



October 5, 2026

Houston Trinity News

12 Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12 (NRSV)

Friends,

I am looking forward with great anticipation to our Anniversary celebration this Sunday. There are so many reasons to be excited: 28 years of successful ministry in West Houston, a growing congregation (in both numbers and in our spiritual lives), another great meal (we always - there is that word again - eat well). But the thing I am most excited about is our Youth. Worship this Sunday will be led entirely by our Youth.



Join us this Sunday for a powerful witness to the next generation of Houston Trinity. They have prepared and organized a very meaningful worship experience for each of us. Join us as we raise our voices to the honor and glory of God. Join us as we hear the voices of our youth provide their testimony and witness to their relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.

We live in a world where youth are often lost, set aside or ignored because the world sees them as nothing more than another consumer or piece of statistical data. But God sees them as the next generation of believers. The next generation of followers. The next generation of doers. Let's make this Sunday a time to affirm them in their belief, affirm them in their decision to be a follower of Jesus, affirm them in their desire to do the will of God.

A special thank you to Joshua Abril, Blessings Ignacio and the rest of the planning team for your hard work in preparing this Anniversary worship service. I am excited!

Set your alarms. Have someone remind you. Mark your calendar. Don't miss this Worship Service. It will have a powerful impact on your life and the life of this congregation.

God bless you. See you Sunday

Calendar Reminders - October

September 28 - Bible Study - ZOOM - 7:30 - Joshua - led by Pastor Manuel
September 30- Confirmation - 5:30
September 30 - Wednesday Night Bible Study - James- 6:30 - in person and ZOOM
October 4 - Sunday Worship

- Communion

October 5 - Bible Study - ZOOM - 7:30 - Joshua - led by Pastor Manuel
October 7 - Wednesday Night Bible Study - James - 6:30 - in person and ZOOM
October 11 - Sunday Worship

- Anniversary Sunday
- Everybody's Birthday Offering
- Confirmation
- Baptism

October 12 - Bible Study - ZOOM - 7:30 - Joshua - led by Pastor Manuel
October 14 - Wednesday Night Bible Study - James - 6:30 - in person and ZOOM
October 18 - Sunday Worship

- Council Meeting

October 19 - Bible Study - ZOOM - 7:30 - Joshua - led by Pastor Manuel
October 21 - Wednesday Night Bible Study - James - 6:30 - in person and ZOOM
October 25 - Sunday Worship
October 26 - Charge Conference - Ashford UMC - 6:30 PM
October 26 - Bible Study - ZOOM - 7:30 - Joshua - led by Pastor Manuel
October 28 - Wednesday Night Bible Study - James - 6:30 - in person and ZOOM
October 30 - Youth Night - 6:30 - 9:00 PM
October 31 - Women of Faith Prayer Meeting - 2:30



Stewardship Sermon Series - Always Give Thanks

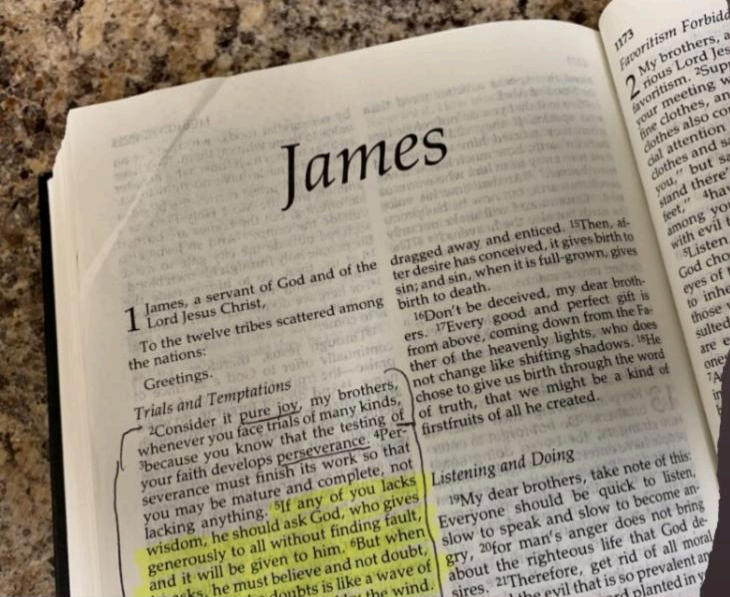
October 18 - November 1

Join us during the end of October and early November as we explore gratitude. Gratitude is more than just another emotion, attitude, or something to be saved for certain times of year. Rather, gratitude is a foundation, a starting point in the journey of being made a disciple. Giving thanks fortifies us for the life of a follower of Jesus Christ, for the glories and the struggles. We aren't promised an easy road in this life of faith, but we are promised presence. We are not alone, and for that we always give thanks.

October 18 - Chosen

October 25 - Tested

November 1 - Witnesses



**New Wednesday
Night Bible Study**

**beginning
September 16, 2026**

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL 6:30 PM **Zoom ID: 8915561845, Password 101998**

Youth Night

Youth night was a great success. Our next Youth Night will be August 25th at the Church. Join us for fun and fellowship as we take a quick break from our back to school activities.

Make sure to RSVP to the email you received. If you didn't receive an invitation, please contact Blessings Ignacio to be added to the email list.



October is our Anniversary Month



We will be celebrating our 28th anniversary in the month of October. The highlight of our celebration will take place in Worship on October 11. Make sure you attend as our youth lead us in Worship to celebrate 28 years of doing God's work but also as we celebrate the next generation of church leaders. Worship is currently being planned but the preliminary plans are full of excitement for our God, our congregation, our community and the future of the church (our youth). Mark your calendars! You do not want to miss this Sunday.

Photos anyone?

We are looking for digital photos and videos of our youth taken since 1998 for use during our Anniversary Celebration. If you have either, please send them to Corbin Abril. You can email them to the church (info@houstontrinity.org) or directly to Corbin (corbinabril@gmail.com).

Anniversary Sunday will also be a day of Baptism, Confirmation and new member recognition.

Our Anniversary Worship Service will include an opportunity for Baptism, Confirmation and a time for becoming a member of Houston Trinity. We have three Baptisms and Confirmation scheduled for that Sunday. Please attend to celebrate and recognize our newest members of the body of Christ.

We will also have a special invitation to join our congregation to those in attendance in addition to our new Baptized and Confirmed.

Everybody's Birthday Offering

We will celebrate our Anniversary by having our annual Everybody's Birthday offering. During the closing song we will make our birthday offering. There will be twelve baskets along the altar rail. Birthday offerings will be placed in your birthday month basket.



Community Outreach/Missions

We are nearing the first actions of our Missional Community program. Stay tuned for exciting information of the first effort we are taking in our community.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Velma Bailey, Mei Mei, Angela Leslie or any member of our Outreach committee.



Samaritans Purse - Operations Christmas Child

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our outreach to Samaritans Purse. We have distributed all of our Christmas boxes and they are slowly returning. When they are all received we will take them to FFAUMC for distribution.

Your generosity will touch the lives of many young boys and girls. God bless you.

Prayer

October Prayer Focus - Romans 15:13 (NLT)

"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Our prayer focus for October is a prayer of trust. Trust in God the source of all our hope. We are often faced with moments when we feel there is no hope. If we haven't we know someone who has. Our prayer this month reminds us that God is the source of all our hope. Paul writes: *If we trust in God we will be filled with joy and peace.* The power of hope will be given through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we continue to walk our prayer journey this year pray daily to understand where our faith lies. Pray daily to understand that the power of men is nothing compared to the power of God. pray daily that we, the body, the church are beholden only to Christ, not to men.

If you are interested in being a part of the planning for our monthly prayer focus, please contact Mel Bernardo or any member of the Prayer Team.



Awaiting our next news!

Regards to all and please keep us in your prayers.

Prayer Corner

Please let Nini or me know if you would like to have your prayer request added to the newsletter.

This weeks' prayer requests.

Prayers for Healing

Jose Liwanag
Saffa Gabba
Christopher Hilton
Bruce Jocz
Pam Custer
Anita Solas
Louise Mosley
Michael Bhola
Jared Davis
Rev. Steven Newcombe - FUMC
Bill Robinson
Josh Bridges
Florante Paz
Fawn Cumby
Christian Mirasol
Leticia Abenojar
Juanita Miller
Ruben Paz
Shellie Robertson
Teddy Ellison
Mel Bousley
Ben Bailon
Zandy Aquino
Ed Roethlein
Linda Litt

Prayers for the World

The peace of God to reign.
For the Marvin Rader School

Open Hearts and Minds; Eyes that See and Ears that Hear

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Prayers for Comfort

The Rillo family as they grieve the passing of Rod this week.

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Gracious God, as we embark on this new journey to cast our vision, we seek Your wisdom. Help us to put aside our understanding and trust fully in the direction that You will send us.

Open our minds to think beyond what we can imagine. Open our hearts to feel the Spirit working here. Open our eyes and ears to see and hear the direction you wish us to travel.

We hear your call Lord, upon the life of Houston Trinity and we want to answer. Yet we are not sure how. We pray Lord, that You bless us, bless our visioning exercises, bless our decisions so that we may go into your world and bless everyone we meet.

Guide our thoughts and actions so our choices will reflect Your will. May we participate in this effort not swayed by the past but grounded in your divine truth.

Give us peace of spirit and confirmation that we are proceeding on the right path. We surrender our plans to Your and pray that You lead us in Your perfect way.

We pray all this in the name of your son, our Redeemer, our Savior, Jesus Christ,

AMEN

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the power of the Holy Spirit.”*



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