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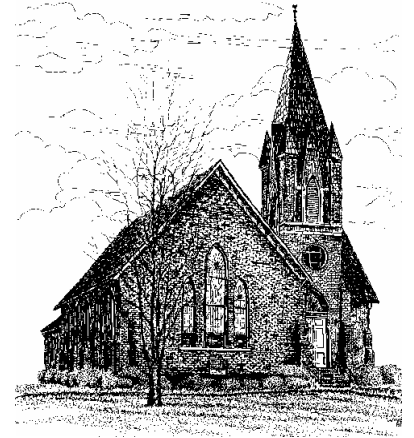
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am – 1:30pm (Closed Fridays)



August 10, 2010

From the Pastor

Last Sunday night Miss Alice and I had our final class meeting with our newest class of confirmands. We will meet next week to practice and plan for the day in which they confirm their baptismal vows and join the church, but Sunday night was our last class meeting. I am so proud of this group of young people and their parents that I feel even more hopeful about the life of Trinity Church than I had before. Some of you may remember the concerns I expressed about finding the appropriate material to use to teach the real meaning of church membership and confirmation—and the material that we used seems to have really met the needs of this particular group. They are thoughtful, insightful young people and each one is filled with potential. I have been proud to work with them. You will understand what I mean if you are at the 11:00 service on August 22, when they help lead the service. (Now, don't mistake me: they are just like all of us, learning and growing, with strong and weak points and growing edges, but they are great young people)

On Sunday night I had two major questions written on the white board for them to consider. "What does it mean to be a Christian?" and "What does it mean to join the church?" Their answers grew as we shared together. They are learning, as each of us learns, through time and experience.

So let me ask you to think about what it means to you to be a Christian. Is being a Christian a set of actions that one does and a set of actions that one does not do, or is being a Christian a set of attitudes that one accepts or rejects? Is being a Christian a matter of what WE think or do or is it a matter of accepting what God has done for us? Where does our personal relationship with Jesus Christ come into our being a Christian?

My answer begins with that personal relationship with Jesus Christ and our acceptance of the gift of life that God offers to us through him. The shape of our lives is determined by that relationship. It is not enough to know "about" Jesus; we must grow in our knowledge of Jesus. It's through our relationship with Jesus that we find ourselves making choices in life, living in ways that we are led by the Holy Spirit. Actions and attitudes all seem to me to be formed in the growth of that relationship. What does it mean to you to be a Christian?

What does it mean to join the church? Is joining the church like joining the Lion's Club or the Rotary Club or the Country Club? Or is joining the church more like joining a family? Alice reminded our confirmands that joining the church is not like joining the Honor Society ("After a couple of years you're gone," or "We're sorry, you no longer meet the criteria for membership.") Joining the church is a choice that we make as individuals under the guidance of the Spirit. The vows that we take are our assent to the basic beliefs of the Christian faith and then our promise to support the church with "time and talents and gifts and service." We promise to be present—not just physically but spiritually and emotionally. We promise to give—not token gifts but gifts from the heart. We promise to pray—for the church, for the pastor and staff, for the leaders and for each other.

Let's all renew our vows—as Christians and as members of Trinity Church—for the love and glory of God.

Gene Feagin, Pastor

Sunday, August 15, 2010
Speaker 9:00 am: Narcie Jeeter
Speaker 11:00 am: Rev. Bert Watson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Flower Ministry:	John & Carol Hipp
Lay Reader:	
Nursery Infants:	Jon & Julie Martin
Toddler Church:	Staci & Chip Rampey
Children's Church:	Dicksy Broadwater & Marian Garner
Acolyte:	Rush Johnston

MONDAY 16

7-12 th Grade Parents meeting	7:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY 17

Adults – Atlanta Braves (Aug 17 & 18)..... meet at the church	9:00 a.m.
Adult Basketball.....	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 18

Chancel Choir.....	7:30 p.m.
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THURSDAY 19

UMCOR Sewing Group.....	9:30 a.m.
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Trinity Ice Cream Social	5:30 p.m.

USHERS FOR AUGUST: *Dick Sweigart, Chip Alexander, Church Youth.

TRUSTEES/AUGUST: Mike Smith & Mary Jane Shuler

ALTAR GUILD/AUGUST: Libby Brown & Jennifer Cooney

WELCOME VISITORS/AUGUST: Jack Benfield Class

VISITOR CARDS/AUGUST: Grace Ulbricht

Sunday School Attendance August 8:	102
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) August 8:	58
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) August 8:	100
Operating Fund received on August 8.....	\$7,022.36
Operating Fund received up to August 8.....	\$182,918.36
Budget goal up to August 8 (\$6,524 x 32)	\$208,768.00

MEMORIALS

To the Operating Fund in memory of:

Dot Caldwell by John & Margaret Bailey;

Howard Steele by Eddie & Susan Jones; John & Margaret Bailey; Sam & Gay Feemster; John & Frances Howe;

Harold Dellinger by John & Frances Howe;

Betty Baker by Ray & Mary Sue Burns; John & Margaret Bailey; Tom & Nancy Faulkenberry; John & Frances Howe; Judy Hanners; Edgar & Mary Hardin.

William Mitchell by York Town & Country Book Club.

To the Mississippi/Katrina Fund in memory of :

Howard Steele by Bill & Olivia Huffstetler.

Betty Baker by Kenny & Ellen Jones.

To the Playground Fund in memory of Howard Steele & Harold Dellinger by Dicky & Bunny Whitesides.

To the UMCOR Fund in memory of Betty Baker by the Bible Study Class.

To the Sudan Fund in memory of Betty Baker by Bud & Suzanne Jones.

HONORARIUM to the Operating Fund in honor of Mildred Kalb's 90th birthday by John & Frances Howe.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Nancy Ligon, Louise Smith, John Smith, Geneva Warren, Havern & Helen Brindle, Lois Crolley, Bebe Benfield, Isem Pennington, Ernie Ulbricht; and with Johnathan Hodges hospitalized at the Levine Children's Hospital.

Also, we remember Charline Johnston, mother of Eric Johnston; Ed Warren, son of Geneva Warren; Connor Glenn, great nephew of Ellen Jones; Patsy Clark, sister of Susan Jones; Sherry Leonard, niece of Bill Huffstetler; Ginger Boyd, mother of Carrie Hodges; Marilyn Young, friend of Patsy Freeman; Virginia Baker, sister of Jo Hammond; Kinsley James, and Mackenzie Decuir.

Congratulations to Matt Ligon who graduated from USC on Saturday, August 7.

Shoe boxes needed: Alicia Breakfield's Girl Scout troops will be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year and need shoe boxes. Operation Christmas Child provides gift-filled shoe boxes to children in need around the world. Any kind, any size will work. If you have shoe boxes to donate, you can leave them at the church and she will pick them up.

It's Back To School again soon! It is hard to believe that summer vacation is almost over! Again, as in years past, the Mission Committee is sponsoring our Back To School project for PATH. As you are aware, there have been critical budget cuts and our school children need our help. PATH is in need of school supplies to help their clients. Please consider donating supplies or making a donation either individually, by Sunday School Classes, Circles, UMW, UMM, Youth, or any other committee or church group. The Mission Committee will take the donations and buy the supplies for you. How easy is that?! Please prayerfully consider the needs of our area children. Donations can be left in the Sunday School Hallway in the PATH Boxes. We will be taking donations from now till August 31st.

The following items were requested by PATH: Crayons, Pencils, Black Pens, Notebook Paper, 3 Prong Folders, Backpacks

Parent's Meeting

All parents of rising 7th-12th grades are invited to a parent meeting on Monday, August 16 at 7 pm in the Conference Room. This is an opportunity to discuss Trinity's youth program opportunities for the school year 2010-2011. We will discuss meeting days and times, trips, program topics and leadership. This is your chance to share your opinions and concerns and work for solutions. Are we equipping our youth with the faith skills and knowledge to face their challenges each day?

On Sunday afternoon, August 29 (Summerfest Sunday), you are invited to attend **An Afternoon of Bach!** The program will feature the music of J. S. Bach, and will be presented by Anne Bailes, Soprano, David Hodges on Trumpet, Carrie Hodges on Flute, and David Richardson playing Organ and Clavichord. The program will also include Colin Knight, who will be playing Bach on the 5-String Banjo! This event will be at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary, followed by refreshments served in the Church Parlor.

Meet Africa ELI

Africa ELI (Education and Leadership Initiative) is the new NESEI. The name change was made to be free from political associations within Sudan. The goals of providing quality education and scholarships for secondary education in southern Sudan remain the same. Their programs include academic sponsorships, enrichment activities, health initiatives and civic engagement. **Actions and work by the Trinity UMC family have helped support the schools by gifts of supplies, computers, sewing machines, farm equipment and in 2010 scholarships were provided for 10 girls.** As a result of recent necklace sales, another donation of **\$3000** will be sent in September for further scholarships, educational supplies and healthcare. **THANK you Trinity.** Please keep Africa ELI, Anita Henderlight and the other leaders in your prayers.

ALICE'S CORNER

Saturday, August 14 – Virginia Creeper Trail – Bicycle Trip.

Tues, Wed, August 17 & 18 – Atlanta Braves Baseball Trip.

Sunday, August 22 – TUMC Ice Cream Social 5:30-7:00 pm. Ice cream, pies, brownies, cookies are needed.

Sunday, September 12 – Lazy 5 Ranch. Meet at the church 1:30 pm. Cost is \$7.50 for everyone 1 year and older. Must have 15 people to get this rate. Friends are welcome. You must pay in advance by Sunday, September 5 to Alice, or Jill in the church office. Bring a picnic supper and we will eat together on the lake after we see the animals.

Mon, Tues, Wed, Sept 13-15 – Adults – Amish Country and Fenton Glass. The plans are set and we are ready to roll. Information sheets are being sent to those persons who signed up. Hope you will join us on our last trip for the summer.

Our annual Adult trip to Myrtle Beach for the Christmas Shows and shopping are set for Monday, November 29 - Wednesday, December 1. Get your name on the list now if you want to go; it is filling up fast. \$100 deposit is requested by Thursday, September 2 for your show tickets.