Treasurer		
Trudy Godsey, Clerk of the Vestry		



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

John 8:31-32

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him,
“If you continue in my word, you are truly my
disciples; and you will know the truth and the truth
will set you free.”

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Windridge Therapeutic Equestrian Center of East Texas

Windridge is dedicated to improving the lives of those who face mental, cognitive, or physical disabilities and/or life debilitating situations. Windridge is a non-profit, community supported organization which utilizes standardized therapeutic horsemanship programs. Windridge is a premier accredited center with the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association. Founded in 1988, Windridge Therapeutic Center is making great strides in the lives of children and adults by providing therapeutic horsemanship programs, physical therapies, academics, and life skills. Windridge's therapeutic horsemanship programs are funded by individuals, corporations, churches, and civic organizations. Donations received in support of these programs are investments in lives of children and adults with disabilities. Windridge is home to more than 140 participants and 70+ volunteers a week, 9 full time staff members, and 24 horses.

BLUE JEANS BBQ & ICE CREAM

CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JULY 7TH

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 10:30 AM SERVICE

TRINITY OUTREACH CENTER

Please plan to come for a fun time of great BBQ, Ice Cream and Great Fellowship
There will be an ice-cream contest with awards for the best home-made ice cream!



Youth News for July

July 3rd

Progressive Lunch 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Part mystery, part eating, total fun. Show up at the church with \$5.00. The food and order we eat in is decided by tiny slips of paper.

July 8th - 12th New Orleans Mission Trip

Get ready for a week of service and work!

July 18th

Lunch @ Pizza King, 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

Bring \$10. Meet at Pizza King. How simple is that?

July 21st

Swim Party! Noon - 4:00 PM

We're meeting at Abbie Sharp's house after worship. Join us for SWIMMING and FOOD!

July 24th

Splash Kingdom, 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

We're driving away from Trinity Church at 10:00 AM. Cost \$25. Bring a lunch, towel, swimsuit, change of clothes and \$\$\$ for food.

July 28th

Serve at Martha's Kitchen, 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

Come and serve lunch to hungry people!

Vestry Report for June

The Vestry met on Tuesday, June 18th. After sharing prayer concerns, Father Kevin asked, "What is Trinity's identity?" Vestry members responded with a variety of thoughts, including, "A church connected to a great school", "A missional church", "good music program", "Beautiful worship space and grounds" and "Intellectual openness". Father Kevin also asked, "What do you want Trinity's identity to be five years from now?" Responses included, "To be the biggest church in Longview", "Mission oriented", "A place where strugglers are welcome" and "A place where everyone is welcome".

After discussing these thoughts, the Vestry worked together on some new business.

- They approved Debra McLemore and Gail Martin as the two new members for the Trinity School of Texas board.
- The Vestry received a Facilities Task Force update. The Task Force is working to create a building and grounds plan for both Trinity School and Trinity Church, looking into ways the two institutions can join together on major building projects. The Task Force has interviewed architects and will soon select one to create a site plan.
- Kevin reported that 'Invitation Sunday' is on September 15, 2013. Invitation Sunday is our opportunity to invite someone to either the 8:00am or 10:30am worship.



Hayday VBS Was A-moo-zing!



Hayday VBS was a great experience! It was so fulfilling to see so many children in our church, and to help them understand that they have a friend in Jesus.

Every day, between 62-66 children joined us in our Hayday VBS Adventure. Kids had a great time with praise and worship, Bible adventures, hog wild games, moo-sic and crafts. We started our VBS program each day with praise and worship, and children moved to different stations throughout the morning. Our star guest of the week was Penelope the Pig (the kids LOVED her). Our week ended with a very exciting (and yummy) farm cooked breakfast cooked by our Daughters of the King.

A BIG THANKS to all of the volunteers who made this year's VBS a huge success. Thanks to Helen Little for her chocolate chip cookies and to Susie French for the Burger King biscuits. VBS this year was a blast. I'm already looking forward to VBS 2014!

Tisha Grotemat
Director of Children's Ministry



RED, WHITE and BLUE JEANS

Longview Community Ministries needs your help for our first ever *Red, White and Blue Jean Drive*! A Red, White and Blue Jean Drive has been held by one of our partner churches for many years, and we would love to see it expand throughout the community! We are asking church congregations to collect new or gently used jeans until the Fourth of July. These jeans will be distributed to school aged children at our Coats for Kids event taking place on Saturday, November 9th at Broughton Recreational Center from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Longview Community Ministries provides other items at the Coats for Kids event, including hats, gloves, a light coat, a heavy coat and blue jeans. Many times we run out of smaller children's jeans within hours of the beginning of the event. We are requesting your help in collecting jeans so that all children might be able to take home a pair.

Food Needs for the month of July: **Macaroni and Cheese**. LCM generally buys this staple from the East Texas Food Bank, but it is unavailable to them right now. This is a major staple item distributed in food baskets, so it is in great need right now.




Happy Birthday

7/05	Gary Fowler	7/19	Marilyn Lewis	7/26	Dan Stroup
7/05	Peggy Proetz	7/20	William "Alex" Butter	7/27	Nathan Collins
7/10	Lindsay Mraz	7/21	Susie French	7/29	Celeste Jenkins
7/12	Kathryn Bradford	7/21	Eleanor Heinz	7/30	Kirsten Phillips
7/13	Betty Horaney	7/21	Myra Smith	7/31	Jack Mann Jr.
7/14	Tricia Wilcox	7/21	M.C. Akin	7/31	David Alexander
7/15	Chase Barbe	7/22	Wray McCash		
7/18	Arlene Devon	7/24	Tina Styles		

Happy Anniversary

7/03	Ben & Rachel Darby
7/03	Bill & Patsy Charles
7/06	Charles & Margaret Miller
7/11	George & Marie Plier
7/12	Tommy & Jeanette Kirkindoll
7/15	Harry & Jan Barth
7/21	James & Barbara Crittenden
7/22	Dickens & Kate Wilkinson
7/23	Joe & Barbara McClellan
7/25	Scott & Steffani Jones
7/26	Nathan & Christy Collins
7/30	Lee & Kay Pigeon

JULY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:30 PM DOK	2	3 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Youth Progressive Lunch	4 Offices Closed in Observance of Independence Day 	5 Offices Closed	6
7 Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM 11:45 AM Blue jeans, BBQ & Ice Cream Celebration Outreach Center	8	9	10 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	11	12	13
Youth Mission Trip, July 8-12						
14 Regular Sunday Schedule	15	16 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting	17 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	18 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM Youth Lunch at Pizza King	19	20
21 Regular Sunday Schedule 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Youth Swim Party	22	23	24 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Splash Kingdom Youth Event 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Scholars	25	26	27
28 Regular Sunday Schedule 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM Youth Serve at Martha's Kitchen	29	30	31 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Scholars			
<p><u>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Christian Education 10:30 Rite II Holy Eucharist</p>						

TRINITY SERVICE CALENDAR

MONTH OF JULY - LECTIONARY YEAR C

Date	7.7.2013 Pentecost 7 (Proper 9)	7.14.2013 Pentecost 8 (Proper 10)	7.21.2013 Pentecost 9 (Proper 11)	7.28.2013 Pentecost 10 (Proper 12)	8.4.2013 Pentecost 11 (Proper 13)
Acolytes	8:00 - T. Gignilliat 10:30 - TBA	8:00 - G. McWhorter 10:30 - TBA	8:00 - T. Gignilliat 10:30 - TBA	8:00 - J. Hall 10:30 - TBA	8:00 - T. Gignilliat 10:30 - G. Hoover
Lay Readers	8:00 1st - J. Welge 2nd - W. Charles	8:00 1st - J. Hall 2nd - G. McWhorter	8:00 1st - G. Hoover 2nd - J. Welge	8:00 1st - W. Charles 2nd - J. Hall	8:00 1st - G. McWhorter 2nd - W. Charles
	10:30 1st - J. Sawyer 2nd - G. McWhorter	10:30 1st - J. Fowler 2nd - G. Power	10:30 1st - C. Collins 2nd - A. Baker	10:30 1st - S. Thomas 2nd - N. Collins	10:30 1st - B. McClellan 2nd - R. McPhee
L.E.M.	R. Chalice J. Sawyer G. McWhorter	R. Chalice J. Fowler G. Hoover	R. Chalice J. Hall W. Charles	R. Chalice G. McWhorter J. Fowler	R. Chalice J. Welge G. Rushing
First Reading	2 Kings 5:1-14	Amos 7:7-17	Amos 8:1-12	Hosea 1:2-10	Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm	Psalm 30	Psalm 82	Psalm 52	Psalm 85	Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Second Reading	Galatians 6:7-16	Colossians 1:1-14	Colossians 1:15-28	Colossians 2:6-15	Colossians 3:1-11
Gospel Reading	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-13	Luke 12:13-21
Altar Team	L. Baker Team	E. Campbell Team	B. Crittenden Team	A. Rast Team	L. Baker Team
Flower Delivery	B. Hancock B. Crittenden	T. & D. Skeans M. Arnold	E. McClure B. Singer	M. Harkrider E. Cargill	P. Twining J. Barth
Vestry Counters	8:00 - G. Whitwell C. Alford 10:30 - Todd Holman S. Jones	8:00 - G. Whitwell W. Charles 10:30 - S. Clark C. Alford	8:00 - E. McClure G. Whitwell 10:30 - S. Jones N. Collins	8:00 - E. Campbell E. McClure 10:30 - T. Skeans C. Alford	8:00 - W. Charles G. Whitwell 10:30 - D. Rushing C. Alford
Usher Team	Team # 1	Team # 2	Team # 4	Team # 5	Team # 1
Greeters	Team # 1	Team # 2	Team # 4	Team # 3	Team # 5
Verger	S. Alford	J. Barbe	G. Whitwell	S. Alford	J. Barbe
Sunday School	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Children's Chapel	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Coffee Hour Host	M. Joseph	L. Lloyd	S. Griffin	S. French	B. Todd
Parish Hall Security	T. Todd	N. Collins	D. Sapp	T. Kirkindoll	J. Crittenden
L.E.V.	M. Arnold J. Mraz		D. Conrad W. Charles		L. Leath M. Arnold

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July Special Events

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| 3rd | Youth Progressive Lunch, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM |
| 4th & 5th | Church Offices Closed in observance of Independence Day |
| 7th | Blue Jeans, BBQ & Ice Cream Celebration, 11:45 AM, TOC |
| 8th - 12th | Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans |
| 18th | Youth Lunch at Piazza King, 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM |
| 21st | Youth Swim Party, Noon - 4:00 PM, Abbie Sharp Home |
| 24th | Youth Splash Kingdom Event, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Meet at Church |
| 28th | Service of Baptism, 10:30 AM, Nave |

August Special Events

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| 3rd | East Texas Chamber Ensemble Concert / Organ Recital, 7:00 PM, Nave |
| 18th | Blessing of Backpacks, 10:30 AM, Nave |

September Special Events

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| 15th | Invitation Sunday, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM, Nave |
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