

TRINITY TIMES

September 2010

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PASTOR'S PEN/BLOG

We talked in worship a few weeks ago about a couple of the books that were given good reviews in the local newspaper. The reviews, appearing in the Religion column of the Metro Section, examined books that were harshly critical of Christianity in America. Both authors had clearly experienced a great deal of negativity, self-righteousness and hypocrisy during their many years of church involvement. In fact one writer proclaimed, "In the name of Christ I am quitting Christianity." Hers was sad commentary on a vibrant faith that had been eroded by years of pain and neglect.

Truth is many of us have witnessed the Christian Church engage in political battles, both conservative and liberal, and have been turned off by the internal politics that sometimes are present in congregations. All this is very sad, but not very surprising . . . after all we are inspired by God, yet still 100% human.

However, in my mind the flaws found in Christian churches aren't reason to give up on the body of Christ . . . to do so would be akin to giving up food after one bad meal, or no longer valuing education because of one lousy teacher. Christians aren't called by God to quit when the going get touch, or pout when things don't go our way. Rather we are called to forgive one another; to seek reconciliation and pray for God to redeem what is broken in each of us.

All this has me thinking about the reason for our existence as a congregation. Consider these questions: why are we here, and what are we trying to do? The Acts 16:5 Team along with the Session are finalizing Trinity's response to these questions. In the months ahead you will see our vision statement expanded to include "The Marks of a Disciple." These marks or characteristics capture the essence of what we're striving for as Christians called to be a part of Trinity. Here's the work in progress:

The Marks of a Disciple

1. Desiring to serve our Lord by serving others, I share His Good News with others in creative, innovative ministries while maintaining faithful stewardship of my God-given resources.
2. Longing for guidance in my daily life and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, I commit to regular study of God's transforming Word.
3. Embracing what God has given me and accepting that I am to offer my body as a living sacrifice to God, I cultivate my own physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

Pastor's Pen continued. . .

4. Understanding that I am connected to the Body of Christ, I love and care for others in my personal relationships and enjoy Christian fellowship.
5. Desiring to live out God's purpose with loving loyalty to Him. I seek to understand the unique gifts God has given me to fulfill His calling in all aspects of my life.
6. Seeking to be led by the Holy Spirit in all areas of life, I commit to daily prayer and communion with God.
7. Flowing from a deep devotion to Christ and desire to please and obey Him, I worship God regularly both in private and corporately.

To the person who is quitting Christianity I'd like to recommend striving for these "marks" in his or her life. What a wonderful and dynamic faith we are given by God!

Grace and Peace, Shawn

Treasurer's Corner. . .

**STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY
For the Month Ending July 30, 2010**

JULY						
	Jul-10		Jul-09	YTD July 2010		YTD July 2009
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual
Pledges	\$15,144	\$12,300	\$14,465	\$129,060	\$131,350	\$138,535
Plate offering	\$262	\$175	\$181	\$3,667	\$2,425	\$2,501
Donors	\$5,245	\$2,551	\$2,487	\$36,057	\$20,184	\$19,675
	\$20,651	\$15,026	\$17,133	\$168,785	\$153,959	\$160,710

Worship Attendance. . .



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

One Year Ago

July 25	131	101
August 1	144	138
August 8	147	128
August 15	158	152

Newsletter Deadline. . .

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

Fall 2010

WoW Dinners

Worship on Wednesdays

Your TPC Fellowship Committee cordially invites you to eight WOW dinners this fall. The meals will start at 5:45 p.m., with Shawn's classes on "The Beatitudes" to follow at 6:45 p.m. Due to our budgetary challenges, we've decided these meals will be true potlucks. So please be thinking about your favorite meat, veggie, salad and dessert recipes. We have some themes planned for several of the nights and hope you'll join us for the food, fellowship and fun!

WoW dates are September 15, 22, & 29; October 13, 20, & 27; and November 10 and 17. We'll have a sign-up sheet each week on the Fellowship Committee bulletin board for a head count to determine needs for table set up and beverage preparation.

Interested in helping out? We'll also have a sign-up sheet for anyone available to help set up or clean up on any given week. At least one member of the Fellowship Committee will be helping on each "shift" to lead the way, but we could really use some assistance from anyone who attends on Wednesdays and would like to help out. Set-up is completed by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, and clean up usually starts at 6:15 p.m. If you have any questions about what the duties would include, please don't hesitate to ask any FC member. We would really appreciate your help. Thanks for all your cooperation, and we look forward to spending these great evenings together in fellowship!

Men's Sunday School Class. . .

A new Sunday School Class for men is organizing this fall. This discussion based group will study a "user-friendly" book to guide our conversations and lead us to a deeper understanding of God's Word and what it means to be a faithful Christian. If you are interested in participating, please join with Shawn on September 19th, in the room next to the youth room on the ground floor.

The 3rd Wednesday Group. . .

Morning Coffee, Community and Conversation

A new study group is forming this fall geared toward those who prefer meeting in the morning rather than evening. This monthly gathering is for both men and women who would enjoy a time of study and conversation in a casual environment. Shawn will lead the group, yet also encourage others to participate as discussion leaders as the year progresses. We plan to select a book of the Bible to study at our first gathering - September 22nd, at 10:00 a.m., in the Parlor.

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

Peace & Grace to All,

It has been a very busy month cleaning the Art Center after a summer of classes, pugging clay and planning programs for the fall.

During the upcoming WoW season the Center will sponsor a Spiritual Film Series. These films last anywhere from 8 - 25 minutes and will be followed by discussion.

At Trinity's Fall Festival in September, we will have a "Drum Circle" and in October we will be holding a Prayer Bead Class for the Women's Gathering. We will also be selling handmade crosses to benefit the Center.

I will be taking a 2 - 3 month leave of absence beginning on September 1st. I will have back surgery on September 3rd and Kelly Meska will be running our special-need classes. The Art Committee will be working on other upcoming new programs for the Center and I will be doing the same as I recover.

Please keep the Center in your prayers during my absence and I look forward to my return in November.

In Christ,
Candy

From the Director of CE and Youth. . .

I would like to invite all of you to attend **Rally Day** on September 12th. The CE Committee will begin the program at 9:45 a.m. with a light breakfast provided by the youth families. (A donation basket will be available as a benefit for next year's youth conferences.) You will have the opportunity to learn more about Sunday School classes, youth and children's programs, Bible studies and all other educational programs available. The CE Committee is committed to educating those who desire to be filled with the Word of God! We look forward to seeing you for the kick off to the new year!

In Christ,
Linda Kennedy

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.

Trinity Presbyterian Women. . .

It's September – a perfect time to begin Christmas cookie baking!

As we head into the busy holiday season, TPW would like to share ideas that we hope will make your cookie baking easier. Every year we ask each member of our congregation to bake cookies for our annual Christmas Sale – focusing on recipes that epitomize holiday favorites. Candies, cakes, pies and breads are also welcome.

Tip 1: Select Your Recipes, Check Your Pantry, Go Shopping! After choosing your Christmas cookie recipe, make and execute a shopping list to obtain correct and fresh ingredients. Consider placing these items in tightly covered containers in your pantry or fridge, labeled for their specific use with a copy of the recipe. This will help guarantee you'll have everything handy when you're ready to begin baking, and steer others away from nibbling on tasty ingredients.

Tip 2: Freezing Baked Cookies. Some kinds of cookies freeze well – to the point that no one can tell they weren't freshly baked. With the right recipe, you can complete baking by early November! Pack cookies carefully to keep them from breaking, then double-wrap tightly in plastic or foil before placing in freezer where they will keep a good four plus weeks. If you are uncertain whether your favorites will freeze well, test a batch. And try this: if you enjoy frosting sugar or gingerbread cookies, freeze the already baked shapes early, then thaw and frost them just in time for the sale.

Tip 3: Freezing Dough Logs. Dough "logs" are often the origin of many tasty treats. Roll dough into a log using a sheet of parchment paper. A ruler can help get the sides smooth and the dough compact. Consider placing into a paper towel tube for further protection.

Remember to double-wrap dough in order to avoid absorbing unwanted odors or flavors.

Uncooked dough can be frozen for anywhere between a few weeks to three months.

Tip 4: Freezing Shaped Cookie Dough. If your recipe uses cookie cutters, here is another tip to try. Roll out and cut dough into desired shapes. Arrange the shapes onto a cookie sheet in a single layer. (Multiple layers can be separated by waxed or parchment paper, if care is taken to keep all layers flat.) Place the sheet in the freezer. Once dough is frozen, place the shapes into a plastic bag within a plastic container to consolidate space; return them to the freezer. When you're ready, simply thaw and bake the dough as usual.

Tip 5: Freezing Dough Drops. Similarly, one can place cookie dough "drops" in a single layer on a cookie sheet that are then frozen. Again, once frozen, transfer the drops into double-wrapped resealable bags to keep frozen for future baking.

TPW so appreciates your involvement in this favorite church event. Our neighbors and friends look forward to it each Christmas. The funds raised are used to positively impact the lives of women, children and families. Together, we truly become the hands and feet of Christ.

God bless, Virginia Kozak, Moderator

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 1.

Quote of the Month

Faith in God's revelation has nothing to do with an ideology which glorifies the status quo.

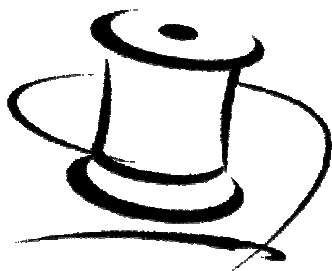
Karl Barth

Preaching & WoW Schedule. . .

This fall Shawn is preaching and teaching on the Beatitudes, found in Matthew 5:1-11. The Sunday sermons will coincide with the 6:45 p.m. WoW Class each week. The following is his tentative schedule:

- 9/12: Preaching: Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .
9/15 WoW: Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .
- 9/19: Preaching: Blessed are those who mourn . . .
9/22 WoW: Blessed are those who mourn . . .
- 9/26: Off
9/29 WoW: Blessed are the meek . . .
- 10/3: Preaching: Blessed are the meek . . .
10/6: Committee Night - No WoW
- 10/10: Preaching: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst . . .
10/13 WoW: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst . . .
- 10/17: Preaching: Blessed are the merciful . . .
10/20 WoW: Blessed are the merciful . . .
- 10/24: Preaching: Blessed are the pure in heart . . .
10/27 WoW: Blessed are the pure in heart . . .
- 10/31: Off
11/3 WoW: Committee Night - No WoW
- 11/7: Preaching: Blessed are the peacemakers . . .
11/10 WoW: Blessed are the peacemakers . . .
- 11/14: Preaching: Blessed are the persecuted for righteousness . . .
11/17 WoW: Blessed are the persecuted for righteousness . . .

Sew'n Sews. . .



During these hot, lazy days of summer it is a good time to begin thinking about a handmade project for this year's Christmas sale. Sew'n Sews is geared up and we welcome any suggestions, projects or donations and especially any new participants. If you are a sewer or a crafter plan to join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., or work on your own. We would love it, if everyone contributed to this year's sale. We will also have items for sale at the Fall Festival on September 19th.



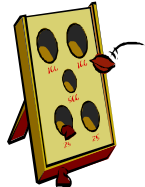
TPC Fall Festival

Sunday, September 19, 2010

4 PM – 7 PM



Join in the Fun!



We hope you, your family and friends will plan to join us for our annual Fall Festival. We will assemble under the trees "on the green" from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., on Sunday, September 19th. Complimentary snacks will include popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones. Grilled hot dogs and hamburgers will be available for dinner. The hot dog plate (hot dog, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, cookie and drink) is \$3.00. Our hamburger plate with the same sides available will cost \$4.00. Hot dogs alone will be \$1.00, and hamburgers alone will be \$2.00.

Amusements this year will include a corn hold tournament, a drum circle, a musical performance by "Afterthoughts," a clown, face painting, many games and an inflatable for kids. Sew'n Sews will have a craft table of gift items with all proceeds going to TPW. All of the committees of our church are participating this special event. Remember to bring your lawn chairs and your appetite. Hope to see you there.

Welcome to our newest members. . .



Daniel & Betty McAninch (254-0000)
139 Hillside Way
Louisville, KY 40243

Men's Study Group. . .

All Trinity men are invited to join this study group which meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at Panera Bread on Hurstbourne Lane. We are studying the New Testament book of James at 7:30 a.m. on those mornings while enjoying good coffee and company. Please feel free to call Shawn if you have any questions (245-5515).

Thanks. . .

Our most sincere appreciation to all of our church family that offered condolences for Dottie's loss of her sister and encouragement for my recovery from knee replacement surgery.

Gary & Dottie Watson

August Birthdays. . .

9-1 Brandon Hacker	9-18 Tim Barnum	9-24 Stephen Bodine
Avery Koukola	9-19 Samuel Misleh	9-25 Jac Mathew
9-3 Diana S. Alderette	9-20 Aileen Lucas	9-27 Benjamin Bird
9-5 Tom Dawson	9-22 William Russell Bird	Chris Niemann
9-6 Andy Alderette	Kathleen Drummond	Steve Nolan
9-10 Nick Schuler	Linda Strohmeier	9-30 Stewart Alderette
9-15 Becky Douglas	9-23 Grant Gilley	

August Anniversaries. . .

9-2 Tony & Sandy Koukola	9-24 Frank & Gean Whatton
9-3 Tim & Liz Barnum	9-25 Scott & Leslie Koukola
9-6 Neil & Kitty Houser	9-30 Adam & Amy Elder
9-14 David & Kathy Schuler	

Collection Counters

September 5: Denny & Cindy Mitchell
 September 12: Lois Bringhurst & Betty Muse
 September 19: Tom & Cathy Dawson
 September 26: Virginia Kozak & Betty Wilborn

Sunday Nursery Volunteers

Jay Charnes
 Brenda Miller
 Mary Charnes & Kim Gilley
 Bonnie Mullin

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