

# TRINITY IN TOUCH

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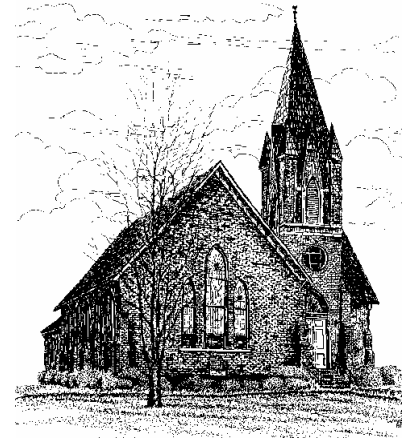
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



March 4, 2008

## From the Pastor

It never ceases to amaze me how God's timing beats anything that we can imagine. Things seem to come together in ways that might be seen as coincidence, but might also be seen as God working in unique ways. For example, our Disciple Bible study, Invitation to Romans has been focusing on the idea of salvation by grace through faith. We have been looking at how God's gift of salvation comes as an undeserved, unmerited gift from God. We have seen how Paul calls the church in Rome to live in ways that "grow into" the grace that we have been given. At the same time, our newest mission project, Ark Almighty, focuses on Acts of Random Kindness. These are the kinds of things that people can do to help others, simply by taking an extra moment and doing something like helping a neighbor carry groceries in from the car, or calling for help for someone stranded on the side of the road. For some folks these sorts of things are as natural as breathing. For others, they seem to be "learned behavior." During our Ark Almighty project, we will be looking for ways to reach out and help those around us in ways that show our love and God's love. Is that not looking for ways to grow into the grace that God gives us? In addition, we are in the season of Lent, where we take the time to examine our lives and see where we have fallen away and need to repent and return to the sort of life that God has called us to. As we read Romans, as we think about how God has blessed us and how we have "sinned and fall short of the glory of God," and then begin thinking about Acts of Random Kindness we will see how blessed we are to be able to reach out to those around us in simple, loving ways.

I have written here before about the RAK Pack in Asbury Memorial Church in Columbia—a group of men who have been inspired to do Random Acts of Kindness, mowing lawns, cutting shrubbery, even building a handrail on the steps of an elderly lady living close to the church. There is another church in Shelby, NC that offers what they call "Carpenter's Ministry," in which folks with carpentry skills find ways to use these skills to help older folks, poor folks and others in the community who need them. I have read of a youth group that offered free car washes on a Saturday as a way of sharing God's love with the community (and raising a lot of eyebrows because even folks who stopped by couldn't believe that the youth were washing cars for free and wouldn't accept even donations that might be offered—"It's all to share God's love," they kept telling folks).

Now, the fact is that we can't *earn* anything from God. We can never put God in the position where he owes us anything. We can't bargain with him, either, promising that if he does something for us we will do something for him. We can, however, respond to his love and grace as we see how richly he blesses us, by doing Acts of Random Kindness, by reaching out in love to others, just as he did. If we try it for a while, it may become a habit!

Have fun with Ark Almighty! Look for ways to reach out. If you come up with some unique ways of sharing God's love, take a moment to e-mail me, or drop a note under my office door. I'd love to hear how God blesses you as you bless others. Of course, each member of the Trinity family is a blessing. Gene Feagin, Pastor

March 9, 2008

Scriptures: Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45

Sermon: "Living Bones"

**SUNDAY, March 9**

UMMen..... 8:00 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Time..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
Dulcimer Class (Beginners)..... 4:00 p.m.  
Church Membership Class in the Jr. Hi. Room.....4-5:00 p.m.  
Basketball Banquet..... 6:00 p.m.  
Flower Ministry: Circle #2  
Lay Reader: Emily Jones  
Nursery Infants: Linda & Julie Goss  
Nursery Toddlers: Dawn McGarity  
Children's Church: Amy McSwain  
Acolyte: Aubrey Wood

**MONDAY 10**

Disciple Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.  
"Evan Almighty" in the Trinity Center .....7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY 11**

Disciple Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.  
Dulcimer Class..... 10:00 a.m.  
Long Range Planning Team.....6:30 p.m.  
Adult Basketball.....7-8:30 p.m.  
Dulcimer Class.....7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY 12**

Trinity Travelers..... 12:00 noon  
"Evan Almighty" in the Conference Room.....2:00 p.m.  
Cherub Choir.....6:45-7:15 p.m.  
Chancel Choir.....7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY 14**

Brownie Troop 3495 – Lock In..... 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m. Saturday

**SATURDAY 15**

Safe Sanctuary Workshop in Lancaster..... 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, March 16 – Palm Sunday**

Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Time..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
Elem.1,2,3 & Kindergarten Easter Egg Hunt..... 12:00 noon  
Dulcimer Class (Beginners).....4:00 p.m.  
Church Membership Class.....4-5:00 p.m.  
"Noah & The Arkettes" Play & Supper.....5:30 p.m.

**USHERS FOR MARCH:** \*Sam Childers, Johnny Wine, Eddie Jones, William Mitchell, John Smith, Jim Burch.

**TRUSTEES/MARCH:** Nancy Faulkenberry & Frances Howe

**ALTAR GUILD/MARCH:** Denise Mitchell & Harriet Wilkins

**WELCOME VISITORS/MARCH:** Bible Study Class

**VISITOR CARDS/MARCH:** Kim Ramsey

**PATH ITEM FOR MARCH:** Bath Soap/Wash - any kind, any size

Sunday School Attendance March 2: 90  
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) March 2: 40  
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) March 2: 143  
Operating Fund received on March 2..... \$9,178.00  
Operating Fund up to March 2..... \$56,522.11  
Budget Goal up to March 2 (9 x \$6,243)..... \$56,187.00  
Mississippi/Katrina Fund received March 2..... \$20.00

**MEMORIALS TO THE OPERATING FUND in memory of**

**Betty Dickerson:**

Alice, Billy & Scott Shillinglaw; Blanche Lanier; Paul & Cynthia Shaw; Dorothy Hunter; Mr. L. B. Ferguson; John & Jane Spratt; Cheryl, Michael & Millie Sommers.

**VISITORS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 2**

The Mitchell Family, 606 Real Quiet Court, York.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Our prayers** are with Karl Munn, Buck Miller, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey, Lisa Lara, Davis Clark, and John Deyton hospitalized at Piedmont Medical Center.

**Also, we remember** John Boyd, grandfather of Carrie Boyd; Howard Steele, father of Sandy Pursley; Ralph Coomer, brother of Curtis Coomer; Allan Summersett, brother of Mike Summersett; Keith

Carter, son of Lois Crolley; Charles Fischer, brother of Bill Fischer; Sandy Adams, niece of Bunny Whitesides; Danny Moss, Helen Pridmore's son-in-law's father; Geraldine Wilkerson, mother of Denise Mitchell; Faye Johnson, mother of Anna Feagin; and Ruth McGill.

**Our sympathy** is with Tim Whitson and his family following the death of his father, Thomas M. Whitson.

"It's not easy being GREEN," according to Kermit the Frog. However, all journeys begin with one step; and under the leadership of our newly formed "Green Team," Trinity will begin this journey. Watch for the recycle symbol, for info in the newsletters and bulletins, and for signs and new bins around the church. Remember, according to the Methodist Book of Discipline, "All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it."

**The Kitchen Team** is asking that you please check out items, (dishes, containers, pots, etc) on the counter in the Trinity Center kitchen. If they are not claimed **now** they will be donated to the Yard sale in April.

**Everyone who has agreed to take the Natural Church Development Survey** is reminded to meet in the Trinity Center on Sunday morning at 10:00. The survey should take less than 45 minutes to complete.

**There is still time to take part in the Church Membership class.** Anyone 6<sup>th</sup> Grade or older is invited to join us on Sunday at 4PM in the Jr. High Church School Class in the Trinity Center. Contact Gene Feagin if you are interested.

**Due to requests,** Anna Feagin will be offering a 4 week crash course in playing the dulcimer for **beginners only**. The class will meet on Sunday afternoons at 4PM starting March 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Anna or Gene for more information. Class size is limited.

**The Long Range Planning Team** will meet in the Conference Room on March 11 at 6:30 p.m.

**Have you been involved in the Shepherding Program** as it has focused on our shut-ins? Are you interested in adopting a shut-in, agreeing to contact someone by phone, card or visit on a regular basis? The Shepherding Team will meet at 5PM on April 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are aware of anyone who is a part of the Trinity family who is shut-in, but not on our shut-in list, and might benefit from being adopted please let Pat Childers or Gene Feagin know.

**ALICE'S CORNER**

- **The annual Basketball Banquet** recognizing all of our church players will be held this Sunday night March 9 at 6:00 pm. This is a covered dish dinner. Please bring plenty of food. Everyone is welcome to participate. Congratulations to all of our teams, players, coaches, and fans for a wonderful season. The Senior Girls won their division championship on Saturday. They defeated St. John's Methodist Church in the semi final game 27-17 and won against Ebenezer ARP church 30-26. They played as a team and deserved the victory. Congratulations to them!
- **"Noah and the Arkettes" Play** is to be presented in the Trinity Center on Sunday afternoon, March 16 at 5:30 pm. This is part of our Ark Almighty project. Everyone is encouraged to come. A light supper will be served following the play.
- **ARK ALMIGHTY** – Acts of **R**andom **K**indness for others can make your day and theirs. The movie "Evan Almighty" will be shown two more times - Monday, March 10 at 7:00 pm, and Wednesday, March 12 at 2:00 pm. This movie examines how one man (Evan Baxter) responds to a call from God (Morgan Freeman) to change the world. Though it is a family-friendly comedy, it contains a lot of thought provoking moments that challenge us to consider what it takes to work with God. What if God delivered wood to your house and asked you to build an ark? We all can change this world but it takes one act at a time. Take Part – see if your life changes too!

**Mission Moment**

When the recent tornadoes ravaged the southeast, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) was there the next day to assess the situation and see how they could help. UMCOR is still present aiding the people recovering from the tsunami that happened several years ago in Southeast Asia. Their work is presently in over 126 countries around the globe. Trinity will join United Methodists worldwide by participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing by making our gifts to support UMCOR on March 9th. Money collected from this offering makes UMCOR's work possible, because they receive no apportionments or World Service funds. Money from OGH is designated for operational costs so that 100% of all other money given to UMCOR goes directly to a designated need. As Christians, we are called to offer our hands, our hearts, and the hope of the church to those suffering everywhere. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing through UMCOR allow the church to answer the call.