



# 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

What did the Old South mean to you?

As seen by the latest battles over the Confederate flag, Southerners do not easily give up their heritage. As a child and a teenager I took great pride in my southern heritage, not easily admitting that we lost the war. I remember all those “damn Yankees” who were taking over Florida and the hope and pledge of many: “The South will rise again!”

Times have changed. Since the cultural meltdown of the ‘60’s, sweet southern accents have vanished, our homes and churches are locked, and as many feared, Florida’s sales tax is now higher than New York’s!

With the new push to purge the South of its monuments and history, it seems appropriate to ask, what did, what does, the Old South mean to you?

I met Cousin Jessie Link in the early 1960’s. She was in her 90’s even then and still ran her antique shop out of her 1920’s bungalow on Hyde Park Place in Tampa. Cousin Jessie founded the second Girl Scout Troop in America and was often visited by young ladies dressed in their uniforms. Born shortly after the Civil War, she was a very prim and proper lady of the Victorian era. Her husband, who had long since passed, once served as veterinarian for Robert E. Lee’s favorite horse, Traveller.

During college in the early ‘70’s, I served one summer as the youth leader at the United Methodist church in Millen Georgia. In this tiny rural town I met a member who remembered the stories her great grandmother told of the husbands and their mistresses parading in their

carriages on Saturday afternoons. O my, some Southern traditions are a bit difficult to comprehend.

In my own family history is the Pope plantation in Monticello, Georgia. The two story farm house still stands where General Sherman and his troops camped during the infamous March to the Sea. Salvaging the seed she succeeded to hide from the ravenous troops; great, great, great-Grandmother planted the garden that kept her family and the former slaves from starving.

In my own life too, I have experienced the darker side of Southern history. Bicycling in Nashville, Georgia, I witnessed the faded paint marking the “Colored” on the side of a local store. I still remember separate water fountains at the Five and Dime, churches and schools; stories of lynchings, burning crosses and the Ku Klux Klan.

What does the old South mean to me today? My current thoughts and feelings are shaped and tempered by the sober realization that African-Americans experienced and still experience the South in a totally opposite way. The Confederate flag that once stood for my proud Southern heritage is now a troubling reminder of the evils of slavery, oppression and ongoing hatred. So if it will bring comfort and restoration to any, if it can help us stand as one in Christ, I will gladly retire the old Dixie colors. But please, please, let me keep my Southern fried chicken, sweet iced tea and hallowed pecan pie!

Warmly,  
Tony+

**The Next First Sunday is:  
August 2nd.  
One Service at 10:00am**

**A Potluck Meal will follow the Service.**

**Head of the Church  
Jesus Christ**

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

**Members of the Vestry**

**Senior Warden  
Donna Eichelsderfer 2017  
Bob Hood, Jr. Warden 2017  
Jeanne Eaton 2018  
Laurie Alsobrook 2018  
Vi Paul 2016  
Clay O'Neal 2017  
Bob Tickel 2016  
Carol Pettie, Treasurer  
Judy Davis, Clerk**

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**Rev. Tony Powell, Rector**

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

**Office**

**Figg Poncher,  
Financial Administrator  
Linda Wilcox,  
Parish Administrator  
and Editor of the "Trinity Bell"**

**Service Times**

**8:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday**

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**DEADLINE FOR THE SEPT.  
TRINITY BELL IS AUG. 15th**



**NEWS FROM THE ECW**

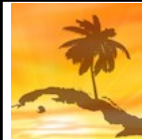
Trinity's ECW is on summer break and will resume meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 7th. The Late Summer Diocesan meeting will be held at Camp Weed on August 22nd.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Aug. 2	Sarah Garcia
Aug. 10	Mark Barrow
Aug. 15	Will Flynn
Aug. 17	Bob Hood
Aug. 18	Morgan Garcia and Jacob Lowe
Aug. 25	Ann Beshore
Aug. 25	Paige Davis
Aug. 27	Wes Connors
Aug. 28	Jennifer Williams
Aug. 30	Michael Currie



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*



**GALA CUBANA**

Gala Cubana will be a great festive party at Camp Weed on Aug. 29th. The current and past bishops of Cuba will be attending and there will be wonderful Cuban food and Salsa dancing. If you would like tickets go to the Diocesan website to register.

**CURSILLO**

The Cursillo Ultreya for the month of August will be on Sunday, August 9 at 4:00pm right here at Trinity.



**OUTREACH MEETING AUG. 4TH**

The Outreach Committee will meet on Tue. August 24 at 1:30pm. New members and new ideas are always welcome. Call Bob Tickel for additional information.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

<b>Aug. 28</b>	<b>Debbie and Mark Brown</b>
<b>Aug. 30</b>	<b>Jean and Terry Marshall</b>



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.

**GIGGLESOME**

I was at a miniature golf course on a brutally hot summer day and I was talking with a father who was there with his three children.

"Who's winning?" I asked cheerfully.

"I am" said one "no, I am" said another, I think I am said the third child.

"No," said the father, "the real winner is their mother!"

## Notes from the Senior Warden



A few months ago, at a Vestry meeting, I read a piece from Forward Day by Day.

What I chose to introduce was the idea that the assessment of a successful church should rely on more than finances or attendance. I think we should look at what we're doing in service to others and how people feel when they worship with us. We can't deny that we do much for others--- the service we provide in the Thrift Shop (including what goes out to others from the income of the Shop), the multiple outreach efforts from the church as a whole, most notably Thanksgiving in the Park, and the economic help given to people in need through Father Tony's Discretionary Fund. Trinity also offers spiritual development to members of our church and to those from others through book studies and programs such as Alpha.. Pastoral care is a service provided through home and hospital visits by Father Tony, food available for those unable to prepare their own, transportation for medical visits and general help in home and yard.

As far as how people feel when they worship with us, it's apparent when they choose to return.

I'm sorry so much emphasis is placed on how many people attend the service or how much is given financially. Granted the money is needed to continue our mission and new people are needed to replace those God has taken from us , but I support the belief that our success can better be assessed by our mission and service to others.

I hope you will agree with me.

Blessings to you all,  
Donna

## JR WARDEN'S REPORT



Many things have been happening around the Church during the last two months. We had major tree trimming done. Removal of Oak behind Office/Thrift, Trimming Memorial Garden Live Oak, Playground Oak, Cedar next to Veranda and garden in front of Office. This was done by Walt's Tree Service which donated \$1700 of the \$2700 cost.

We continue to do maintenance painting on all Buildings.

The replacing of light fixtures in the Parish Hall continues.

The light fixtures in the Office/Thrift Shop are starting to fail and the process of replacing them with the T-8's has begun.

Work on the Church is continuing – Cleaning and Sealing of Communion Rail, Cleaning and Sealing of wall behind Altar and estimates on new carpeting.

We are using a new product to kill the mildew on the metal roofs on the buildings. It has taken a little experiment on how to apply but have now figured it out. We apply the product and over a 1 – 2 month period the mildew is killed and washed off by the rain. This is being used as the old bleach method was etching and destroying the metal.

Rodney continues to keep the grounds mowed and the walks cleaned. If the Spirit moves you he can always use some help.

If you haven't noticed we made a Major change in the Kitchen. We have a “new” commercial refrigerator and a separate upright freezer.

I appreciate everyone's help in keeping the facilities in good shape. I could not do my job without the help of many parishioners. I will not mention names as I know they do it out of commitment to God and his Church. I just ask everyone to say a prayer of “Thanks” for all who make this a great “Church Community”.

If you see anything that needs my attention please let me know. Something as simple as a burned out light bulb helps as I don't have time to check the entire facility weekly.

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. -1 Peter 4:10*

Bob Hood, Junior Warden  
rrwhmj@yahoo.com

## Treasurer's Report for the month of May & YTD, 2015

	May Actual	May Budget	Over/Under	Y-T-D Act	Y-T-D Bud	Over/Under
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$ 14,052	\$ 15,219	(1167)	\$86,647	\$89,585	(2,938)
<b>Total Expense</b>	17,885	20,171	2,286	85,721	89,726	4,005
Surplus / (Deficit)	(3,833)	(4,952)	1,119	926	(141)	1,067
<b>Collections</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>Jan-May</b>	<b>Jan-May</b>	<b>Over/Under</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Pledge Offerings	\$10,465	\$10,475	(\$10)	\$65,314	\$65,572	(\$258)
Non-Pledged Offerings	1,450	2,295	(845)	9,830	10,566	(736)
Growth Income	-	516	(516)	25	2,580	(2,555)
Plate Offerings	519	375	144	2,050	1,875	175
Priest Fund	455	917	(462)	4,620	4,585	35
Net Income	\$12,889	\$14,578	(\$1,689)	\$81,839	\$85,178	(\$3,339)

## GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME CHICKEN DINNER and AUCTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

Come and join us for our annual chicken dinner and basket auction filled with many exciting and unique Treasures from homemade Apple pie to Zebra orchids and everything in between!

The menu includes fried chicken, potato salad, green beans, and fabulous ice cream sundaes and cold drinks.



Tickets: wAdults \$10.00  
Children under 12 \$5.00

Dinner at 6:30pm,  
Trinity Parish Hall



**AUCTION PREVIEW TIME BEGINS AT 6:00PM**

## NOTES FROM ECW TRIENNIAL AND GENERAL CONVENTION

This year, because I'm blessed to be president of our diocesan ECW, I was fortunate to be able to attend our Triennial Meeting in Salt Lake City. When the ECW Triennial is held it always coincides in time and place with the General Convention of the national Church.

ECW Triennial is always interesting and much new business is presented to the group. Women from all over the country as well as some foreign nations are present and there are many opportunities to interact and get to know one another. Many informative workshops are presented in areas which can be helpful to both diocesan individual church groups, communication, leadership, crafts, new projects and ideas, and many others are available for us to attend.

At each Triennial all of the women attending are presented with a Cross (which is unique to each Triennial), and, much to our excitement, Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts-Schori came in to address us and presented us each with our Cross. She spoke about the importance of the women in the church and how they upheld the clergy and the church itself in so many ways. She also spoke about the enormous impact of the United Thank Offering which was created by, and has been continued by the women of the ECW.

During the time we were in Salt Lake, there was a beautiful Eucharist Service at the beginning of each day. Each morning the service and the music were different, but they were always in two languages as well as being signed for those with hearing impairment. The music was everything from a Jazz band with some pretty lively hymns one day to Japanese drums which were incredible on another! The celebrant was always a different bishop with lectors from different places. For each service members of the congregation were asked to be Eucharistic Ministers because there were 48 needed for each service! Although there were up to 4,000 people each morning, Communion took less time than at our first Sunday Service. I was privileged to be a Eucharistic Minister at a couple of services, as were the other three women from our diocese, and it was enormously moving to serve.

At one service the ECW was honored and a representative from the UTO from each diocese went up to the altar and presented Bishop Schori with their donations. When the amounts for the three years were totaled, Province IV, (which is the province in which we are included) had given by far the largest amount, \$882,544.35 and the grand total was \$4,378,328.16! Those little blue boxes and envelopes, along with your thanks for blessings, will provide wonderful blessings for those in need or churches which are creating new programs to help others.

During General Convention many important decisions were made which will affect changes in the Episcopal church for years to come. Much prayer, thought and discussion as well as great concern with doing what is best for God's church and it's members was given before any decisions were made. Our new Presiding Bishop was elected, and members of the ECW were invited to be in the room as the voting was being done. The manner in which the voting was done was awe inspiring, and the Holy Spirit was invited into every step of the process. After election by the House of Bishops and concurrence by the House of Deputies, Bishop Michael Curry was elected on the first vote. This is the first time in the history of the church that a Presiding Bishop has been elected on the first vote and the cheering and singing was wonderfully exciting!

At the conclusion of the ECW Triennial our new national officers were elected and installed and we were all happily surprised when our new Presiding Bishop, Bishop Curry made an unscheduled stop to speak with us. He commended the work of the Episcopal Church Women, encouraged us to continue on doing the work we have been doing, supporting the outside community in the ways which we have been able to do and to forge ahead with the wonderful promotion and utilization of the United Thank Offering.

Each time I heard Bishop Curry speak he had two messages for us. He stated them very simply. They were: "to love one another", and "to go out into the world". I believe that the Holy Spirit was very much with the Bishops and Deputies as they elected him and that he will be a caring, prayerful and wonderful leader for our church for the next nine years.

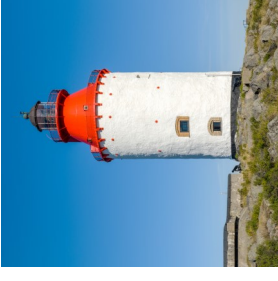
The evening before we hopped on our plane home, Bishop Howard took everyone in the Florida Delegation out to dinner. It was a terrific celebratory evening with lots of joy, friendship, and laughter. All of the decisions of our ECW Triennial and of the General Convention, while not all unanimously agreed upon, were made in peace and love and that was certainly a reason for great celebration!

Linda Wilcox









# August 2015



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
 <p>2 <b>First Sunday</b> One Service 10:00am Lunch Following</p>	 <p>3</p>	<p><b>Don't forget to get your tickets for the "Good Old Summertime Chicken Dinner and Basket Auction" (Fantastic Ice Cream Sundaes for Dessert)</b></p>				 <p>7 2-5pm Thrift Shop</p>	<p>1 9am- noon Thrift Shop</p>
<p>9 <b>8:30 and 11:00 am</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 10:00 Breakfast Discussion of the Les- sons 12:00 Refreshments</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>4 10am Sisters' Circle Noon Lunch &amp; Gospel 1:30 Book Study 1:30 Outreach Meeting 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AIAnon</p>	<p>5 Eucharist and Healing Service 6:00pm</p>	<p>6 10am-4pm Thrift Shop</p>	<p>14 2-5pm Thrift Shop</p>	<p>8 9am- noon Thrift Shop <b>Chicken Diner and Bas- ket Auction</b> 6pm preview 6:30pm dinner</p>	
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## SERVERS' SCHEDULE August, 2015



DATE	SERVICE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	LECTOR	USHER	GREETER
02-Aug-15	Single Service 10 AM	Sharon Jax Bob Tickle	Lori Alsobrook	Rodney Paul Liz Middleton	Vi Paul Joyce King
09-Aug-15	8:30	Bob Hood	Chris Greenfield	Rodney Paul	Lynda Luekel
	11:00	Kristi Gregory	Annette Kussler	Will Flynn	Carol Flynn
16-Aug-15	8:30	Rodney Paul	Mary Rynd		Donna Eichelsderfer
	11:00	Marie Curewitz	Suki Hoffman	Kristi Gregory	Margaret Kidd
23-Aug-15	8:30	John Katterhenry	Brian McCrea	Brian McCrea	Virginia Smith
	11:00	Sharon Jax	Marie Curewitz	Liz Middleton	Joyce King
30-Aug-15	8:30	Bob Hood	Jeanne Eaton	Jeanne Eaton	Donna Eichelsderfer
	11:00	Bob Tickle	Kristi Gregory	Kristi Gregory	Elaine Ashley
Altar Guild		Kathi Warren and Judi Davis			

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.

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## COMING EVENTS

### AUGUST

Aug. 2	First Sunday 10am
Aug. 4	Outreach Meeting
Aug. 8	Basket Auction
Aug. 13,14	PH in use
Aug. 19	Vestry
Aug. 29	Men's Breakfast

## REGULAR EVENTS

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

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

Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study at Betty's

**Wednesday: 6:30pm Eucharist**  
**Thrift Shop**

Open 10am to 4pm Thursday

2pm—5pm Friday

9am—Noon Saturday

**Access Program**

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am—2pm