

# **TRINITY IN TOUCH**

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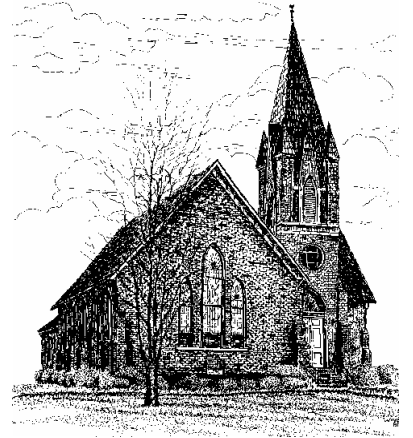
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*Church School: 10:00 a.m.*

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

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## ***From the Pastor***

At the October Trinity Travelers meeting Miss Alice combined two wonderful ideas into a program/devotional that touched all of us. She had invited everybody who was coming to bring a picture of themselves at a much younger time. She took the pictures that came in, numbered them and had us try to match the pictures to the folks who were present. It was amazing how many of us had changed, and again it was amazing after we had the pictures identified to look at how much we had not changed. If the pictures are still hanging in the hall of the Education Building, you may want to take a look and see who's who.

The other part of the program was to take some advertizing slogans of not too long ago and try to match the slogan with the company. The only changes that were made were that rather than simply, "We've got a better idea," which was the original slogan, the new version was talking about God: "He's got a better idea." It was amazing how much better the slogans apply to God, but it was even more amazing how many of these slogans, which had been a part of our lives at one time, we had forgotten. I guess I ought to admit the irony that changing times can make in some slogans. The other transformation of an automobile manufacturer's slogan, "He's the heartbeat of America" may be more a call to renewal now than it was at the time that it came out.

Looking at how much the slogans apply to God can remind us about how constant God is, even in the middle of the changes that come to each one of us in life. Looking at some of our seasoned citizens (some of us more seasoned and some of us less seasoned) and seeing how much the same and how different they look at the same time can remind us that change is pretty much a part of our lives, but that many of the important things never change. Looking at the handsome young man who was number 25 among the pictures you can see an earnestness and seriousness—but you can also see a tendency to have a big mouth that can get me, er him, in trouble at times. Same person, without many of the experiences that have come since the picture was made. God never changes and the important part of people never changes. What changes are the ways we live, the opportunities or challenges we face, and the way that we look at life.

In the past weeks we have said goodbye to two dearly loved members of the Trinity family, Clark Warren and John Deyton. Geneva and Sandy and their families will be going through some difficult changes and adjustments as time goes by. There will be some ways in which their lives will not be the same. At the same time, the love that they shared with their spouses and the unique ways in which they showed that love will continue. The memories they have will be important as time goes by. Some things will not change. The way that you, their Trinity family, have stood by them and offered loving support will not change either. You will continue to call, to visit, to pray and be there for the families as they make their adjustments. I can't tell you how proud I am of Trinity and the way that you make a difference in the lives of people who are hurting. No matter what we face, we face things together with the love of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit leading us. No matter how many wrinkles on our faces, no matter how gray the hair, no matter how stooped our posture—we are all children of God ready to share his love and grace with those who need the human touch that draws us all closer to the divine. To God be the glory, since he is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. God bless each one, Gene Feagin, Pastor

