

TRINITY TIMES

September 2011

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PASTOR'S PEN/BLOG

Recently I had the opportunity to meet with a young person to discuss important subjects pertaining to our Christian faith. As we talked about Christian doctrine and biblical theology, he offered up an interesting question: "So what's the point?" Behind this question was an interest in understanding why we have faith in Christ and what influence this faith has on how we live. How would you have responded to this question; "So . . . what is the point?"

My short answer was that we are called to faith by God at His invitation and direction. As we grow in our relationship with God by following Christ, we become more like Christ and our lives take on a new and wonderful character. As this growth continues we are equipped by God to live joyful, peaceful and purposeful lives . . . unlike the lives we would be living apart from Him. Finally we discussed the biblical truth that God ultimately wants us to be His children who glorify and enjoy Him forever. It's all about living life according to God's design and not of our own design.

Beginning in September Trinity will have an in-depth sermon series entitled, "The Life." Following The Marks of a Disciple outline that was provided by our Acts 16:5 Team, we will spend 21 weeks talking about the life of faith to which we are called by God. These marks of a disciple will help us develop a lifestyle that glorifies God and enhances our Christian character.

Here is the basic outline we will follow leading up to Thanksgiving and Advent:

1. Prayer: September 18th, 25th and October 2nd.
2. Bible Study: October 9th, 16th and 23rd.
3. Servanthood and Stewardship: October 30th, November 6th and 13th.

As we couple these worship services with our Wednesday programming, my prayer is that we'll grow together in "The Life" God has for us.

Grace to you,
Shawn



Session Highlights. . .

Highlights from the August 2011 Meeting

- The session was visited by two members of the Committee of Ministry from the Presbytery. There was heartfelt conversation promoting the mission and ministry of Trinity.
- A motion was made and approved to form a Finance Committee that will contain the following sub-committees with the stewardship elder as chair: Stewardship, Insurance, Financial Secretary, Investment Portfolio Review, Treasurer, and Financial Review.
- A new Sunday School class that will target younger to middle-aged adults was approved. It will be facilitated by Steve and Amy Kratt using the book What's So Amazing about Grace, by Philip Yancy.

Treasurer's Corner. . .

STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY For the Month ending July 31, 2011

JULY						
	Jul-11		Jul-10	YTD July 2011		YTD July 2010
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual
Pledges			\$15,144			\$129,060
Plate offering	\$297	\$284	\$262	\$2,480	\$3,974	\$3,667
Donors	\$20,390	\$21,549	\$5,245	\$164,601	\$174,551	\$36,057
	\$20,687	\$21,833	\$20,651	\$167,081	\$178,525	\$168,785

Weekly Worship Attendance . . .



		One year ago
July 24:	143	131
July 31:	160	144
August 7:	167	147
August 14:	144	158
August 21:	189	

Men's Study Group . . .

- All Trinity men are invited.
- 7:30 a.m., Heitzman's Bakery on Shelbyville Road.
- 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month (September 7 and September 21).
- September's chapter of Luke 8.

Anniversary of 9/11. . .

Trinity will observe the 10th anniversary of 9/11 on that date this month. We are asking for a short paragraph of reflection on your memories of the events of that day. You may wish to include where you were and how you felt. These will be published in the bulletin on 9-11-11; names are optional. Please email, mail or place your entry in the box on the secretary's door.

September Birthdays. . .

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

September Anniversaries. . .

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

From the Minister of Outreach. . .

I am very excited about opportunity to join the staff at Trinity as the Minister of Outreach. I have always had a desire to help churches find new ways to reach out to their communities and I look forward to helping Trinity develop the contemporary service that will reach out to the community while continuing its mission of being a welcoming church family, developing disciples who joyfully minister to others in the name of Christ.

I am married to Melissa and we have a son named Gabriel. Melissa and I are both originally from WV and we met while attending Marshall University. In 2003 we moved to Richmond VA where I attended and graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary. In 2006 we moved to Louisville so that Melissa could begin working at Kosair Children's Hospital. In 2009 I was certified as a church consultant. I have also spent my time in Louisville developing a college fellowship for Young Life and being a Pastoral Assistant at Trinity. Now I am looking to my new relationship with the church.

Mike Porter

Wednesday Evening Program Fall 2011. . .

- * 5:30: Prayer in the sanctuary
 - * 5:45: Dinner in the Fellowship Hall (excluding Committee Night)
 - * 6:45: Program in the Parlor (Shawn is leading a Bible study on stewardship)
- September 7: Committee Night
- September 21: Week 1: "It All Belongs to God"
- September 28: Week 2: "God, the Ultimate Giver"
- October 5: Committee Night
- October 12: Week 3: "The Stewardship of Our Time"
- October 19: Week 4: "The Stewardship of Our Body"
- October 26: Week 5: "The Stewardship of Our Gifts and Possessions"
- November 2: Committee Night
- November 9: Week 6: "Trusting God with Our Finances"
- November 16: Operation Christmas Child
- November 23: No WoW - Thanksgiving
- November 30: Week 7: "Our Accountability to God"
- December 7: Committee Night

Fall Festival . . .

Mark your calendars now for Trinity's Annual Fall Festival, September 18, 4 - 7 p.m. You'll have time after church to go home, change clothes and return with a lawn chair. From the comfort of your chair you will be able to enjoy all the fun. Of course, you certainly don't need to stay in the chair, though. Everyone is welcome to participate in the fun -- bouncing in a huge balloon, grabbing plastic ducks from a wading pool or getting your face painted are just a few of the things to do. Or you could eat. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be available at bargain prices. Even better, cotton candy, snow cones and popcorn are free. Music and the fellowship are also free. We'll see you there.

The Fellowship Committee

From the Director of CE and Youth . . .

Rally Day

We are about to embark on the start of another a new year. We will introduce new materials for Sunday School, new classes and we even have a new look to some of the classrooms downstairs! It is an exciting time for kids (and parents!) as they to go back to school and see their friends. It is also exciting for us to regroup and get to know each other all over again after many have spent the summer traveling or simply buried in activities.

On Sunday, September 11, we will have **Rally Day**. It is the beginning of the new year for us at TPC. Please join us for breakfast and a program introducing you to all the opportunities where you can be involved for Biblical study. We will start at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall and conclude in time for the 11:00 service. There will be tables set up to visit and learn more about each opportunity. The CE Committee looks forward to seeing you there and answering any questions you may have.

The Trinity Center for Faith & Art . . .

Upcoming Fall Classes and Events

- Sept. 10 - Nov. 12:** Saturdays: 3 - 5 p.m.
Pottery Class
Teacher: Martha Bartlett
\$125 plus cost of clay
- Sept. 13 - Oct. 18:** Tuesdays: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Pottery Class
Teacher: Kelly Meska
\$100 plus cost of clay
- Sept 7 - Dec. 14:** Wednesdays: 10 - Noon
Open Pottery Studio
Wednesdays starting Sept. 7
\$20 a month plus cost of clay
- Sept. 30 - Oct. 11:** Tuesdays: 6 - 8 p.m.
Hand-Building Class
Teacher: Candy Wheat
\$75 plus cost of clay
- November 20:** Sunday: 1 - 3 p.m.
Christmas Ornaments
\$10 per person or \$25 per family

Upcoming classes - times and dates to be announced:

Fabric Clothesline Basket
Abstract Watercolor
Sew 'n Sews Sewing Project
Card Making Class

***** **September 9: Friday: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**
Autism Teen Group Open House *****



Our debut show in 2010 attracted over 500 people.

Come enjoy live music, great food, and shop at over 30 booths of great local artists.

Brownsboro Park Retirement Community
2960 Goose Creek Road

Please join us on Saturday, September 24, for "Art in the Park." The Trinity Center for Faith & Art will have a booth to help raise funds for the Center. (All proceeds will go directly back to the Faith & Art Center)

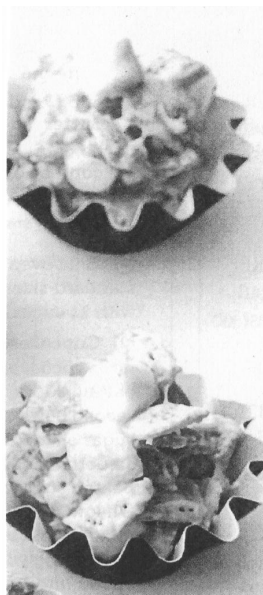
WHITE CHOCOLATE CEREAL CLUSTERS

MAKES 48 clusters PREP 15 minutes
COOK 3 minutes LET STAND 25 minutes

- 2½ cups Cinnamon Chex cereal
- 2½ cups Golden Grahams cereal
- 1 cup mini marshmallows
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 3 cups white chocolate morsels

- ① Line 3 large baking sheets with waxed paper. Pour cereals into a colander; sift out small pieces.
- ② In a large bowl, combine cereals, marshmallows and raisins.
- ③ Heat a medium saucepan of water to simmering. Place white chocolate morsels in a glass or metal bowl and place over simmering water. Heat, stirring, until melted, about 3 minutes. Cool slightly.
- ④ Pour white chocolate over mixture in bowl; stir until all dry pieces are coated. Working quickly, drop by heaping spoonfuls onto prepared sheets. Let stand at room temperature until dry to the touch, about 25 minutes.

PER CLUSTER 88 calories; 4 g fat (2 g sat.); 1 g protein; 13 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 42 mg sodium; 1 mg cholesterol



Recipe . . .

This is the recipe Sandy Koukola used this summer for the Lemonade Stand.
(From Family Circle Magazine)

Trinity Presbyterian Women. . .

Summer is ending, having given many of us opportunities for travel, family reunions, a change of pace. Such was true for me. And one thing that was made clear to me during my summer ramblings yet again, is how exceptional it is to be a member of God's family – past and present.

A long weekend in rural Texas to celebrate a 60th wedding anniversary allowed me to be with my father's family that I've always cherished yet rarely get to see. Though born into a long heritage of Methodists, our family moved to the Presbyterian Church before I was old enough to have learned what being a Methodist meant. Sharing about faith with my aunt and uncle and extended family came naturally. I had a chance to learn a bit about the differences between the two denominations. What was clear is that we each recognize Christ as our Redeemer, our Lord. Equally, the mutual love shared between God and us is an encouragement to be mindful of the needs of others, and God reveals Himself through Scripture.

Another privilege experienced was a stay in Rome with my husband and the two teenage grandsons. The boys being from a Catholic family, the visit to Rome was truly a pilgrimage, especially with such a good and mindful guide as Ted! The extent of history illustrated in Rome boggles one's mind. Touring ancient ruins of pagan temples and senates, plus churches that date from the earliest of Christian times to the days of the Protestant Reformers – the central nature of faith and love of God versus human sinfulness seemed constantly before us. Surely differences exist between this "protest-ant" and my good Catholic family members, yet again the core factors of our faith remain the same: Christ is our Redeemer and Lord, God is the epitome of love and encourages us to serve others, and God has revealed Himself through the Bible.

As I attended worship services in those ancient churches of Rome and the Methodist church in Texas, I thought not so much about the beautiful buildings in which I sat, but rather the myriad of generations of Believers that have worshiped our Lord long before now, that together we have shared our prayers of supplication, confession, thanks and adoration to the same God, Savior, Holy Spirit! Hallelujah!

Ladies, please join TPW for our monthly Circle gathering or monthly "Just for Fun" lunch. We'd love to see you there to share in the richness of Christian fellowship. See below for details.

God bless,
Virginia Kozak, Moderator

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

(For further reading: Hebrews 13:1-18)

Just for Fun 4th Tuesday Lunch: All women invited; no agenda, no meeting, simply a time to enjoy. September 27th, 11:15, **Jason's Deli at 410 N. Hurstbourne Parkway** (phone 412-4101), a block or two north of Talbot's and The Bristol.

Tuesday Morning Circle: September 13th, 10:30, in the parlor, brown bag lunch. "*Genesis, Where It All Begins*" - Lesson One. Please read Genesis Chapters 1 through 5. Facilitator: Brenda Miller. Look for Hostess Group information in the Sunday Bulletin.

Mission Committee . . .

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COUNTDOWN EVENT

Trinity will be hosting the OCC Countdown event for Jefferson County, Sunday, October 2, 5-6 pm. This will be an opportunity to hear more about this wonderful opportunity to help spread the word of Jesus Christ to children all over the world.

This is the first year that Trinity has been asked to be the host for this event and we are honored to have been asked. We will have guest speakers, the "GO" (gospel opportunity) boxes will be available (these are the red and green boxes supplied by Samaritan's Purse), information will be shared for you to learn how you can become more involved in this mission project.

Our guest speakers will be our very own Heather and Sabrina Oyler who will be giving their testimony to what they witnessed and how they helped spread the word of God during their trip this summer to Uganda with the SPY team.

Please join us on Oct. 2 at 5pm to learn how you can become more involved in Operation Christmas Child.



Also, the Mission Committee has made reservations at the OCC processing center in Charlotte NC for Nov. 26, 28, and 29th. If you would like to join us please speak to someone on the Mission Committee. We will be traveling down on the Friday after Thanksgiving and coming back on the 30th. You can come and help for one day or more.

Thanks . . .

Dear Congregational family,

We just wanted to thank everyone for your donations and unbelievable amount of support you gave us! We had an absolutely life changing time in Uganda! We saw things you couldn't imagine while we were gone! We saw children suffering from malnourishment and with only a single shirt on their back. We were greeted with the most amazing and meaningful love and appreciation you could ever imagine!

We participated in many shoe box distributions and service projects while we were there that truly changed us forever! The kids and people we worked with were sincerely grateful for the little we could do for them and that taught us how grateful we should be for what all we have.

Upon returning we've been asked to share our stories with many churches and communities. We will be the guest speakers at the Kick Off for OCC for the Jefferson county area at Trinity on Oct. 2 at 5:00 pm and we would love to see all of you there!

Love, Sabrina & Heather Oyler

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family^[a] in heaven and on earth derives its

Thanks continued . . .

name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Newsletter Deadline—September 18. . .

Please email articles to trinitypc@earthlink.net or leave them in the secretary's mailbox.

Collection Counters

September 4: Roger Harvell & Betty Wilborn
September 11: Mary Corum & Marilyn Davis
September 18: Bill & Janet Husband
September 25: Larry & Carol Hartmann

Nursery Volunteers

Kristen Bingner
Bonnie Mullin & Kristen Bingner
Ann Douglas & Kim Gilley
Susan Hornung & Anna Hayden

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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."