

# Trinity NOTES

May 29, 2011

## Dear Sisters and Brothers

I had intended to write a reflection on “*What I learned from Ebenezer*” in last week’s Trinity NOTES but instead I was drawn to reflect on the life of Paul Brockman. So, this week I want to offer you some brief thoughts on my experience in regard to the pulpit exchange with Ebenezer Baptist Church two weeks ago.

### Devotion Time

One of the interesting things from my experience was the fact that Ebenezer has a period before the start of the 11:00 a.m. service which they call a “Devotion Time.” It is a period of time which is led by an elder in the church and encompasses sharing and prayer. I would say that about half of the people who were there on Sunday came 30 minutes before the start of the service to participate in this time of devotion.

The two lessons I take away from this is the tremendous benefit it is for the people of God to hear how God has answered our prayers or to share our concerns with the body. Additionally, there is a lot to be said for getting most folks into the sanctuary prior to the start of the service.

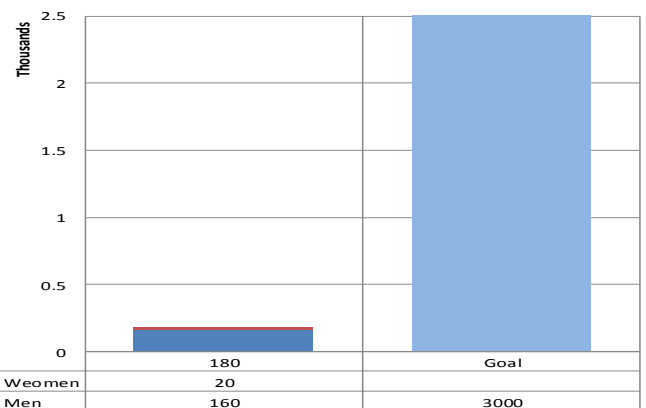
### Two offerings

Another experience that was different was the fact that there were two offerings. It reminded me of how generous parishioners at Trinity have been. Recently, we have been able to accomplish a number of much needed repairs around the building. We still have 2 or 3 essential repairs on the list that will require wide-spread financial support from the parish. This includes

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## UP DATE

### Battle of the Sexes



## LAST WEEK'S VITALS TITHES & GIFTS

1. Last Sunday's attendance:	64
2. Last Sunday's offering:	
Pledge	\$2,127.00
Gifts & Plate	206.25
Rent - Parish Hall	190.00
Rent - M. House	167.00
Breakfast Ministry	55.30
Flower Fund	20.00
Girls' Bathroom Renovations	20.00
Boys' Bathroom Renovations	160.00
Total	\$2,945.55

Thru April 30, 2011:

Pledge Offering Received: \$48,458. vs. \$55,617

Pledges Budgeted **(\$7,159 Deficit)**

42% of 60 Pledges were behind at end of April.

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# The Episcopal Church

May 29, 2011 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

This week, on Thursday, June 2, the Episcopal Church will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, or “Ascension Day.”

This holy day, celebrated on the Thursday that falls forty days after Easter, dates back at least to the late fourth century. It is “the occasion on which the risen Christ is taken into heaven after appearing to his followers for forty days. The Ascension marks the conclusion of Jesus’ post-resurrection appearances. It is the final elevation of his human nature to divine glory and the near presence of God. The Ascension is affirmed by the Nicene and Apostles’ Creeds.”

— from *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church: A User-Friendly Reference for Episcopalians*, Don S. Armentrout and Robert Boak Slocum, editors. (Church Publishing Incorporated, 2000), all rights reserved.

References to Jesus’ ascension occur in both The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of Mark.

Acts 1: 6-11 (NRSV): “So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Ju-



Russian Orthodox icon by Andrei Rublev, 1408

dea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’”

Mark 16:19 (NRSV): “So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.”

The Ascension of Jesus is also professed in the Apostles’ Creed and the Nicene Creed:

“He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty” (Apostles’ Creed, Book of Common Prayer, p. 66).

“He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father” (Apostles’ Creed, BCP, p. 120, and Nicene Creed, BCP, p. 358).

“The third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father” (Nicene Creed, BCP, p. 328).



“The Ascension” by Rembrandt, 1636

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# SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 29, 2011

8:45 a.m.	Breakfast	Parish Hall
9:15 a.m.	Christian Formation For Children	<b>CANCELLED FOR 5-29</b>
	Christian Formation For Adults	Library
	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
10:30 a.m.	Worship*	Sanctuary (Holy Eucharist)

*\*Childcare for infants and toddlers is offered during the worship service (10:15 - 11:45).*

our current effort to renovate the bathrooms. Nevertheless, I am heartened by the generosity and love that parishioners have demonstrated toward Trinity

### More Amens

As I mentioned on Sunday that there were significantly more amens during my sermon at Ebenezer than is normal at Trinity or most Episcopal churches. This had the effect on me as a preacher of physically giving me more energy and enthusiasm. I felt less like I was giving a lecture and more like I was in a dialog feeding off of the energy of the congregation. I think I could be a better preacher with your help and energy (and your amens).

I see a great deal of benefit in experiencing a variety of worship experiences. They teach me new things and also help me to appreciate our own tradition as well. There are likely to be other opportunities for us to expand our experience of Christian worship and I hope you will wholeheartedly embrace these as well.

*Yours In Christ,*

*Pastor Cass*

## CURRENT SMALL GROUPS

**Tuesday evenings — 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.  
(Contact Bill Anderson)**

**Friday mornings — 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
(Contact Pastor Cass)**

**Friday afternoons — 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.  
(Contact Ayuko White)**

**\*Saturday Afternoons— 4:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
(Contact Tish Bailey)**

**\*New Small Group Forming**

During the last two months, we collected \$875 for Nets for Life. Your generosity will buy 73 nets to protect children from malaria! Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Erica Lloyd

## Trinity Leadership

Lay Ministers: The Congregation

Bishops: The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston

The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones

The Rt. Rev. "Ted" Gulick, Jr.

Vicar: Pastor Cass Bailey

Vestry Liaisons

### RECONCILIATION

Nick Garber, (2014)

Diane Sampson, (2012) Clerk

### TRANSFORMATION

Deborah Gille, (2014)

Jenny Holmes, (2012)

### LOVE

Amy Griffith, (2013)

Erica Lloyd, (2014)

### SUPPORT

Lauren Fleischmann, (2013)

Senior Warden: Mark Bell (2012)

Junior Warden: Mary Newton (2013)

Treasurer: Beverly Bivins

Music Minister: Carlton Dickerson



The Altar Flowers were  
donated by Helen Plaisance  
in memory of her parents,  
Kearney and Anna Martha Jones.

## Please NOTE:

The Prayer Request Box in the chapel is  
checked regularly and prayer is offered for  
any requests that are present.

## Prayer List

Please pray for:

- Shirley Thompson
- Kimberlee A. Barrett-Johnson
- Carolyn Reilly
- Joe Cochran and family as they journey  
through seminary.



## Lay Ministers Scheduled:

Sunday, May 29, 2011

Lectors: Kristin Szakos & Nick Garber

Intercessor: Leah Puryear

Chalice Bearers: Gloria Johnson & Al Anderson

Altar Guild: Shirley Robinson & Lelia Brown

Acolyte: Amy Griffith

Ushers: Mary Blair & James Tinsley

Counter: Erica Lloyd

Home Communion: Helen Plaisance

Hospitality Hour: Patricia Bailey

Breakfast: Team 4 (Javier Figueroa-Ray & Richard Johnson)

If you are unable to serve, please get a substitute.