



# The TRIPOD

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**Trinity Episcopal Church:**

*Witnessing to the Power of God to Transform*

*Proclaiming God's Love and Joy for over 162 years in Marshall, Texas*

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## Congratulations, Fr. John!

Many of you may not yet know that our very own Fr. John Himes is now Fr. **Dr.** John Himes. That's right! In May 2013, Fr. John successfully defended his dissertation and earned his Doctorate in Ministry from Nashotah House in Wisconsin. A Doctorate is the highest academic degree that a person can earn. It signifies advanced specialization in the area studied. Fr. John specialized in the study of liturgy.

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*Congratulations!*



Here is a break-down of Fr. John's special honors:

Father: Rector of the Parish

Order of St. Francis

**Fr. John Himes, OSF, D. Min**

**Doctorate of Ministry**

## Focus on Parish Ministry



### Our Mission

To proclaim the  
Gospel of Jesus  
Christ by:

Inviting all to accept  
Jesus Christ as Lord  
and Savior.

Fostering the  
presence of the Holy  
Spirit for the  
equipping of saints  
to do the work of  
ministry.

Witnessing to the  
power of God to  
heal, transform, and  
make all things new.

Supporting those  
who by word and  
example make  
Christ's redemptive  
work known.

## Women of Trinity

Women of Trinity is a ministry that enables our parish to offer additional ministries that touch the lives of both parishioners and those who are, as of yet, beyond our walls. They work quietly in the background making the love of Christ known. Over the years they have helped support the work of a variety of ministries in our community that touch lives. They have been involved with helping girls at East Texas Open Door. Women of Trinity have been involved with From Bondage to Freedom. They have also partnered with the Men of Trinity in the past in helping raise money for the parish's security system. Recently, they donated a substantial amount to help cover the cost for the restoration of our stain glass windows in the church.

There may have been a misconception in the past that this ministry was only open to some of the women of the parish. This is not true. All women of the parish are invited to be part of Women of Trinity. The Women of Trinity meet from September through May in the Guild Room the third Wednesday of the month at 11:00 AM. Each month they have a unique program of interest with a speaker followed by a luncheon at 12:00 PM in All Saints' Hall. This is a good time to mark your calendars and make it a point to become a part of this wonderful ministry to our parish. If you would like further information about the Women of Trinity contact the president, Mamie Lyons.

## Men of Trinity: They Do Windows

I haven't met anyone yet who enjoys doing windows. However, the Men of Trinity and many of our parishioners joined in the effort to raise money to cover the restoration cost for our stain glassed windows on Sunday June 9th at a hamburger and hot dog dinner sponsored by the Men of Trinity. The dinner raised over \$1,300 to help cover the cost of the restoration.

The Men of Trinity have hosted a number of fund raisers in the past to help the parish with specific needs. We are thankful for all the Men of Trinity that helped with the cooking, set up and clean up for the event. Most of all we'd like to thank all the parishioners who took part and made this a very successful event.



The Men of Trinity is open to all men of the parish. They meet the 2nd Monday of each month for dinner and fellowship in All Saint's Hall.

## Rector's Meanderings

### Dear Beloved in Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

In today's society we have seen the birth of the new age movement. Polls over the last several decades have continually shown the Christian faith as being less relevant in people's lives. Truth be told, this isn't really new. Each generation seems to go through a phase such as this as they come to recognize their own mortality. People ask the eternal questions, "What am I here for?" "Why was I born, just to die?" These can indeed be frightful questions. People search for meaning in their lives. Sadly the secular culture offers little when it comes to a person's eternal soul. If the Church is going to seek to provide answers to those questions, then the answers must not be a reflection of the culture. Rather the answers need to reflect the ability for a person to be in relationship with their creator. The answers people seek through the culture pulls them in all sorts of directions. Why aren't more pulled toward the Church, towards Jesus Christ?

Paul writes in **Ephesians 2:10** "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Which God prepared in advance for us to do." Why don't more people know we are created by God and for God and one another? Very simply the Church has done a poor job of proclaiming the Gospel in love. It has been proclaimed by the state in the past when church has been an arm of government. It has often been proclaimed as a set of rules a person must follow. It has been proclaimed as a country club of fellow travelers in which sinners need to clean up their act before the walk through the doors. But, sadly, it hasn't been proclaimed as the answer to the questions and hurts one's heart endures throughout life.

We were made for God; He created us to be in fellowship with Him. He does indeed have a plan for our lives that will leave us happy and fulfilled. We need to be aware of that plan. However, to be aware of it, we have to know the author of it.

Turning our lives over to the Lord can be frightening; He may ask us to do something difficult. I can promise you, He will ask you do something difficult, uncomfortable, outside the comfort zone. He will place you where you need to be in relationship with Him rather than where you are comfortable. A person need not be afraid of that. Rather a person should welcome it for in putting a person where he or she needs to be, He assures us that He is with us, we are not on the road alone and he will not abandon nor forsake an individual who has turned to Him.

We are to be in relationship with Christ, with God. In the fullness of that relationship we will feel compelled to be and do what Christ has called us to. We will be salt and light to the world, and we will go into all nations baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Those are the works that our Father has prepared for us in advance. Preach and teach His word though our lives, through our actions, and most of all through our giving unconditional love.



**Heavenly  
Father,  
strengthen  
and guide  
me that this  
day I might  
be a  
reflection of  
Your love to  
all whom I  
meet.  
I pray this  
in the name  
of Your Son  
and my  
Savior,  
Jesus  
Christ.  
Amen.**

*Pax et Bonum.*

*Fr. John*



### Our Vision:

Our vision for Trinity Episcopal Church

includes

Growing a dynamic youth program,

Reaching out to our community outside the walls with the love of Christ.

Increasing spiritual and congregational growth for our parish.

## A Prayer for Our Country

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

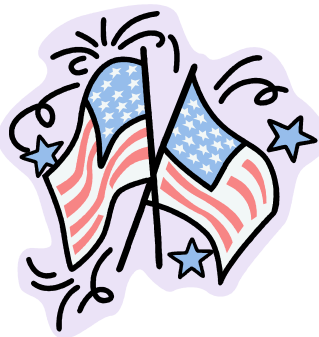
~from The Book of Common Prayer



## Happy 4th of July

### Hunger doesn't take a Holiday!

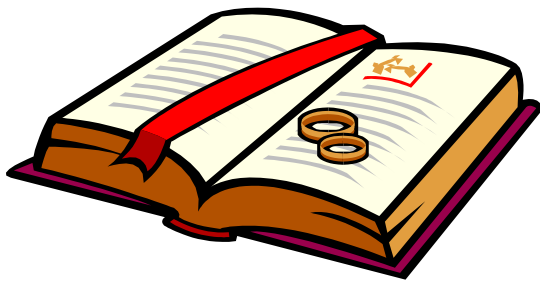
Even though all the banks and courthouses will be closed and most of you will get a day off from work, Martha's Kitchen will still be serving the needs of the hungry in our community. That's right, the dedicated volunteers will be serving food on the 4th. Martha's Kitchen serves food from 6:00-7:00 every Thursday in ASH. For more information about volunteering or supporting the Martha's Kitchen outreach, please contact the church office or talk to Mrs. Bonnie Strauss @ 903-926-5939.





## Birthdays

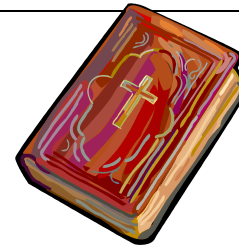
1 Cheryl Staggers	19 Pat Jeffries
1 Hugh Taylor	20 Damon Falke
5 Sarah Rectenwald	20 Ann Staggers
6 Katie Godinich DeSa	20 Theresa Harper
6 Douglas Manly	25 Sherry Henderson
7 Doug Lewis	25 Julian Shaw
8 Della Nader	26 Dorothy Jo Whaley
9 Matt Stanfield	26 Lillian Weeks
9 Ashleigh Anderson	27 Albert McPhail
9 Elise Welch	27 Glenda Lane
10 Lucy Parr	27 Gail Love
10 Cody Godinich	27 Rae Minchew
11 Courtney Tolar	28 Nadine Kraeger
12 Wil Moseley	28 Lal Terrell
15 Mason Haynes	28 Jennifer Abney
16 Walter Fugler	29 Gloria Snyder
16 Sandy Toussaint	30 Brandy Johnson
16 Anna Westmoreland	31 Charlie Falke
17 Vince Godinich	



## Church Financials and Attendance for May 2013

Budget Income for 2013 .....	\$443,572
Budget Expenses for 2013 .....	\$521,160
Budget Difference for 2013 .....	(\$77,588)
Income Received to Date .....	\$178,722
Expenses to Date .....	(\$233,136)
Difference to Date .....	(\$54,014)
Income for May .....	\$33,438
Expenses for May .....	(\$35,562)
Difference for the month .....	(\$2124)

Average Sunday Attendance to date	179
Average Sunday Attendance for April	167
Total Sunday Attendance to date	3766
Total Attendance all other Services	6139



## Anniversaries

3	Mr. & Mrs. Zane Jackson
4	Mr. Claude & Dr. Chris Hammond
11	Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Jager
14	Mr. & Mrs. Yank Terrell
16	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Altnau
16	Mr. & Mrs. Brett Weeks
17	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Smith
17	Mr. & Mrs. David Thomas
22	Mr. & Mrs. Dick Boyd
25	Mr. & Mrs. Tony Bridge
30	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lewis
31	Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Hammers
31	Mr. & Mrs. Adam Shaw

## Junior DOK - Get Ready for Fall Events!

The Junior DOK calendar is filled with many great events planned for next year's theme of Transformation. Below is the calendar of events for just Fall 2013. If you know any girls ages 7-17 who would be interested, please share this calendar with their families and ask them to contact the Church office for more information.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>August 25</b>	Welcome new Juniors Kick-Off 2013-2014 Begin new Bible Study Theme: Transformation Begin Butterfly Grow project
<b>September 8</b>	Choir Practice for Camp Allen Retreat Assembly
<b>Friday, September 13 - Sunday, September 15</b>	Junior DOK Retreat to Camp Allen
<b>September 22 **3 PM**</b>	Kidnap/Candlelight Ceremony
<b>October 12 (Saturday) **10am-4pm**</b>	Nativity Building Project Lunch will be provided Life of Jesus Bible Study
<b>October 27</b>	Spread your Drama Wings special guest: Sara Whitaker Bible Study, Choir, Fellowship Butterfly Release
<b>November 3</b>	Spa Day Bible Study, Choir, Fellowship
<b>November 10</b>	Body Image Booster Bible Study, Choir, Fellowship
<b>December 1</b>	Transformation Art Day w/Pat Jeffries Bible Study, Choir, Fellowship
<b>December 8 at 10:30 service</b>	Installation Day & Celebration
<b>December 24 at 5:30 family service</b>	JrDOK choir sings at Christmas Eve Family Service

*...and many more events planned for the Spring!* Email [JrDOKMarshall@gmail.com](mailto:JrDOKMarshall@gmail.com) for a copy of the full calendar!



### Our Core Values:

Commitment  
to Jesus Christ

Authority of  
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leadership

## Youth Trip and Tripod

During this month (July 14-20), some of our youth will be heading to New Orleans to minister through improving a home. As you all know, Hurricane Katrina's impact has lasted even until today. Many residents are unable to pay for home improvements. We will be making those improvements for those who cannot do it themselves. Our trip will consist of three and half days of work and a day and half of enjoying New Orleans. Each night we will worship with other youth who have come to work for the Lord. Our group will also have time to meditate on God's word together each evening. Our motto will be "Listen to God, Work Hard, Have Fun." Mission trips are not only times of hard work and fun but of spiritual growth. I know if we are humble, God will be working in us while we are working for the kingdom. I think a trip where we pay attention to God, work hard for his glory, and have a ton of fun, is a great trip. Please be in prayer for all our youth in July, especially those on the trip.

Last month, I talked about the importance of reading your Bible. While encouraging the youth to read their Bibles, I thought about how many church members probably didn't even read the Tripod. Turns out, no one at our EYC had read the Tripod. So I encouraged them to read the June Tripod. And I know of at least one that did (Great job Hannah!). If you're a reader, encourage fellow members to read the Tripod and the Bible! Let's keep up with what God's doing among his people at Trinity.

God's peace,

Scott



**Keep up with all the great Youth Events on Facebook!**

<http://www.facebook.com/TrinityEpiscopalYouthMarshall>



Find us on  
**Facebook**



*Behold, I come  
among you as one  
who serves.*

**Luke 22:27**

### **Parish Staff**

Fr. John M. Himes, OSF  
*Rector*

Scott Rutherford  
*Youth Minister*

Caroline Bump  
*Children's Christian  
Formation*

Angela Bray  
*Nursery Director*

Jim Johnson  
*Choir Master and Organist*

Stacey Shaw  
*Parish Administrator*

Suzie Ward  
*Administrative Assistant*

Melvin Williams  
*Sexton*

Reggie Hasty  
*Treasurer*

### **Vestry**

Tony Pierce  
*Senior Warden*

Bud Bray  
*Junior Warden*

Laura Rectenwald  
*Clerk of the Vestry*

Matt Hatch

Henry Henderson

Erik Howard

Eric Neal

Mary Price

Lowell Runyan

Ann Brannon

### **Weekly Schedule**

#### **Sunday**

Holy Communion - 8:00 AM

Parish Breakfast - 9:00 AM

Christian Formation for all ages - 9:30 AM

Holy Communion - 10:30 AM

After 10:30 Service  
Coffee & Cookies In All Saints Hall

#### **Wednesday**

Holy Communion - 10:00 AM

Youth Program - 5:30 PM

Dinner in All Saint's Hall - 5:30 PM

Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

#### **Thursday**

Meals on Wheels - 10:45 AM

Choir Rehearsal - 5:15 PM

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM



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