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VISION, FAITH, AND SACRIFICE: IN ALL THINGS, GIVE THANKS

This past week I had the opportunity to attend the 50th anniversary of the founding of Pamela's and my alma mater, Oral Roberts University. I regret to say that, for some time, I was ashamed of my alma mater. When people asked me where I went to college I would respond, "A Tulsa University." My hope was that they would mistake my answer for the university across town, The University of Tulsa. There were things about ORU that brought me great embarrassment, among which was a dominant, pervasive theology of prosperity, and a scandal involving the University President, Richard Roberts, son of Oral Roberts.

Six years ago the University almost declared bankruptcy and closed its doors. At the eleventh hour, the Green family, owners of the Mardel bookstore chain and Hobby Lobby stores felt called by God to rescue, and resurrect the University. The Green family's initial gift was \$70 million dollars. It completely erased a \$50 million dollar deficit and provided the necessary working capital to begin the process of rebuilding the University. With new leadership and much needed improvements to the physical plant the University is now something of which the alumni can once again be proud.

What was most impressive,

however, these past few days was to recount the beginnings of ORU. As a student I didn't really think twice about the faith it took to build the school that I was privileged to attend. With classrooms, library, cafeteria, sports arena, and dormitories in existence upon my arrival, I didn't stop to contemplate the financial



sacrifices that were made by many to provide me a college experience I will treasure forever. Recalling this history of faith and sacrifice allowed me, for the first time, to truly appreciate what had been given to me by God's grace. More importantly, it made me want to contribute to this great legacy so others could be blessed in the future as well.

In this month of November our

attention turns to Thanksgiving and stewardship. I know that this year I will be giving thanks for those saints who gave so faithfully and sacrificially so that Oral Roberts University could be built. As the rector of Trinity, it makes me reflect on the faithfulness of the many people who have given sacrificially so that Trinity Episcopal Church could be here today. People like Estelle Wright Honea, Fr. Warren Fry, John Robbins Sr., Ken and Rose Kirkpatrick, Fr. Mike Macey and many, many others. This Thanksgiving season, I give thanks for these people of vision, faith and sacrifice that have made Trinity what it is today.

Their vision, faith and sacrifice, however, also challenge me today. It challenges me to ask what vision, faith and sacrifice are we willing to offer for generations yet to come. It has been said of the baby boomer generation (of which I am a part) and subsequent generations, that they are living off the capital of the builder generation or as Tom Brokaw has described them, the Greatest Generation. It is now our turn to add to the lasting legacy of Trinity Episcopal Church. This is a legacy that will only be continued into the future if we take up the challenge now to be people of vision, faith and sacrifice.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

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Mission of the Month

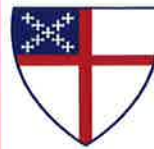


East Texas Child Advocates, Inc. is a nonprofit organization devoted to helping abused and neglected children in five East Texas counties. We make a difference in the lives of children through two

programs: East Texas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and Getting Together Safely. East Texas CASA recruits and trains volunteers to advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care.

Volunteers work with the judge to ensure a forever home for each child. CASA is the only volunteer organization that empowers everyday citizens as officers of the court. In an overburdened social welfare system, abused and neglected children often slip through the cracks among hundreds of current cases. CASA volunteers change that. Appointed by judges, CASA volunteers typically handle just one case at a time -and commit to staying on that case until the child is placed in a safe, permanent home. While others may come and go, CASA volunteers provide that one constant that children need in order to thrive. Funding for these agencies comes from local gifts and individual contributions, along with federal, state and county grants. East Texas Child Advocates is a Greater Longview United Way participating agency.

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE INSTALLATION OF BISHOP MICHAEL BRUCE CURRY AS THE PRESIDING BISHOP



The Holy Eucharist with the Installation of the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, Bishop Michael Bruce Curry, will occur on Sunday, November 1 at noon Eastern at the Washington National Cathedral.

The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, was elected and confirmed as the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church at the 78th General Convention on June 27. According to the Canons of The Episcopal Church, he becomes Presiding Bishop on November 1. Bishop Curry is the first African-American to be elected Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

Sunday, November 1st, the Holy Eucharist with the Installation of the 27th Presiding Bishop will be webcast live from the Washington National Cathedral. On that Sunday, we will broadcast this service at 11:00 AM in the nave so that we may participate in this wonderful service of celebration. Special bulletins will be printed to correlate with this simulcast service.

A 9:00 AM Rite II Eucharist with baptisms will also be celebrated that Sunday. We hope that you will make plans to join us on November 1st at either 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM.



Youth Fast Food Formal



November 8 • 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

We will go to different fast food restaurants via lottery
(we will go to a location we draw from a hat)
Come join the fun!



RE M I N D E R

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday November 1st

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



ST. MONDAY'S
November 2nd
11:30 AM

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

Dr. Viktor Roudkovski, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at LeTourneau University will speak about his trips to Russia and Greece and the Eastern expression of Orthodox Christian faith. **You will not want to miss this!**



Trinity School of Texas
 Invites you to attend
 their annual
**Veteran's Day
 Program**
 November 11, 2015
 10:00 AM
 Trinity Episcopal
 Church



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

**Trinity Episcopal Church
 Harvest Dinner**

**Wednesday, November 18th
 6:00 PM • Parish Hall**



TRINITY SCHOOL OF TEXAS

**Canned Food Service
 November 18th • 10:00 AM**

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



**Eucharistic Service of
 Praise**

**With contemporary
 worship music**

Fr. Kevin Wittmayer, Celebrant

Wednesday, November 4

Dinner at 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM • Worship at 6:00 PM

**ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 909 Reel Road • Longview**



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, November 8
 8:30 PM**



**Kilgore College
 Children's Choir**

In Concert

Directed by Dr. Jim Taylor

November 19th • 7:00 PM

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1)

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

“I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws.” (Psalm 119:30)

Growing our Faith through Generosity – Faith is demonstrated by giving back to God the first and best of what He has given to us regardless of our circumstances. One needs to remember that our time, talents and treasures are on loan from God. He blessed us with these gifts so that we can invest

them in ways that advance His teachings, ministry and generosity. When you look at it that way, it should be easy to give back. According to scripture, He will reward you for giving generously. It does not say He may reward you, it says He will. Sounds like a guarantee to me. But why can it be so difficult, scary and agonizing to give? Why am I reluctant to jump out on that limb given the promises of abundance?

First of all, I think human nature gets in the way. The old adage “if it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is” creeps into my mind. Let’s face it, in the modern world of scams, hoaxes and materialism that adage bears truth more often than not. However, in the Christian world of giving, discipleship, love and stewardship, that adage is far from the truth. God’s word is always dependable and reliable. You can trust Him. Therefore, your faith is rewarded. Second, fear is a substantial motivator to control the situation yourself. To not rely on your faith nor His word is the norm. Obviously, I cannot speak for everyone, but it is my

estimation that a majority of Christians have a difficult time “Letting Go and Letting God”. Fear of failure, fear of loss and losing control itself is just too daunting.

It may take a horrific accident, a serious disagreement between loved ones or complete and total exhaustion to jump out of the fire, let your faith take over and let God steer your life. True faith in your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is the only way. If you jump, rest assured, He will take care of you and the circumstance.

Finally, it is my belief that most of us know that giving God our time, talents and treasures will give us contentment, but lack of faith stymies the process. Contentment can renew our spirit, allow us to generously commit to others and to intentionally be faithful stewards. Reward, Security and Contentment – three attributes that God desires for His people to experience and requires us to generously offer to others. So come on, let your heart and soul depend on your faith, God is not too good to be true.

Elise G. McClure,
Stewardship Committee Chairperson

TRINITY SENIOR MEN

Trinity Senior Men is a gathering of men age 60 and older who meet monthly on the second Tuesday of every month. We meet for conversation and fellowship over dinner in the Parish Hall at 6pm and we close with Compline. All senior men are welcome to join us. If you have a question, contact Harry Barth at 903-235-9219 or Barney Jones at 903-236-8617.

Jesus In Hollywood

Did you know that God is present in some fashion in every movie? Well, he is! Come and join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 PM. We meet to discuss the theology of popular movies, current and past. You watch the movie then meet up for good food and lively conversation.



The movie for November 11th is *Babette’s Feast*.

Come and be part of this unique and enjoyable time of fellowship.

Location: Bootlegger Grill • 1217 McCann Road

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers’ arms
has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.



by Martin Rinkart



NOVEMBER 2015

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday

11/01	Michael Rochford	11/11	Jennifer Fadal	11/24	Susan Brown
11/01	Jim Mears	11/14	Dee Shappell	11/25	Nancy Sawyer
11/03	Dinah Rushing	11/14	Lainey Stevens	11/26	Jeanne Mann
11/06	Nancy Jackson	11/18	Ed Rast	11/27	Mary Clark
11/06	Bob Montgomery	11/18	Travis Prior	11/28	Gary Whitwell
11/07	Mary Lou Smith	11/20	Courtney Harris	11/28	Pamela Wittmayer
11/07	Lanette Sapp	11/22	Cleburne McAllister	11/28	Courtney Thorson
11/08	Diana Mears	11/24	Bob Mann	11/30	Luke Jenkins

Happy Anniversary

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

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist with Baptism 11:00 AM Simulcast of Presiding Bishop Installation from National Cathedral	2 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth Study Group 11:30 AM St. Monday's	3	4 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal 6:00 PM Eucharistic Service of Praise St. Michael's Episcopal Church 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7
8 Regular Sunday Schedule In-gathering Sunday 4:30 - 6:30 PM Youth "Fast Food Formal" 5:30 Young Adult Fellowship - Coffee Café 8:30 PM Compline	9 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth Study Group 5:30 PM Daughters of the King	10 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner	11 10:00 AM TST Veteran's Day Service 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal 6:00 PM Jesus in Hollywood 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14
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22 Regular Sunday Schedule	23 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth Study Group 6:00 PM Endowment Board Meeting	24	25 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist No Handbell or Chancel Choir Rehearsal	26 27 Church Offices Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving holiday		28
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				<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist </div>		





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November Special Events

- 1st Rite II Worship with Baptism, 9:00 AM,
Bishop Installation Simulcast, 11:00 AM Worship, Nave
- 8th & 15th Stewardship Ingathering Sundays
- 8th Youth Fast Food Formal, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
- 11th TST Veteran's Day Program, 10:00 AM, Nave
- 18th TST Canned Food Service, 10:00 AM, Nave
- 18th Harvest Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall
- 19th Kilgore College Children's Chorale Concert, 7:00 PM, Nave
- 23rd-24th Thanksgiving Food Drive
- 26th - 27th CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

December Special Events

- 8th Pine Tree High School Christmas Choral Concert, 7:00 PM, Nave
- 10th TST La Posada Service, 6:00 PM, Nave
- 20th Youth Event, Ka-razy Christmas Party
- 20th Hanging of the Greens, 12:00 PM, Nave
- 24th Christmas Eve Family Service, 6:00 PM, Nave (5:30 PM Pre-Service Music)
- 24th Christmas Eve Traditional Service, 11:00 PM, Nave (10:30 PM Pre-Service Music)
- 25th Christmas Day, "Said Service" 10:30 AM, Nave
- 30th Youth New Year's Eve EVE Movie Night, 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM, Location TBA