



# The Trumpet

Trinity Episcopal Church

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## TRINITY "FAMILY REUNION" SUNDAY

### Patronal Feastival

*/ˈpɑːtrənəl/ˈfestəvəl*

*noun*

1. *The feast of the patron saint or title of a church, school, religious order, or other organization. The custom of having a patron saint can be traced to the practice of building churches over the tombs of martyrs. The patronal festival is usually the feast of the church or organization's title. The feast of a church's patron or title may be observed on or transferred to a Sunday, taking precedence over the usual Sunday observance in the calendar of the church year. This substitution may not be made in the seasons of Advent, Lent, or Easter (BCP, p. 16).*

Trinity Episcopal Church is not named after a patron saint like St. Matthew or St. Mary. There is no tomb located under our foundation. That is unless you count the bones of the feline variety. (That's another story for another time.) We are however named after God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit and that has to count for quite a lot. In spite of that great honor, we haven't celebrated a

patronal feast here at Trinity in the eleven plus years that I have been here, and according to long time members of Trinity, there was never an event such as this before then.

Well, that's about to change. The Sunday after Pentecost in our liturgical calendar is designated as Trinity Sunday. On



that day we celebrate the doctrine of the Trinity and this year we are going to celebrate Trinity Episcopal Church. This year Trinity Sunday falls on May 31<sup>st</sup> and we are designating it as Trinity "Family Reunion" Sunday. After the 10:30 AM worship service we are going to have a cook-out behind the church, next to the play ground. There will be fun activities for the children as well.

Parishioners are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share with others. Men of Trinity will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs for the main entrée. Drinks will be provided by the church as well. While we will continue to have the 8:00 AM worship service on that Sunday I want to encourage the "eight o'clockers" to join us at the 10:30 AM service so we can worship as one church.

What suggestions do you have to make this a special worship service? Share them with the planning committee for their consideration. We probably can't include everything, but we might just be able to include your suggestion.

This is a perfect opportunity for you to invite that former member of Trinity who has slipped away. The committee will be designing an invitation postcard that you can send to former Trinity Church members, inviting them back for our "Family Reunion." This is also a perfect opportunity to invite families from Trinity School of Texas, our partners in ministry.

**Mark your calendars now, and come join the fun.**

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

## STAFF

## VESTRY

The Rev. Kevin Wittmayer	Rector	<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>
Gary Whitwell	TST Head of School	David Balliett	Harry Barth	Christy Collins
Bill Bane	Director of Music Ministries	Scott Jones	John Hall	Karen Frith
Tim Baker	Director of Student Ministries	Elise McClure	Kim Howard	Robert Maly
Tisha Grotemat	Director of Children's Ministries	Ted Skeans	Ava Welge	Bryan Wilks
Leno Mancilla	Sexton	Senior Warden, John Hall		
George Pliier	Endowment	Junior Warden, Robert Maly		
Billie Padgett	Office Volunteers	Treasurer, Sammy York		
		Clerk of the Vestry, Kristin Hoover		

## Mission of the Month

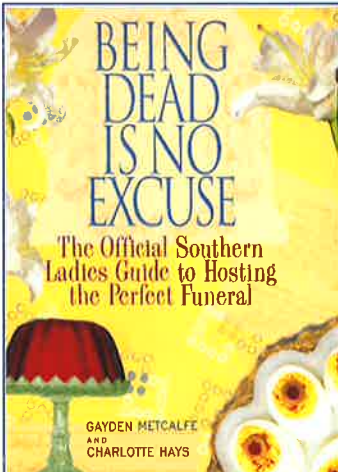
## YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Trinity Students will be traveling to Nashville, Tennessee June 20 – July 3 to help the Nashville Dream Center and the Nashville Food Project. About fifteen students and adults from Trinity will be staying at Vanderbilt University with about 300 other youth and adults. We'll be doing manual labor, helping with the ministries of these two projects, and seeking ways to do relational ministry. In addition to contributing to project through the Mission of the Month, please pray for the group. Pray for safe travels and endurance while we work. Thank you for supporting Trinity Students!



## TRINITY FAMILY REUNION

Cookout and Fellowship Celebrating Trinity Sunday  
Immediately following 10:30 AM Worship • Sunday, May 31  
Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served; bring a side to share.



## ST. MONDAY'S

May 4 - 11:30 AM

Cost is \$5.00 - Door Prizes Will Be Awarded

You are in for a real treat this month as Liz Lockhart presents a book review of the wildly popular book, *Being Dead is No Excuse: The Official Southern Ladies Guide to Hosting the Perfect Funeral*

The meal for this month will include delicious recipes found within this delightful book. You will not want to miss this! Program will start promptly at 11:30 AM.

## 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. This will be the last Compline Service until September.

Join us for refreshments in Guild Hall immediately following.

SUNDAY, MAY 10  
8:30 PM

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 24

Service of Baptism  
During 10:30 AM Service

For information on baptisms,  
please call Fr. Kevin in the church  
office at (903) 753-3366



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 22-25, 2015



**We need volunteers !!!**

Please contact Tisha Grotemat at  
903-753-3366

If you are not available all four days that  
is okay! There are various jobs to help  
with....snacks, music, outdoor games or Bible story to name  
a few. This event is only successful if we have many volun-  
teers, so please check your calendars and give of your time  
as you are able!

*"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season  
we will reap, if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9*

### Spring Cleaning????

We need your "junk" for VBS! Items needed this year are old  
camping gear. Do you have any old  
tents, camping chairs, tarps, tree  
stumps, stuffed animal bears (not real  
ones!) flash lights, lanterns, compass,  
etc.? Your trash is our treasure if it will  
help us decorate for our theme this year!  
If you need pick up, call Tisha.



Baccalaureate  
Service

Thursday, May 14th  
6:00 PM

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Graduation Ceremony  
Friday, May 15th • 7:00 PM

LONGVIEW  
Community Ministries

Serving With Love

**Friends of LCM**

Longview Community Ministries  
is forming  
a volunteer guild!

Friends of LCM will work hand-in-hand with  
staff to assist with a variety of tasks.  
Help out with events, food drive deliveries,  
clerical tasks, social media, and more!  
Volunteer as little, or as much as you'd like.

For more information, please contact  
FOLCM Chairperson, Lee Ratcliff via email:  
Lee.folcm@gmail.com



**SENIOR  
RECOGNITION  
SUNDAY  
May 17th**

**During the 10:30 AM Service**

If you have a graduating senior student, either  
high school or college that you would like to have  
recognized on this special day, please contact:

Tim Baker,  
Director of Student Ministries  
by Wednesday, May 13th at  
tbaker@trinityparish.org

# APRIL VESTRY REPORT

The Vestry meeting opened with prayers for individuals that were heavy on the hearts of vestry members. The meeting was then called to order with the agenda being approved as submitted. We welcomed the newest member of the Vestry, Harry Barth. Harry was selected to fill the term of Lucy Germany until an election can be held at our next Parish Annual Meeting. Harry had received the next highest vote count at the 2015 Annual Meeting. As required by the Canons of the Diocese of Texas Harry was administered the vestry oath and now takes his seat among the Vestry.

Sammy York, our Treasurer reported that our church is in sound financial condition. Expenses for the month of March and for year-to-date as of March 31st are in line with the church budget. We have experienced a loss in the

first quarter due to a deficit in pledge giving. Sammy informed the Vestry that statements of financial giving have been mailed to parishioners and it is hoped that this reminder will help correct the deficit as we prepare to enter the summer months when giving typically falls off.

Improvements made to the property to prevent further flooding of the basement in the old building were reported by Robert Maly our Junior Warden. A Narthex door and air conditioning units are in the process of being repaired. Thanks to the efforts of parishioner Bobbie Michaels the tile work in the nave is completed where the pews were removed.

Fr. Kevin reported on his recent meeting with Bishop Doyle in Houston. Bishop Doyle was very complimentary about the great music offered by the choir

and brass on Easter Sunday as reported to him by Bishop Fisher. He also praised the work done by the joint task force in preparing the Master Facilities Plan for future development of our campus. Fr. Kevin also reported that he had conversations with Bishop Doyle about identifying candidates for ordination as bi-vocational priests to serve both Trinity Church and other surrounding Episcopal communities, both existing and future.

Under the topic of old business the Sr. Warden, John Hall, began a discussion about the security needs of the parish. Given our budget constraints John wanted to have a sense of the Vestry's priorities about church security. He will then take this feedback to the Security Committee for consideration.

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## MAY STEWARDSHIP ARTICLE: The Importance of Household and Financial Management (Part 2)

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 skillfully 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. *Continuing from our April article, the following are more areas that Christians can put the Christian principle of stewardship into practice.*

### Planning and Prioritizing

Think on paper. Planning saves time and time is not money, but life itself. Organizing priorities clarifies and places what is most important ahead of what is less important. Determining the most valuable use of time each moment of each hour of each day is recommended to achieve one's goals and be most productive. "The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, but those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty." (Proverbs 21:5)

### Budgeting and Accounting

By definition, budgeting is a detailed estimate of probable income and expenses and a plan of action based on the estimate. As manager of family monetary details, it is important to know what's coming in, what's going out and where it's going! Whatever accounting method one may prefer, it helps to visually track where money is going by category, identifying expenditures that may not be necessary, and transferring funds to other categories. Becoming proficient at budgeting and accounting takes time and faithfulness, but like anything, improvement comes with regular practice.

### Debt

Owing money is burdensome, but with a plan and discipline, it is available to reduce and ultimately eliminate debt. Although sometimes challenging, the principles of sowing and reaping, and of giving and receiving, are vital to one's financial success and freedom, and must not take a back seat to debt payoff plans. Godly counsel is available, and worth pursuing. Financial debt should not become an obstacle to Christian service.

### Wealth

There is no sin in having money. The sin is in loving money more than loving God. The one who loves money will never be satisfied, and enough is never enough. God does want His people to live abundantly in every category, but not be in bondage. It is the steward's privilege and joy to act as an agent or conduit for God's abundance to distribute according to needs as they arise.

Excellence in monetary matters, and handling of resources should be an impressive part of a Christian's testimony. Seeking Godly counsel in order to continuously improve in all areas of stewardship is imperative. Faithfulness as a Christian steward is a requirement, not an option.

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### PRAYER

Lord, we pray for the courage to share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with others as a sign of our love for God and for our brothers and sisters. We pray in Jesus' name, AMEN.



# MAY 2015

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### *Happy Birthday*

5/02	Scott Jones	5/10	Sammy York	5/24	Douglas Johnston
5/03	Bryan Wilks	5/11	Georgia Scott	5/25	Clair Balliett
5/03	Brandt Thorson	5/11	Bolton Alford	5/25	Christian Howard
5/06	Linda Thomas	5/15	Pearl Thorpe	5/25	Patricia Cunningham
5/07	Karen Frith	5/16	Stephen Sparks	5/26	Don Conoly
5/07	Wyvonne Willoughby	5/19	Owen Robertson	5/27	Sloane White
5/08	Karen Hall	5/20	Jeanne Scott	5/29	Heather Bane
5/09	Wiley Thomas	5/21	Annabeth Baker	5/31	Leo Butter Jr.
5/09	Ernest Thomas	5/21	Crystal Owen		

### *Happy Anniversary*


5/12	Dianne and Don Conoly
5/21	Trudy and Tom Taylor
5/23	Peggy and Michael Rochford
5/25	Debra and Reagan McLemore
5/26	Tovah and Alan Robertson
5/27	Barbara and Douglas Johnston
5/27	Beverly and Terry Todd
5/29	Diana and Jim Mears
5/30	Clair and David Balliett
5/31	Julie and Stan Hayes

# Trinity Service Calendar

## Month of May – Lectionary Year B

Date	May 3 The Fifth Sunday of Easter	May 10 The Sixth Sunday of Easter	May 17 The Seventh Sunday of Easter	May 24 The Day of Pentecost	May 31 Trinity Sunday
<b>First Reading</b> <b>Psalm</b> <b>Second Reading</b> <b>Gospel</b>	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:24-30 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Act: 1:15-17,21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	Acts 2:1-21 Ps. 104:25-35,37 Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27;16 4b-15	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17
<b>Altar Team</b>	Collins Team	Campbell Team	Crittenden Team	Mann Team	Baker Team
<b>Verger</b>	J. Barbe	C. Collins	M. Wilks	S. Alford	J. Barbe
<b>Parish Security</b>	T. Devon	J. Crittenden	G. Pfliler	T. Todd	T. Devon
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	D. Rushing	D. Fricks	Ministry of the Month Breakfast	A. Welge	J. Barth
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	M. Harkrider Z. Brown	J. Barth M. Arnold	J. Walters C. Wilks	C. Prior D. Fricks	D. Skeans M. Harkrider
<b>Early Service</b>					
<b>Ushers</b>	E. Campbell M. Pfliler	E. Campbell M. Pfliler	E. Campbell M. Pfliler	E. Campbell M. Pfliler	E. Campbell M. Pfliler
<b>Greeters</b>	Charles Team	Maly Team	Charles Team	McWhorter Team	Charles Team
<b>Acolyte</b>	B. Charles	T. Gignilliat	G. Hoover	T. Gignilliat	N. Collins
<b>Lay Readers</b>					
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader</b>	G. Rushing B. Charles	G. McWhorter L. Snider	J. Hall G. Hoover	C. Collins G. Rushing	J. Welge N. Collins
<b>L. E. M.</b>	G. Rushing B. Charles	G. McWhorter L. Snider	J. Hall G. Hoover	C. Collins G. Rushing	J. Welge N. Collins
<b>Late Service</b>					
<b>Ushers</b>	Crittenden Team	Jones Team	Kirkindoll Team	Thorson Team	Crittenden Team
<b>Greeters</b>	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team	Skeans Team	Barbe Team
<b>Acolytes</b>	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
<b>Lay Readers</b>					
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader</b>	J. Fowler A. Sharp	Z. Brown S. Thomas	L. Sticher K. Sparks	J. Sloan R. McPhee	E. Smith G. McWhorter
<b>L. E. M.</b>	J. Fowler J. Welge	G. Hoover A. Robertson	S. York G. Rushing	J. Sloan J. Sawyer	S. York G. McWhorter
<b>L. E. V.</b>		J. Mraz L. Leath		B. Charles M. Arnold	

# MAY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Regular Sunday Schedule  5:30 PM Young Adult Gathering - Coffee Cafe	4 11:30 AM St. Monday's	5	6 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist  5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal  7:00 PM Chancel Choir	7	8	9
10 Regular Sunday Schedule  8:30 PM Compline	11 5:30 PM Daughters of the King	12 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner	13 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist  5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal  7:00 PM Chancel Choir	14 6:00 PM TST Baccalaureate Service	15 7:00 PM TST Graduation Ceremony	16
17 Regular Sunday Schedule  <b>SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY - 10:30 AM SERVICE</b>  9:00 AM Breakfast Parish Hall  5:30 PM Youth Small Groups	18	19 6:00 PM Vestry	20 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist  5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal  7:00 PM Chancel Choir	21	22	23
24 Regular Sunday Schedule  <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY Service of Baptism at 10:30 AM Service</b>  	25 <b>CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED</b>	26 6:00 PM Endowment Board Meeting	27 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist  5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal  7:00 PM Chancel Choir	28	29	30 Youth Lake Day at Lake Cherokee
31 Regular Sunday Schedule  <b>TRINITY SUNDAY Cook-Out following 10:30 AM Service</b>				<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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### May Special Events

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	Senior Recognition Sunday, 10:30 AM Service
17th	Youth Small Groups, 5:30 PM
24th	Pentecost Sunday - Service of Baptism, 10:30 AM Service
25th	<b>Church Offices Closed</b>
31st	Trinity Sunday, Cookout Immediately following 10:30 AM Service

### June Special Events

7th	Young Adult Group, 5:30 PM, Coffee Cafe
8th	Daughters of the King, 5:30 PM, Coffee Cafe
9th	Senior Adult Men's Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall
20th	Youth Mission Trip to Nashville, TN (June 20th - July 3rd)
22nd - 25th	Vacation Bible School
27th	Emerald Piano Quartet Concert, 7:00 PM, Nave