

# TRINITY TIMES

October 2011

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## PASTOR'S PEN/BLOG

Last evening at WoW, our Wednesday gathering, we enjoyed a terrific meal and then assembled for a time of study. It was so good to be back together again after taking the summer months off. The energy level in the fellowship hall was off the chart as nearly 60 of us gathered around the tables. Our class had to move from the parlor to the sanctuary in order to accommodate all those who wanted to participate.

You may have seen the WoW Class Schedule in the Trinity Times or the church bulletin. Thus you know that we are discussing "stewardship" as one of the fundamental aspects of the Christian life. When many of us hear "stewardship" we think of money, fund-raisers, pledge drives and other appeals for capital. I want to get away from these notions of stewardship and move toward the Biblical understanding that stewardship encompasses all of life; God doesn't simply address our financial resources as being from Him and for Him, everything we are and have is from and for God.

Here's the outline highlighting some of the first principles of stewardship we discussed last night:

- We are created by God and thus belong to Him. Furthermore we are created in God's image (Genesis 1:26). Therefore God has a claim on our lives . . . every aspect of life.
- God has redeemed us in Christ (1Peter 1:18,19). We understood that dating back to the first humans there has been rebellion against God and the relationship was broken (Genesis 3:1-7). So now we can say that not only did God create us, but when we were estranged from Him, God bought us back. Talk about having a claim on our lives!
- Christ, the One whom God sent to redeem us, is the Lord of our lives (Acts 10:36). Here we are reminded that not only do we belong to God, but He is in control. We observed last night how blessed we are in that, rather drifting through life as orphans, we belong to the God who reigns over everything.
- God asks that we offer our lives to Him (Romans 12:1,2). Part of enjoying the love, peace, joy and security of God involves our responding to Him. The appropriate response is the offering of our entire life to His glory and service.



***Pastors Pen/Blog continued . . .***

Friends as we think about stewardship this fall, I hope these thoughts will help you grasp the richness of the concept. To go deeper into the topic . . . Join the WoW Class this fall.

Grace to you,  
Shawn

***Session Highlights. . .***

**Highlights from the September 2011 Meeting**

The Support Services Committee reported that Trinity’s utilities usage has decreased significantly with the new equipment and programmable thermostats installed in January. For the period Jan-Aug, our 2011 electricity usage has decreased 20% compared to the same period in 2010. Our 2011 gas usage has decreased 59% compared to the same period in 2010. Even with significant rate increases, our total bill Jan-Aug 2011 is 26% less than it was during that same period in 2010. Good work!!

Trinity will be holding a Christmas youth dinner in honor of the college youth returning home for the holidays. The dinner will be held at Kyle & Bonnie Mullins’ home around 12/20. Look for more info as we get closer!

***Treasurer’s Corner. . .***

**STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY  
For the Month ending August 31, 2011**

AUGUST						
	Aug-11		Aug-10	YTD Aug-11		YTD Aug-10
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual
Pledges			\$12,165			\$141,225
Plate offering	\$286	\$484	\$447	\$2,766	\$4,458	\$4,114
Donors	\$23,179	\$20,305	\$7,047	\$187,780	\$194,856	\$43,103
	\$23,465	\$20,789	\$19,658	\$190,546	\$199,315	\$188,443

***Weekly Worship Attendance . . .***



August 21: 189  
 August 28: 155  
 September 4: 156  
 September 11: 150  
 September 18: 143

## **October Birthdays. . .**

10-1	Steve Kratt	10-17	Ida Vaughn
10-2	Emily Hacker	10-18	Carol Hartmann
10-7	Martha Warrick	10-20	Mike Hinson
10-11	Richard Hof	10-22	Neil Houser
	Sarah Johnson		Daniel McAninch
10-12	Mae Graf	10-24	Jean Paulmann
	Devon Keith Williams-Neal	10-25	Kathy Graham
10-13	Davis Barkley	10-28	Justin LaMaster
10-14	Michael Stevens		Dennis Miller
10-15	Bhakta Chetty		Larry Watts
	Marjorie Malzahn	10-30	Ahron Chavan
10-17	G.E. Davids		Emily Elizabeth Latham

## **October Anniversaries. . .**

10-1	Brandon & Kayla Hacker	10-25	Walter & Ruth French
10-9	Murray & Marge Torrance		Bob & Camille Williams-Neal
10-10	Herb Kallweit & Martha Warrick	10-26	Gary & Dottie Watson
10-15	Joshua & Elizabeth Latham	10-29	G.E. & Cheryl Davids
10-16	Jack & Jeri Blair	10-30	Jerry & Janet Pender
			Larry & Glenna Ogle

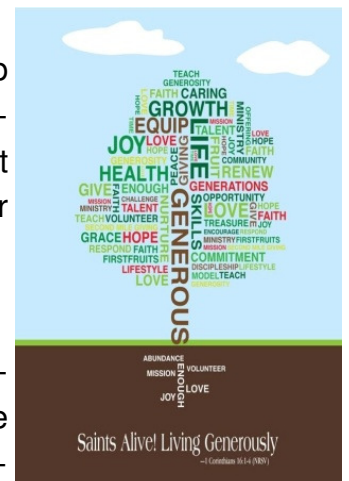
## **Stewardship Committee. . .**

Saints Alive! Living Generously

Your Stewardship Committee has been meeting and planning a stewardship journey as we explore together what it means to live generously. We have created a meaningful theme for this ministry. The “giving tree” logo on the right will appear in many familiar places around the church. During the weeks of our giving journey we will “grow” a tree together, filling its branches with leaves that identify saints alive, living generously.

On Consecration Sunday, November 13, 2011, we will celebrate God’s generosity toward us and honor God’s invitation to bless those who are eager for the good news of Jesus Christ. At that time, we will present our personal commitment cards as an act of worship.

Watch for more information as we begin this exciting time of growth and giving together!



**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)

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

**9/11 Reflection . . .**

**Thou, Lord, Their Captain in the Well-Fought Fight**

Thou Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight  
 They thought they knew the captain and the  
     first officer;  
 But in reality there was another Captain.  
 We saw the cloud of smoke,  
 But there was another cloud-  
 A cloud of witnesses-  
 A cloud of angels-  
 Coming for to carry Your saints "home,"  
 And the cloud? That was where You were.  
 You were in the cloud.  
 We could only see smoke,  
 But they saw You.

Some thought they were jumping to their death,  
 But in reality were they jumping into Your arms?  
 Those who fell thought they would meet pavement,  
 But instead, did they find You, Father?  
 I think so. You were there;  
 With millions, maybe trillions of angels.  
 So many that they could not be counted.  
 And You who had been their Captain all the days  
     of their lives' were still their Captain!  
 But instead of them wearing fighting clothes,  
 They found that their garments had been changed.  
 Changed to robes of Splendor and Praise!

Camille Williams-Neal

**Men's Study Group . . .**

During October the Men's Study Group will read the 9th chapter of Luke. The guys meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at Heitzman's Bakery on Shelbyville Road. All Trinity men are invited to attend.

## **The Trinity Center for Faith & Art . . .**

### **Upcoming Fall Classes and Events**

- Thru Nov. 12:** Saturdays: 3 - 5 p.m.  
Pottery Class  
Teacher: Martha Bartlett  
\$125 plus cost of clay
- Thru Oct. 18:** Tuesdays: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Pottery Class  
Teacher: Kelly Meska  
\$100 plus cost of clay
- Thru - Dec. 14:** Wednesdays: 10 - Noon  
Open Pottery Studio  
Wednesdays starting Sept. 7  
\$20 a month plus cost of clay
- Thru - 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:*

*Abstract Watercolor  
Sew 'n Sews Sewing Project  
Card Making Class*

### **Fabric Clothesline Basket Class**

Sunday, November 6, 1:30 p.m.

Sew 'n Sews Room

Cost: \$30

Includes ALL Supplies

Teacher: Linda Thomas

Please bring portable sewing machine  
Sign-up sheet on Art Center  
bulletin board in church hallway



Shawn likes to wear them as hats!

**The A.wful R.evolting T.errible Halloween Celebration**, October 7 - November 18, Weber Gallery, 1151 S. 4th St. Students from our pottery classes will have 6 art pieces on display. Please stop by and support Candy and our clients from Dreams with Wings and Cedar Lake residents.

## **From the Director of CE and Youth . . .**

### **New Sunday School Class**

In September a new Sunday School class emerged. It was designed for anyone who has not found their niche in a class so far. It is our hope that parents with any age children (infant to college) will find a place here and share stories of their experiences. It is hard getting the family here on Sunday mornings very early, but hopefully this class will encourage you to arrive in time to share this class which begins at 10:00 a.m. It is also our hope that it will encourage families to have their children in a Sunday School class of their own. A family unit will grow more strongly "living" in God's word and there is no better way to do that than being a part of a class or study. The temporary name of this class is *Middle Somethings* and it will receive its permanent name as the class decides what that should be. The first study of the class will be Philip Yancy's book, *What's So Amazing About Grace*. If you have any questions please contact Amy or Steve Kratt at 339-5636.

## ***Trinity Presbyterian Women. . .***

Autumn of each year is often busy. It's time for football, maybe finishing summer projects, early preparations for holidays, and for many retired folks, time to hit the road to visit friends, family, and enjoy the cooler weather.

For TPW, the fall season is extra busy as many of us are working on crafts that will be sold at our annual fund-raising Christmas Sale on December 3rd! Would you like to contribute a few craft items? Maybe you tote paint boxes, knit hats, crochet dollies, sew fluffy animals, make wood toys, or bead jewelry. If you'd like to know more about how you can help with the craft portion of the sale, please contact Glenna Ogle.

The Christmas Sale will also offer delectable cookies, candies and other confections. As we get closer to the date, you'll learn more about the kinds of baked contributions we'd appreciate. Kay Nolan is the contact for this portion of the sale.

Tuesday Morning Circle has begun its Bible study of Genesis. We would love to have you join with us for this enriching time.

Each woman at Trinity is part of TPW, whether you can participate actively or rarely. If there is a service we can help provide, don't hesitate to contact us through the church office. Check out our bulletin board in the hallway to see about some of our happenings.

God Bless,  
Virginia W. Kozak, Moderator

**Tuesday Morning Circle:** October 11th, 10:30 a.m., Parlor. Bring a brown bag lunch; dessert and beverages provided. Bible study: Genesis, chapter 6-11, Noah. Facilitator: Brenda Miller. Hostess Group 2.

**4th Thursday "Just for Fun" Ladies' Lunch:** October 25th, 11:15 a.m., Jason's Deli, 410 N. Hurstbourne, phone 412-4101 (near Shelby Campus). No agenda!

## ***Collection Counters. . .***



**OFFERING  
COUNTERS**

October 2: Tom & Cathy Dawson  
October 9: Lois Bringhurst and Betty Muse  
October 16: Roger Harvell and Betty Wilborn  
October 23: Mary Corum and Marilyn Davis  
October 30: Bill & Janet Husband

**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.



**Trinity Preschool . . .**

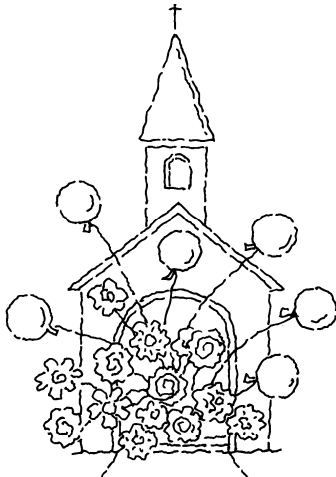
My name is Elizabeth Bodine and I am the preschool director at Trinity. Each month in the *Trinity Times* we would like to introduce you to the staff members, their classes and the many exciting activities the children are involved in. By the end of the year we hope you have a better understanding of the wonderful preschool program offered at Trinity. The door is always open, so please stop by to visit and join in the fun!

Greetings from the Purple Room!

The two-year olds have been having a grand time getting to know new friends. We have celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month, the birthday of the U.S. Constitution, Native American Day, and Johnny Appleseed by reading special stories and making crafts, like thumbprint apple trees.

We are having a great time in the Purple Room!

Miss Melissa



## PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

We are blessed to have a wonderful pastor whose preaching inspires us, care nourishes us and antics amuse us (see page 5). Pastor Appreciation Day is October 9th. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the 11 o'clock service for a reception to celebrate Shawn's presence and ministry among us.

***Newsletter Deadline—October 18. . .***

Please email articles to [trinitypc@earthlink.net](mailto:trinitypc@earthlink.net) or leave them in the secretary's mailbox.

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