

TRINITY TIMES

August 2011

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PASTOR'S PEN/BLOG

On July 31st, we'll conclude our 3-week sermon series on the "Great Commission" which is a term used for Jesus' parting words to His disciples, found in Matthew 28.

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

We have discussed the importance of these words as they represent Christ's final instructions to those who had dedicated their lives to Him. Consider the fact that of all the things Jesus could've left His disciples with, this was what He chose to emphasize. In short He gave those eleven people power ("All power" . . .), presence ("I am with you always: . . .) and purpose ("Go and make disciples" . . .). This is God's call on our lives as well, to carry His power and presence as we engage in His purpose.

Some food for thought today comes from analyzing two sets of statistics: 1. 75-80% of all practicing Christians were called to the faith before graduating from high school. 2. There are nearly 85 million non-churched adults in the United States. I'm interested in how we reach out to these adults and offer them God's grace in Christ. Based on the numbers we can conclude that congregations such as ours are effective in communicating the faith to children and youth, but aren't as strong when it comes to doing so with non-churched adults.

Based on some of the reading I've done, and observations I've made, here are a few ideas for how you and I can reach out to adults with the Gospel of God's grace:

- It's a personal connection that opens the door to deeper conversations. We have influence where we have demonstrated concern and commitment. A strong relationship gives us credibility.
- Try to be Christ-like. Be the type of person others respect and trust. Agree with others when possible and be known for going the extra mile to help others.
- Don't be afraid. If someone opens the door to a conversation about spiritual, or even just personal matters, view this as a gift from God.

Pastor's Pen/Blog continues. . .

I believe that God gives us moments and opportunities to invite the folks around us to be open to hearing about His love and redemption.

- Follow up. This shows that we are sincerely interested. Perhaps this will be in the form of a phone call, text, email, note or simple visit; it will communicate the love of God in a small way that could be a great benefit.

Grace to you,
Shawn

Session Highlights. . .

Highlights from the July 2011 Meeting

- A comprehensive informative report from the Trinity Preschool Action Learning Team was presented and discussed.
- The Personnel Committee presented for review and approval, a job description for a *Minister of Outreach through Alternative Worship*. This position will be offered to Mike Porter and if accepted, will be effective September 1, 2011.
- The south driveway and its immediate parking facilities are scheduled to be repaved during the month of August (weather permitting).
- Everyone's help is requested . . . when leaving the church, please turn off all lights and make sure the outside doors you used to enter and leave are securely locked.

Treasurer's Corner. . .

**STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY
For the Month ending June 30, 2011**

JUNE						
	Jun-11		Jun-10	YTD June 2011		YTD June 2010
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual
Pledges			\$15,072			\$113,917
Plate offering	\$288	\$203	\$187	\$2,183	\$3,690	\$3,405
Donors	\$18,993	\$19,270	\$3,160	\$144,211	\$153,002	\$30,812
	\$19,281	\$19,472	\$18,419	\$146,394	\$156,693	\$148,134

Men's Study Group - New Location . . .

In August the Men's Study Group will meet at Heitzman's Bakery on Shelbyville Road. The group had been meeting at Panera, but decided that the noise was too great at that location. We will continue to meet at 7:30 a.m., on the first and third Wednesday of each month. The lessons for August are Luke 7:1-17 on August 3, and Luke 7:18-50 on August 17. All Trinity men are invited for this time of study, prayers and fellowship!

Weekly Worship Attendance . . .



		One year ago
May 29:	171	139
June 4:	161	147
June 11:	154	177
June 19:	106	120
June 26:	128	150
July 7:	127	131
July 10:	167	120
July 17:	143	136
July 24:	143	145

August Birthdays . . .

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

August Anniversaries . . .

8-3	Dan & Darlene Lamaster	8-17	James & Jane Kurfees
8-7	Daniel & Betty McAninch		Max & Sheryl Oyler
8-12	Larry & Carol Hartmann	8-18	James & Collette Sangster
8-15	Clarke & Marty Johnson III	8-20	Vic & Doris Peo
		8-31	Skip & Betty Wilborn

Mission Committee . . .



Giving Your Shoes the Boot for a Cause!

Once again we are teaming up with our Preschool for their
Back-To-School Service Project
Turning Used and Unwanted Shoes into Fresh Water.

So clean-out your closets of all your old shoes,
Drop them off in the Big Blue tub in the narthex at Trinity
Sept 4th -21st.

Once collected, the useable shoes get a second life through sale to exporters. Those shoes you think are ready for the **Trash-Heap** are torn apart and the recyclable parts are sold. Money from the sale of the shoes purchase well drilling rigs, water purification systems, and other supplies to bring clean, fresh water to those in need.

YOU CAN DONATE ALL TYPES OF SHOES

(flip-flops, sandals, athletic, dress)

If the shoes have shoelaces please tie them together,
Shoes without shoelaces secure together with a rubber band

The Trinity Center for Faith & Art . . .

Peace and Grace to all,

The Center held 44 2-hour classes in June and July. We have been asked to add more classes next year. This has been the 5th year for most of our campers and it is so great to see these wonderful youth growing up. I want to thank every one who took the time to volunteer to help with these classes.

We are still working on acquiring grants to help support our large demand for programs throughout the year for youth with autism and their families.

Our new kiln will arrive in August. Thanks to everyone who made this possible and thanks to everyone for their continued support.

In Christ,
Candy Wheat

From the Director of CE and Youth . . .

Summer is winding down and fall is quickly approaching. Summer brought many great gatherings for the congregation including Two Nights Together, the Women's Retreat, and Montreat for the Youth. As we look forward, we again see many opportunities to gather as a church family. We are making preparations for WoW, Sunday School classes and Youth activities just to name a few.

Rally Day is September 11th. This is an opportunity for the CE Committee to roll out what will take place for the upcoming year. While it is important to be here on Sunday mornings for worship service, we would like for you to be engaged in other avenues of learning as well. On Rally Day you will hear about all of our programs and classes. However, if you have questions about any of our educational opportunities please feel free to contact a member of the CE Committee anytime.

In Christ,

Linda Kennedy

Welcome New Members . . .



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Trinity Presbyterian Women. . .

During the 2011-2012 school year, TPW's Tuesday Morning Circle will depart from tradition regarding the Bible study portion of our meeting. A small group of our women gathered during the spring to prayerfully consider objectives and alternatives regarding the study.

The Horizon Magazine study that begins in September and is used by many Presbyterian Women groups across the country is on the topic of the Beatitudes from Jesus' "sermon on the mount." As many are aware, the Wednesday night WoW study during this past year was an intensive look at the Beatitudes. Thus, with the recency of that study, it was deemed a good opportunity to consider a different avenue for this portion of our time in Circle. The small group reviewed numerous Bible studies on the market that would suit our Circle. The result is an inspired one, and unique for us... We will be developing our own study of Genesis!

Topics will include creation, sin, covenants, characters such as Noah, Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, the women in Genesis, the tribes of Israel – how the events that began in Genesis are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Each participant in the Circle study will receive a notebook into which each lesson's handouts are to be kept, making a nice collection of materials for one's ongoing study of Genesis.

How poetic, to move from this past year's study of Revelation, the last book of our Bible to the first book of Genesis! In Revelation we encountered threads of Christian theology that were derived straight from Genesis, such as the vision of the tree of life and God living with us in the beautifully renewed creation.

Please join us on the second Tuesday of each month to share in fellowship, mission and study, as this year we revisit some of our faith's most cherished stories.

God bless,
Virginia Kozak, Moderator

Tuesday Morning Circle: September 13th, 10:30 in the parlor, brown bag lunch. Genesis, Lesson One. Please read Genesis Chapters 1 through 5. Facilitator: Amy Kratt. Look for Hostess Group information in the Sunday Bulletin.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them...
Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22: 5, 20

Kitchen Klean-Up



Our lovely new kitchen will be receiving some TLC over the summer to have all equipment, utensils, glassware and paper goods ready for the WoW kickoff in September. In light of that, I'm requesting that all items in the refrigerator/freezer be marked with a note indicating who it belongs to. **Anything left unmarked will be discarded.** The timeframe to empty the contents is by **August 14, 2011.**

Regarding the on-going use of the kitchen, I need to point out that if you use a cup, glass, plate, etc. that is NOT paper, **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WASHING IT, DRYING IT AND PUTTING IT AWAY.** *Do not leave dirty dishes in/on the sink area.* We have had a problem with ants in the kitchen when food and dishes have not been properly discarded or washed. Dishwashing liquid is located under the sink, and paper towels are on the counter to use for washing and drying. If you are not able to wash your cup/plate, there is a limited supply of paper products in the pantry.



Overall, everyone and every group using the kitchen has done a remarkable job of cleaning up after the event. Individually, we need to be more diligent when enjoying hot chocolate, coffee and snacks on Sunday. Please honor the upkeep of the kitchen facility we are proud to have now at Trinity. Thank you!

Any ideas, comments or suggestions are always welcomed, 408-8863.

Blessings,
Carol Hartmann
Kitchen Coordinator



Collection Counters . . .



**OFFERING
COUNTERS**

August 7: Bill & Janet Husband
August 14: Larry & Carol Hartmann
August 21: Tom & Cathy Dawson
August 28: Lois Bringhurst and Betty Muse

Nursery Volunteers . . .



Nursery Attendants

August 7: Kathy MacDonald
August 14: Kay Nolan
August 21: Steve & Amy Kratt
August 28: Mary Charnes and Kim Gilley

Newsletter Deadline. . .

The deadline for the September 2011 *Trinity Times* is August 18. Please email articles to trinitypc@earthlink.net or leave them in the secretary's mailbox.

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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."