

The result of this is that a majority of Christians in America are not sharing their faith. Mainline churches are not baptizing adults or welcoming new members. Even our Southern Baptists friends are suffering this trend.

How can we change this? What can we do? Where are we at? How did we get here? What is our call, specifically here at Trinity? Do we have a dream, a vision? Are there some things we can change to live into the apostolic mission?

The first answer is pray. Pray! Pray for our neighbors – for Melrose, Keystone Heights and the wider Lake Area. Pray for God to change our hearts and give us a passion. Pray with me:

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.*

THANKSGIVING IN THE PARK

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and quick as a flash when the Fall Bazaar is over we'll transition into turkey hunters and to getting everything together for Thanksgiving in the Park. The large tent and bounce house have already been ordered, kids craft supplies have been organized and the menu for the day has been planned.

Included with Colossians is a list of all the delicious things we need for the day and of all the jobs which need to be filled. If you are able to help in any way for any amount of time, that's wonderful. If you are able to donate some of the food we'll need, even if it's just one can of fruit or a pie, that's perfect. And if you can donate financially so we can purchase some of the things we'll need, that's terrific too.

Most of all in this time of preparation, we ask for your prayers. Prayers that there will be enough food to serve those who are hungry and enough workers to help. Thanks!

Colossians 3:23

Trinity's Take Home Paper

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23rd Sunday after Pentecost, Oct. 28, 2018

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!

LIFE LINE SCREENING

On Tue., Oct. 30th Life Line Screening will be here and they are able to perform artery screenings, screening for atrial fibrillation, abdominal aortic aneurysm screening, peripheral arterial disease screening, and osteoporosis risk assessments. There is a fee for these screenings and they are non-invasive, fully clothed tests.

COMING SOON—TRINITY'S FALL BAZAAR

Don't miss the Trinity Episcopal Church Fall Bazaar, Nov. 9th, 2 to 6 p.m., and 10th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be a Chili Supper Friday starting at 3, and a Barbecue Lunch on Saturday, 11a.m. to 1p.m.

New this year is a book nook for relaxing and browsing. Also included are bake sale, jams, jellies, pickles, and antiques, furniture, collectibles, art, quality housewares, renewed, recycled, and repurposed items, plants, Christmas selection, crafts, jewelry, and quality new clothes.

Please save any grocery store wine bags you might have for the bazaar. They work really well for packing the jams, jellies, etc. And think about what you might be able to contribute to the bake sale.

Remember if you have any old, broken or damaged jewelry we are also collecting that and you may drop it off at the office or give it to Carol Flynn.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH

Sunday 10/28

Holy Eucharist

One Service at 10:00

9:30am JC and the Gospel

Lunch Following the Service

Monday 10/29

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:00 Home Study at Fr. Tony's

Tuesday 10/30

10:00 Sister's Circle

12:00 pm Betty's and the Bible

1:30 pm Class on Israel

5:30pm AA in Wicker Room

7:00pm Al Anon in Wicker Room

Wednesday 10/31

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:00pm Evening Service

Thursday 11/1

Thrift Shop 10am-4pm

Friday 11/2

Thrift Shop 2-5pm

Saturday 11/3

Thrift Shop 9am—Noon

Sunday 11/4

Holy Eucharist Stewardship Sunday

Service 10:00am In Church

9:30am Discussion of the Lessons

JC and the Gospel

Refreshments Follow both Services

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FUTURE EVENTS

NOVEMBER

**Nov. 4 First Sunday
One Service 10:00 in Church
Daylight Savings Ends**

Nov. 6 General Election
Ph in use all day

Nov. 7 ECW 10:00am

Nov. 9-10 Fall Bazaar

Nov. 13 PH in use PM

Nov 15 Grill and Chill

Nov. 17 Men's Club

Nov. 22 Thanksgiving in the Park

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God.

If you would like to give flowers in memory of, gratitude for, or to celebrate a person or event, please call the office.

Dear Trinity Family,

I spent Monday and Tuesday this past week at Camp Weed for the annual Fall Clergy Retreat with Bishop Howard. This year's guest speaker was the Rev. Dr. Canon Judy Paulsen, Professor of Evangelism and Director of Wycliffe's Institute of Evangelism in Toronto, Canada. And, of course, the topic of our conversation was Evangelism. Paulsen challenged us to consider the church's apostolic mission to take the good news of Jesus beyond our own doors – to be sent out to engage the community, the people, around us.

She asked the very real question, "What is it that makes evangelism so distasteful? Why are we so reluctant to spread the good news? The first answer is many feel like everyone has a church home, so we don't want to insult them, which, sadly, just isn't true. Others are thrown off by just the opposite, the very fact that we do live in a secular culture. Naturally, we don't want confrontation.

Then there are the images we have of evangelism – its mechanistic ("just say these words, pray this prayer, and you will be saved!"), objectifying – degrading of those who don't believe, or even those who believe, but not like we do. Triumphant: No, you won't find that word in the dictionary, but you've heard the proclamation – "Accept Jesus! You need him now!" Many Christians see evangelism as disrespectful to others and their beliefs.

Our own experiences shape our negative views of evangelism: the intrusive ring of the doorbell, flyers and pamphlets in the public restroom, the damning message of the street preacher or the televangelist, and the bait and switch tactics of those who befriend you just to get you to go to church with them.

There are also the assumptions that we have to be a brilliant communicator, scholar, and persistent personality to share the Gospel.

What else makes it distasteful? Why don't we share? Well, we are often made to feel guilty – evangelism, it's your Christian duty, an obligation. Paulsen reminds us that duty is a poor substitute for love. Then there is that escape clause in Ephesians 4:11 – "Christ gave some to be..." It's not *my* gift! Or is it just our skepticism and lack of confidence: "Is Jesus really who he says He is - the Way, the Truth, and the Life?"