

things about what evangelism must look like to be effective: Be Real, Be Rooted, Be Relational, Be Radical!

Be Real – genuine, not artificial or contrived. You and I must genuinely care, love, and listen to others if anyone is to be moved or changed by the encounter.

Be Rooted: Rooted in Scripture, rooted in Prayer, rooted in Worship – you and I must be sincere and grounded in our faith if the Holy Spirit is going to use us to spread God’s love.

Be Relational: Relationship! One-on-one encounters, sharing our pain and joys, patiently listening to one another, building friendships that build our community.

Be Radical! Allow the Holy Spirit to work outside the box, to lead us down new paths in our journey with the Lord.

What are the steps to this new life in Christ, Living in the Spirit?

First, Pray! Pray for the Holy Spirit, on our knees with hearts towards God.

Second, make connections! Build relationships, move to places of deepest trust and conversation.

Third, Evangelism is a cultural change. In our Diocese, parishioners and Vestries are moving from “Not me!” to “Yes, Lord!” We can do this! We can be strong and invite others in.

Finally, Aaron asks us to remember, we are not spreading doctrine; we are spreading Jesus. Do not focus on what we believe, but who we believe in. Jesus! Jesus who gave his life willingly, Jesus who rose to victory! Jesus who loves you and me, and will for all eternity.

Living in the Spirit! Radical, challenging, life changing! Amen.

Warmly, Tony+

Colossians 3:23

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4th Sunday After Epiphany, Feb. 3, 2019

The Rev. Tony Powell, Rector

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.

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are pleased that you have come to worship with us this Lord’s Day morning, and it is our prayer that you will receive God’s blessing throughout the service. Trinity is an active and caring Episcopal Church. If you are a baptized Christian, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to receive the Sacrament of the Bread and Wine, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. God loves you. No Exceptions!

PRAYER SHAWLS

The prayer shawls in the church have been knit by members of our Sisters’ Circle and are there for you to take if you need one for yourself or someone in need of comfort. They’re always appreciated in chilly hospital rooms, or sometimes just to cuddle with for someone who needs a hug. You don’t have to ask to take one; they are there to be taken. The shawls carry with them the prayers and music of our services, and each has been blessed by Father Tony.

MOVIE NIGHT

This month’s movie night will be on Feb. 14, Valentine’s Day. The movie will be the award winning, “Crazy, Rich Asians” which is a romantic comedy and there just might be some special Valentine treats along with the drinks and popcorn. As always, everyone is welcome and everything

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Spaghetti Dinner this month will be on Feb. 27th at 6:00pm, and the speaker for the evening is soon to be announced. If you haven’t had a chance to come to one of the dinners yet, the food is always delicious and the speakers are very interesting.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH

Sunday 2/3

First Sunday Service
One Service at 10:00am
Annual Meeting
Potluck Lunch Following

Monday 2/4

9:00am Morning Prayer
6:00pm Home Study

Tuesday 2/5

Noon Betty's and the Bible Lunch
1:30 Study Group Wicker Room
5:30pm AA in Wicker Room
7:00pm Al Anon in Wicker Room

Wednesday 2/6

9:00am Morning Prayer
6:00pm Evening Service

Thursday 2/7

Thrift Shop 10am - 2pm

Friday 2/8

Thrift Shop 2pm - 5pm

Saturday 2/9

Thrift Shop 9pm-noon

Sunday 2/10

Holy Eucharist
Service 8:30 and 11:00am
9:45am Discussion of the Lessons
JC and the Gospel
Refreshments Follow both Services

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FUTURE EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Feb. 5 ECW Meeting
Feb. 14 Movie Night
Feb. 16 PH in use
Feb. 23 Men's Breakfast

MARCH

Mar. 3 First Sunday
Mar. 5 ECW Meeting
Mar. 6 Ash Wednesday

HOME FELLOWSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY

The Home Fellowship meeting at Fr. Tony's and Ann's starts at 6:00pm every Monday evening. We are currently in Ephesians. Everyone is invited. Please let Fr. Tony know if you would like to come or if you need a map to their house for the meeting.

TUESDAY STUDY GROUP

The Tuesday Afternoon Study has resumed at 1:30 in the Wicker Room.



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Griffith by his wife Betty.

If you would like to donate flowers as a memorial, celebration or for a special event, please sign up on the flower chart in the parish hall and call the office.

Dear Trinity Family,

Last Saturday's Diocesan Convention at Camp Weed was one I would be proud to have invited my fellow evangelical pastors to attend! The theme of the Convention was "Living in the Spirit" and the focus was on what God is doing in our Diocese.

Bishop Howard reminded us of how the Apostles acted before the Day of Pentecost, before the Holy Spirit came upon. They were withdrawn and fearful. But afterward... watch out Church!

The Bishop describe the Holy Spirit as Christ coming back to empower us, to assure us, and guide us. He is moving in our Diocese, he is moving in our parishes, Holy Spirit is moving in our people.

What is the secret to releasing that power in our lives? Prayer! Relying on prayer. I was amazed to hear that the Diocesan Staff meet weekly and pray - for you and me, for Trinity. They pray for our parish and every parish and ministry in our diocese. Canon Aaron Smith says he "can't breathe without praying!"

There is also a need for daily Bible study, reading God's word, making use of daily devotionals like "Our Daily Bread" and "Forward Day By Day." For the tech savvy, there are several great Bible apps available.

Bishop Howard spoke of Holy Spirit Confidence, real confidence: real for the Early Church, real for John Wesley - real for you, real for me. It comes from a depth of gratitude, obedience to God's will, God's Spirit working in us and through us: changing hearts, changing lives; changing the world around us.

Two years ago, evangelism was still a dirty word in our Diocese, striking fear and terror in the hearts of many. Canon Aaron Smith came on board and began a conversation, a conversation in our Diocese, inviting people think about evangelism and what it means to them, to their parish, to our Diocese. What does it mean to be Church?

After traveling to every corner of the Diocese, Aaron discovered 4