



# The Trinity Bell



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*The vision of Trinity Church is to be relevant to the Lake Region Community serving and drawing others to the gospel of Jesus Christ as a growing Episcopal Church.*



## A Word from Father Tony

In his recent *eCrozier*, "Leadership is NOT a heresy," the Rt. Rev. Scott Benhase, Bishop of Georgia, laments the fact that our clergy are ill-equipped to lead the parish in our post-Christian society: "Our Church's seminaries are still training clergy to serve congregations

(See: *Lake Wobegone Episcopal Church*) that rarely exist anymore. So, new clergy aren't sufficiently prepared to serve most of our congregations. Most seminary professors have little experience in leading congregations and they serve up an academic/theory based approach rather than an experiential/action one where those in training must actually develop the capability to do what they are primarily called to do: lead people in God's mission of making disciples and making a difference in the world.

Our clergy need to have the spiritual depth and practical training to resist the chaplaincy role thrust upon them by congregations who just want their priest to take care of them. Religion, across the board, has become utilitarian for more and more of its adherents for the purpose of creating lives of contentment and happiness. So, this demand for chaplaincy will only increase. We need clergy who won't get sucked into that role. Rather they must train the baptized (who have the spiritual gifts) to be caregivers so the clergy can be freed up to lead the whole congregation in disciple and difference making.

In reading the Gospel, Jesus seems quite unconcerned with his disciples' contentment and happiness or even if they have the correct doctrinal position. Rather, he's most concerned that they inculcate in themselves God's one-way love, which we call grace, and then live sharing that one-way love in their lives. In order to make this crystal clear, Jesus incarnated God's one-way love on the cross. We need one-way love

leadership."

I am very thankful to have served under Bishop Benhase who sponsored diocesan training for clergy and laity taught by the nationally acclaimed Church Development Institute. CDI is self-described as "an intensive leadership training program for clergy and lay leaders of the Episcopal Church focused on the ministry of developing the spiritual, community and organizational life of a congregation through a hands-on approach to learning." CDI provides much of the experiential/action training that is lacking in the seminary classroom and equips church leaders (lay and clergy) to lead our congregation out the doors and into the world.

So where is all that training visible? How is that one-way love being hammered or infused (inculcated) into God's people? In every thing you do, beloved! When I arrived at Trinity, I was astounded at the good works you do in our community – the Thrift Shop, Thanksgiving in the Park, Merry Melrose, Iron Chef, Vacation Bible School!, not to mention the good works you do for Trinity through your time in the Choir and musicians, the Altar Guild, DOK, Vestry, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, leading Christian Formation and Sunday School, Flowers, Refreshments, and fundraisers including the Chicken Dinner and Basket Sale and the fall Bazaar. Trinity is a healthy congregation spiritually equipped to share God's one-way love!

Let's continue to show God's love and grow this church! Be a friend, make a friend; invite a friend to Alpha and watch the Holy Spirit work!

Tony+

**THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SERVICE ON:**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

**And on**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

**Head of the Church  
Jesus Christ**

**The Rt. Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard  
Bishop of Florida**

**Members of the Vestry**

**Virginia Smith, Senior Warden '15  
Eric Beshore, Junior Warden '15  
Laurie Alsobrook 2014  
Anne Lowry 2015  
Vi Paul 2016  
Paul Stegall 2014  
Bob Tickel 2016**

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**Margaret Rice, Choir Director  
Figg Poncher, Organist**

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**Figg Poncher,  
Financial Administrator  
Linda Wilcox,  
Parish Administrator  
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**"TRINITY BELL"**

If you have news of plans for the coming months, announcements, or reports, or would just like to write an article for the "Bell", the deadline is the 15th of each month. Communication is what helps us work and play together and we're always delighted to see new things each month. If you have something you'd like to see on our pages or ideas for new columns, please get in touch with Linda or Father Tony.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Sept. 3 Virginia Smith  
Sept. 7 Sheila Lowry  
Sept. 6 Clarence Williams  
Sept. 7 Margaret Rice  
Sept. 8 Yary Rivera  
Sept. 9 Jack Rice  
Sept. 10 Kathi Warren  
Sept. 22 Mary Rynd  
Sept. 30 Mary Barrow



O God, our times are in your hand; look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *BCP p. 830*



**Don't forget to bring your  
pets to the blessing of the  
animals on Sat. Sept. 28th.**



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Sept. 9 Marilyn and Ken Blair  
Sept. 20 Dottie and Bill Durham  
Sept. 28 Liz and John Middleton



O God, bless our relationships, assist us with your grace, so that with true fidelity and steadfast love we may honor and keep the promises and vows we make to one another. Let us love one another as a sign of your love for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CURSILLO**



If you are interested in learning more about Cursillo or attending a Cursillo weekend, please speak with Clay O'Neal, Linda in the office, Father Tony, or anyone who has already attended a weekend.

Ultreyas are get-togethers of all those who have attended a Cursillo weekend and others who may be interested in attending. They include a pot luck dinner and celebration of the Eucharist. The next Ultreya will be Friday, September 8th at 4:00pm at St. Mark's in Starke.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SR. WARDEN



It doesn't feel like we're at the end of summer, but, our calendars tell us so. School has begun, most vacations are over and plans are underway for a very active and engaging Fall at Trinity.

The last of August Father Tony began the ten week Alpha course on the teachings of Jesus. Alpha gives everyone the opportunity to explore life's big questions. Father Tony says there is no question to simple or to complex.

Clay O'Neal will begin preparing breakfast for the children before they begin their Bible lesson. They are blessed with very caring and dedicated teachers. Father Tony purchased age appropriate Bibles for Sunday School. He also gave ten children Bibles during VBS.

Refreshments on the veranda will be resuming as the weather turns cooler. It is an opportunity to visit with Father Tony and each other.... Embracing members and welcoming visitors. On Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of September there will be a blessing of animals in Heritage Park. Betty Griffith will organize this fun event at 10am. It will coincide with the Saturday morning Farmer's Market. Please make a notation of this on your pets calendar.

God's love and blessings are abundant at Trinity. The dedication of the many individuals who quietly and generously share their time and talents make this a vibrant parish. We greet anyone who comes to our doors and let them know that their spiritual needs will be met and their lives will flourish with joy.

*Virginia*

## ECW RETURNS!



Summer hiatus is over for the ECW and they will start meeting again on Tuesday, September 10th at 10:00am in the Wicker Room. They will have an interesting speaker to kick off the new year. If you are attending Trinity, you are automatically a welcome member of the ECW (Episcopal Church Women), so come and enjoy the fun and fellowship, learn about plans for the coming year, and hear about the adventures of our speaker (Who has lived in Africa and traveled to some fascinating places.).

## JR. WARDEN'S REPORT



A record July rainfall of almost 17 inches has set an all time monthly rainfall record! In August the rains continued. The region certainly needed the rain to recharge the lakes and ground water levels. Vegetation has certainly responded to the rainfall with lots of lush green growth. How delightful to be out of drought conditions of the last few years.

As a result of the rain our grounds are booming with growth. This makes our Saturday 14 September fall cleanup with the boys of Camp Blanding extra important this year. As in the past it will be all morning and end with lunch for boys and adult supervisors. It is critical that we have lots of Trinity members as adult supervisors. The supervisors will be given an area of the grounds with specific instructions of what is required. The supervisors are not workers but they can help and most importantly instruct the boys in your team of 3-4. If we get a good turnout of adults we can get lots of fall cleanup done. In addition we get to work with boys that need good role models to help guide their future. Please call the church office and let us know that you can help. Come out and you will be blessed.

The demand on the lawn tractor from the rain induced abnormal lawn growth and was too much for it to handle. It is sad to report that it quit this past month. The lawn tractor fund is now at \$???? with a goal of \$1,800. Thank you all who donated. We are in the process of working on the replacement now.

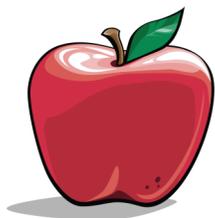
Ann and I have while enjoying a wonderful summer high (9,300ft) in the mountains of Colorado look forward to our return to you this month. We think of you all often and trust your summer is going well

Do not hide your talent but let it shine. Lend a hand and be blessed.

Thank you all for your support.

*Eric Beshore*

## OUTREACH



On the first Sunday of each month we will have a large basket out for the collection of food items for Lake Area Ministries and toiletry items for the children at our local schools. If you prefer, you may contribute financially by dropping your check in the offering plate with the intended recipient noted in the “memo” section.

The Iron Chef Dinner on October 26th is a fundraiser for Outreach projects. The “secret” ingredient this year is Apple and we are hoping for at least 15 cooks who are willing to take the challenge and help to make the dinner as successful as always. You can make anything from appetizer to dessert as long as it contains apple as an obvious ingredient. Please contact Bob Tickel or Linda in the parish office if you would like to participate in this fun event and to get a list of the guidelines.

Trinity Church currently supports many different Outreach causes. We have helped people as far away as Alaska, and Honduras, given a kayak to Camp Weed for the kids and help many right here in our own neighborhood. Our efforts are structured so that we are able to help globally, nationally at the diocesan level and here at home. If you have a request for our church to support a new Outreach cause, please send your request to the Outreach Committee through Bob Tickel, Chair. This will allow us to better organize our many efforts and our resources, and to make certain we aren't duplicating efforts.



## PARISH YARD WORK DAY

**WE WANT YOU!**

On Sat., September 14th we will be fortunate to have the boys from Camp Blanding come to help with our yard work. We need adult supervisors to be with teams of 3-4 boys in specific areas of the yard. Kathi Warren will have maps of the areas and what needs to be done. If you can help supervise, your time will magnify times 4 by the boys work. If you can't be here but can lend us your yard tools, that will also be a help. As our Jr. Warden says, “Lend a hand and be blessed.” We have had to cancel the last two days we had scheduled because we didn't have enough volunteers. Please come out and help us. The work will only be done from 8am until noon and then a wonderful lunch will be served to all. If you can spare four hours to help beautify our property, please mark Saturday, September 14 on your schedule. And, remember that you don't have to actually do the work yourself, the boys will do that, we just need people to supervise.



## ALPHA BEGINS!

The ALPHA program has begun! We had 28 people signed up to participate in the course as well as 10 table workers and 10 kitchen helpers. What a wonderful testament to the power of the Holy Spirit and the enthusiasm of Trinity to try new things and to let others know that God is here and loves us all in a mighty way!

The kitchen crew served a fantastic meal complete with table flowers and candles. Many kudos to them for a magnificent job! The table workers found their jobs both exciting and at times challenging and as the course goes forward we all expect to learn a great deal both from the DVDs and from one another.

It's not too late if you would like to join in this fascinating course, just give the office a call and put your name on the list so we'll be sure to have plenty of food for everyone. Come and see what all the excitement is about!

## GIGGLESOME

A guy took his blonde girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience.

“Oh, I really liked it,” she replied, “especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents.”

Dumbfounded, her date asked, “What do you mean?”

“Well, they flipped a coin. One team got it, and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was, ‘Get the quarter back! Get the quarter back!’ I'm like, Hello-o-o? It's only 25 cents!”

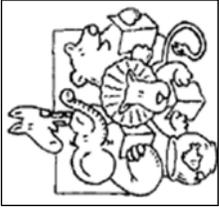


# September



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>First Sunday</b> One Service 10:00am Lunch Following	2 Labor Day Holiday Office Closed 	3 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon Pizza and Gospel 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AI-Anon	4 <b>Eucharist and Healing Service 6:00pm</b> Choir 7:00	5 10 - 1pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA 6:00pm Alpha	6 2-5pm Thrift Shop Youth go to "Rock the Universe"	7 Thrift Shop 9am-12
8 <b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 Holy Eucharist</b> 9:15 Refreshments 9:45 Sunday School 12:00 Refreshments	9 DOK Instruction 7:00pm Scouts	10 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon Pizza and Gospel 10:00am ECW 7pm Facilities Mtg. 	11 <b>Eucharist and Healing Service 6:00pm</b> Choir 7:00pm	12 10 - 1pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA 6:00pm Alpha	13 2-5pm Thrift Shop	14 Thrift Shop 9am-12 DOK Fall Assembly Parish Work Day Camp Blanding Kids
15 <b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 Holy Eucharist</b> 9:15 Refreshments 9:45 Sunday School 12:00 Refreshments	16 DOK Instruction 7:00pm Scouts <b>Deadline for the "Trinity Bell"</b>	17 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Piz- za and Gospel 12pm Committee Heads Mtg 6:00pm 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AI-Anon	18 <b>Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm</b> Outreach Mtg. 5pm 7:00 Vestry Choir 7:00pm	19 10 - 1pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA 6:00pm Alpha	20 2-5pm Thrift Shop	21 Thrift Shop 9am-12
22 <b>Stewardship Kickoff</b> One Service 10:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 12:00 Lunch	23 DOK Meeting 6:00pm 7:00pm Scouts	24 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon Pizza and Gospel 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AI-Anon	25 <b>Eucharist and Healing Service 6:00pm</b> Choir 7:00pm	26 10 - 1pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA 6:00pm Alpha	27 2-5pm Thrift Shop	28 Thrift Shop 10am-12 Blessing of The Animals 
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## SERVERS' SCHEDULE September 2013



Date	Service	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher	Greeter
1-Sep-13	Single Service 10AM	Kristi Gregory	Margaret Rice	Liz Middleton Paul Stegall	Donna Eichelsderfer Virginia Smith
8-Sep-13	8:30	Rodney Paul	Joyce Chesnut	Robert Menzen	Jane Menzen
	11:00	Suki Hoffman	Suki Hoffman	Will Flynn	Bill Sohl
15-Sep-13	8:30	Paul Stegall	Jeanne Eaton	Jeanne Eaton	Joyce Chesnut
	11:00	Sharon Jax	Kristi Gregory	Kristi Gregory	Linda Wilcox
22-Sep-13	Single Service 10:00	Paul Stegall	Marika Brokas	Robert Menzen	Kelly O'Neal
	Stewardship Kickoff!	Kristi Gregory		Liz Middleton	Joyce King
29-Sep-13	8:30	Rodney Paul	Mary Rynd	Eric Beshore	Ann Beshore
	11:00	Bob Tickle	Marie Curewitz	Will Flynn	Bettye Zowarka
Vestry	Vi Paul and Virginia Smith				
Altar Guild	Kristi Gregory and Amanda Gray				

Thank you for placing yourself in the service of Our Lord and His Church. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please arrange for your replacement and notify the office.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Saturday, Sept. 28th at 10:00am Father Tony will have a blessing of the animals service in Heritage Park. All animals and their owners are welcome to join us. We will have treats for the animals as well as bowls of water. Blessing of the animals is an old tradition usually held in conjunction with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi in October. Because Trinity's schedule was too full to accommodate that date, we have moved the celebration slightly forward. Please let your friends and neighbors know that their animals are invited to the blessing.

## LABOR DAY

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From them developed the movement to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

## THE CATS OF TRINITY CHURCH

Several years ago a poor little mama cat who was unable to take care of her four kittens came by Trinity one morning and left them with us. We were all worried about them, but tried to feed and care for them as best we could. They were all given names, Marmalade, Bishop, Ginger and Job. Poor little Job lived up to his Biblical name and was the only one who wasn't able to make the journey of time with us. Since then however we have had one more little motley kitten join us, and we named him Muffin.

All of the cats (except Ginger who we've never been able to catch) were taken to "Catnip", an organization in Gainesville which will neuter feral cats and give them their shots at no charge. Several members of the church bring cat food in to share and often a treat or two.

The cats have brought us much joy and unconditional love. They wait for us in the morning, play peek-a-boo with our visitors and always look longingly at the church when we go in. One day Marmalade sneaked in behind someone and found a hiding place inside the organ. When someone was checking the church on Saturday they heard a wailing cat and were startled to find that apparently Marmalade had found a way into the organ but no way out. After much ado and considering having to call the fire department, Eric, our Jr. Warden came over to the church, removed the front of the organ and we all watched as an orange flash streaked out the door.

Recently our cats have been getting a little thin so were taken to Dr. Paschall here in Melrose. She looked Marmalade over carefully, gave her a booster shot and some medicine to bring home for the other cats as well. After some conversation and learning that these were "church cats", we received a bill for only the cost of the rabies shot!

The Cats of Trinity are precious and will certainly be blessed on Sept. 28! Come and play a little peek-a-boo and meet them yourself.

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**SEPTEMBER 2013**

**SPECIAL EVENTS COMING SOON**

**SEPTEMBER**

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| Sept. 1         | <b>First Sunday One Service 10:00am</b>    |
| Sept. 5         | Alpha Course                               |
| Sept 10         | Facilities Management Meeting              |
| Sept 10         | ECW Meeting 10:00am                        |
| Sept. 14        | Work Day with Camp Blanding kids           |
| Sept. 19        | Alpha Course                               |
| Sept. 22        | One Service 10:00am<br>Stewardship Kickoff |
| Sept. 26        | Alpha Course                               |
| Sept. 28        | Men's Club                                 |
| <b>Sept. 28</b> | <b>Blessing of the Animals Service</b>     |

**REGULAR EVENTS**

**Sunday : 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist**  
9:15 am Coffee  
9:45 - 10:45am Children's Sunday School  
Noon Coffee

**1st Sunday of the Month**  
One Service only at 10:00am  
In the Parish Hall

Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study at Betty's

**Wednesday: 6:00pm Eucharist and Healing Service**

**Thrift Shop**  
Open 10 am to 4 pm Thursday  
2 pm—5 pm Friday  
9 am—Noon Saturday

**Access Program**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am—2pm