

Youth Group Oyster Roast Fundraiser



Plan on attending this awesomely delicious night! There will be Live Music & a Silent Auction too! Friday, December 9th 6-9pm \$25 adult \$3 for kids eating chili & hot dogs The youth will be selling tickets. Let's come out to help them raise funds for their summer mission trip!

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He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come Lord Jesus! (Rev 22.20).

In our tradition it is common for us to observe seasons to the church year. The last four Sundays before Christmas mark a season called Advent, which looks back to the time when the Son of God came in the flesh and also looks forward to his promised coming again.

We look back on his birth in a manger with great joy and fondness. And yet when we conceive of his coming again, or second coming, I find one of two reactions to be common. The first reaction is fear. The idea that Jesus would come a second time, this time in judgment accompanied by the frightening and confusing imagery of the Book of Revelation is nothing short of terrifying. The other common reaction to the second coming is embarrassment. After all, history is littered with those who proclaimed the end of the world as imminent and were quite publicly proven wrong. To even speak of the second coming of Christ is to necessarily be associated with these comic events, and thus is embarrassing.

Considering these two possible reactions, modern Christians are most likely confused to read John's enthusiastic, welcoming, and unashamed, "Come Lord Jesus!" which seems neither afraid nor embarrassed. What's his secret?

First, we need to note why John was not afraid. Jesus once appeared to John while John was suffering in exile on the island of Patmos. Jesus' appearance startled John so much that he writes, "When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead." Rather than leaving John trembling at his feet, Jesus laid his right hand on him, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore and I have the keys of Death and Hades." (Rev 1.17-18). The keys to Death and Hell are in the hands of one whose word to the faithful is "fear not." So John is not afraid.

Secondly, we need to note why John is not embarrassed. The people of Israel had put their trust in many people who claimed to be Messiahs. These men made great promises but ultimately all failed. Yet where these failed, Jesus succeeded. On the cross and the Sunday of the Resurrection Jesus freed his people from sin, death, Hell and the Devil. John knew there were many feelings one could have of this victorious Messiah, but embarrassment was not one of them. For what is embarrassing about a Messiah who can so wonderfully deliver upon his magnificent promises?

So as we enter into Advent Season we will remember when Christ came in a little manger in Bethlehem. This will no doubt give us much joy and comfort. But I pray that it will also stir up within us a desire not only to remember when Jesus came, but to joyfully yearn for his coming again. For those who love and are loved by Christ, there is nothing to be afraid of nor is there any embarrassment to be had, only the passionate desire expressed by John above. "Come Lord Jesus!" May it be on the lips of all the faithful here in Myrtle Beach.

with rich Advent blessings,
Rob Sturdy



Trinity Church will again be hosting MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers). MOPS International exists to encourage, equip and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader in the name of Jesus Christ.

Please join us for our upcoming meetings from 9am-11am in Gravely Hall: Dec. 5, 19, 2011.

For more information and registration, find us on Facebook

-MOPS Myrtle Beach or email us at

MOPSMyrrtlebeach@hotmail.com.

Farewell to the Sturdys

On December 18th we will have a special luncheon to say farewell to Rev. Rob, Stephanie, David, and Genevieve Sturdy. Our time together will begin in Gravely Hall, at 12:30 pm following the 11:00 service. We have been blessed to have the Sturdys at Trinity for the past 5 years and will miss them dearly. Hams will be provided and we are asking that everyone bring a covered dish to share. It is our hope that the entire congregation will be in attendance to wish Rob and his family farewell.

The Knight's Code

Christian Men's Conference
February 24-26, 2012

St. Christopher Camp
and Conference Center
Seabrook Island, South Carolina

To learn more and register,
visit www.dioceseofsc.org.
Register early!

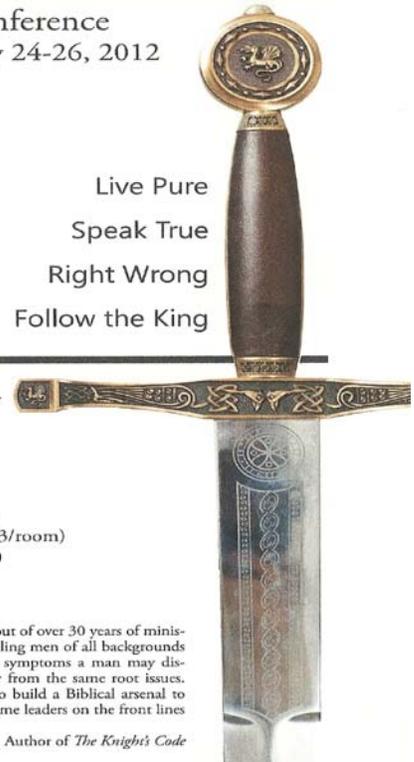
Robert Noland, Speaker
Author of *The Knight's Code*

The Rev. Ron Greiser, Chaplain

Retreat Cost
\$300 for Villas (3-5/villa)
\$225 for Lodge Room (2-3/room)
\$175 for Cabin (10/cabin)
\$125 Commuter Rate
\$ 60 Saturday Only

"This teaching and book were born out of over 30 years of ministry and being 'in the trenches' discipling men of all backgrounds and walks of life. Regardless of the symptoms a man may display, we all, including myself, suffer from the same root issues. My desire is to train men in how to build a Biblical arsenal to fight today's spiritual battle and become leaders on the front lines of the faith."

Robert Noland, Author of *The Knight's Code*



Live Pure
Speak True
Right Wrong
Follow the King

Parishioners for whom prayers are requested

Barbara Aierstock, Joe Akel, Beth Ault, Genevieve Bestermann, Connie Bleaken, Ellen Bost, Keith Bowling, Harry Charles, Dionisio family, Elizabeth Drake, Pedgy Ficken, Dick Foltz, Ray Foltz, Betty & Rob Freeburger, Edward Gonzalez, Jean Hagerman, David Hardin, Frankie Herring, Billy Holliday, Rev. Caroline Holmes, Belle Miller Hood, Emily Hubbard, Milan Johnson, Ryan Kee, Dyane & Fred Kellogg, Art Koch, Laurence LaBruce, Tamara Mack, Cathy Maffett, Mary Marks, Bobbie Mattiske, George Mattiske, Melvin McFadden, Caroline McKee, Sally Nichols, Dolores Pringle, Elise Reed, Jack Reed, Norma Jean Revel, Tina Richardson, Christine Ridgeway, Helen Ridgeway, Grace Rouse, Catherine Sims, Mary Slaby, Lauren Sloan, Frieda Smith, Veanna Talbot, Trinity West Campus, Virginia Villani, Ellen Wheeler, Letty Wilder.

Others for whom your prayers are requested:

Kay Alford (Blakely Jenkin's friend), Carolyn Bellamy (Larry Wilson's friend), Christopher Bigart (Becky Bigart's son), Bradley Bowden, Doris Branstrom (Erica Davis' grandmother & Mark Branstrom's mother), Weston Brewer (Coleman Brown's friend), Rachel Byers, Danny (Keith Bowling's brother), John Disibbio (Kenny Pruett's grandfather), Dottie Elsea (Betty Stevick's friend), Jack & Mary Farmer (Ed Farmer's parents), Martin Frank (Jess & Jordan Hoerner's neighbor), Becky Gallagher (Beth Slack's friend), Kristin Gardner (Pie Thompkins' friend), Ryan Gilroy (Mark Basile's step-brother), Liam Gilroy (Mark Basile's brother), Jenny Grant (Teah Grant's mother-in-law), Christen Hair, Donald Hildreth (Keith Bowling's friend), Todd Clayton Holmes (Caroline Holmes' son), Van Jeffords (David Gravely's friend), Ruby Jennings (Perry Jennings mother), Karen & Bernie, Catherine Kresken (Nancy Jarrett's friend), Linda Lawson, Christian Markovitch (Suzy Sweeney's brother-in-law), Ellison Melton (Erica & Kris Davis' friend's daughter), David Mintcer (Mandy Basile's friend), Dorothy Mintcer (Mandy Basile's friend), Chris Moore (Dolorene Arruda's friend), Sue Neal (Chris Copeland's friend), Marie Niculcea (Art & Peggy Koch's daughter), Betty Patterson (Claudia Farmer's mother), Bob Patterson (Claudia Farmer's dad), Eileen Phillips (Donna Peck's mother), Susanna Prescott (Hunter & Walker Jordan's niece), Rett Quattlebaum (George & Cecilia Mims' friend), Vickie Tippins Ray (Donna & Rod Sanders' friend), Marsha Reed (Nan Hunter's friend), Nicholas Romita (Spencer & MaryAnn Birt's grandson), Chris Shanks (Cindy Lilly's brother), Sharon Sides (Donna Welsh's friend), Betty Stewart (Susan Shank's friend), Charles Strobino, Gary Stumpo (Tami Brooks' godmother), Gloria Surdi, Parris Todd (Christine Ridgeway's friend's daughter), Eddie Velez (Sammy Spann's employee), Pam Verble (Claudia Farmer's friend), Dee Weiss (John & Jean Ann Echernach's sister-in-law), York Place.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

December Birthdays

12/1	Page Spann
12/2	Max Huggins Julia Lorenz
12/3	Becky Donevant Michael Shade
12/4	Chuck Hovermale Jim Jarvis Mary Wicker
12/5	Richard Sims
12/6	Luke Chrampanis Sally Nichols Collins Wakefield Letty Wilder
12/7	Millie Michael
12/8	Jesse Perl Lou Smith
12/10	Sara Hope Smith
12/11	Rebekah Brown Graham Chrisley Sam Syme Patty Von Schoppe
12/12	Lauren Vinson
12/13	Theresa Bellomo Jonathan Talbot Caroline Welsh
12/14	Bill Smith
12/15	Diane Bast Dick Foltz Cathy Maffett
12/16	Sheila Cunningham David Monckton
12/17	Evan Donevant Jackie Smith
12/18	Samuel Jordan Bobbie Mattiske Lane Smith
12/19	Christopher Forehand Christine Wright
12/21	Julia Holcombe
12/22	Michael Monckton Charles Myers Bill Pritchard
12/23	Caleb Carter Marcia McKenna
12/24	Shelly Boyd
12/26	Courtney Cunningham Jonathan Sims
12/27	Sue Colway Ben Plyler
12/28	Grayson Hancock
12/29	John Agness Wade DeFelice
12/31	Sandra Poythress

December Anniversaries

12/3	Tony & Georgene DeFelice
12/5	Ed & Claudia Farmer Harold & Irene Moody Larkin & Lani Spivey
12/9	Steve & Beth Fryar
12/16	Ray & Stacey Fontaine
12/18	Brian & Tracy Cobb
12/19	Zeb & Elizabeth Thomas Billy & Harriet Holliday
12/27	Harry & Gayle DuBose
12/29	Rodney & Gina Meade

***If we haven't listed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office and give us your information.**

Sympathy is expressed to...

Dick Foltz, Ray Foltz and family on the death of his wife and Ray's mother. Arlene Foltz died on Saturday, November 12, 2011.

Joe Perl and family on the death of his dad, Wolf Perl, who died on Sunday, November 13, 2011 in NY.

Congratulations to...

Caryn & Jeff Casterline on the birth of their baby boy, Harrison James Casterline, who was born on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 3:35 am. Harrison weighed 8 lbs., 2 1/2 oz, and 20 inches. His big sister is Riley.

Stewart Haigh and Janet Inman were married on Saturday, November 27th at First Baptist Conway.

Donations for Poinsettias



Each year, Trinity is decorated beautifully for the Feast of the Nativity and the season which follows. Please consider making a contribution to the purchase of poinsettias to decorate the church. Remember, when you turn in your donation, please include the names of those you wish to remember or honor. **Friday, December 9**, is the deadline for printing names. The Poinsettia envelope is located at the volunteer desk for your convenience. **Please be as generous as you are able, as our wonderful Christmas decorations depend upon your donations.** Thank you for your help!

From your newly elected Rector

As you may guess, the past several months have been an absolute whirlwind for me and my family. Many of the anxieties you had when you heard of Rob's departure, I shared before the news was even made public to the congregation. We have wondered if we would be able to stay at Trinity, if the staff would be taken care of, and would the new Rector continue the work that Rob and I have poured our lives into here for the past four years. As the image of the future began to look clearer, I began to wonder not so much if I would be called as Rector, but rather if I would be able to lead Trinity well in the coming years. I have reflected on that a lot these past few weeks. I have thought about the duties of Rector, the existing programs, our needs for the future, and I have concluded even though God is calling me to be the Rector here, I myself can't do anything good. There is one who can. That's why I have been taking recourse to 2 Timothy 2:8-10

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. **But the word of God is not bound!** Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. (2 Timothy 2:8-10 ESV)

Here Paul writes on the eve of his death to the young pastor Timothy. As an encouragement, Paul reminds Timothy of the great power of the Gospel. He commands him to remember the resurrected Jesus who has atoned for sin, the Gospel message that Paul has proclaimed to him. Not only that, but he reminds Timothy of the great sacrifice Paul is making for this message. In the midst of his imprisonment, Paul wants Timothy to know that although he is bound, the Gospel is not. There is no chain thick enough to tie down the Gospel. The word of God is not bound. It cannot be controlled or suppressed. Because of this unconquerable power of God's word, Paul says, "Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect." It is because the ministry of God's word must accomplish what God has purposed for it to accomplish that Paul is able to endure trials, slander, beatings and imprisonment. Paul knows that all that he suffers is not in vain, because the word of God is not bound.

If I would have one hallmark of my term here as Rector, it would be that the word of God is not bound. Of course, being a Christian in the U.S. is very different than it was for Paul. We have little to worry about beyond some little criticism if we should happen to speak up about our faith in Jesus. And yet, there are precious few Christians speaking of Jesus in our culture. But the word of God is not bound! It is not bound by either the desire to be accepted nor by the ridicule of others. It is not bound by social niceties which keep us from insisting that the Gospel is not only true for us, but for all. And it is not bound by a professionalization of the ministry that has delegated the proclamation of the Gospel to a few paid professionals. I have one desire for Trinity in the coming years, and that is to see as reality that the word of God is not bound. I invite you to join your voice with me in prayer that we might see God's Kingdom come in this way.

In Him,
Iain

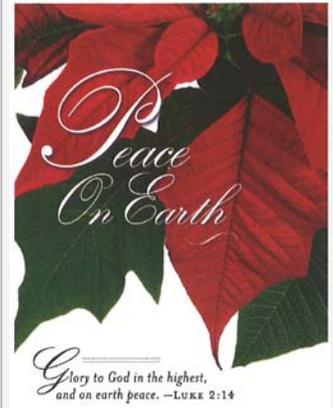
Youth News

Things are always going on in the world of youth ministry, here at Trinity. We have had a busy fall with taking 24 students on two different retreats. Our students had a great time and were blessed by the teaching they received on Redemption. Now it is time to get ready for the cold weather of winter.

To start off the winter, we will have an oyster roast on December 9th from 6-9 next to the youth (Brittain) house. Tickets are \$25 and the money will go toward their summer mission trips. Please come enjoy live music, hot dogs, chili, and of course the main attraction oysters! Also, take a look at all the silent auction items, some are a real deal. Thank you in advance for all of your support.

Second, we will have a Christmas celebration as a youth group family. We will meet in Gravelly Hall from 12:30-2ish on December 11th. This will be your chance to show off your cooking skills with delicious cover dishes. There will also be a dessert competition, so start your baking. I look forward to seeing all of the youth and their families here to celebrate.

Lastly, there is a chance for our youth to buy all those presents they have put off getting. On December 21st from 1:00-5:00, the youth group will meet at the food court at the mall and have lunch. Then they will head to stores to buy all their last minute presents. We will end the day watching a movie together. This is a great chance to be together during the holiday season.



CHRISTMAS EVE

*Nursery Available from
4:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m.*

5:30 p.m.—Family Service

6:30 p.m.—Trinity Church
West Campus, Ocean Bay
Middle School

7:30 p.m.—Holy Eucharist,
Rite II

10:00 p.m.—Feast of Music

10:30 p.m.—Holy
Eucharist, Rite I with
Choir and Orchestra

**Mark your calendars
now for the Parish
Retreat!**



**The Parish Retreat is
coming home
February 24 & 25,
2012. Look for more
details soon.**

Children's Ministry

First, we would like to thank all of our Sunday School teachers (Kelli Merritt, Janet Hoerner, Walker Jordan, Sally Anne Kaiser, Betty Anne Mills, Kristi Burch, Jennie Johnson, David and Lee Gravely, Joan and Louis LaBruce, Kris and Erica Davis) for their hard work and dedication this past semester. It is great to know that our children are growing in the knowledge of the Lord while being lead by such godly people. Thank you for all y'all do!

For the first year, we have put together an Advent Family Devotional Booklet. Please pick one up and do a family devotion one day a week. This is a chance to remember why we celebrate Christmas and spend time in God's word together. There is also a great book, ***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***, in the Bookstall for personal devotion during the Christmas season. If nothing else, slow down at some point and open the Bible as a family and look at the story of Jesus' birth. It will be a blessing to your whole family.

Starting December 4th we will have a combined Sunday school for the children. They will practice the music for the 5:30 Christmas Eve service. Then spend some time eating snack and listening to a message about the coming of Jesus. This season we hope to start the conversation about how Jesus came into the world to save us. Which is the greatest gift we could have ever been given.

We are excited again to have Mrs. Brandi Al'Taher helping lead Camp Christmas. This will be December 21st-23rd from 9:30-12:30. We will have 4 year olds to fifth graders attending. We will celebrate the season learning about Jesus, playing games, watching a movie, practicing for the 5:30 service, and of course making cookies. Sign your student up soon.

Our next Sunday School semester starts January 15th. Please come by and visit. We would love to have your help. Your gifts and talents can be used to share Jesus with future generations. What an exciting opportunity!

From the Pastor for Member Care

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Our grieving group will meet again beginning January 12th at 10:00 am in the parlor. The purpose of the group is to learn and discuss the different normal ways we experience grief. Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one recently would greatly benefit.

Beginning January 8th we will have three "Information Sundays" about helping to prepare for death. This is something we all will have to face someday. We need to be realistic and responsible in our planning. The first Sunday we will have someone from a funeral home to explain the options of services and average costs. The second Sunday we will have a lawyer speak on the benefits of having a will and the ways one's wealth is passed on to family, charities, and churches. The third week I will speak about a planning form and getting spiritually ready for death. This is for anyone over 21 years of age because life is fragile. Each Sunday we will have two sessions with the first being at 9:15 am held at the K&W Café on 79th Avenue N. and the second being at 10:15 am in Gravely Hall. Come and learn.

God loves you and Karen and I love you too.
Bruce Geary

Music Notes

Celebrating the Incarnation: Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany at Trinity

In the gospel of John, the Evangelist begins by saying that Jesus's divinity is one with the Father from before the beginning of the world. John's next assertion is more astonishing still, that Jesus put aside his divinity to become a human. John puts it this way: "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory..." (John 1:14).

The mystery and wonder of how this happens unfolds for us over these next weeks of the church year. Please allow me to highlight a few of the opportunities that we have to celebrate this holy season:

Lessons and Carols for Advent
Wednesday, December 15

5:45 - Dinner in Gravely Hall (free)

6:30 - Service

The promise of the Savior's coming is recounted in the form of Old Testament prophecy and traditional music of the season.

Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24

5:30 pm - Family Service

This service will incorporate the semi-staged rendering of the Christmas story by children in costume and an abbreviated lessons and carols, concluding with the celebration of the Eucharist. All children are most welcome to participate in the pageant. Please see Mark Chaney or Hunter Jordan for details.

7:30 pm - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

This will be a full festive Eucharist with robust singing of traditional Christmas carols, concluding with the singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight.

10:00 pm - Feast of Music

10:30 pm - Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Choir and Orchestra

A half-hour of festive and meditative music for organ and orchestra will precede the liturgy. This service will be a solemn and majestic celebration featuring traditional carols as well as choral music with chamber orchestra. The service concludes with the singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight.

Epiphany Processions and Carols
Friday, January 6

5:45 - Dinner in Gravely Hall (free)

6:30 - Service

The service begins with an extended procession by adult and children's choirs that calls to mind the long pilgrimage of the Magi, and then moves into a series of lessons and carols that tells the completion of the Christmas story.

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Above all, we hope that all of the liturgy and music during these next weeks will be a blessing to you; during these hectic and uncertain days, we pray that through our worship you might glimpse, grasp, and own the mystery of the Word made flesh and dwelling among us.

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***Please note: There will only be one service on Christmas Day
at 10:00 am and there will be an 8:00 am & 10:00 am
service on Sunday, January 1, 2012***

***A Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year
from the Vestry, Clergy, & Staff***

***The parish offices will be closed for the Holidays Friday,
December 23rd through Friday, December 30th.***

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