

*Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost*  
**September 7, 2014**

Welcome and Announcements  
Prayer  
Prelude

*(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)*

*Acolyte		
Call to Worship	<i>“Come! Come! Everybody Worship”</i>	Choir
Sunday School Promotion		
*Hymn	<i>“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”</i>	140

*(Please register your attendance on the pew pads provided)*

“Let the Children Come!”  
*(Those 3 years of age through 5 years of age may go to Children’s Nursery.)*

First Lesson	Exodus 12:1-14	Pages 57-58 (O.T.)
*Psalter	Psalms 148	861-862
Affirmation of Faith	<i>“Apostles’ Creed”</i>	881
*Gloria Patri	<i>“Glory Be to the Father”</i>	70

Sharing of the Joys & Concerns of the Church		
*Hymn	<i>“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”</i>	402
Prayers of Confession & Intercession		
The Lord’s Prayer ( <i>Unison</i> )		895

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology	<i>“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	95

Anthem		Choir
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Second Lesson	Matthew 9:14-17	Page 14 (N.T.)
Sermon	<i>“Welcome to the Big, Fat Wedding”</i>	Rev. Cathy Jamieson-Ogg

Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
*(You are invited to come to the altar during the singing of the hymn to signify your commitment or re-commitment to Christ, or for prayer, confession, or comfort, in response to God’s Word)*

*Hymn	<i>“Fairest Lord Jesus”</i>	189
*Acolyte		
*Dismissal With Benediction		
*Benediction Response		Choir

May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep you forever,  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and see God’s face, and God’s grace forever.  
May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and keep you forever. Amen.

\*Postlude  
  
\*The Congregation May Stand

*Leading in Worship Today*

Pastor:	<i>Robert D. B. Reeves</i>	Nursery:	<i>Annette Watson</i>
Pianist :	<i>Christopher McCroskey</i>	Tellers:	<i>John Ballentine; Becky Derrick</i>
Music Director:	<i>Jackie McNeill</i>	A/V Assistants:	<i>Jim Miller; John Ballentine</i>
Lay Reader:	<i>Tom Geddens</i>	Time Together:	<i>Jewel Percy; Pauline Wenner</i>
Ushers:	<i>Tom Geddens</i>		

**VISITORS ARE WELCOME** in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor’s tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers. An **INFANT AND TODDLER NURSERY** is provided during the worship hour. Parents: please ask an usher for assistance.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

**THE ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR** is placed in honor of the birth of **Taylor Michael Duncan**. **Taylor Michael** was born on Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, and weighed 7 lbs. 4 ozs. He is the son of **Brian & Shannon Duncan**, and the grandson of **Genie Duncan** and the late **Don Duncan**.

**Don’t forget Epworth Children’s Home Work Day Offering next Sunday!** This tradition dates back decades when Methodists were challenged to give a day’s pay to the children of Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church’s ministry to children, remember Christ’s command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church’s ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. For more information about Epworth Children’s Home, visit them on the web at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

**TODAY’S LOVELY FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and in honor and celebration of their **58th Wedding Anniversary**, by **Roland and Boots Morgan**.

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS...

Jackie McNeill	Genie Duncan	Laurie Knapp	Oren Edwards	Hannah Easterling
Carolyn Hardee	Patsy Shuler	Bill Hornsby	Sara Efron	Tommy Johnson
Arnold Heiting	Donnie Sox	Melton Martin	Jim Miller	Christopher McCroskey
Roland Morgan	Rusty Poole	Thomas Risinger	Marian Risinger	Latson Lewis
Miriam Simpson	Carolyn Sox	Bonnie Ramsey		

**Shut-Ins:** Mary Brewer; Mary Comolander; Nellie Hipp; Doris Ivey; LaCrecia Taylor; Terry Pitts; Claudia Sineath; Jean Raynor

**Family and Friends:** **Kai** (*grandnephew of Laurie Knapp*); **Brenda Brown** (*friend of John & Patsy Zeigler*); **Tonia Murray & Pam Inman** (*employees & friends of Ray Frady*); **Josephine Von Glahn** (*mother of Jo Ann Heiting*); **Doris Sanders** (*friend of the Heitings*); **Family of Trevor Hudson** (*friend of Emily Reeves*); **Darwin Hatheway & Dan McGowan** (*friends of Arnold Heiting*); **Ernest Westbury** (*friend of English & Jewel Percy*); **Harold Miller** (*brother of Jim Miller*); **Cathy Hendrix** (*cousin of Billy Pearson*); **Jane Bryant** (*sister of Patsy Zeigler*); **Laura Goldstein** (*friend of Christopher McCroskey*); **Carlton Mathews** (*coworker of Kathy White*); **Randy Hodge** (*friend of Ray Frady*); **Serge Ratkovic** (*friend of Genie Duncan*); **Ralph & Garland Pearson** (*brothers of Bill Pearson*); **Beth Earles** (*coworker of Erin Derrick*); **Susan Jones** (*wife of Stuart Jones*); **Mitch Anderson** (*son of Ray Frady's friend*); **Bruce Williamson** (*father of coworker of Kathy White*); **Jimmy & Nancy Friedrich** (*Shirley Butler's niece and her husband*); **Bob Bryant** (*brother-in-law of Patsy Zeigler*); **Mary Baggott** (*Kathy White's coworker's mom*); **Ruby Brown** (*cousin of Patsy Zeigler*); **Yvonne Kirkman** (*Kathy White's coworker's sister*); **Carole Daly** (*friend of Marie Stiles*); **Mary Thompson** (*coworker of Christopher McCroskey*); **Winslow Jumper** (*brother of Nell Cooke*); **Lewie Harrell** (*nephew of Nell Cooke*); **Kitty Sellers** (*friend of John & Patsy Zeigler*); **Beth Ann Feimster** (*sister of Christopher McCroskey*); **Matt Owen** (*husband of Nell Cooke's granddaughter*); **Michael Carter** (*son of Esther Carter*); **Jon Kirby** (*grandson of Nell Cooke*); **Narcie McClendon Jeter** (*daughter of Tim McClendon*); **John Glaze** (*brother-in-law of Shirley Butler*); **Jeanne Crone** (*neighbor of Jo Ann & Arnold Heiting*); **Adam Lavender** (*son of Phil Lavender*); **Vickie Bright** (*friend of Kaye Floyd*); **Mike Rentz** (*brother of Marty Johnson*); **Walt Beck** (*friend of Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting*); **Linda Boatwright** (*sister of George & Morris Taylor*); **Vera Von Glahn** (*sister-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting*)

OUR PRESENCE ...

Attendance 08/31   Sunday School   29   Morning Worship:   59

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 08/31   \$ 2,418.00

OUR SERVICE.”

Church Calendar

**TODAY** Church-Wide Covered Dish Luncheon

**9/08** Vital Ministries, 6 p.m.

**9/09** Bible Study at Home of Nell Cooke, 10:30 a.m.

**9/10** Prayer Group, 7 a.m.

UMW, 11 a.m.

Serving in September

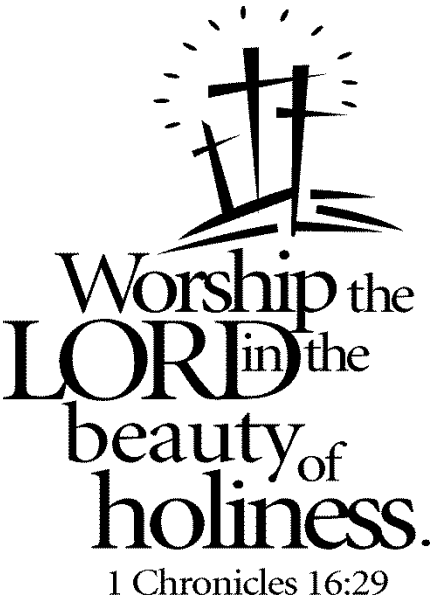
<b>Serving On:</b>	<b><u>September 14</u></b>	<b><u>September 21</u></b>
Ushers:	<b>Needed</b>	Tom Geddens
Tellers:	Mary Kamoroff, Jo Ann Heiting	Ted Frady; Patsy Boggs
Flowers:	Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting	Bonnie Ramsey
Acolyte:	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>
Lay Reader:	<b>Not Needed</b>	Laurie Knapp
Time Together:	Ruth Frady	Mary Louise Robinson
AV Assistants:	Jim Miller; John Ballentine	Jim Miller; Marie Stiles



<b>Ministers</b>	<b>The Congregation</b>
<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Robert D. B. Reeves</b>
<b>Resident Bishop</b>	<b>Jonathan Holston</b>
<b>District Superintendent</b>	<b>Rev. Catherine Jamieson-Ogg</b>

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

*Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform*



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Every opportunity to come together to worship and exalt our risen King JESUS is awesome. Therefore every worship service where this happens is incredible and a wonderful memory in the days to come as we consider what the LORD has done for us and how wonderful are His continued plans in our midst. That said, there are some worship experiences where the LORD's grace is so tangible we know with certainty that we have been with JESUS. His presence is so real that nothing less than all His measure of love and mercy and plan is all we want and the only substance that can fill our hearts with sustaining grace for days ahead.

Such was our worship experience last week. If you were here, you should know what I'm referring to. If you were not here, don't conclude you totally missed it! What made last week so incredible is that we heard three testimonies from three persons who in one way or the other reached an impasse in their journey. Without the help of our Heavenly Father, they could not go further without being uncertain, wounded and bogged down by a heavy burden that would hinder much of their continued journey. One person's family lost everything. No income, no home, no money for college and no way to continue their college experience. What happened to them? The LORD came through as they looked to Him! Another person lost their spouse with little notice. A family lost their husband and father in less than three months after the diagnosis of cancer in the liver. What did they do? How did they go on? They lived on because of the presence of CHRIST living within them! That is bad enough. But there are those who taste hell's fury and evil more so than few of us ever will imagine. Our third witness has traveled that road. They lost their spouse and children to a shooting death and suicide. Those stories are so terrible we don't even want to think about them! That is understandable and sometimes reflects our mercy and love for the victims of such. But our guest had to feel that, live through that and deal with it somehow. They found JESUS was greater than their terrible tragedy. This was evident as they shared with us last week.

No matter what happens to any of us, no matter where we are and what we face, we have two options. We can face it with JESUS or without JESUS. Please take the first option. Personally, I have no idea as to how people make it through this world without JESUS. There is nothing He cannot do, cannot bear, cannot heal, cannot love, cannot forgive, cannot touch, cannot see, cannot understand, cannot overwhelm with His mercy and presence! So, let's continue to give ourselves away to JESUS always.

Today, we have the blessing and privilege to hear our new district superintendent, the Reverend Cathy Jamison-Ogg deliver the Word of GOD to us. I already know what some of you are possibly thinking. She knew nothing about what I have been preaching on nor did I know what she would speak about. That is the confirming work of HOLY SPIRIT. Two witnesses or more will confirm the message of the FATHER where ever the KINGDOM is at work. So, let's see what the LORD wants to tell us through our Superintendent today.

Blessings for the journey!!! Pastor Robert



**Vital Ministries** will meet on Monday, September 8, at 6 p.m.

The Weekly Bible Study on the **Book of Psalms** will start on Tuesday, September 9, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Nell Cooke. If you have any questions, please call her at 794-1869.

The **UMW** will meet on Wednesday, September 10, at 11 a.m.

The **Women's Afternoon Group** will meet on Tuesday, September 16, at 4 p.m.

The **SPPRC** will meet on Tuesday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m.

**Safe Sanctuary Training** will be held at the SC UMC Conference Center on Saturday, September 27, from 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Registration forms are located on the Gathering Area table.



## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Beginning September 17 and continuing each Wednesday through November 19, we will have ten weeks of Wonderful Wednesdays. Family-style meals will be served at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study will begin at 6:15, to end at 7:00. We encourage you to be with us for both. This is a time to share your enthusiasm and to enjoy being with one another.

The price of the meals is \$5.00 for adults and children 12 and over. Children 6 to 12 are \$3.00 each. Children ages 2 to 5 are \$1.00