

Ginnie Springs

It was a fun day at the springs despite the crowds and high waters. All the rain has filled the Santa Fe River to overflowing and some of the trails were underwater. Our group enjoyed being together and that is what was most important. Thank you to all the adults who went on the trip: Bill & Denise Dupras, Zane & Anghaarad Dees, Brooke Webb and Beth Reid.



Trinity News



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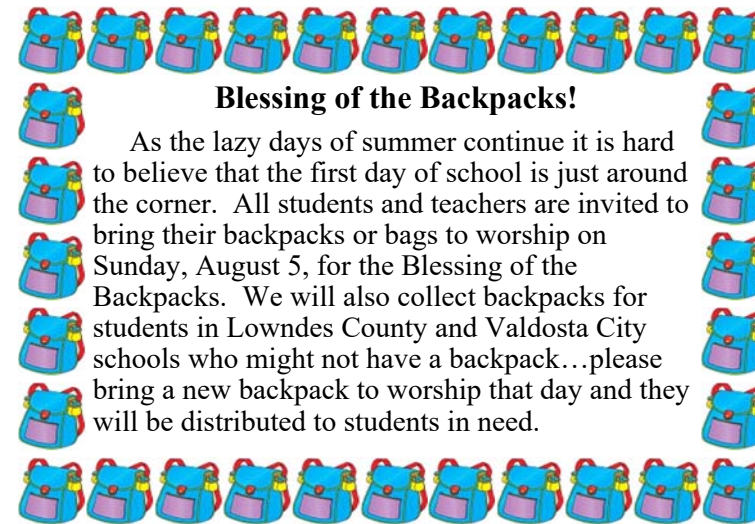
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Mission Statement

*As Believers, we will worship God by...
Praising, praying, responding to His Holy Word.*

*As Disciples, we will follow God by...
Studying, learning, living His Holy Word.*

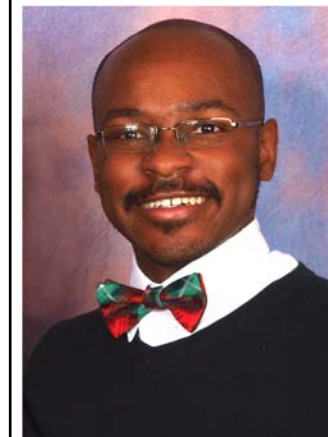
*As Stewards, we will honor God by...
Caring, serving, sharing His Holy Word.*



Blessing of the Backpacks!

As the lazy days of summer continue it is hard to believe that the first day of school is just around the corner. All students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks or bags to worship on Sunday, August 5, for the Blessing of the Backpacks. We will also collect backpacks for students in Lowndes County and Valdosta City schools who might not have a backpack...please bring a new backpack to worship that day and they will be distributed to students in need.

We Bid John-Alan Gourdine Farewell



John-Alan Gourdine will direct the Trinity Chancel Choir for the final time on Sunday, August 5, 2018, during worship. He will be moving to Houston, Texas to begin graduate studies at the University of Houston. We are sad to see him go, but are pleased he is entering this new and exciting phase of his music career. During worship on August 5, we will present him with gifts, a resolution, and a fond farewell. Please plan to be in church to add your good wishes to John-Alan on this, his final Sunday with us.

August 2018 - Schedule of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 AM Breakfast & Sunday School 10:00 AM Choir Practice 11:00 AM Worship	10 AM - 12 PM Food Pantry 7 PM Boy Scouts	6 PM Summer Bible Journaling 7 PM Cub Scouts		11:00 AM Bible Study 6 - 7 PM Food Pantry		
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion Food Offering Blessing of the Backpacks Farwell to John-Alan				6 PM Flint River Presbytery Stewardship Event - Cairo	← Flint River Presbytery Confirmation Retreat →	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday School Kickoff Potluck Breakfast Noisy Offering 12:30 PM Session Meeting		← Pastor Dees at Chaplain Training →				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Noon Dutch Lunch Bunch	WNS Kickoff				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
1 PM Committee Meetings			5:30 PM KOW 5:45 PM Handbells 6:15 PM Fellowship Supper 7 PM Adult Bible Study 7 PM Chancel Choir 7 PM SMASH		Jumbo Shrimp Baseball Game	

Communion Sunday

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on **August 5, at 11:00 a.m.** Food offerings will be received and dedicated for the Trinity Food Pantry Ministry during worship. We ask for specific items which are not typically available at the Second Harvest Food Bank. The following food items are especially needed:

~Canned or Dry Milk ~Paper Bags

Please place your food donations in the baskets at the sanctuary door as you enter for worship.

Lay Reader Workshop

One **Lay Reader Workshop** remains – **Sunday, August 12, 2018, at 9:50 a.m.** in the Sanctuary.

For more information or to schedule an alternate date, please contact Pastor Hart.

Thank You, Trinity Ushers!

Our recent Usher Workshops were very successful. We are grateful to all who attended and gave us ideas and feedback about our Usher Ministry. Five new ushers participated in the Workshops and their names will be added to one of our five Usher Teams. They are Alf Alford, Chance Bickers, Reme Mattice, Deb Radabaugh, and Grant Wright. Please convey to them your thanks and welcome them to this important work.



Soup Kitchen Meal Preparation

This Sunday, August 5, is Soup Kitchen meal preparation. If you can help please let Glennie Wicks know.

Stone Soup Pot

For everyone in worship last Sunday you will remember that the Children's Moment focused on the miracle of feeding the people. Using the illustration of the Stone Soup tale Pastor Dees challenged the congregation to see if we could



fill our soup pot with soup by the next week. Help us fill the soup pot by bringing soups (any kind or variety) to place in the pot by worship this Sunday and let's surprise our children with an overflowing pot of soup for our Food Pantry. The soup pot is in the atrium.

FOR YOUR DAILY PRAYER

The pastor and elders meet at 10:45 each Sunday morning to pray for the morning service and to remember by name each person on our prayer list. Please lift the names of these persons to God in your prayers.



Members & Regular Participants

Lee Bradley
Melissa Johnson
Charlie Oliver
Frank & Nellie Stoddard
Don Vollenweider
Margie Vollenweider

Becky Flythe (Chris Roan)
Buddy Harrison (Marie Hill)
Helen Hastings (Mili Collins)
Daryl Jones (Creation Divine)
Riley Kendall (Leonard Mittelstadt)
Connie Kendrick (Marcie Swank)
Travis Leggette (Eddie Webb)
Clarence Lisk (Melissa Mittelstadt)

Relatives

Virginia Beckham, *mother of Libby Bickers*
Margie Brown, *aunt of Eddie Webb*
Jansom Butts, *daughter of Paulette Butts*
Lori Carter, *sister of Janet Wright*
Barbara Chisham, *cousin of Marcie Swank*

Mary Connell, *sister of Bob Radabaugh*

Dennis Dibble, *uncle of Leonard Mittelstadt*

Tim Ferguson, *brother of Mark Ferguson*

Billy Garrett, *cousin of Anna-Marie Schaer*

Nancy Guilbeau, *mother of Paul Guilbeau*

Emily Hunt & Children, *daughter of Ray Josey*

Linda Kirsch, *cousin of Sherry Stranahan*

John Radabaugh, *brother of Bob Radabaugh*

Kathy Arzola Ragan, *mother of Angel & Shyra Arzola*

Kim Roe, *mother of John Roe*

Laurie Teague, *mother of Anghaarad Dees*

Joann Thompson, *mother of Judy Bickers*

Friends (contact person)

Tonya Alford (Bryan Wright)
Deloris Benford (Candy Wakefield)
Suzanne Bloom (Libby Bickers)
Sara Chang (Kathy Roe)
Eric Clark (Grant Wright)
Pat Coley (Marcie Swank)
Niko Conley (Libby Bickers)
Jill Crace (Eddie Webb)
David Crenshaw (Jeff Bickers)
Geneva Davis (Marcie Swank)
Donna Delaney (Charlie Oliver)
Tanya Enloe (Ruth Stonestreet)

Jerry (Jake) Martin (Mark Micklon)
Racquel Mignott (Ruth Stonestreet)
Haywood Moore (Brooke Webb)
Carla Pandohie (Sherry Stranahan)
George Poirier (Debbie Antonoff)
Dwayne Pride (Denise Dupras)
Harriet Roddey (Sonja Guilbeau)
Leo Santos (Jan Hobson)
Stewart Scott (Leta Cone)
Ferrell & Penny Sellers (Judy Bickers)
Desiree Shields (Jansom Butts)
Jae Paul Smith (Beth Reid)

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Reme Mattice
Jeff and Jerri Kay Radabaugh
Caleb

Our Military Personnel
Missionaries
Victims of, and all those affected by, recent forest fires, and other natural disasters.

We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .

to
Kathy Roe and family,
on the death of her mother,
Mary Brady.
and to
Linda Reinhard and family
on the death of her father,
J. W. Oorlog.

Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 5 August 2018 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Old Testament: II Samuel 11:26-12:13

Psalter: Psalm 5:1-12

New Testament: Ephesians 4:1-16

Gospel: John 6:24-35

A Prayer for Bangladesh 30 July 2018

God of grace, we pray for Shuvo, a severely malnourished 3-year-old with fever and an oozing skin infection on his face, arms and legs, in the rural village of Babuldang in northwestern Bangladesh. His parents, field laborers, were unaware of the simple, affordable ways to boost Shuvo's caloric intake with locally available foods; and when he got sick, they did not have ready access to medical care. Lord, in your mercy, help Shuvo receive immediate treatment and empower his parents to provide all his nutritional needs. Protect him and help him grow both in stature and in the knowledge of your steadfast love and care, we pray in the name of your Son, Christ Jesus. Amen.



Bible Journaling!

As the summer winds down don't miss an opportunity to let your creative spirit loose! Our Bible Journaling group will meet **Monday, August 6**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Emmaus room... we will also use this time to set a schedule for August and September, as many folks wish to continue journaling in the fall.

A Special Invitation

We congratulate Heather Wakefield on completing all the requirements to be a Registered Nurse. She will be participating in her Pinning Ceremony at North Florida Community College on Tuesday night, August 7, 2018. It is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. that evening in the Van H. Priest Auditorium, 325 NW Turner Davis Drive in Madison, Florida. The congregation is cordially invited to attend the ceremony.



Director of Christian Education Search Underway

Renae Preyna who has served us beautifully this past year as our DCE is stepping down to return to the classroom full-time at Josiah Christian School. We are very grateful for the service she has given the church and are excited for this new adventure for her. We know that she isn't going far, just moving from staff back to volunteer. The Christian Education Committee is already at work seeking a new DCE and are accepting applications now. The hope is to have someone in place quickly. If you know of someone who might be interested in the position, please share with them the job requirements below:

Required Qualifications:

- 4-year degree in Education or similar work field
- Education, Child Development or Curriculum Development experience
- Leadership Experience
- Ability to work in team environments
- Good communication skills
- Religious training or experience in Christian Education
- Pre-employment background check

Desired Qualifications:

- 4 year degree or Master's degree in Christian Education
- Previous experience as Director of Christian Education

The position is part time and is accountable to the Session, the Christian Education Committee and the Pastors. Applicants should submit their resume and faith statement to pastor.dees@trinitypresval.org

Thursday Morning Bible Study

We will meet on Thursday, **August 9, 2018**, at 11:00 a.m. in the Emmaus Room. All are invited to join us for this hour long Bible Study.

We have begun new study of the Acts of the Apostles, using a Kerygma Bible Study guide called "Into the World." Study books have arrived and are available to anyone who would like to pick one up. Books are provided by Trinity, but participants may purchase their own personal copy if they wish. The cost is \$22.00 each.

Pastor Dees will attend police chaplain training in August. Each year the chaplains of the Valdosta Police Department attend training with the Georgia Alliance of Law Enforcement Chaplains for certification. This certification is mandatory for all chaplains serving the department. Once a month she is the on-call chaplain for the department attending Roll Calls, visiting the department, going on ride-alongs and assisting officers with duties as assigned. One of the services the chaplains provide the department is death notifications as well as family support during a crisis. Please pray for our VPD chaplains, August 14-16, as they go to training in Byron, Georgia.

Flint River Presbytery Stewardship Events

Flint River Presbytery is hosting Stewardship Events throughout the Presbytery during August. A free dinner is being offered to representatives of all our congregations. The events will include important information about the mission and ministries of our Presbytery as well as an explanation about how the benevolence dollars from our congregations are used to do the work of Flint River Presbytery. Our southern cluster event will be hosted by Cairo Presbyterian Church, Cairo, Georgia. Our staff and members of the Session's Finance Committee will attend. Please continue to pray for our Presbytery and its proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp!

Take me out to the ballgame...join your Trinity family for a fun night at the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp minor league baseball on August 31st. We will depart from Trinity at 4:00 p.m. to drive to Jacksonville in time for the 7:00 p.m. game! Invite your friends for this fun outing! The cost of the tickets is \$10 for adults and \$3 for youth & children, with a max of \$25 per family. Please sign up in the atrium by **August 15th** to guarantee tickets for your family.

