

TRINITY TIMES

August 2010

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PASTOR'S PEN

Since Trinity launched the new website last winter I've received a number of emails from friends, and even total strangers, expressing appreciation for what they read and hear at tpclouisville.net. Reflecting on this has prompted me to make subtle changes in the "Pastor's Pen" page of the newsletter. Formerly this space was used to communicate details of Trinity events and encourage participation in the ministries of our congregation. Going forward my plan is to use this column as a blog to share thoughts, insights and ideas about the faith we share in Jesus Christ. We'll tackle issues related to theology, church "politics", discipleship, culture and much more. Naturally these subjects will touch a wider audience than the Trinity Presbyterian family; I hope you'll find this meaningful and helpful!

Here we go . . .

What is spiritual discernment in the life of a believer? My response is that it's the ability to recognize divine truth from that which is false or erroneous. 1Thesalonians 5:21 teaches that we should "examine everything carefully." In other words, we test what we read and hear to see if it's genuine, and in some cases whether it's true or false.

My guess is that you, like me, are bombarded with all sorts of ideas and philosophies that are designed to mold our opinions. Whether it be in regard to how we vote in political elections or how we think about certain hot-button social issues, we certainly hear more than our share of talk. During the course of watching or reading the news I find myself asking, "What is real?" As a parent of a teenager I often wonder what the right decisions are in regard to all types of parenting issues.

Here are some tips I ran across for developing our ability to be discerning:

- Desire it. Proverbs 2:2-5: "cry for discernment. . . seek understanding . . . incline your heart to wisdom."
- Pray for it. Solomon prayed: "Give me an understanding heart to discern between good and evil."
- Learn from others. We can gain wisdom from mature and wise Christians.
- Depend on the Spirit. John 16:13: "The Spirit will lead you into the truth."
- Study the scriptures. Paul taught that the scriptures will equip us for every good work in 2 Timothy 3:17.

Grace and Peace, Shawn



Session Highlights. . .

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JULY 2010 MEETING

During "Time for Growth", discernment (the ability to think Biblically about all areas of life) was discussed.

The Trinity Christmas Dinner will be a pot luck on December 5th at 5 p.m.

Approved the replacement of the HVAC system in the sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall.

Treasurer's Corner. . .

STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

For the Month Ending June 30, 2010

JUNE						
	Jun-10		Jun-09	YTD June 2010		YTD June 2009
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual
Pledges	\$15,072	\$19,802	\$23,288	\$113,917	\$119,050	\$124,070
Plate offering	\$187	\$437	\$451	\$3,405	\$2,250	\$2,320
Donors	\$3,160	\$2,493	\$2,430	\$30,812	\$17,632	\$17,188
	\$18,419	\$22,732	\$26,169	\$148,134	\$138,932	\$143,578

Summer Worship Attendance

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>	
May 23	183	128
May 30	139	153
June 6	147	164
June 13	177	154
June 20	120	155
June 27	150	136
July 4	131	105
July 11	120	142
July 18	136	128
Average	145	141

Morning Study Group

Just an F.Y.I. for folks who may want to join a study group this fall. Shawn will be organizing a group to meet either once or twice each month for study, prayer and fellowship. This group will be open to men and women who prefer meeting in the morning rather than in the evening as so many of our groups gather. Watch upcoming bulletins for details.

Men's Study Group

Trinity's Men's Study Group will read and discuss the Book of James beginning in August. Men from the congregation meet at Panera Bread on Hurstbourne Lane at 7:30 a.m., on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Please join us!

Early Worship Service

*Remember that our 9:00 a.m. Sunday Service continues through the month of August. Mike Porter and the Worship Band lead the music, Shawn preaches. Join us in the Sanctuary!

From The Director of The Trinity Center for Faith & Art . . .

Peace & Grace to All,

I cannot say that I am sorry to see summer end. It has been a difficult summer. As most of you know, I will undergo surgery in late August or early September for a back fusion. The Art Committee and the Personnel Committee will keep you updated on who will be running the center while I am off. If things go as planned, I will be back by the 1st of November.

I want to thank all the youth who helped out in the center this summer. I couldn't have done it without their help and spending time with them has been one of the highlights of my summer.

The Center is looking forward to our Louisville Presbyterian Seminary intern, Griffen, who will begin working in September. During the Fall Festival we will have a Drum Circle and I hope to be able to attend as I now have my own drum.

During the month of August we will spend time cleaning and getting ready for the Fall season. During WoW we will offer spiritual, short movies and a discussion group.

I have enjoyed my summer spending time with 70 youth each week and after 3 years of working with these kids I am still amazed at how they change and grow each year. I am certainly looking forward to next year!

I know I speak for all the groups coming to the Art Center - THANK YOU to Trinity Presbyterian Church for this great mission. No other church in Louisville offers a mission such as ours.

Please keep the Center in your prayers over the next few months as all of you will be in my prayers as I recover from my surgery and look forward to my return.

In Christ, Candy Wheat

POTTERY WHEEL CLASS

Tuesday Evenings, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., 6-week class

Starts August 3rd

Teacher: Kelly Meska

Please call the church office, 245-5515 to register

From the Evangelism Committee. . .

The D.O.G.S, WoW, OCC, TNT, Panera Bread Bible Study, Art Classes for Autistic Children, Children's Church, Fall Picnic, Montreat, Sew 'n Sews, Women's Sunday School Class, Choir . . . There is a lot going on at Trinity. The Evangelism Committee is looking for a few seasoned Trinity members who would like to team up with some new Trinity members as shepherds. These shepherds would introduce new members to the opportunities for worship, service (mission), fellowship and Christian growth at Trinity. If you are interested in being a part of this Shepherding program please contact Liz Barnum, Evangelism Committee chair, Mary Charnes, or Camile Willians-Neal. There will be a training meeting late in August. Please watch for that announcement in the weekly worship bulletin.

From the Director of CE and Youth. . .

Rally Day 2010

On September 12th we will kick off a new year with Rally Day. We will have information available for Sunday School groups, Bible Studies, Children's groups, youth activities and a few new programs that we will be adding this year. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and information about each group followed by a worship service at 11:00. The youth and children will also have a special presentation during worship. Please join us for a celebration of the upcoming year.

Junior Church

Beginning this fall, we are starting a program called Junior Church. It is designed for children ages K-5. We have had such great success with Children's Church (preschool) that it was decided to add another program for the elementary age group. It will take place during the worship service and will provide these children with the opportunity to learn God's word on their own level. If you have the desire to be involved in the planning or help teach please contact anyone on the Christian Education Committee.

MARRIAGE RETREAT

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 22nd – Saturday the 23rd! Another **Marriage Retreat** is in the making! All are invited to join us. We will be staying at the beautiful Wooded Glen Retreat Center located in Henryville, IN. Only 15 rooms are on reserve and we are starting to take deposits (\$50.00) now. If you joined us last year, please join us again. We have all new material. If you missed the opportunity last year, please join us this time. You will not be disappointed! It is a great two days of good food, getting to know each other on a more personal level and learning ways to live in a relationship with your spouse the way God intends for it to be. If you have any questions feel free to see me or Amy Kratt.

Help needed to weed flower beds. .

Attention all men and women of the church:

We are asking for your help in spading the flower beds along the east wall of the Fellowship Hall that faces the sanctuary in order to prepare these beds for mulching. We do not think it is practical to mulch the beds now, since the weeds and unwanted grass will simply grow up through the mulch over time.

About one half of this bed remains to be spaded, along with removing the weeds/roots. The ground has dried out in this area, making this a sweaty, difficult job. You will need a four-tined spade, a strong back and a strong disposition! The church has a four-tined spade in the church garage (you will need a key to get into the garage). The work can be done at any time that fits your schedule . . . 8:00 a.m., Noon, mid-afternoon or midnight, if you prefer. At this time of year, the best time to work on this project is between 7:00 and 9:30 a.m.

Any help that you can provide will be appreciated. Contact Bill Husband for coordination of volunteers. kybillhusb@gmail.com or 749-1682.

Trinity Presbyterian Women. . .

After a short summer, Tuesday Morning Circle is getting ready to begin the new school year with a new Bible Study. For the past couple of years the TPW Board has questioned whether we have wanted to use the Horizons Magazine Bible Study, or pursue an alternative source. And after prayerful consideration, our fears and concerns have turned into anticipation and excitement. So it was with the Joshua study, and is this year with the study ***Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today*** by Barbara R. Rossing.

That's correct. We will be studying the book of *Revelation*.

An enormous prophecy industry (the *Left Behind* novels...) has marketed *Revelation* as a timetable toward the end of the world. Some even claim that the earth itself has to be destroyed before Jesus can return. But this is not how we should read this amazing portion of scripture. *Revelation* certainly is one of the most difficult books of the Bible, full of mysterious symbolism...It...can be intimidating, so it is important for readers to know that the message of *Revelation* is, most of all, one of hope...It is a wonderfully Christ-centered book, full of worship and praise.

Barbara R. Rossing

There is a lot to learn, and a lot to share as we study John of Patmos's curious book. For those that can, Circle meets the second Tuesday of each month, beginning September 14th, at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor. Bring a brown-bag lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided. If you are interested in participating in the study of *Revelation* but cannot meet during the day, please let me know. Should there be enough response, we can establish an evening group.

Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today study books can be obtained in one of two ways. Those with the Horizons Magazine subscription received the Bible Study in the mail. For others, the books will be made available at Trinity on Sunday mornings. Please have the Introduction and Lesson One, "An Apocalypse, an Author, and a Witness" read before the September meeting.

My prayer is that together we will be richly blessed by our Bible study and through our fellowship and service.

God bless,

Virginia Kozak, Moderator

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Tuesday Morning Circle: September 14th, 10:30 in the parlor, brown bag lunch. Introduction and Lesson 1 of *Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today*. Hostess Group: To be announced.

Quote of the Month:

Give me five minutes with a person's checkbook, and I will tell you where their heart is.

[Billy Graham](#)

Coming this Fall on Wednesdays. . .

All are invited to join together in the sanctuary on the dates below at 6:45 p.m. for a class on the Beatitudes to be led by Shawn.

- 9/15: 1. God loves those who are poor in spirit.
God's gift to them: They will receive the kingdom of heaven.
- 9/22: 2. God loves those who mourn.
God's gift to them: They will be comforted.
- 9/29: 3. God loves those who are meek.
God's gift to them: They will inherit the earth.
- 10/13: 4. God loves those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
God's gift to them: They will be satisfied.
- 10/20: 5. God loves those who are merciful.
God's gift to them: They will be shown mercy.
- 10/27: 6. God loves the pure in heart.
God's gift to them: They will see God.
- 11/10: 7. God loves those who are peacemakers.
God's gift to them: They will be called sons/daughters of God.
- 11/17: 8. God loves those who are persecuted for righteousness.
God's gift to them: Theirs is the kingdom of God.

August Birthdays. . .

8-1	Kyle Anderson	8-12	RoseMary Hambleton	8-20	Mary Charnes
	Doris Denby	8-13	Jonathan Bodine	8-21	Jenny Graham
	Kyle Mullin		Anna Marie Redcorn	8-23	Mary Ann Genet
8-2	Jacob Koukola		Shelley Shumate	8-26	Brian Goodknight
	Keira Brooke Smith	8-14	Jane Jenkins	8-28	Aiden Graham Herwig
8-6	Chris Schuler	8-16	Robin Williams-Neal	8-29	Mary Corum
8-9	Marty Johnson	8-17	Richard Paulmann		Amber Walker
	Grace McDaniel	8-18	Jacqueline Ludwick		

August Anniversaries. . .

8-3	Dan & Darlene Lamaster	8-18	James & Collette Sangster
8-12	Larry & Carol Hartmann	8-20	Vic & Doris Peo
8-15	Clarke & Marty Johnson III	8-28	Ed & Ann Anderson
8-17	Max & Sheryl Oyler	8-31	Skip & Betty Wilborn

New Photo Directory . . .

IT'S TIME FOR AN UPDATED PORTRAIT!

Lifetouch Photography will be at Trinity on August 17th through the 21st to take members photographs, each family will receive a free 8x10 photograph and members will also receive a free Membership Directory. Sign-ups will be offered online the first of August and everyone is encouraged to sign-up to make our directory complete with all its members.

For those who bring a canned food item they can receive \$5.00 off any purchase made and we will give the food to EACM.

Photos from elsewhere can be used but require a signed release form. There can be makeup photos done for those out of town.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Two volunteers are needed for each photo session. If you can work a shift or a portion of the shift it would be greatly appreciated. Sign-ups and additional information will be available online. The dates are August 17, 18, 19 and 20th from 2:30 - 8:30 p.m., and on Saturday, August 21st from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Also, key roles needed are Program Director, Volunteer Coordinator, Publicity Coordinator and Computer/Layout Coordinator.

EACM Annual Golf Benefit . . .

Eastern Area Community Ministries' Annual Golf Benefit

Monday, September 20, 2010, Polo Fields Golf & Country Club, 17001 Polo Fields Lane

Registration: 8:00 a.m. Tee Time: 9:00 a.m. Lunch: 1:00 p.m. Awards to follow

Golf Scramble Fees: \$100 per person/\$400 per team

****New this Year****

EACM member church teams - \$300 per team if registered by August 20!

Includes green fees, cart, lunch and awards presentation

Please call Jim McDaniel at 640-9358 if you'd like to participate in Trinity's team.

Operation Christmas Child Kickoff . . .



Come kickoff the OCC (Operation Christmas Child) 2010 Season! OCC spokesperson, Mary Damron is speaking in your area! We invite you and your community to join us as we celebrate and prepare for 2010 season on Friday, August 20, 7:00 p.m., Northeast Christian Church, 9900 Old Brownsboro Road. Hear more about what the Lord is doing as we spread the gospel message through the simple gift of a shoebox! Please RSVP: occkentucky@gmail.com

Newsletter Deadline. . .

The deadline for the September 2010 *Trinity Times* is August 18. Please email articles to trinitypc@earthlink.net or leave them in the secretary's mailbox.

Collection Counters. . .

August 1: Lois Bringhurst and Betty Muse
August 8: Virginia Kozak and Betty Wilborn
August 15: Mary Corum and Marilyn Davis
August 22: Bill and Janet Husband
August 29: Larry and Carol Hartmann

Sunday Nursery Volunteers

Jennifer Hacker
Larry Ogle
Kathy MacDonald
Amy Jo Barkley
Elizabeth McDaniel

Support Services. . .

On July 19, Session approved the recommendation of the Support Services Committee to replace the heating and air conditioning units for the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, as well as the classroom and preschool areas of the church. Both areas currently have quite old, outdated, and very energy inefficient equipment. Our partners at Automatic Air have recommended new heating and air conditioning units that are vastly more energy efficient and ultimately will save Trinity as much as 40% to 50% in monthly energy costs. While this is a major financial undertaking and the decision to enter into this project was not taken lightly, the Support Services Committee as well as the Session believe the utility cost savings and repair savings will compensate for some of the overall expense of the installation. We will be a "greener" church, doing our part to help take care of God's creation.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Trinity's Vision Statement

"We are a welcoming church family, developing disciples who joyfully minister to others in the name of Christ."