

THE MESSAGE

The Newsletter of **Trinity Episcopal Cathedral**
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Introducing the 1884 Legacy Society

Episcopal School Sunday

On October 4th, Trinity Celebrates Episcopal School Sunday. Please join us in welcoming Episcopal Collegiate School chaplains John Childress and Sandra Curtis at the 9:00 and 11:15 services.

Installation of Sixth Head of Episcopal Collegiate School



Christopher Tompkins will be installed as the Sixth Head of Episcopal Collegiate School in a service at the Cathedral on Sunday, October 4th, at 5:00 p.m.

Chris comes to Little Rock having served seven years as Head of School of The Perkiomen School in Pennsburg, PA, a co-ed, boarding and day school serving students in sixth through post graduate grades. Prior to that, he was Assistant Head of School for Enrollment and Director of Admissions and Financial Aid for eight years at Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, PA. He has served in leadership roles at a number of prestigious independent schools, including The Canterbury Episcopal School in Desoto, TX, St. Andrews-Sewanee School in Sewanee, TN, and South Kent School in South Kent, CT.

Chris, his wife Kate, their daughters Hannah and Phoebe and their son Christopher, are already active members of the Cathedral Parish!

TRINITY CATHEDRAL WILL BE OFFERING A SERVICE OF

CHORAL EVENSONG

HONORING THOSE IN HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015 5:00 P.M.

**OFFERED BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR & ROBERT WILSON CHORAL SCHOLARS
THE CATHEDRAL HANDBELL CHOIR**

**Dr. Thomas Lee, Director of Music
Guest Musician: Kiril Laskarov, violin**

Adrian Batten: Fourth Evening Service

Additional music by

William Byrd, Benedetto Marcello, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Search Committee Update

As reported to you on September 4, the Search Committee had completed its work and was prepared to recommend to the Vestry a candidate for Dean and Rector. However, on Tuesday afternoon that candidate withdrew from further consideration, choosing to stay at his parish to complete a three-year plan. Consequently we have and will continue to be in further conversations with the Bishop about re-opening the nationwide search process, and the next steps the committee and the Vestry will take.

While we are disappointed, we believe that what is best for our parish and the Cathedral has not yet been achieved, and are committed to continuing on the path in front of us. As the committee, the Vestry and the Bishop arrive at a consensus on immediate next steps, we will, of course, keep you informed.

Thank you.

Craig Douglass

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Dean and Rector for this Cathedral Parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Deacon in Training



We are pleased to announce that Bishop Benfield has reassigned Peggy Cromwell to Trinity Cathedral in Little Rock as a “deacon-in-training” under the auspices of the Iona Program. Two Sundays per month Peggy will be vested and participating liturgically. She will also be having discussions with the interim Dean on the pastoral aspects of diaconal ministry in a local congregation. Peggy’s time at the Cathedral will prepare her for assignment upon ordination.

Welcome back Peggy!

Stewardship Sunday on October 11th



Please join us on Sunday, October 11th to celebrate Stewardship Sunday at Trinity Cathedral. On that day we will bless the collected pledges of financial stewardship to support the Cathedral in 2016. We will also have a special guest preacher for the service, The Very Rev. Barkley Stuart Thompson.

The Very Rev. Barkley Stuart Thompson is the eighth dean and twentieth rector of Christ Church Cathedral. He experiences his priesthood primarily as a call to preach and teach, and he is passionate about urban, downtown ministry. Born and raised in Paragould, Ark., he has roots throughout the south, including family connections to Houston and to the Cathedral. He is married to Jill, and they have two children, Griffin and Eliza.

Prior to his arrival in Houston, Barkley served as rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Roanoke, Va., from 2007–2013 and as rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles in Collierville, Tenn., (a suburb of Memphis) from 2003–2007. St. John’s is a historic, downtown congregation with a long tradition of community leadership and service. The flagship parish sponsors ministries for urban youth, the poor and the mentally disabled. Holy Apostles grew as a “restart parish” from 40 to over 400 members and constructed the first new Episcopal church in West Tennessee in over a decade.

Barkley is an avid writer and has published essays in The American Journal of Philosophy and Theology, The Journal of Pastoral Theology, The Anglican Digest, The Living Church, and Ratherview. He also preaches around the country, most recently in Montgomery, Ala., and at the “Men on Fire” preaching series at Christ Church in Greenwich, Conn. Barkley earned a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and religion, magna cum laude, from Hendrix College; a Master of Arts in religious studies from the University of Chicago; and a Master of Divinity from the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, where he currently serves on the Board of Trustees.

BLISS. IS. CHRIS

Please join us October 29 to honor Chris and Julie Keller and to celebrate our Bliss - All at the same time!

It is time to celebrate our Bliss again. If you're unfamiliar with it, it is a live and silent auction at Trinity based upon Joseph Campbell's distillation of wisdom from his lifelong study of worldwide mythology, both ancient and new --- to follow our bliss. To discern what brings us bliss and to pursue that energy. The objective of our event, then, is to discern where in our life we feel God's pleasure, and make that our donation to our event BLISS.

One of the loveliest benefits flowing from BLISS is getting to see our fellow parishioners with a fresh lens, through their opening to God, what gives them their sparkle. It is a wonderful marketplace of energy, resources and talents about which we might never know from our corporate worship together on Sunday mornings.

If you would take a minute, or two, or three, and contemplate what that is for you. It can be a place, a thing, an activity, a book, a gathering, an event, a talent, a professional expertise. No \$\$\$\$. Wherever and whatever connects you with Christ's presence and power. It may be the same thing you donated last time. Everyone was so generous with their gifts. It was breathtaking.

Samples of BLISS Gifts: Hand-tatted crosses, a week in Carmel Valley, 4 days in Montecito, CA, Ballroom dance lessons, Hand sewn quilt, A weekend on the Little Red River, An heirloom hand-sewn christening gown, Cathedral tour with either a brunch or candlelight champagne reception, PBR/Cow Roping party, Christmas Horse Carriage Ride followed by Hot Chocolate on River Market Tower deck, An evening of concert piano performance, Nativity gear, Shadow Lane Street Party, Cathedral kneeler, Custom Needlepointed Christmas stocking, Zip lining in the Ozarks at LocoRopes, Chocolates, Matilda Buchanan's hat, Victorian Christmas Doll Tea Party, Flower arrangement for party or special occasion, etc...

To make a donation, please contact a member of the Bliss Committee:

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Michael McNeely - mcneelymichaelk@uams.edu
Becky Tucker - beckybosttucker@gmail.com.

For more information, please visit www.trinitylittlerock.org.

1884 Legacy Society



Trinity Episcopal is proud to announce the formation of the **1884 Legacy Society** to recognize and provide education about Planned Giving.

A reception to honor Founding Members will be held at Chris and Julie Keller's home on October 18, 2015. We hope that you will join us as a Founding Member.

For more information, refer to a recent mailout or the **1884 Legacy Society** brochures which can be found in the church office or at the entrance to the cathedral. For further information, contact Beth Hathaway, 501-680-5843. Look for additional information soon on our new website.

Please remember Trinity Cathedral in your will.



November 7th at 6:30 p.m: Trinity Episcopal Cathedral presents INSIGHTS: with Eric Metaxas.

Eric Metaxas is the author of the New York Times #1 Bestseller, *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*. Named "Book of the Year" by the ECPA, Bonhoeffer also won the 2011 John C. Pollock Award for Biography awarded by Beeson Divinity School and a 2011 Christopher Award in the Non-fiction category. Called a "biography of uncommon power," Bonhoeffer appeared on numerous 2010 "Best of the Year" lists and was featured in the Wall Street Journal, Publishers Weekly, The New Republic, Harper's, Kirkus (starred review), NPR, FoxNews, C-SPAN's Book TV, Christianity Today, The Weekly Standard, and First Things. Bonhoeffer has sold more than 700,000 copies and has been translated into 17 languages. It was recently ranked #21 on the Amazon.com listing of Most Highlighted Books of all time. ABC News has called Metaxas a "photogenic, witty ambassador for faith in public life," and The Indianapolis Star described him as "a Protestant version of William F. Buckley."

Metaxas was the keynote speaker at the 2012 National Prayer Breakfast in Washington DC, an event attended by the President and First Lady, the Vice President, members of Congress, and other U.S. and world leaders. Previous keynote speakers have included Mother Theresa, Bono, and Tony Blair. That speech and Eric's essay on the experience, were put into a book, *No Pressure, Mr. President: The Power of True Belief in a Time of Crisis*.

Metaxas will be speaking at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral on his latest book, *Miracles: What they are, Why they happen, and How they can change your life*. Metaxas is made possible by generous donations from Ben & Walter Hussman, Julie & Chris Keller, the Arkansas Democrat Gazette, Terri & Chuck Erwin, Jonann & Chip Chiles and Bill Dillard III.

Tickets to the event are \$25 for general admission or \$100 for patron tickets (which includes admission to the Sponsor & Patron Reception at 5:30 with Mr. Metaxas and reserved seating). You may purchase tickets through our website (www.trinitylittlerock.org) or by calling Annie Burton at (501) 588-3663.

Coming to Dean's Class – November 8th



Jamie Coats serves as the director, Friends of SSJE - Society of Saint the Evangelist, an Episcopal religious order of Brothers and as a trustee of the Trustees of Donations to the Protestant Episcopal Church. He directed SSJE's the Stone & Light Capital Campaign to renovate SSJE's beautiful monastery in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Jamie also helped initiate "Brother, Give Us a Word" a daily email meditation from the Brothers.

Every morning, he prays: "Ride out! With gentle voice. In name of Christ, celebrate a whole life with no dichotomy, a riot of visual imagery, to open eyes, to spiritualize."

Jamie is the father of a teenage daughter. He lives in Rockport, Massachusetts where he enjoys being part of a village community, bicycling, rowing, and writing poetry. He shares his personal writing at www.wingedboots.com.

Email Addresses Needed: Can't wait for The Message to arrive? Want to know what is happening at Trinity? Make sure we have your email address so you receive the weekly Trinity Update. It contains a brief look at the many events on the block. Send your email address to dhowe@trinitylittlerock.org and we'll make sure you are added to the update list.

Fall into EYC!



EYC is off and running! So far we've had fun getting to know one another again, enjoyed Dr. Keller's new pool, toured the Arkansas Arts Center, played games, invited our neighbors to church and sold Trinity Swag at Rally Day! We meet every Sunday (unless otherwise noted) at 5:00p.m. at Botsford House (on the playground). EYC is open to ALL youth in grades 6-12. Bring your friends. It starts with us.

Upcoming special events to note this fall:

October 2-4 is the Arkansas Youth Event (AYE) at Camp Mitchell. This is our fall weekend retreat at Camp Mitchell open to 6th-12th grade youth. It is a great kick-off to the new school year, a chance to spend some time with old friends, and a time to make new friends from all over the state. At AYE we play games,

we hike, we dance, we sing, we pray, we laugh and we do even more than that. We do it all in 40 hours. That's right...it's pretty amazing. Register at eycarkansas.org/aye. Cost is \$110 for full weekend or \$60 for one night.

October 23-24: Convocational Lock In. We'll spend the night here at church with our friends from Christ Church, St. Margaret's, St. Mark's, St. Michael's, and St. Peter's. We'll eat, worship, play a little HUMAN FOOSBALL, watch movies, and (hopefully) sleep a little! Drop off at 7:00 p.m., pick up at 9:00 a.m. Bring \$10 and your favorite board game or deck of cards, and a sleeping bag!

October 31: TRUNK OR TREAT! From 4-6 p.m., we will participate in Trunk or Treat here at the Cathedral. We will decorate the van, dress up, and pass out treats to our small friends.

EYC Fundraising!

In 2016, the EYC has lots of fun planned, including a ski trip, a mission trip to Eureka Springs, and a mission trip to Guatemala! We're raising money to help offset our costs by selling Trinity Swag. Please support the youth and show your pride for Trinity at the same time! Contact Annie Burton at annie@trinitylittlerock.org to place your order!

- Car magnets: \$3
- Water bottles: \$5
- T-shirts: \$15
- Notecards: \$20
- Spirit Shirts: \$55



Come join us for a safe and fun family event!

Saturday, October 31, 4:00-6:00p.m.

Treats, games, food, crafts, bounce house, & music!

Prizes: Best Decorated Car, Best Costume- Child, Best Costume- Adult

To sign-up your trunk, please email:
ecep@trinitylittlerock.org or dhowe@trinitylittlerock.org

Can't come, but want to help? Drop off candy/toys etc. at the church office.
Sponsored by the Parish and ECEP (Early Childhood Education Program)

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Corner (Children's Formation/Sunday School)



We are going to start a series of notes and information for parents and others on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program which is the basis of our children's formation program. We will try and answer questions that you may be struggling with.

Prayer with Children – How can I pray with my child? I feel so uncomfortable because I don't know what to do!

*There are many ways to pray! Silence, singing, drawing, writing, dancing, taking a walk or sitting outside as prayer, praying together, praying alone, praying in your heart (silently), thanking God, praising God, saying how much we love God. The natural prayer of children (3-6) is thanksgiving and praise to God, i.e. "Thank you God! I love you, God! Thanks for all the people and animals in the world. Thank you for my Mommy and Daddy..." etc. The natural prayer of older children (7+) tends to be more relational with other people, i.e. "I pray for my grandmother. I pray for everybody in the whole world. God bless homeless people. I pray for peace."

*Set aside a place in your home for a candle you will light when you pray together. Gradually add other things to your prayer supplies, like: a beautiful cloth, a candle snuffer, a Bible, a Prayer Book, something beautiful from nature, pictures of people we love, a cross, prayer beads, etc.

We'll continue with more ideas and suggestions next month. In the meantime, please remember our children's formation program is ready and waiting for your child. We miss them when they are not there and we always have room for someone new.

Arts Outreach



As we start the 2015-2016 program year for the LR Prep TEC Arts Outreach Program we want to share with you some very exciting news:

Little Rock Prep's leadership team received a significant grant from the Windgate Charitable Foundation, which will allow LRPA to put the Arts Outreach on strong, permanent footing. We will soon begin making purchases in the following core areas:

- Visual Arts Equipment/Exhibit Space
- Performing Arts Equipment
- Musical Arts Instruments and Permanent Materials
- Literary Arts Instruments and Permanent Materials
- Graphic Arts Instruments and Permanent Materials
- Culinary Arts Supplies

During the first quarter of this school year, the Arts Outreach Program will focus on taking LRPA students on field trips and hosting one-time activities in each of the core arts areas listed above. We hope to expose students to these areas and more in the coming weeks. Current ideas include trips to the Arkansas Art Center, Repertory Theater, UALR Opera Theater, Oxford American, Arkansas Festival Ballet, and Muppets Music and Dance exhibit at the Clinton Children's Library. We are focusing on these core areas but also want to offer periphery courses. For instance, after a survey of LRPA Arts Outreach Students was conducted, we found out that two of the kids' favorite classes last quarter were "creative movement: "poi"(see pictures below) and "kids yoga". Additionally we learned that the kids wanted to learn to cook and do other hands-on activities more than anything else this year!

Now we need your help. We need more ideas and volunteers for field trips in the first quarter as well as ideas about how to build each of the core arts areas in the coming months. **Please join us for an evening of brainstorming in Morrison Hall on Tuesday, September 29th, from 5-8pm. We will provide refreshments and inspiration, we hope you will bring all of your ideas.**



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Weekly Worship Schedule:
Sunday - 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
11:15 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday
Healing Eucharist at 5:15 p.m.

The Cathedral is open for visitation, prayer, and meditation weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday, October 4
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Garth
4:00 p.m.

All pets are welcome.
Please be prepared to keep them leashed or crated!
Light refreshments served.