

# **TRINITY IN TOUCH**

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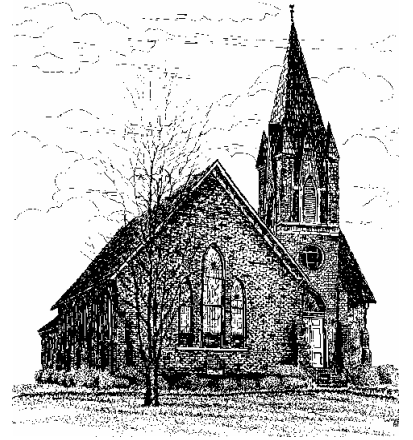
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*Church School: 10:00 a.m.*

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

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



*February 17, 2009*

## ***From the Pastor***

I've told the story to several groups, but it is so true that it bears repeating. You may know that our daughter, Melissa, is married to a sailor. Logan, our son-in-law has been out on deployment for short cruises recently and is setting out next week for several months, probably in the Persian Gulf. Melissa has been trying to take the children to Church School and worship on Sundays at a church near them in Chesapeake, VA. The 11:00 service is a contemporary service, and the worship space is an informal one, similar to what we will set up when we get all of the factors in place for our monthly contemporary Sunday evening services. At any rate, little John (whose 1<sup>st</sup> birthday was Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>) was fighting a cold, so Melissa kept him with her rather than taking him to the Nursery. She sat in one of a series of rocking chairs that they have along the back of the worship space. She rocked and the worship service went on, and John slept. Then, the time came for the pastoral prayer. The pastor began with, "Our Father," and John woke up and looked around and said, "Da Da!" The pastor apparently heard him because he kept repeating, "Father," and John kept repeating, "Da Da!" When Melissa told me the story my first thought was that it would be wonderful for each one of us to have the sort of faith that looked up and thought of God as "Da Da." Then I remembered how Jesus spoke to God, calling him, "Abba, Father." It was almost the same sort of relationship. The intimacy of the relationship is something that cannot be overstated. Paul writes in Romans 8 that "When we cry 'Abba! Father! It is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.'"

Now, to read about this intimate relationship with God in the middle of the week in which we will read the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus on the high mountain might seem to be a strange thing. When we think of God as "Daddy" we are thinking of how close God is to us. We have seen that closeness in Jesus, where God took on human flesh to walk the same paths that each of us must walk. In the Transfiguration on the mountain (see Mark 9), Jesus was revealed in all of his glory as the transcendent God who could not be contained in human form or even totally understood by the human mind! In the immanent Christ we see God close up. In the transcendent Christ we see God in all of the glory that we can only barely fathom in our minds.

Doesn't it make the miracle of Jesus coming to earth and taking on human form seem even more amazing when we realize that the same Jesus who walked on earth and got tired and sweaty like we do was also God the almighty? The late Rev. Enoch Finklea, one of the best known evangelists in the area during his long ministry, used to teach the children who came to his Revival services the words and motions to a song that went like this: "My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do. The mountains are his, the valleys are his. The stars in the sky are his too. My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do."

And yet, we can call this wonderful, awesome God "Abba! Father! Da Da! We can think of God as Father, knowing that even the best of us earthly fathers falls far short of God and that the picture of God as Father doesn't really do justice to God. We can only partially conceive of the nature of God. Still we know that God loves us like little children, and wants us to be as close as a small child is to her parents! Let's thank God for the love he shows, "and with the confidence of children of God," let us live joyfully in the love of God.

May each one feel God's rich blessings!

Gene Feagin, Pastor

**February 22, 2009 – Transfiguration Sunday**

**Scriptures:** 2 Kings 21:1-12; Mark 9:2-9

**Sermon:** “Seeing the Glory”

**SUNDAY, February 22**

- Worship Service ..... 9:00 a.m.
  - Fellowship Time..... 9:30 a.m.
  - Cherub Choir Practice ..... 9:40 a.m.
  - Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
  - Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.
  - Biddy 3 Basketball Practice .....2:30-3:30 p.m.
  - Biddy 1 & 2 Basketball Practice .....3:30-4:30 p.m.
  - Education Team .....4:00 p.m.
  - Dulcimer Class (Beginners) .....5:00 p.m.
  - Parent Seminar @ St. Johns .....5:00 p.m.
  - Trustees Meeting .....5:00 p.m.
  - Jr.Hi.UMYF .....5:00 p.m.
  - Sr. Hi.UMYF.....6:00 p.m.
  - Play Practice.....7:30-9:00 p.m.
- Flower Ministry: Sam & Gay Feemster  
 Lay Reader: Evelyn Johnsey  
 Nursery Infants: Meg & Jason Munn  
 Toddler Church: Kevin & Marsha Smiley  
 Children’s Church: Robin Johnston & Cindy Summersett  
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**MONDAY 23**

- Disciple Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY 24**

- Disciple Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
- Mite Boys Basketball Practice .....4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Mite Girls Basketball Practice.....6-7:30 p.m.
- Dulcimer Class .....7:00 p.m.
- Adult Basketball.....7:30 p.m.

**ASH WEDNESDAY 25**

- Ash Wednesday Service.....6:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir.....7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY 26**

- Mite Boys Basketball Practice .....4:30-6:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, March 1**

- Worship Service ..... 9:00 a.m.
- Fellowship Time..... 9:30 a.m.
- Children’s Choir Practice ..... 9:40 a.m.
- Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
- Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.
- Battle of the Biddies.....4-6:00 p.m.
- Recreation Meeting ..... following Battle of the Biddies
- Play Practice.....7:30-9:00 p.m.

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

**FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/MARCH:** Bible Study Class

**TRUSTEES/MARCH:** Keith McSwain & Buzz Johnsey

**ALTAR GUILD/MARCH:** Glenda Helton & Pat Childers

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

**VISITOR CARDS/MARCH:** Kim Ramsey

**PATH FOOD OF THE MONTH:** Breakfast food – any kind, any size.

- Sunday School Attendance February 15: 111
- Worship Attendance (9:00 am) February 15: 55
- Worship Attendance (11:00 am) February 15: 126

Due to the banks being closed for Presidents Day there is no financial report included in this week’s newsletter.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Our prayers** are with John Smith, Voight Hipp, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey, and Joe McCorkle.

**Also, we remember** Rick Glenn, friend of John Eite; Agnes Love, mother-in-law of Matt Feemster; Bebe Benfield, mother of Fredda Lee Culbreth, now under hospice care at Sandpiper Nursing Home; Dot Caldwell, Anne Hipp’s sister; Karen Duncan, one of the members of our Mississippi/Katrina Team; Helen “Mimi” Riddle, mother of Harriet Wilkins; Kinsley James, daughter of Skip James, a friend of Evelyn Johnsey; Essie Thompson, grandmother of April Smith; John Sherer, cousin of Denise Mitchell; Midge Deaton, grandmother of Trip McGarity; Jane Adkins, niece of Jimmy Pridmore; Roy Wilkerson, father of Denise Mitchell; Joyce Robbins, friend of Mere McCoy; DeAnna Greiner, granddaughter of Bill Huffstetler; Lacey Robinson, friend of Ann Bailes; Harold Dickson; and Mackenzie Decuir.



**We welcome** Pam McDonald into the Trinity Family. She has been added to our roll as a professing member.

**The Faith Explorers Class** has begun a new study “The Jesus I Never Knew” on Sunday, February 15. The book by Philip Yancy helps us take a closer look at the biblical Jesus and his motivations. Yancy will help us gain new perspectives on what it truly means to be a follower of Christ. It is presented through film clips and Bible study. Come join us! Alice will be the leader for this study!

**MARCH MADNESS** -- "Battle of the Biddies" - Sunday, March 1 at 4:00. Come out and watch the BEST up and coming Stars in York County. This is sure to be a barnburner so come watch these Future Hall of Fames in action. Seating is limited, so get there early. There will be a "Super-Duper Halftime Show" with autographs and refreshments afterwards.

**Sunday, March 8, 2:30 p.m. - UMW Prayer and Self Denial Meeting and Tea.** (All ladies in the church are invited, and encouraged to attend.)

**The Mississippi/Katrina Team** is planning another mission trip to Biloxi leaving on Monday, April 13 and returning on Saturday, April 19. They are also planning another trip later in the year, tentative dates Saturday, October 31 – Saturday, November 7. Anyone interested in joining either of these mission trips should contact Kenny or Ellen Jones at 927-7271.

**HABITAT Update** -- We are starting off the new year with The Womans Build, which is taking place right now. It is planned to be complete on Mothers Day. With your help, we have collected 60 pounds of aluminum cans for our "Cans for Habitat" program. Keep up the good work. If you would like more info on any of these projects, please let me know. Thanks for your support, Spike Myers

**The United Methodist Men** would like to THANK Ben Jones and his Boy Scout troop for cleaning the cemetery. Go by and see the GREAT job they did. This community project helped him earn a new badge. Congratulations.

**SUDAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

The Sudan Team asks for your prayers as we travel to Africa about a month from now. On the mission bulletin board in the hall, is a prayer calendar. If you would commit to a time that you will pray for us, please sign your name on that spot. Before we leave, each person who signs the calendar will receive a small calendar to have at home to show your time. There will also be an envelope on the bulletin board where you can put sealed notes for us to read while we are away. These may be a Bible verse, a special thought or anything you would like to write for us to read. Thanks in advance for doing these things for us!!!

**The Salkehatchie Summer Service** brochure has arrived with 47 different places to serve throughout the state of SC. Participants must be 14 years old by the start of their chosen camp. Cost is \$200.00. (Reminder the church pays ½ if you are a member.) Come by the office or see Alice for an application and brochure.

**ALICE’S CORNER**

- **The Jr. Hi. UMYF** will meet at 5:00 pm in the Trinity Center this Sunday night.
- **The Sr. Hi. UMYF** will meet at 6:00 pm. They will be planning skits for an upcoming youth gathering.
- **Special Lenten Devotional** material and calendars have been ordered for adults, families and children. Look for the display in the hallway. Easter is a special day of the year. Let us prepare for it during Lent.

**Important Dates for your Calendar**

- March 12** Older Adults shopping at Hamricks-Senior Day
- March 19** Patchwork storytelling and blue grass music
- March 24** Adults – Catfish Cove Supper
- March 29** Bible Fair for Children
- April 4** “Virgil’s First Easter”, comedy Dinner Theatre



On sunny days in the winter capture free solar heat by opening curtains on south facing windows.

**BASKETBALL GAMES FOR THE COMING WEEKEND (FEB. 20 & 21)**

Team	Date & Time	Opponent		Location
Biddy A	Feb. 20 – 7:00 pm	Biddy B	@	Ebenezer
Biddy 3	Feb. 20 – 7:00 pm	Bethesda	@	OAPC
Mite Girls	Feb. 21 – 10:00 am	OAPC	@	St. Johns
Mite Boys	Feb. 21 – 3:00 pm	Woodland	@	Woodland