



The Tidings

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Do Not Be Conformed

By Fr. Samuel Nsengiyumva



As we settle into our summer rhythm, with less church programming and some travel for vacations or family events, it is important to not forget who we are and what we are about. Wherever we may be or do, we need to remember our identity, our

purpose, our perspectives, and our priorities.

One of the most helpful scripture passages is 2 Corinthians 5:17: *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come."* (NIV). What this passage clearly says is that some kind of change happens when someone believes and decides to follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of his/her life. Some changes may be instant while others may be gradual.

A New Identity

The first change that happens when we believe and accept Jesus as Savior and Lord of our lives is our identity. St. John clearly tells us that *"All who received him, to those who believed in his name; he gave the right to become children of*

God.” (John 1:12). Some will obviously argue that since we are all created in the image of God, we are children of God regardless of whether or what we believe. In a way they are right, but not in the sense that St. John and the apostles understood it. It is very true that God loves all humanity. The problem is that sin has estranged humanity from God. Through faith in Jesus the Christ, we are reconciled to God and restored to that original status as God’s children; not just his creatures.

A New Purpose

The second change that happens is our purpose for being. St. Paul referring to the change that occurs says that *“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation...”* (2 Cor. 5:18). Peter puts it even more beautifully: *“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”* (1 Peter 2:9). Once we are in Christ, we no longer live for ourselves alone but for God and his purposes in the world.

A New Perspective

With a new identity and a new purpose, a new perspective begins to emerge. We begin to look at ourselves and others not from a worldly point of view (2 Cor. 5:16), but from Christ’s point of view. Unfortunately, this change is often slower than one would wish. Indeed, that’s why many non-Christians accuse Christians of hypocrisy. Our perspectives are often very far from Christ’s perspective and very much like everyone else’s. We need to examine our perspectives and our attitudes to ensure that they are consistent with our new identity and purpose.

New Priorities

With a new understanding of who we are and what we are about, it should be obvious that our priorities would also change. This is true for many Christians but certainly not all. The way we spend our money, time, and any other resources God has blessed us with does not always reflect who we claim to be. Our priorities should reflect our love for God and one another.

During this summer season, may we be careful not to be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, so that we may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2). Whatever context we find ourselves in, may we strive to be salt and light. (Matthew 5:13-16).

Sr. Warden’s Report

As we enter the lazy, hazy days of summer, we are able to sit back, relax and appreciate all we have accomplished the past couple of months.

After waiting for what seems forever, we were able to have our new roof installed. The roof was only half the job. The real work occurred after the roofers left the premises. The clean-up in the Church, as well as the property, was momentous. It was done by a number of dedicated people led by our Jr. Warden, Bob Freeman. We are so grateful to them for putting everything back in order so Services could be held on schedule.

We had a new floor installed in the Chapel. The air conditioning has been replaced on one side of the Church. We have replaced both refrigerators in the kitchen. New gutters will be placed by the offices, and we will be replacing and repairing the trim on the Church.

Some members of our choir, Fr. Samuel and I represented Holy Trinity at the Consecration of Bishop Holcombe. It was a beautiful ceremony. We received a number of compliments on our Holy Trinity Banner. I was very proud to represent Holy Trinity. It was nice meeting representatives from other parishes; I must admit to smiling more than anyone else when talking about Holy Trinity and my Church Family. Several people showed an interest in coming to visit us.

With this break in activity, I hope some of you take the summer to think of ways you might want to get involved with our various ministries, if you aren’t already. We are always looking for new members for Altar Guild and I.W.C. (Invite, Welcome and Connect). We always need volunteers to do coffee hour. Those are just a couple of ways you can become more involved with our Holy Trinity Family.

So, enjoy your summer – relax and stay safe.

Doris Brennan, Sr. Warden

Vestry Meeting Highlights

June 2023

The Vestry met for their monthly meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023, to discuss matters of importance to the life and mission of our church.

Members Present: Fr. Samuel, Doris Brennan, Debbie Lally, Russ Casson, Steve Knowles, John Canner, Robin Michell, Mandy Panlilio and Bob Freeman

Members Absent: None

1. The meeting began with an opening prayer from Fr. Samuel and a prayer said in union.
2. Fr. Samuel's reflection centered around our opening prayer. Understanding that this is God's church and we are doing God's work. We need God's grace to do God's work.
3. The Vestry reviewed and accepted the minutes from our Vestry Retreat in May.
4. The calendar is a little more open during the summer months as many are traveling, getting together with family and friends and enjoying the lazy days summer. That being said, much is happening in and around the church as you will see in the reports from the ministry teams. Please note that the Vestry will not meet in July.
5. The Vestry reviewed and accepted the May financial report. A copy of the report is posted in the Parish Hall for those that may be interested. We received a Certificate of Inspection by Mr. Matthew Robertson, treasurer of St. Thomas Eustis, who inspected our Financial procedures and records for the year 2021-2022. The inspection was conducted in accordance with guidelines of the Alternative Audit Procedures authorized by the Diocese of Central Florida.
6. The Vestry heard from our Jr. Warden regarding the completed and remaining work on the various projects around our campus. While the roof is complete, there's more to do. The lightning rods for the church must be replaced. New gutters will added all the way around the Parish Hall. The Vestry voted unanimously to move forward with these projects.
7. The Jr. Warden also reported on the progress in exploring ways to enhance our campus security by adding security cameras/system and panic alarms for the church, school and rectory. The security committee will meet on Thursday, July 6th for further discussion on this matter.
8. Fr. Samuel reported on the progress of several projects such as online giving and others.
9. The Vestry meeting ended with a closing prayer from Fr. Samuel.

Debbie Lally, Secretary.

Treasurer's Summary Report May, 2023

Contributions	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$29,319	\$24,113
Other Income	<u>\$ 1,507</u>	<u>\$ 3,370</u>
Total	\$30,826	\$27,483
Expenses	\$38,022	\$27,483

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Russ Casson, Treasurer

HTEC School Tutor Update



Under the training and leadership of our Head of School, Justin McCallister, our 2023-2024

school year volunteer tutors have an interesting year to look forward to.

Initiatives planned by Justin include Tutor Questionnaires, Tutor Policies and Procedures Sheet, Tutor Appreciation Luncheon, School News Letter, and Periodic all Tutors meetings.

As previously reported a new volunteer algebra and geometry tutor will be joining us this fall. While Justin is pleased to bring on a new tutor, the current need for math tutors will still exceeds our resources.

Our students need your help; if you have the required math background and have just a few hours a week to work one-on-one with a student please contact Jim Kelly at (913) 558-2636. (No formal academic certification is required.)

Jim Kelly

Salvation Army - Outreach Holy Trinity - Salvation Army Partnership

Salvation Army Cereal Collection



Following the initial donations of 25 Boxes of Cereal in the first week the Outreach Committee's Sunday's Cereal Collection Campaign, parishioners have contributed another 19 boxes, plus 2 boxes that have 2 bags of cereal and 1 box of 8 mini boxes in the second week. Thank you all for your compassion and generosity. All of this goes directly to the Leesburg Salvation Army food pantry.

Background: In our community, most public schools provide free breakfast and lunch to students. Schools being closed for the summer

are creating a strain on family budgets that are stretched beyond their limits by those two extra meals per day. Our objective is to fill that void.

You can be part of this compassionate work by placing your boxes of cereal and nonperishable food in the Red Wagon at the front of the church before and after church services. The Holy Trinity Outreach Committee, the Leesburg Salvation Army and those who turn to them in need are all deeply appreciative.

For more information about helping our brothers and sisters in Christ please contact Annette Freeman (352) 406-7608.

Salvation Army Cereal Collection

Hello Everyone,

I wanted to give an update on Sunday's Cereal Collection. We collected 25 Boxes of Cereal. This is wonderful! I want to Thank Every Person who contributed. If you still want to help out this month, bring your box of cereal in any Sunday this month.

In our July Tidings, we will have another update on our collection and more information.

Thanks,

Annette Freeman
Outreach HTEC

HTEC Salvation Army Breakfast Team

Besides Holy Trinity's contributions to the Salvation Army food bank via the Red Wagon we also have a team that provides breakfast service at the Salvation Army post in Leesburg. You can be part of this mission by joining the HTEC Salvation Army Breakfast Team serving breakfast just once a month.

For more information about helping our brothers and sisters in Christ please contact Jim Kelly (913) 558-2636.

Jim Kelly

Holy Trinity School Golf Benefit

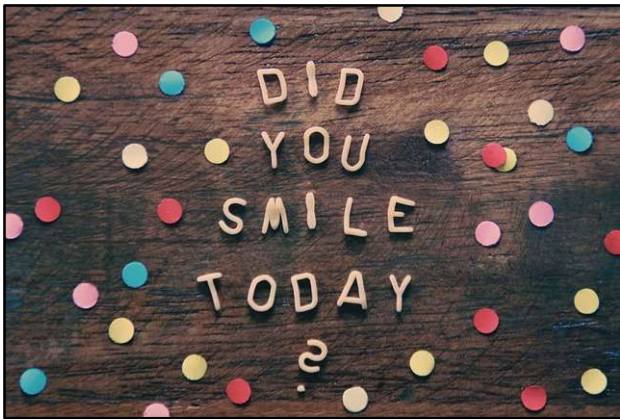
I'm sure you know the Holy Trinity Episcopal School Golf Benefit will be held at Harbor Hill

County on October 21, 2023. It may seem early in the game, but in reality we are already running late.

We especially need help with Sales and Marketing. It's not hard, really 😊. As always we look for volunteers. If you have already volunteered, Thank You. There are pieces in the parish hall that can be used to assist you in this effort. Or I would be glad to email you a copy these 3 items. Remember. No donation is too small.

Our goal this year is \$35,000 so you know we need everyone's help. The kids need your help.

Thank you,
Judy and Gregg Monin



**“If you want happiness for an hour -
take a nap.**

**“If you want happiness for a day - go
fishing.**

**“If you want happiness for a month -
get married.**

**“If you want happiness for a year -
inherit a fortune.**

**“If you want happiness for a lifetime -
help someone else”**

Chinese Proverb

Submitted by Annette Freeman

The Journey Home

Lord, my legs feel thick this morning,
A languid walk, not yet crisp,
But my love for you is fulsome,
Like a child's own wishing list.

Even birds' wings get heavy,
Constantly searching as they do,
God's creatures travel home,
Temptations to be hewed.

The distance home is daunting,
Inscrutable turns are many,
But your love and grace sustain me,
Like a river flowing plenty.

Strengthened now by thoughts of you,
In knowing what waits ahead,
My home of peace and joy,
Awaits where you have led.

Ron Whetsell

June 25, 2021



Bob & Liz Mustin
Lee & Debbie Stanton
Tom & Pam Hulsey
Roger & Nancy Wilcox



Janice Haake
Sheri Hudson
May Ann P, Tahara
Janell Bromeisl
John Rodenbaugh
Jane Kelly
Rose Nsengiyumva
Jay Summers
Robin Brown
Judy Huetz
Liam Knowles
Susie Hardesty
Carol Mullen
Doris Ann Brennan
Jordan Tuller

IN LOVING
memory

William George Labud Sr.



**For pastoral care
 we welcome you to contact:**

Deacon Charlie Perrin
(917-856-7987) or
charlieperrin@outlook.com,

Fr. Samuel Nsengiyumva
(920-226-0050) or
rector@holyltrinityfp.com;
or call the church office Monday
through Thursday during office
hours.

Please continue to phone or email
your prayer requests to 352-787-
1500 or office@holyltrinityfp.com

Summer Break for Pancake Sunday Breakfast

Dear Team,

**FYI, we will be taking a break
 from the monthly Sunday Pancake
 Breakfast service for the
 summer. We will resume in the
 fall when school starts up
 again. So, the next time we will
 meet is September 24, 2023. I will
 send out a reminder come
 September.**

**God's Peace,
 Sid Yee**

Consecration of Bishop

Justin Holcomb

June 10 was a glorious day in the diocese of Central Florida as we witnessed the consecration of our new bishop, The Right Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb. The consecration service was held at Calvary Church in Orlando where about 2,000 people including 17 bishops attended the consecration. Holy Trinity was very well represented by Russ & Dianne Casson, Naomi Aldrich, Barbara Turner, Michael Quinlan, Gary Sarto, Doris Brennan, and Fr. Samuel & Rose Nsengiyumva. Russ, Barbara, and Naomi sung in the diocesan choir, while Doris carried our banner in the procession.

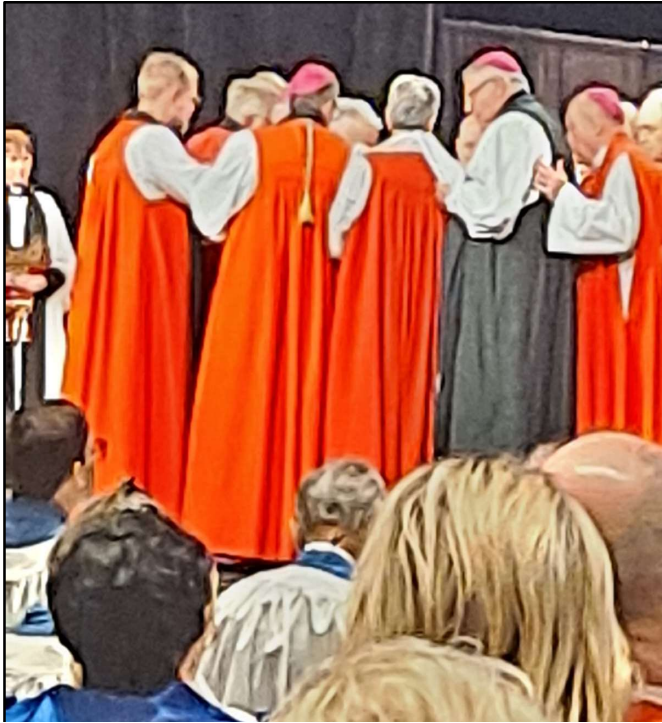
The service started with a procession of banners and clergy from the diocese and around the country. Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon, bishop-in-residence, the Church of St. John the Divine, Houston, Texas, former secretary-general of the Anglican Communion and former archbishop of the Anglican Province of Kaduna, the Church of Nigeria, offered a consecration message. The service also included music in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole from a gospel ensemble, a Haitian choir, a youth ensemble and other musicians from churches throughout the diocese.



Holy Trinity Delegation



Fr. Samuel & Rose with Bishop Holcomb



Bishops Laying Hands on Bishop Holcomb



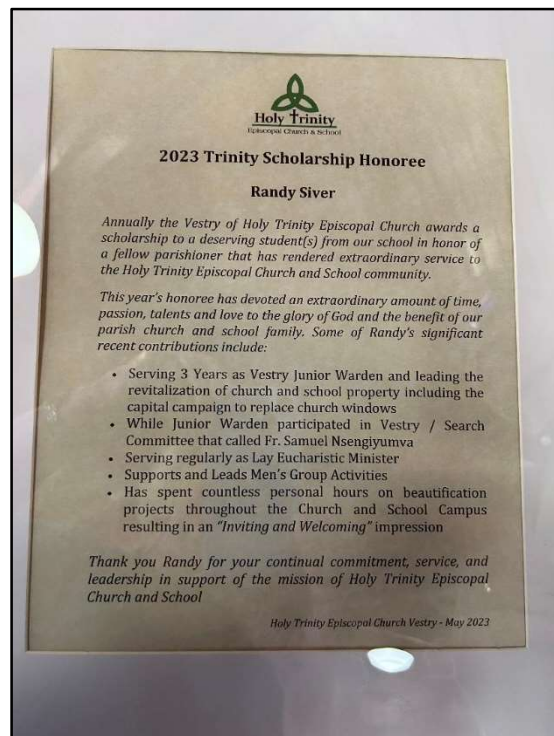
Procession



Doris holding the Holy Trinity banner

Randy Siver

2023 Trinity Scholarship Honoree



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Before and After Work on the Roof



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY HOT PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

Summer Recess until September 24, 2023.

HEARING LOOP:

Our sanctuary is now installed with a hearing loop for the benefit of those with hearing difficulties. If your hearing aid has a T-Coll, you should be able to hear clearly. Headphones are also available for those with compatible hearing aids. Talk to the usher if you need headphones.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY:

Those who wish to donate food items or sign-up to help clean-up are encouraged to sign-up on the bulletin board. Thank you!

SCHOOL BENEFIT – GOLF TOURNAMENT BASKETS

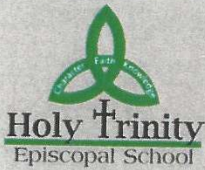
Thank you for those who have donated items for our Coffee Basket. Now onto the next idea: “Italian Night” Suggested Items: Bamboo Cutting Board, Nicole Miller Pot, Spoon Rest, Bamboo Utensil Set, Lombardo Olive Oil, Glass Oil & Vinegar Set, Rigatoni, Set of 4 Large Ceramic Pasta Bowl. If you can bring one or more of these items on Sunday and leave it on the Stage or drop it off to the Church Office Mon.-Thurs. Any Questions Please Contact Naomi Aldrich at 203-258-6010 or aldrichn13@gmail.com

ELECTRONIC GIVING AT HOLY TRINITY:

After some time of exploration, we now have made it possible for those who wish to give electronically in a variety of ways:

1. **Website/Facebook page:** A link is now available on our website and Facebook page.
2. **TEXT to Give:** 844-527-0098, text this number with the word “Funds” and follow the step-by-step instructions.
1. **Mobile App:** Download the **Vanco Mobile** app from the Play Store for Android users or the App Store and search for Holy Trinity Episcopal, Fruitland Park.
2. **QR Code:** This QR Code will be available on all our publications to scan and access our eGiving page. All you need is a QR Code reader on your smartphone.





Holy Trinity School Golf Benefit

*With Ongoing Generous Support from
Blackston Financial Advisory Group*



Transform a Child's Future with a Great Day of Golf!

Join us October 21, 2023 at Harbor Hills Country Club

Holy Trinity Episcopal School is a Non-Profit Private School for Students who struggle to learn and make friends in a typical school environment. Students have Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia or other learning disabilities. When our students graduate they are prepared for college, vocational schools or to set out into the working field. Our Mission at HTES is to equip each student with the tools they need to live a rich and independent life.



How does the Golf Benefit help the students?

Proceeds from the 2023 HTES Golf Benefit will provide Scholarship opportunities for many of our students whose families are unable to afford the tuition and fees. Your support will let HTES help children who otherwise could not attend HTES.

Please Visit our Website to Register to Play, You can Save some Cash Money by registering by October 1st. If you do not want to play there are many sponsorships available.

HolyTrinitySchoolGolf.com

Contests

Ladies & Men's Hole in One
Ladies & Men's Longest Drive
Ladies & Men's Most Accurate
Ladies & Men's Closest to the Pin
Putting Contest

Some of our Prizes Include:

\$10,000 for Hole in One
Calloway 300 Range Finder
Guaranteed Spa or Golf Day
Free Golf Cart

There will be some Fabulous Baskets to Bid on as well.

If you are unable to join us, please consider a tax-deductible donation to benefit scholarships for our Students. Holy Trinity School is a ministry of Holy Trinity Church which is a Charitable Institution as defined by IRS Chapter 501 (c) 3.