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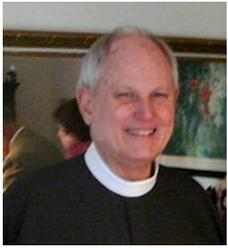


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The vision of Trinity Church is to be relevant to the Lake Region Community serving and drawing others to the gospel of Jesus Christ as a growing Episcopal Church.



A Word from Father Tony

Dear Trinity Family,

Lately I've been reading Billy Graham's remarkable autobiography, **JUST AS I AM**. First published in 1999 and since updated, **JUST AS I AM** is nearly 800 pages of honesty concerning the daily struggles of this now very famous itinerant preacher.

Although I am only a few chapters into the story and still in the 1950's during the first campaigns (crusades) in Los Angeles, Boston and Ohio, still, wonderful patterns are beginning to emerge that apply to all our lives.

First, God does great works with ordinary people. He puts us here for a purpose and uses others to confirm that purpose. God works in us and through us to complete his purpose.

Second, we accomplish nothing on our own. While the cameras and media may often focus on the man behind the pulpit, the man preaching on the stage, in truth, it took a team of people with a heart for God to pull off those incredible crusades. Local churches and ministerial associations, generous donors, patient, saintly wives, and most important, a group of men and women who trusted each other, who prayed together, wept together and pushed beyond their human abilities to stay in the midst of God's incredible work.

Third – Prayer, Prayer, Prayer! I am moved by the Billy's witness to the power of prayer! - Prayer in the morning, prayer in the evening, prayer before meetings, prayer in intense times of doubt, prayer before preaching. Wives, family, friends and supporters praying for the team, lifting up Billy, lifting up the crusades, lifting up the towns, covering his ministry with an umbrella of prayer. Prayer, prayer, everywhere, prayer!

Fourth, which should be first, is the incredible vision and call to go out and preach the Gospel, to deliver the Good News, to call people to turn from their apathy and

sin and return to the life changing power of God. Each event brought new challenges, a new learning curve. Yet God revealed a bigger picture and even as a young man barely in his thirties, Billy began to demand more and more - bigger tents, more volunteers, greater involvement from local congregations as he saw what God could do. Still there were never enough chairs, never enough room for everyone who wanted to hear God's word. Vision! Expectation! As Henry Blackaby, author of *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God* writes, "Look around you, see what God is doing and join him in His work." It's not about us. It's not about money. It's all about knowing and doing God's will.

For Billy Graham, God's will has been a ministry spanning over sixty years delivering the message of the Gospel to millions across the globe. The scope of our ministries here at Trinity may not be so grand, yet as long as we are listening to God and tuned to his Holy Spirit, our work in the Lake Area can be just as important. What is God calling us to do? Where is he working? Where can we join Him? Pray brothers and sisters that God will set our hearts on fire for the needs of this community. Pray that he will show us a greater vision of where and how we can serve. Pray, beloved, that God will continue to bless and grow all the good things we are already doing.

"Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name." Amen.

Warmly, Tony+

**The First Sunday of July
July 6th
One Service at 10:00am**

Lunch immediately following the service.

**Head of the Church
Jesus Christ**

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

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8:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday

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**DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST
TRINITY BELL IS JUNE 15th**

USHERS, GREETERS, LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new schedule is out for July and August, if you have a conflict, please call someone on the list to exchange dates with and notify the office. Ann Beshore has retired after six years of doing a wonderful job as our scheduler. **Thank you Ann for giving so generously of your time and energy.** We now have an opportunity for someone new to take on this ministry. Are you interested? Please give Father Tony or the office a call for more information if you think this is something you would like to do for Trinity.



ECW NEWS

Installation of new ECW officers will be held on the first Sunday Service in August. The first meeting in the Fall will be on Sept. 9, the second Tuesday in September, and will be an evening dinner meeting. Have a great summer!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 5	Cinnie Brown	
July 6	Amy Sohl	
July 13	John Katterhenry	
July 16	Megan Gregory	
July 17	Terrell Bothwell	
July 20	Ed Clarkson, Rodney Paul and Adam Olalde	
July 27	Jean Stegall	
July 30	Diane Connors	July 31 Adam Hoffman



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*



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 11 Ted and Jean Giesel
July 20 Pat and Kathi Warren
July 31 Mimi Shaughnessy and her husband

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

An Ultreya, a part of Cursillo, is a get-together of all those who have attended a Cursillo weekend and others who may be interested in attending. They include a pot luck dinner and a joyful, music filled celebration of the Eucharist. The next Ultreya will be held on August 10 at 4pm right here at Trinity. Cursillo is a 4 day weekend with 15 short talks, group discussions, lots of good food, time for spiritual direction if desired, and a wonderful time to renew and deepen your relationship with Christ. If you are interested in attending a weekend, speak with Fr. Tony, Clay O'Neal, Linda in the office or anyone you know who has already attended Cursillo.



THOUGHTS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

The weekend of June 6th and 7th I attended a TENS conference via webinar at our very own Trinity. TENS is “The Episcopal Network for Stewardship”. The theme was “Walking The Way”: Essential steps in planning your annual giving campaign. The address by Bishop Robert Wright of the Diocese of Atlanta was very inspiring. He spoke about the three ways we walk.

1. We walk this way because we are sent. The Lord sent us on this journey. He is the authority. One should give... it is the only and best way and everybody can do something.
2. We walk with others because we are sent. We can tell God stories and events. God is an advent.... a happening to us. He is alive and well.
3. What direction do we walk.... for ultimate joy. It is what we do with God and for God and what we give to one another that will sustain us. We must have a mission. Joy is something you and I have to offer. God is able, good and gentle and we are in his grace so rise up and be sent.

Bishop Wright shared a lot of Paul. In Corinthians he was about raising up resources for the church. Paul says everyone should give.... not because of guilt or obligation. People must get in touch with the deep river of gratitude present in each of us. We must take an inventory of our life of gratitude and generosity. Paul wants to know what we really believe.... where are we with time, talent and treasures? Giving is always about Christian maturity ... growth and life in God. An indication of Christian maturity is that cheerfulness will increase with generosity. God is first and foremost a cheerful giver. It can become infectious especially at Trinity.

Finally, find a need... a real need.... for our mission. The stewardship campaign is the time to try new things and to stretch our faith. If we are faithful in our mission we will be on a winning team... we will look like it and feel like it.

Virginia

LAKE AREA MINISTRIES

As we all know, the cost of food has recently increased substantially. With school now out and children at home, our needs have increased. Some items which are in very short supply are: coffee, tea bags, dish detergent, sugar, powdered laundry detergent, bars of soap and toilet paper. They are also in need of plastic grocery bags. If you are able to contribute, there will be a large basket on the first Sunday to fill and be blessed. It will be taken to LAM the following Monday. Trinity is responsible for working at LAM on the 3rd Mon. of each month. If you would like to help, please call Diane Connors who is our parish LAM coordinator.

JR. WARDEN'S REPORT



With all the rain we are getting lately the grass has started to grow and summer mowing is in progress. If you are able to help with the mowing there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Rodney Paul will get with you to go over the operation of the new mower.

The rain has hindered the priming and painting of the Handicap Ramp on the Church but we will start as soon as possible. Some people have expressed a concern for the mildew growing on the roofs of the buildings. I have purchased a new product that is environmentally friendly. We had been using bleach which eventually pits the metal roofs and makes mildew an even bigger problem. We will be trying this new product within the next few weeks on test sections and if it works will do all the roofs.

All the door locks have been fixed and currently no problems with the locks. All locks have also been lubricated with graphite and hopefully will loosen up and work better.

If you see anything that needs my attention or have any suggestions please let me know. Remember, I and all the Vestry members are here to serve you and welcome your suggestions and concerns.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

1 Peter 4:10

Thank you all for your support and help, Bob Hood, Junior Warden

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GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME CHICKEN DINNER AND BASKET AUCTION JULY 26, 2014



If you have a wonderful idea for something fun, you can be sure that someone else is looking for just that special treasure. You can still pick up a basket from the office (and get a very early bird peek and some that have already been turned in) and if you bring it into the office by July 14th, we'll happily wrap it in cellophane, tie it with a bow, and make a fun silent auction card all ready for those bids. Please bring a list of the contents so we can list them on the card.

The dinner will be wonderful Fryers chicken, homemade potato salad, and delicious green beans with iced tea. And, of course, for dessert there will be the always fabulous make-it-yourself ice cream sundaes with all the toppings you can imagine!

Be sure to invite all your friends and family for the fun and excitement and don't forget to get your tickets from Virginia for July 26th. Dinner is at 6:30 and the preview begins at 6:00 so come early to can check out all the baskets and choose your favorites!

A NEW INQUIRER'S CLASS AND A MUSLIM STUDY GROUP

Fr. Tony will be starting a new Inquirer's class on September 14th, the second Sunday of the month. If you are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church, are considering being confirmed in the church or would just like to refresh your memory and maybe learn a new fact or two, please sign up on the sheet on the podium, or call the office for more information.

Beginning June 28, WorldChristian.com invites us to join them in a month of international Christian prayer for the Muslim World. If you would like to see what this is about and perhaps join us in this mission, please stop by the office for a copy of World Christian's 30 Days of Prayer brochure. In fact, if we can secure enough copies, we will do a month long study and discussion using this guide. Join me in prayer for Muslims around the world and especially here at home that God will build bridges and break down walls that will lead to peace and salvation for us all.

YOUTH VISIT TO "CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS"



"Recognizing that "church" at its best cannot be contained, this "church without walls" shares the unconditional love of Christ with and through people who ordinarily would not mix.

The "Church Without Walls" ministry of The Episcopal Diocese of Florida calls people from all walks of life into partnership with "the least of these." We are a "community of presence" made up of individuals looking for spiritual companionship and connection that give meaning to life. We welcome everyone -- the homeless and the affluent, the addicted and those in recovery, the churched and the un-churched, the spiritual but not religious, the believer, the doubter and the seeker. We are grounded in the reality that "by opening ourselves to strangers, the despised or frightening or unintelligible other, we will see more and more of the holy (from prologue to Take this Bread)." Again and again, we will be transformed." That was written by Rev. Beth Tjoflat who started this ministry in Jacksonville, and which is now an important part of our diocese.

Trinity's youth, along with several adult chaperones, will travel to Jacksonville on Sunday, July 20 to take a catered lunch, to participate in the service and to learn from experience what it means to be present with "the least of these."

They will meet at 9am in the Trinity kitchen to prepare for the trip to Jacksonville. They will be preparing stewed chicken and be loading the bottled water, watermelons, cole slaw, buns, cookies, paper plates, foil wraps, napkins, coolers of ice, bins, two long tables, etc . At 11:30am they should be ready to go and will leave for 325 Market Street in Jacksonville where they will arrive by 1:00pm and start setting up the serving line. The service will begin at 1:30, and usually lasts about 30 minutes. After serving the expected 80-100 people and spending a few minutes to talk or just "be present" with them, youth and adults will load everything back up and caravan home by 5:00pm. Everyone is invited to assist in the prep, and attending the service.

This will be a wonderful outreach opportunity for our youth who will be bringing a great gift of witness of God's love. The gift they give to others will only be half of a two sided coin as they will return a tired but a mightily blessed group of workers in Christ's vineyard.



July 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Don't forget to get your tickets to the Good Old Summertime Chicken Dinner and Basket Auction on July 26th. Please bring your baskets to the office by July 14th so we can wrap them up and make the silent auction cards.</p>		<p>1 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon at Betty's 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AIA non</p>	<p>2 Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm</p>	<p>3 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA</p>	<p>4 Happy 4th of July</p> 	<p>5 9am - 12 Thrift Shop</p>
<p>6 First Sunday 9am Confirmation Class One Service 10am Lunch Following</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon at Betty's 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AIA non</p>	<p>9 Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm</p>	<p>10 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA</p>	<p>11 2-5pm Thrift Shop</p>	<p>12 9am - 12 Thrift Shop PH in use PM</p>
<p>13 Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 11:00 9am Confirmation Class 10:00 Breakfast 10:00 Sunday Classes</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon at Betty's 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AIA non</p>	<p>16 Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm Vestry 7:00pm</p>	<p>17 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA</p>	<p>18 2-5pm Thrift Shop</p>	<p>19 9am - 12 Thrift Shop</p>
<p>20 Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 11:00 Youth take lunch to "Church Without Walls" 10:00 Breakfast 10:00 Sunday Classes</p>	<p>21 PH in use AM</p>	<p>22 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon at Betty's 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AIA non</p>	<p>23 Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm</p>	<p>24 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA</p>	<p>25 2-5pm Thrift Shop</p> 	<p>26 9am - 12 Thrift Shop Good Old Summertime Chicken Dinner and Basket Auction 6:00pm</p>
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SERVERS' SCHEDULE JULY 2014



Date	Service	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher	Greeter
6-Jul-14	Single Service 10AM	Chris Greenfield Bob Tickle	Jeanne Eaton	Will Flynn Jeanne Eaton	Carol Flynn Virginia Smith
13-Jul-14	8:30	Chris Greenfield	Chris Greenfield	Clay O'Neal	Lynda Luekel
	11:00	Sharon Jax	Margaret Rice	Kristi Gregory	Joyce King
20-Jul-14	8:30	Rodney Paul	Mary Rynd	Robert Menzen	Jane Menzen
	11:00	Kristi Gregory	Marie Curewitz	Liz Middleton	Joyce King
27-Jul-14	8:30	Chris Greenfield	Brian McCrea	Jeanne Eaton	Kathi Warren
	11:00	Bob Tickle	Annette Kussler	Will Flynn	Carol Flynn
Vestry		Donna Eichelsderfer and Virginia Smith			
Altar Guild		Jean Stegall, Ginny Garnar and Ann Powell			

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.

**AMERICAN HISTORY QUIZ FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY
ARE YOU AS SMART AS A 5TH GRADER?**

1. What does the Fourth of July commemorate?
2. What famous person is symbolic of the 4th of July?
3. On which year was the 50 star flag first waved for the first time after Hawaii was granted statehood?
4. What famous event occurred on July 4, 1848?
5. One President was born on the 4th of July and three died on that date. Can you name them?
6. In what year was the phrase "One nation under God" added to the Pledge of Allegiance?
7. When was the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence?
8. Who was the oldest person to sign the Declaration of Independence?
9. Who was the first person to sign the Declaration?
10. The heads of which Presidents are carved into Mount Rushmore?
11. Can you name the first 13 Colonies in America?
12. In what year did Florida become a state?
13. In what year did Florida secede from the Union?
14. Why did the pilgrims first come to America?



1. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted to approve a motion by Virginia to separate from Great Britain. Two days later, the declaration proclaiming the independence of the United States of America from Great Britain and its king was formally adopted by 12 Colonies. 2. Uncle Sam. The character was popularized during the War of 1812, when someone saw the initials "U.S." on an army supply container and suggested that the shipments came from "Uncle Sam. 3. 1960 4. In Washington, D.C., in 1848, the laying of the cornerstone of the Washington Monument takes place with President James Madison, First Lady Dolley Madison and other VIPs in attendance. 5. Calvin Coolidge was born, and John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe died on the 4th. 6. 1959 7. July 8, 1776. Actually, the Liberty Bell rang out from Independence Hall to summon the crowd. 8. Benjamin Franklin who was 70. 9. The most common legend is that he signed his name bigger than everyone else's so that the "fat old King could read it without his spectacles". The fact is that as the president of Congress he was the first person to sign the document and because he was the leader of Congress his signature was centered below the text. According to the National Archives it was customary that other delegates began to sign at the right below the text in geographical order according to the states they represent. The northernmost state, New Hampshire began and ended with Georgia, the southernmost. 10. Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Theodore Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln. 11. New Hampshire, Delaware, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia. 12. On March 3, 1845, Florida became the 27th state of the United States of America. 13. Florida became one of the six original Southern states to form the Confederate States of America; eventually, 11 states would leave the Union. 14 To find religious freedom.

GIGGLESOME

A Jewish Rabbi and a Catholic Priest met at Albuquerque's annual 4th of July picnic. Old friends, they began their usual banter.

'This baked ham is really delicious,' the priest teased the rabbi. 'You really ought to try it. I know it's against your religion, but I can't understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden. You don't know what you're missing. You just haven't lived until you've tried Mrs. Warren's prized Virginia Baked Ham. Tell me, Rabbi, when are you going to break down and try it?'

The rabbi looked at the priest with a big grin, and said, 'At your wedding.'

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JULY 2014

SPECIAL EVENTS IN JULY

- July 4 Fourth of July**
- July 6 First Sunday One Service**
- July 20 Youth Visit "Church Without Walls"**
- July 26 Basket Auction**

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