



The Trumpet

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TRINITY'S EXCITING FUTURE

Over the summer months, two task forces of the Vestry have been hard at work. The Facilities Task Force is working hand in hand with a committee of the Trinity School of Texas Board of Trustees to lay the ground work for the creation of a site plan that addresses the future needs of both entities.

In August, a local architectural firm was selected to help us with this important work. In the coming months the firm will be interviewing a number of people and groups from both the church and school to make an assessment of our present and future need for additional facilities and the improvement of existing facilities.

In conjunction with this effort, the Vestry has also created a Vision Task Force to update our parish Vision Statement. The Vision Statement has not been changed in over ten years and as our ministry context continues to evolve at Trinity, our vision for ministry must evolve as well. The Vision Task Force presented a

proposed process by which that Vision Statement will be created at the recent Vestry meeting.

The first step in the process will be to obtain your input as to the core values of Trinity Church both in

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little, when we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore. Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess we have lost our thirst for the waters of life; having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity, and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of a new Heaven to dim. Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wilder seas where storms will show your mastery; where losing sight of land we shall find the stars. We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes; and to push back the future in strength, courage, hope, and love. This we ask in the name of our Captain, who is Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer by Francis Drake

the present and the deep currents of our glorious past. After receiving this input, the Vision Task Force along with the Vestry will determine the key core values

that you have expressed. Along with those core values, the Vestry will add core values that they believe are essential for our future vision.

After reaching agreement on Trinity's core values, the work will be given back to the congregation. Anyone interested in writing a vision statement based on these core values will be invited to do so. These vision statements will then be used as catalysts for the creation of a final vision statement for the parish. Possibly some parts might even find their way into Trinity's final Vision Statement.

These are exciting times at Trinity as we look forward to the future and our ministry in this community. The Vision Task Force, the Vestry and I hope that you will embrace this important work, and when called upon to participate, will readily respond to that call. I would like to thank you, in advance, for your faithfulness to this call and for your great love for Trinity church.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

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VESTRY

<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>
Sam Clark	Claire Alford	David Balliett
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SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH Colossians 3:1-2

"So, if we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Let us set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

Mission of the Month

LONGVIEW COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION CENTER

Buckner Children & Family Services

The new Community Transformation Center improves the lives of individuals and families experiencing the crisis of poverty by providing a holistic approach to ministry. Families will work with an assigned case manager to identify their needs and develop a family-centered transformation plan, which may include support and referrals to secure financial, emotional, mental, spiritual or physical resources.

For more than 133 years, Buckner International has been transforming lives through hands-on ministry, serving the most vulnerable from the beginning to the ending of life. Buckner is one of the oldest and most unique faith-based social service organizations of its kind, serving more than 450,000 people each year in the United States and 18 countries worldwide.

Buckner has served children and families in Longview since 1992, providing foster care and adoption services, humanitarian aid distribution at the Mission Center and the STARS After-School Program.

Upcoming Musical Events at Trinity

Sung Compline

Second Sunday of Each Month - 8:30 PM

Kilgore College Chorale Fall Concert

October 8 • 7:30 PM

Vive La France

Music of France featuring duo pianos and chamber orchestra

October 15 • 7:00 PM

Choral Evensong

Featuring the combined choirs of Trinity Church and Christ Church, Tyler

October 27 • 4:00 PM

All concert events are free admission and held in the nave of Trinity Church

Youth News for September

- **No Sunday School** :: Sunday, September 1st
- **Sunday School Breakfast** :: September 8th. 9:20-10:20am
Join us for doughnuts and fellowship!
- **Serve at Martha's Kitchen** :: September 22nd. 11:40am-1:20pm
Trinity Students will be serving food. Students need to wear a hat.
- **Small Groups** :: September 22nd - Time TBA
Girls and Guys will meet in different small groups for spiritual formation and fellowship for 60-90 minutes.
Watch your email and the Facebook page for details.
www.facebook.com/trinityepiscopalstudents
- **Progressive Dinner** :: September 29th. 4:00pm – 6:00pm.
Four locations...Drinks, Appetizer, Entree, Desert. So. Much. Fun!
- **Small Groups** :: October 20th - Time TBA
- **Trunk or Treat** :: October 27th - 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



SENIOR MEN'S DINNER GROUP

To all men, ages sixty and over...

You are invited to join the Senior Men's Dinner group held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the parish hall.

Dress is casual and there is no cost and no program, just a time of great food and fellowship!

Please RSVP by calling the church office by the Monday before so we can get a count.

Questions? Please call Barney Jones at (903) 236-8617

Blessing of the Animals

Friday, October 4th

8:00 AM

Trinity School of Texas

Bring your furry friend for a special blessing on St. Francis' Day



Invitation Sunday

SEPTEMBER 15

Please invite a friend to come and be with us on this special day of welcoming



St. Monday's
Monday, September 9
11:30 AM

Come and enjoy Chicken Spaghetti, salad and dessert

Guest speaker will be Margo Dewkett from Windridge Riding Center



Service of Compline

Come and worship with us as we celebrate the ancient monastic service of Compline performed by the men's Compline Choir in the beautiful, acoustic and darkened nave.

Afterward, please stay and enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the Guild Hall.

Sunday, September 8

8:30 p.m.



We are in great need of **OFFICE ANGELS**

to volunteer in the main office answering the phones M-F
9 AM - Noon OR 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

If you would like to help, please call Billy Padgett or Fr. Kevin in the church office at (903) 753-3366.

Vestry Report

By Nathan Collins

If you want to get an understanding of what an incredible time of excitement this is for Trinity Episcopal Church, then I would tell you to just listen in on our discussions in the monthly meetings. It is evident to see that this special group of leaders has an incredible passion for Trinity's mission and identity in Longview. We opened our meeting with prayer for each other, for discernment, and for the many needs of the parish. After prayer, we discussed the different aspects of our identity as a church that has been blessed with incredible gifts for God's Kingdom. We heard comments about our inclusiveness, support of the arts, mission/outreach, being a "House of Prayer," and supporter of education.

This aspect of education and the special growing relationship that the church has with Trinity School of Texas was a dominating theme in our time together. The Facilities Task Force reported back that an architect has been selected by the church and the school to create a master plan for both institutions that would best utilize the God-given resources that are at our disposal. This local architect, Jeff Potter, will begin a process of discovery and learn what vision the Lord has placed on our hearts for our campus in the near future. Please be in prayer for the people working on this project and the leaders of the church and the school.

The Vestry was also relieved to hear that the air conditioning in the nave has been repaired so we can worship together in comfort next Sunday and Fr. Kevin can keep his vestments on. Another important item of discussion was Invitation Sunday. The Vestry is committed to being a part of this project and we all are going to make an effort to just invite people to worship with us. As we all know it is God's job to get them here, but they may not come without an invitation!

Youth Highlight: Yuck Olympics

For some of us, fellowship is created with a strong cup of coffee with friends. For others, fellowship happens in a favorite restaurant. With students, fellowship happens when we make sundaes on each other heads, and stick our faces in pots of baked beans.

Rites of passage are important. That's why Trinity Students participated in our annual Yuck Olympics on Sunday, August 25th. Before students enter the daily grind of textbooks and tests, it's important for them to blow off steam and declare that their summer has ended. So, to do that (and to make memories around that) we spelled out John 3:16 using alphabet soup and our noses. We put eggs in nylons, wrapped them on our heads, and attempted to smash the eggs. We played Ultimate Frisbee using a stuffed monkey covered in pancake batter. And, after each game, students were hosed off by the Longview Fire Department. Nothing says fellowship like standing with your friends on a hot summer day, throwing your hands up and letting water wash chocolate syrup off your body.

As students enter back into their busy schedules, please continue to lift them up in prayer. Pray for their schoolwork, for their sports, and for their relationships. Ask God to use what they are learning at Trinity Church in their relationships with their peers. Teenagers are so very valuable to the fabric of our church, especially when they're covered in baby food and ice cream.

Children's Ministry Highlight



Blessing of the Backpacks
August 25
26 Children Participated!

Episcopal School Sunday

October 6 - 10:30 AM Worship

Communion Class

First through fifth grade

September 15th at 9:15 AM

Sunday School Every Sunday at 9:30 AM

Children's Church
Every Sunday during 10:30 AM Service



Happy Birthday

9/01	Judy Thomas	9/12	Jessica Baker	9/22	Dickens Wilkinson
9/02	Mandy Jenkins	9/13	Judy Stone	9/22	Trudy Godsey
9/02	Charles Ireland	9/13	Barbara Crittenden	9/22	Cindy Lavine
9/04	Rachel Darby	9/14	Bobby Jo Walker	9/22	Paula Howard
9/05	Eric Fowler	9/15	Shirley Griffin	9/22	Taylor Fields
9/06	Joe Snider	9/15	Gene McWhorter	9/23	Diane Conoly
9/06	Charles Miller	9/15	Tom Garrison	9/24	Tom Irwin
9/07	Isabella Butter	9/15	Margaret Miller	9/24	Andrew Fields
9/08	Matthew Wilks	9/16	Ann Thomas	9/25	Eleanor Byrd
9/09	Nancy McWhorter	9/16	Tommy Lloyd	9/25	Peggy Alley
9/09	Shirley Bratton	9/18	Tim Baker	9/27	Steve Baker
9/10	Liz Garrison	9/19	Mary Davis	9/28	Joel Johnson
9/10	Eric Owen	9/20	Kate Sparks	9/28	Trudy Taylor
9/12	Mary Charlotte Sweat	9/21	Bill Bane	9/29	John Hall
9/12	Jack Welge	9/22	Gail Martin	9/29	Fran Mettle
9/12	Shirley Caldwell	9/22	Jim Sawyer	9/30	Blake Scott

Happy Anniversary

9/01	John & Dee Anne Sloan
9/03	John & Susie Sheffield
9/03	Jeffrey & Pearl Thorpe
9/11	Gary & Delfina Whitwell
9/18	Bob & Jeanne Mann
9/18	David & Tricia Wilcox
9/20	Todd & Eugenie Holman
9/20	Randy & Lynn Crowley
9/20	Geoff & Kristin Hoover

TRINITY SERVICE CALENDAR

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER- LECTIONARY YEAR C

Date	9.1.2013 Pentecost 15 (Proper 17)	9.08.2013 Pentecost 16 (Proper 18)	9.15.2013 Pentecost 17 (Proper 19)	9.22.2013 Pentecost 18 (Proper 20)	9.29.2013 Pentecost 19 (Proper 21)
Acolytes	8:00 - T. Gignilliat 10:30 - TBA	8:00 - G. Rushing 10:30 - TBA	8:00 - T. Gignilliat 10:30 - TBA	8:00 - W. Charles 10:30 - TBA	8:00 - T. Gignilliat 10:30 - TBA
Lay Readers	8:00 1st - G. McWhorter 2nd - J. Hall	8:00 1st - G. Hoover 2nd - G. Rushing	8:00 1st - J. Welge 2nd - W. Charles	8:00 1st - J. Hall 2nd - W. Charles	8:00 1st - G. McWhorter 2nd - G. Hoover
	10:30 1st - J. Fowler 2nd - G. Power	10:30 1st - C. Collins 2nd - S. Thomas	10:30 1st - N. Collins 2nd - A. Sharp	10:30 1st - B. McClellan 2nd - R. McPhee	10:30 1st - Z. Brown 2nd - L. Sticher
L.E.M.	R. Chalice J. Fowler G. Hoover	R. Chalice W. Charles J. Hall	R. Chalice G. Rushing G. McWhorter	R. Chalice J. Fowler L. Germany	R. Chalice J. Welge J. Hall
First Reading	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm	Psalm 81:1, 10-16	Psalm 139:1-5, 13-17	Psalm 14	Psalm 79:1-9	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Second Reading	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Philemon 1-21	I Timothy 1:12-17	I Timothy 2:1-7	I Timothy 6:6-19
Gospel Reading	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-13	Luke 16:19-31
Altar Team	L. Baker Team	E. Campbell Team	B. Crittenden Team	A. Rast Team	L. Baker Team
Flower Delivery	D. Fricks M. Arnold	E. Cargill B. Crittenden	M. Harkrider J. Barth	B. Singer P. Twining	C. Wilks T. & D. Skeans
Vestry Counters	8:00 - D. Rushing B. Charles 10:30 - T. Holman C. Alford	8:00 - E. Campbell E. McClure 10:30 - T. Skeans C. Alford	8:00 - D. Balliett G. Whitwell 10:30 - T. Skeans S. Clark	8:00 - G. Whitwell E. McClure 10:30 - S. Jones C. Alford	8:00 - TBA TBA 10:30 - TBA TBA
Usher Team	Team # 1	Team # 2	Team # 4	Team # 5	Team # 1
Greeters	Team # 4	Team # 5	Team # 1	Team # 2	Team # 3
Verger	G. Whitwell	S. Alford	J. Barbe	G. Whitwell	J. Barbe
Sunday School	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Children's Chapel	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Coffee Hour Host	D. Rushing	C. Walker	Men of Trinity	K. Frith, P. Chappell	P. Tracy
Parish Hall Security	T. Todd	N. Collins	D. Sapp	T. Kirkindoll	J. Crittenden
L.E.V.	L. Leath W. Charles		M. Arnold W. Charles		

SEPTEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day Church Offices Closed	3 6:00 PM Youth Renovation Meeting Adult SS Room	4 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Scholars 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	5	6	7
8 Regular Sunday Schedule 6:00 PM Young Adult Group - Coffee Café 8:30 PM Compline	9 11:30 AM St. Monday's 5:30 PM DOK	10 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner Group Parish Hall	11 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Scholars 7:00 Chancel Choir	12	13	14
15 Regular Sunday Schedule Invitation Sunday 9:00 AM Men of Trinity Breakfast Parish Hall 9:15 AM Children's Communion Class	16	17 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting	18 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Scholars 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	19	20	21
22 Regular Sunday Schedule Instructed Eucharist Youth Small Groups Time TBA	23	24	25 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Scholars 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	26	27	28
29 Regular Sunday Schedule Youth Serving at Martha's Kitchen 4:00 PM Youth Progressive Dinner	30					
			<p><u>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</u></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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September Special Events

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| 2nd | CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED |
| 8th | Youth Sunday School Breakfast, 9:20 AM, Meet at TEC |
| 8th | Young Adult Group, 6:00 PM, Coffee Cafe |
| 8th | Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave |
| 9th | St. Monday's, 11:30 PM, Parish Hall |
| 9th | Daughters of the King, 5:30 PM, Parish Hall |
| 10th | Senior Men's Dinner Group, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall |
| 15th | Invitation Sunday, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM, Nave |
| 22nd | Youth Small Groups, Time TBA, Meet at TEC |
| 29th | Youth Progressive Dinner, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Meet at TEC |

October Special Events

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| 7th | St. Monday's, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall |
| 7th | Daughters of the King, 5:30 PM, Parish Hall |
| 8th | Kilgore College Fall Choral Concert, 7:30 PM, Nave |
| 13th | Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave |
| 15th | "Vive La France" Duo Piano and Orchestra Concert, 7:00 PM, Nave |
| 27th | Choral Evensong, 4:00 PM, Nave |
| 27th | Trunk or Treat, 5:30 PM, Parking Lot of FCC |