



The Trumpet

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PLANTING SEEDS TODAY, REAPING A HARVEST TOMORROW

In the month of November our thoughts turn to the coming Thanksgiving holiday. Of course that is a perfect fit for our Stewardship Campaign as all stewardship is a grateful response to God's many blessings. Since childhood, we have associated this feast with the story of the first pilgrims being fed by the Native Americans they encountered. The present day holiday is also, at its foundation, an agricultural harvest festival.

This year's stewardship theme is "Planting Seeds Today, Reaping a Harvest Tomorrow." As I write this article, I am in California. We began our time here with a tour of the produce farm where our son-in-law Pete works. You haven't had broccoli until you've had broccoli cut fresh from the field. Today we are traveling the wine country of the Sonoma Valley. Both harvests are the result of seeds planted months and years before.

Few of us have any first-hand exposure to the process by which we receive our food. The exception to this generalization is those who have a green thumb and love to grow their own vegetables. The author Wendell Berry has written eloquently and powerfully

about the chasm between the producer and consumer of food. He speaks of the danger of not being familiar with the lengthy and laborious process which goes into the production of our food. Too many of us assume that the food we eat "magically" appears on our plate.

This past week, traveling the fields and vineyards of Central California, I have witnessed the



time and effort expended to produce our food. Hundreds, thousands of migrant workers are needed in order to bring broccoli to the supermarket. Years (4-5) are needed for a vine to produce grapes worthy of the fine wines produced in the Sonoma Valley. Good things only come as the result of hard work and patience. The results, however, are well worth the wait.

As Melissa stood before Pamela and me to be married this

past Saturday, we saw a little girl who had grown into a beautiful woman. But what I also realized was that it wasn't Pamela and I alone who made it happen. It was the work and the patience of many of the people gathered at the wedding and many who weren't able to be there, like many of you. Without everyone's contribution, the woman she has become would be different and possibly diminished.

Likewise the church we create together is the work of all of us. It takes all of us working together to create the church God wants Trinity to be in the future. The exclusion of anyone's input or effort in that process lessens the possibilities that God has for us.

The seeds we plant today in faith are planted in expectation of our tomorrows. They are planted in order to bear fruit not just for ourselves but for others, for our children, our grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We take joy in the planting good seed even if we don't experience first-hand the harvest. Let us dream together of what God is calling us to create together at Trinity and plant the seeds for the harvest today.

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LONGVIEW, TEXAS

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SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Psalm 107:1,9

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Mission of the Month



The mission of the East Texas Food Bank is to reduce hunger by providing food, support and education to those in need with passion and efficiency. Since 1988, the East Texas Food Bank, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has provided food to over 200 partner agencies, in an effort to feed children, the working poor and seniors throughout 26 counties in East Texas. The East Texas Food Bank cares about children, families and seniors who do not have enough food to eat. Everyday, we work to feed people through a variety of programs and services. To learn more about the programs offered, partnering agencies, or for more information about how you can get involved, please visit the East Texas Food Bank website at www.easttexasfoodbank.org. Thank you for your generous support of this



Trinity School of Texas Can Service

November 20th • 10:00 AM

Canned food donations will help assist Longview Community Ministries in meeting the needs of hungry families this Thanksgiving.





**We gather together
to celebrate God's
bountiful goodness
to us and our
parish!**

**Trinity Episcopal Church
Harvest Dinner**

**Wednesday, November 20th
6:00 PM • Parish Hall**



**ST. MONDAY'S
M O N D A Y
November 4th
11:30 AM**

**Please come and enjoy a wonderful dinner of
turkey & dressing, sides, and desserts.**

**Guest speaker will be Rene Hawkins, director of the
Longview Fine Arts Museum**

November Musical Events at Trinity

Sung Compline

November 10 • 8:30 PM

Second Sunday of Each Month - 8:30 PM

East Texas Children's Chorus

November 21 • 7:30 PM

All concert events are free admission and held



R E M I N D E R

**Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday November 3rd**

**Please remember to set your clocks
back (gain an hour) at 2:00 AM**

Guest Speaker November 3rd



Known as the Billy Graham of England according to the London Times, Christian communicator J. John will be with us on November 3rd for the 10:30 AM service.

Reverend J. John is one of the most gifted Christian speakers in the world today having spoken in 69 countries on 6 continents.

He speaks to over 300,000 people annually. He is a speaker with an appeal that transcends gender, age, race, culture and occupation. His much-loved art of storytelling helps people to discover spiritual meaning in a way that makes sense of everyday life. Rev. John is the author of over 50 books including, *just10* – a contemporary application of God's Ten Commandments.

J. John is a Canon in the Church of England, one of the highest honors given in the church. He is an evangelism consultant for the Archbishop of Canterbury and the world wide Anglican Communion, the second largest Christian communion in the world. Canon John works with all denominations and has an appeal which reaches a diversity of people.

We hope that you will plan to join us on November 3rd for this very special occasion as we welcome Reverend Canon J. John.



Trinity School of Texas

**Invites you to attend
their annual**

**Veterans' Day
Program**

November 11, 2013

10:00 AM

Trinity Episcopal Church

Vestry Report

By Nathan Collins

Our October Vestry meeting was a little shorter than normal , but it was still a productive one. Our treasurer, Barney Jones, reported some improvement for September in cash position and income but that we are still behind in pledge income. The church's expenses continue to remain steady as the staff has done an incredible job at keeping them low.

Gary Whitwell reported on the success at Episcopal School Sunday with several TST families attending services. It was also noted that Gary's sermon and the students singing during the offertory were blessings as well. Gary also reported that a "focus" group from TST has met with our architect, Jeff Potter, to brainstorm the school's identity and vision. Mr. Potter will now begin to craft a master plan which will utilize the school and church's common resources to help achieve some of our common goals.

The vestry also discussed a grant program offered by the Diocese of Texas to help churches start new ministries or equip current ones. We were challenged to pray about what needs in our community Trinity Episcopal Church can meet with this grant. There are many needs that our various programs have including transportation issues with our growing youth and children's ministries. Please join us in prayer over the last months of this year for stewardship, outreach, and a vision for Trinity that gives glory to God.

YOUTH NEWS

Girls Group Sleepover / Color Run - Nov.2

The girls small group is invited to Christy Collins' house for a sleepover. The following morning they'll wake up and go to the Longview Color Run. All Jr/Sr high girls are welcome! Register for the color run at the Color Run Website: <http://www.colorup5k.com/longview>.

Youth Sunday School Donuts - Nov. 3 - 9:15 AM

Youth Mercy Me Concert at Belcher Center

Nov 16 • Time: TBA - Tickets \$25

Deadline for MercyMe ticket purchases: Nov. 1st

Girls & Guys Small Groups - Nov 17

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Youth Serve at Martha's Kitchen - Nov. 24

Time: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Thanksgiving Food Box Delivery - Nov. 26

We will eat a quick lunch at Chick-fil-A @10:45 AM, then go deliver food boxes. Students should be dropped off at Chick-fil-A on Gilmer Road at 10:45 AM if they want to eat with the group. We will go from there to Maude Cobb. We should be done no later than 2:00 PM or earlier.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

I would like to take a moment and thank all my volunteers over the past year. It has been an amazing year teaching your children about God and his love for them, and I couldn't have done it without all of the wonderful people helping me.

Upcoming events:

Stephanie Payne and I have been working on a weekly Bible study for moms. The focus will be on Biblical principles for raising children to successfully manage peer pressure, social media and other important issues in our modern day culture. Everyone is invited. We will start Wednesday, November 6 from 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM. Please contact me if interested.

**Sunday School is in full swing every
Sunday 9:30 AM -10:30 AM and
Children's Church during the
10:30 AM service.**



Happy Birthday

11/01	Jim Mears	11/15	Lynn Crowley	11/24	Glenda Power
11/03	Dinah Rushing	11/18	Ed Rast	11/25	Nancy Sawyer
11/06	Nancy Jackson	11/18	Jerry Fields	11/26	Jeanne Mann
11/07	Mary Lou Smith	11/20	Courtney Harris	11/27	Mary Clark
11/07	Lanette Sapp	11/22	Wesley Lichty	11/28	Gary Whitwell
11/08	Diana Mears	11/22	Cleburne McAllister	11/28	Pamela Wittmayer
11/14	Dee Shappell	11/23	Paula Twining	11/29	Barney Branch
11/14	Lainey Stevens	11/24	Bob Mann		

Happy Anniversary

11/03	Zack & Ann White
11/05	Ed & Anne Rast
11/05	Joe & Lindsay Mraz
11/06	Art & Patsy Machin
11/06	Clint & Lane Arrendell
11/08	Barney & Ethel Branch
11/14	James and Margaret Partin
11/18	Dick & Peggy Tracy
11/18	Scott & Lainey Stevens
11/19	Doug & Lanette Sapp
11/21	Paul & Susie French
11/28	Hal & Wyvonne Willoughby
11/29	George & Martha Joseph

TRINITY SERVICE CALENDAR

MONTH OF NOVEMBER- LECTIONARY YEAR C

Date	11.3.2013 Pentecost 24 (Proper 26)	11.10.2013 Pentecost 25 (Proper 27)	11.17.2013 Pentecost 26 (Proper 28)	11.24.2013 Christ The King Sunday	12.1.2013 Advent 1
Acolytes	8:00 - J. Hall 10:30 - TBA	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
Lay Readers	8:00 1st - J. Welge 2nd - J. Hall	8:00 1st - G. Hoover 2nd - L. Snider	8:00 1st - L. Snider 2nd - G. McWhorter	8:00 1st - J. Welge 2nd - G. Hoover	8:00 1st - W. Charles 2nd - J. Hall
	10:30 1st - J. McClellan 2nd - G. Power	10:30 1st - C. Collins 2nd - S. Thomas	10:30 1st - N. Collins 2nd - B. Butter	10:30 1st - B. McClellan 2nd - R. McPhee	10:30 1st - Z. Brown 2nd - L. Sticher
L.E.M.	R. Chalice G. Rushing G. McWhorter	R. Chalice L. Germany J. Hall	R. Chalice J. Sawyer W. Charles	R. Chalice J. Sloan G. McWhorter	R. Chalice J. Fowler G. Rushing
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel Reading	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10	Haggai 1:15b-2 Psalm 145:1-5,18-21 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12:2-6 (Canticle 9) 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79 (canticle 4) Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44
Altar Team	E. Campbell Team	B. Crittenden Team	G. Mann Team	L. Baker Team	E. Campbell Team
Flower Delivery	E. Cargill T. & D. Skeans	B. Hancock B. Singer	P. Twining Z. Brown	J. Barth L. Leath	B. Crittenden C. Wilks
Vestry Counters	8:00 - G. Whitwell W. Charles 10:30 - N. Collins TBA	8:00 - G. Whitwell B. Charles 10:30 - T. Skeans TBA	8:00 - G. Whitwell E. Campbell 10:30 - T. Skeans TBA	8:00 - G. Whitwell TBA 10:30 - TBA TBA	8:00 - TBA TBA 10:30 - TBA TBA
Usher Team	Team # 2	Team # 4	Team # 5	Team # 1	Team # 2
Greeters	Team # 3	Team # 4	Team # 5	Team # 1	Team # 2
Verger	M. Wilks	J. Barbe	S. Alford	M. Wilks	J. Barbe
Sunday School	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Children's Chapel	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Coffee Hour Host	P. Charles	C. Russell	Men of Trinity	M. Partin	M. Arnold
Parish Hall Security	N. Collins	D. Sapp	T. Kirkindoll	J. Crittenden	D. Tracy
L.E.V.	M. Arnold L. Leath		D. Conrad W. Charles		J. Mraz L. Leath

NOVEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Regular Sunday Schedule Rev. J. John Guest Preacher 9:15 AM Youth SS Doughnuts 5:30 PM Young Adult Group - Coffee Café	4 11:30 AM St. Monday's 5:00 PM Tai Chi Class Trinity Outreach Center 5:30 PM DOK 6:00 PM Youth Renovation Committee	5	6 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Theology on Tap 7:00 Chancel Choir	7 5:00 PM Tai Chi Class Trinity Outreach Center	8	9
<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #FFD700; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> GIFT SHOPPE OPEN HOUSE 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM </div>						
10 Regular Sunday Schedule Ingathering Sunday 8:30 PM Compline	11 10:00 AM TST Veteran's Day Program 5:00 PM Tai Chi Class Trinity Outreach Center 6:00 PM Endowment Committee Meeting	12 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner Group	13 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Theology on Tap 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	14 5:00 PM Tai Chi Class Trinity Outreach Center	15	16 Youth MercyMe Concert See Tim Baker
17 Regular Sunday Schedule 9:00 AM Men of Trinity Breakfast Parish Hall 6:00 PM Youth Guys/Girls Small Groups	18 5:00 PM Tai Chi Class Trinity Outreach Center	19 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting	20 10:00 AM TST Thanksgiving Can Service 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Harvest Dinner Chancel Choir Immediately following Harvest Dinner	21 5:00 PM Tai Chi Class Trinity Outreach Center 7:30 PM East Texas Children's Chorus Concert	22	23
24 Regular Sunday Schedule Youth Serving at Martha's Kitchen	25 5:00 PM Tai Chi Class Trinity Outreach Center	26 10:45 AM Youth Lunch at Chick-fil-A followed by delivery of Thanksgiving Boxes	27 Church Office Closed at Noon 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	28 Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving 	29 Office Closed	30
<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px;"> <p><u>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</u></p> <p>8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:00 Coffee Hour</p> <p>9:15 AM Christian Education</p> <p>10:30 Rite II Holy Eucharist</p> </div>						

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November Special Events

- 4th St. Monday's, 11:30 PM, Parish Hall
- 3rd Stewardship Ingathering Sunday, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship
- 10th Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave
- 11th TST Veteran's Day Program, 10:00 AM, Nave
- 20th TST Can Service, 10:00 AM, Nave
- 20th Harvest Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall
- 21st East Texas Children's Choir Concert, 7:30 PM, Nave
- 28th & 29th HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Church Offices Closed

December Special Events

- 8th Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave
- 10th Pine Tree High School Christmas Program, 7:30 PM, Nave
- 12th TST La Posada Service, 6:00 PM, Nave
- 22nd Youth Pizza Party, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, @Pizza King
- 22nd Hanging of the Greens, 6:00 PM, Nave
- 24th Christmas Eve Family Service, 5:30 PM, Nave
- 24th Christmas Eve Traditional Service, 10:30 PM, Nave
- 25th Christmas Day, "Said Service" 10:30 AM, Nave
- 30th Youth New Year's Eve Movie Night, 6:00 - 9:00 PM, TEC