

**TRINITY TIDINGS**  
**August 2018**

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**From the Pastor**

I've been reflecting a lot in the past month about what it means to be called by God, and what it means to say yes to that call. I still remember very vividly what it was like when I first felt called by God. I was in my early 20's and on a youth director's retreat for my church.

I had already started a good career, I had a home and family to care for. I knew who I was going to be and what I was going to do. And then I encountered God. It's not that I had this moment where I was meeting God for the first time, I grew up in the church and had both been taught about God and had moments of experiencing God throughout my childhood. But this encounter that summer was different. I felt the presence of God with me in a way I never had before, as real as if God's arms were rocking me. And I knew in that moment the love of God in a way I never had before, that love that crashes upon us like waves upon the sand. In that same moment of awareness of God's presence and love was the total awareness that God was calling me to follow God as a pastor. I didn't know what that meant;

I had never bothered to consider what training and studying it took nor what that vocation really entailed. But more than anything in that moment I wanted to follow God, I wanted to follow that unimaginable love I had experienced. And so I said yes to step out into the unknown.

Little did I know at the time that the road to being a pastor would take 25 years of service in other areas of ministry. Looking back years later, I see what I couldn't back then. I see how my own plans were like dreaming in black and white, while God's plans are like living in full Technicolor. It's not that following God is always easy, it's not that we don't have days when we question and doubt and wonder. But it's that God's imagination is so much bigger than ours, God's dreams open us up to so much more life than our own.

When Jesus called his first disciples, he asks them to come follow him and promises that he will make them fishers of people. Peter and his brother Andrew are out fishing, they are doing what they know how to do, what provides a life for them and their families. But Jesus comes to them and says, leave behind what you know and follow me to something bigger, something you can't even imagine right now. There is no way Peter could have known that letting go of his nets and following Jesus would lead him down this path where he walks on water—until he sinks, where he goes around the known world bringing the good news of Jesus to

thousands, where he encounters God so profoundly that he is willing to have his life turned totally upside down for the love of God.

God comes to each one of us at different times in our lives and asks us to follow, to leave behind what we know and what we have planned, to be open to the newness God wants to bring into our lives.

How have you experienced the call of God in your life? And how is God calling you today? Sometimes like Peter and Andrew, we experience God's call as a clear and decisive moment. But other times we experience that divine call like a subtle nudging, something that bothers us that we just can't quite ignore. However we experience it, God comes to each of us and calls us to follow. Leave the old nets behind and come learn a new way, follow God to something you can't even imagine or fully understand yet.

So, I challenge you to take a moment or maybe a few moments to ponder, reflect, and pray: how is God calling you today?

Grace & Peace, Pastor John

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## **OPEN HOUSE**

### **North East District Office**

Wednesday, August 1      10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 2-4 p.m.

1415 LaSalle Street, Jacksonville, FL

You are invited to visit the newly remodeled District Office on Wednesday, August 1. Please do not park in the lot directly across from Swain UMC (now known as San Marco UMC). That lot is reserved parking. You can park in the office parking spaces and in the parking spaces in the lot for Hendricks Food Mart and Stan's Sandwich Shoppe. There is also street parking available all along LaSalle Street.

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### *You're Invited !!*

**Bridal Shower honoring Angie Bechanan**

**Bride-elect of Doug Brown**

**Sunday, August 5      2 p.m.      Fellowship Hall**

The shower is open to men and women. They are registered at Belk, Walmart and Target. Gift cards are also appreciated. You can go to [www.bechananbrown.minted.us](http://www.bechananbrown.minted.us) for more information.

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### **Fellowship Lunch**

**Sunday, August 26      12 noon      Fellowship Hall**

*Everyone is invited!!*

*Hosted by Trinity United Methodist Men*

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### **Chancel Choir**

**Resumes Practice on Wednesday, August 15**

**7:15 p.m.      Choir Room**

The choir is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining, this is the perfect time to do so.

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### **School Supplies Needed**

Our adopted school, **Moseley Elementary**, is always in need of school supplies for the new school year. When you are out shopping, please remember the children at Moseley and pick up some items for the school. Take advantage of the BoGo sales!! Items needed include:

School supplies (paper, pencils, glue, etc.)

Kid size new underwear

Kid size socks  
Travel size shampoo, lotion, toothpaste  
White elephant items (old jewelry, knick-knacks, etc.)

You may place your donation in the box in the church narthex. Thanks!!

**NOTE:** Trinity will be hosting a breakfast for the Moseley Elementary Staff on Tuesday, August 7.

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**Benefit Fundraiser Concert for A Women's Resource Center**  
*Featuring the Talleys*

Saturday, September 8, 2018 6 p.m.

C.L. Overturf 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, 1100 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Palatka, FL

All funds go toward the new building fund for AWRC.

Tickets are available at Ralph's House of Flowers (386-325-4734) and are \$10 each (\$15 at the door). Please join us for a wonderful night of worship and fellowship as we stand for LIFE in our community.

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**STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 7/15//18)**

Total Budget	\$241,737.00	<u>Unbudgeted Contributions</u>	
Estimated needed to date	130,166.08	Scholarship Fund	160.00
Received to date	94,456.98	Uprising Student Ministry	657.04
Percent of "needed to date"		UMCOR	401.00
that has been collected	72.57%	Kids' Klub	1,986.00
Percent of Year that is Complete	53.85%	Salary-YthDir&Worship	1,249.98
Percent of Yearly Contributions that		Children's Home	625.00
have been received	39.07%	Annual Conf. Offering	275.00
		Sound System-2018	2,500.00
		Cuba Covenant	1,050.00

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**CIRCLE OF CONCERN – Those needing our prayers**

**Pierce Family**  
**Joyce Strickland**  
**Cahan Family**

**Walston Family**  
**Virginia Alexander**  
**Starr Douglas**

**Leslie Lewis**  
**Teresa Bechanan**

Those in the nursing homes (**Edna Houck, Jean Moore,**) and our shut-ins; San Antonio de Rio Blanco Church in Cuba; the Persecuted Church; Moseley Elementary School teachers; Westover Mobile Home Park Ministry; Children at the Methodist Children's Home; our Nation's leaders & military; your Pastoral family & your Church

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## Did You Know???

The Wesley Ann Circle is no longer offering the **Lois Jungenberg Memorial Scholarship**. The Trinity UM Scholarship (budgeted) will still be offered in January.

**Youth Programs** are canceled until further notice.

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## KIDS' KLUB CORNER

WOW!! Kids' Klub is so excited to be starting a new year. Here at Kids' Klub we want to share God's love with you. We hope that if you are between the ages of 3 thru fifth grade that you will come and share God's love with us. We will be meeting each Wednesday, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Trinity UMC. We will be learning about Jesus and how we are part of his family, having new adventures, sharing dinner and making lots of new friends.

August Happenings:

August 8<sup>th</sup>                      Our annual Kids' Klub Retreat

August 15<sup>th</sup>                    Parent night

August 22<sup>nd</sup>                    This year will begin with learning about Jesus' family

We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesdays. Come learn and enjoy all the things that God has blessed us with. God Bless!! The Kids' Klub Team



Enjoying dinner after  
pool party at Mr. Bob's  
& Mrs. Crystal's house



Passing the ball with Bible questions on it for the receiver to answer the question.

*Wish a Happy Birthday to:*

- 1<sup>st</sup>** - Carlie Drew
- Raymond Lewis
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Teresa Bechanan
- Jolee French
- Carol Hawkins
- Kyla Rogero
- Matt Simpson
- 6<sup>th</sup>** - Mitchell Huskey
- 11<sup>th</sup>** - Tina Mullis
- 13<sup>th</sup>** - Jessie Jo Revels
- 14<sup>th</sup>** - Cathy Ollie
- 15<sup>th</sup>** - Ashley Vining
- 17<sup>th</sup>** - Samantha Chapman
- Andrea Findlater
- Casey Sheffield
- 18<sup>th</sup>** - Wendy Underwood
- 19<sup>th</sup>** - Trey Curtis
- Ivy Sheffield
- 21<sup>st</sup>** - Landon Hare
- Leslie Lewis
- Kristi Willoughby
- 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Ken Echols
- 24<sup>th</sup>** - Matthew Kennard
- 25<sup>th</sup>** - William Ollie
- 26<sup>th</sup>** - Richie Lewis
- Julie Thompson
- 28<sup>th</sup>** - Karen DuTour
- 30<sup>th</sup>** - Cassie Nettles
- Wyatt Woodard

## Anniversaries

**9<sup>th</sup>** - Austin & Marisa Annis  
**21<sup>st</sup>** - Brad & Lynsey Cox  
**25<sup>th</sup>** - Bob & Crystal Reed

## Altar Flowers

**5<sup>th</sup>** - UMW  
**12<sup>th</sup>** - OPEN  
**19<sup>th</sup>** - OPEN  
**26<sup>th</sup>** - Reed  
 DuTour

# AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Schedule</b> <b>9:15 a.m. – Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 a.m. –Worship</b>			1  Open House at the District Office 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 2-4 p.m.	2	3	4
5 <b>Holy Communion</b>  2 p.m. – Bridal Shower honoring Angie Bechanan	6	7 7 a.m. – Breakfast for Moseley Elem. Staff	8 5p.m- Kids' Klub Retreat	9	10	11



12	13	14 5:30 p.m. – Fall Festival Meeting	15 5 p.m. – Kids' Klub Parents Night 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice	16	17	18
19	20 9 a.m. – Wesley Ann Circle	21	22 5 p.m. – Kids' Klub 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice	23	24	25
26 12 noon – Lunch Hosted by UMM	27	28	29 5 p.m. – Kids' Klub 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice	30	31	