

he trinity times

January, 2011

Pastor's Pen,

What a blessed Advent and Christmas it was for me this year. I thank those who attended the advent class for like most teachers, when you do something a bit different, the one whose knowledge is increased the most is your own. I think my favorite class was on the angels of Christmas and how much they add to our understanding the importance of the story and the one born in Bethlehem. Without knowing about the class, young Ethan Bulkeley, told his father's Sunday school class he thought the most important players in the story of Jesus' birth were they angels. I guess I still see Jesus as center stage but those angels were important witnesses to the miracle that occurred that first Christmas.

I also enjoyed the two services on Christmas. Many of you know that I went to get a new Christ candle for our advent wreath. I went a little late and was afraid I would have not much to choose from. However, when I got there, I saw this gorgeous candle called the Trinity Christ Candle and I thought could there be any more fitting candle for Trinity Church. (Also, because I went late it was on sale. Sometimes procrastination is a good thing.) At the 11 o'clock service when the Christ candle was brought in, it gave to our darkened Chapel a wonderful light. During this next year the Christ candle will be put out for baptisms, funerals, and other important events in the church. I look forward to seeing it in our church symbolizing light and hope in our future.

In December there was also one stressful day as Presbytery came to talk with us about our ability to pay a new pastor and to continue to pay our debt load for the church. Their concern was genuine. This made the meeting much easier. I think it was a helpful conversation, even if I didn't like the reality they helped us look at. In the next year, Trinity Church will be trying hard to get our loan and new pastor readiness in order. Your new elders are already at work in considering what areas of church life needs our attention. More information on this will be present at the congregational meeting on the 9th. Pray for your session. Pray for your pastor. Pray for your church. For we know that we are a priesthood of believers and anyone can approach the heavenly throne of God in prayer. Christmas has come again and as we consider the Incarnation we know nothing is impossible with God.

I hope that many of you will be at the annual meeting, (January 9th after church). Your session and pastor will update you on what has happened in the church over the past year and why we must be working together for the work of God in this place. Working together will be crucial and loving each other and this church, must be part of our clear goals for 2011. So attend the annual meeting with your working shoes on.

Bev. 

Worship Schedule

9:00 AM
Bible Study for
All Ages

10:00 AM
Fellowship
Coffee & Doughnuts

10:30 AM
Combined Worship Service
Traditional and
Contemporary

*(Check your calendar for
special Sunday events
and time changes.)*



Financial Status For 2010 Budget Year

Giving for:

Week ending 12/12/10:
\$4,085.00

Year to date:
\$237,322.46

Needed weekly:
\$5,447.69

Needed year to date:
\$272,384.50

Important Dates

Birthdays

1/1	Amy Olsen
1/2	Toni Fiedler Dana Donahue
1/4	Camille Marchelletta
1/7	Kate Bobo Greg Ward
1/9	Gloria Parsons Andrea Skinner Josephine Wambaa
1/12	Kathy Lawson
1/13	Betty Wright
1/21	Ron Ohlig
1/26	Brad Webb
1/31	Bonnie Shelley



Anniversaries

We currently show no anniversary dates for January. If we have missed your anniversary please contact the office and let us know!



Ushers

1/2	Ruth Horton Charlie Horton Daniel Bauer Harvey Wright
1/9	Terri Decker Brad Decker Debi Ward
1/16	Kate Bobo Rachel Bobo Joseph Uwakwe Joe Cesspooch
1/23	Gloria Parsons Nancy Hearon Joy Koch Marilyn Schilling
1/30	Ruth Horton Charlie Horton Daniel Bauer Harvey Wright



Please Note!

If your name is missing from the anniversary or birthday list, please let the church office know. Thanks!

Note to

New Members: You need to give your information to the church office if you haven't already done so. We would like to be able to acknowledge your special days!

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THANK YOU

On behalf of the worship committee I would like to thank everyone that has made 2010 a successful year. Trinity is truly blessed to have a wonderful group of people that have contributed to meaningful worship services over the past year. It is amazing how, through God, we have worked together to keep our church service and the everyday workings of the church going through a difficult year. There are so many people to thank for their service over the past year. I know that if I tried to list everyone individually I would surely forget someone, so I would just like to recognize the groups of people that work hard each week. I want to thank everyone that delivered the message while we were waiting for the arrival of our interim pastor, Rev. Beverly Hughes. The choir and praise band continue to encourage and bless us with music. Our dedicated ushers continue to faithfully and with a smile greet people as they enter our sanctuary. To those that get communion ready and serve communion each week I want to say thank you for your faithful service. Thank you to those of you that show up every year to decorate the church in preparation of Christmas and then prepare it for every other week. A special thank you to the worship committee members that make my job as worship chair easy. Thank you to God for bringing us the Rev. Beverly Hughes, who is a blessing to this church. There is a lot to be done in 2011 and I know that we are all going to be up to the challenges that are ahead of us as we learn and grow into God's Word. If you would like to join us in participating as a member of the choir or praise band, ushering, serving communion, or helping with the decor of the church please call me any time, Debra Sweeney 972-625-1432 or email [sweeney.debra @att.net](mailto:sweeney.debra@att.net). I know that 2011 is going to be just as wonderful as this past year has been.

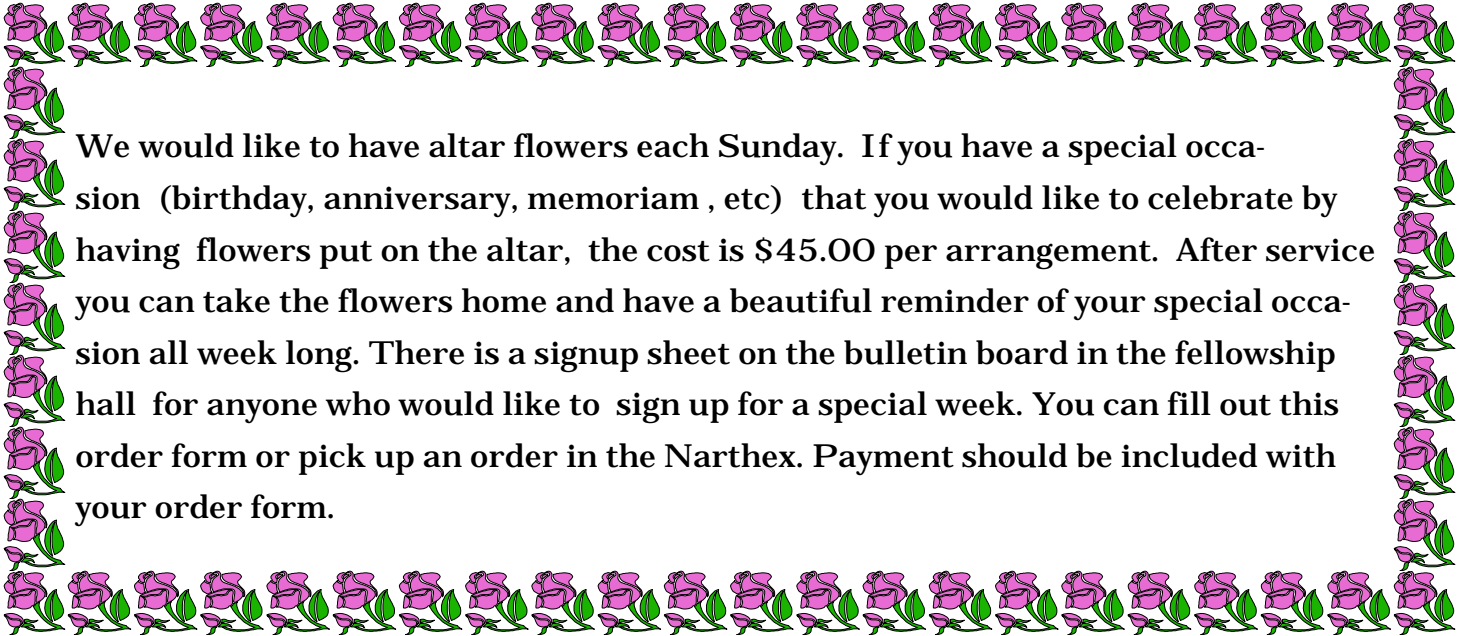
Happy New Year from Trinity Tots children and staff!

- The fall began with October festival including PJ costumes, games and pizza—yum!
- In November, classes enjoyed lunch with parents. Also, pictures were taken and delivered.
- Many thanks to Tracy Schwegman, who recently resigned from Trinity Tots Board, for her dedication and time.
- December 16th was our annual Christmas Program. The children were wonderful and the parent attendance was great. The children also enjoyed another pizza day.

Once again THANK YOU to the Board members, teachers, church staff, and members who serve and help regularly. Please share Tots with friends as there are openings. A prosperous, healthy 2011 to each of you.

In Appreciation,
Marilyn Schilling, Director

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We would like to have altar flowers each Sunday. If you have a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, memorial, etc) that you would like to celebrate by having flowers put on the altar, the cost is \$45.00 per arrangement. After service you can take the flowers home and have a beautiful reminder of your special occasion all week long. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for anyone who would like to sign up for a special week. You can fill out this order form or pick up an order in the Narthex. Payment should be included with your order form.

Trinity Presbyterian Floral Order for Sunday Services

Date _____ Date Requested _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Remarks (wishes, color, occasion, etc.)

Charge is \$45.00 per arrangement which includes delivery. Orders should be placed by TUESDAY in order to ensure that the information gets into the Sunday bulletin. Flowers will be delivered to the church on FRIDAY between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Arrangements are coordinated through Mickey's Florist in Lewisville.

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Thank you! Many of you sent cards and gave sweet gifts to your pastor. She and her family thank you. Our hearts were made merry and our waist lines larger. It was worth it, for today we start a diet gladly.

I want to take a moment to thank the staff of our church and those who have taken on staff jobs as volunteers. I know you work very hard and I want you to know that I notice.

Paula and Charlie are great help in the office so that things get done. Having very young grandchildren, I and their parents are delighted with the care they receive in the nursery.

Lydia, Jack and Gregory; thank you for keeping things together in the traditional music department and to all who play in the band so that we can also have contemporary music in the worship service.

To Ruth Horton, Mike Bacon and Lee Ann Bandy, who now volunteer in positions, that were formally paid, your good work amazes me all the time!

To every member of this church who volunteers their time to keep us being the body of Christ in this place. Thank You! The blessings you bring to your Pastor and fellow congregants are deep, wide and show us how God can work in all of God's people.

Rev. Bev



NEEDED:

New people for our praise band on Sundays! If you are a guitar player or know of one we can speak to, please contact Dennis Yates or the church office.

CHERRY COKE SALAD

- 1 - CAN DARK UNSWEETENED PITTED CHERRIES
- 1 - LGE CAN CRUSHED PINEAPPLE
- 1 - LGE CHERRY JELLO
- 1/2-1 CUP PECANS OR (WALNUTS) HALVED
- 1 - CAN COKE

DRAIN CHERRY JUICE INTO A SAUCE PAN ADD JELLO AND BRING TO ALMOST A BOIL AND ADD COKE. HEAT TO A BOIL. REMOVE FROM HEAT AND LET COOL TO THE TOUCH...PLACE INTO BOWL. CUT CHERRIES IN HALF AND ADD TO JELLO MIX. ADD PECANS, (WALNUTS). DRAIN PINEAPPLE JUICE AND ADD PINEAPPLE. PLACE IN FREEZER FOR 30 MINS, STIR AND PLACE IN REFRIDGE.

ENJOY! Joan Talley



Children's Ministries

We had a birthday party for Jesus on Saturday, December 18 and a good time was had by all. There was an activity, we sang Christmas carols, had birthday cake and punch and then opened the gifts they brought to Jesus. The children were asked to bring their hearts and a craft item that could be used for Sunday School, Children's Worship, and VBS and believe me when I say they brought their hearts. I was overwhelmed with the amount of craft items they brought. If you missed this event don't be sad. This is going to become an annual event and next year they will be making Chrismons.

The children also sang two songs at the Christmas Eve service. They are wonderful children and practiced really, really hard for this. Small, but mighty, they are.

When you get a minute please thank our wonderful teachers and helpers who have gotten our children through this past year. They have done a wonderful job and the children love them. - Priscilla Hounam, Paul Leddy, Amy Rice, and Amy Olson. And of course, Robin Dilger for her wonderful children's sermons.

Lastly, If anyone has any ideas on what they would like to see happening and what we can do in 2011 to make our children's ministries more exciting and inviting please let me or one of the teachers or elders know.

Ruth Horton



Celebrating 30 Years

Now that things have settled down and the 30th Anniversary has been celebrated, we would like to share a letter from Jon Allen who is a former TPC (Charter) member who now lives in Belgium with his wife, Debby. This letter will give members, new and old, a little of the history of TPC and a "behind the scene" look at the events that are responsible for the beginning our little church in The Colony.

Thank you,
Betty Wright

I believe that God in all of his wisdom decided a long time ago that he needed a church in The Colony, Texas. I certainly do not know the reason or the exact purpose for this church. I just find it very interesting how the different threads of people's lives over the last hundred years came together to form Trinity Presbyterian Church.

If you ask most people they would claim the church was started in the late summer of 1978. This was when Grace Presbytery sent a young minister, Ron Salfen, and his family to The Colony as part of their new church development program. I on the other hand, believe that God started his plans in the late 1890's. It was at the end of the 19th century in Atlanta Georgia that a woman gave birth to a little boy that she named Hugh Kerr Taylor. This boy would grow up to become a Presbyterian minister. He would serve as a missionary in China during the 1920's and 1930's. His wife would give him five sons while in China and they would all later become Presbyterian ministers. This is probably how he became known as "Daddy Kerr" and during the 1950's he served as an associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Dallas.

Daddy Kerr's oldest son was named Alfred Graham Taylor. Alfred spent most of his career serving different churches in Florida, Virginia, and the Carolinas. In 1952 his wife gave birth to a little girl they named Debby Taylor. By the mid 1960's Alfred took a call to become the pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Bellaire, Texas. While in the Houston area he joined an association of area pastors and became good friends with a number of these ministers.

So by now you are asking how all of this history has anything to do with Trinity Presbyterian Church of The Colony? I of course in 1974 would marry Debby Taylor. On a return trip from South Carolina in 1977 we stopped at a retirement village in Atlanta, Georgia. This would be my first time to meet Daddy Kerr. While viewing his pictures of China, this frail 90 year old gentleman went to work on me. It only took him a few minutes to get me to promise that we would raise his great grand children in a Presbyterian Church.

Daddy Kerr's last mission for Christ from his retirement home in Atlanta was to write his old friends at First Presbyterian Church of Dallas. He asked for their help and support to start a new church in The Colony. By the spring of 1978 First Presbyterian Church of Dallas adopted The Colony as their mission project. Later the church would purchase and donate the property that Trinity is currently using as their home.

Alfred would also take up the call for the new church. He wrote letters to his old friends in Texas and asked for their help. One of his old friends was serving as the head of new church development for Grace Presbytery in Dallas. We know that Grace Presbytery did support the project and sent the organizing pastor to The Colony.

Please understand, by no means am I claiming that Trinity was the result of two men living on the other side of the country. Just as the building is made of many bricks, so is the church made from the work of many people, over long periods of time, with so many blessings from Christ. Trinity stands today because many people gave of themselves in both time and money. So many of these people are unknown and probably never even visited the church.

I remember Trinity as always struggling with finances and shortages of volunteers. I never remember Trinity being short on support, love, or joy. I know Trinity made a huge impact on my life and the life of my family. Debby would give me three sons that are all active in their churches. Brandon is actively involved in the youth ministry of his church in Athens. Cameron would take up the call, through the help and support of Trinity, to become a minister, working with Hospice in Austin. Ryan is very involved in music ministry at his church in Tulsa. I wish I could truly put into words what a wonderful blessing Trinity has been to my life. The fact that Trinity was made by so many people, over long periods of time, is proof that God does have a purpose and reason for Trinity. The church just did not happen, but was a result of many lives being threaded together by God to form a wonderful reflection of His own love. I know for sure the nicest people I have met in this world, were all members of Trinity in The Colony. I continue to pray for you and that Christ continues to bless all of your work and efforts.

In God's Love,

*Jon Allen
Brussels, Belgium
November,
2010*

Trinity Organization

Trinity Presbyterian Church Staff

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Organizational Structure

Congregation

Session

Robin Dilger, Al Gober, John Smith, Paul Leddy

Board of Trustees

Paul Leddy, Steve Thomas, John Fiedler, Doug Stokes

Personnel

Cheryl Leddy, Debra Whinnie, Mike Bacon, Brad Webb,
 Camille Marchelletta, Robin Dilger

Executive Director

Roly Rice

Management Board

Pastor
 Session Elder Al Gober
 Senior Leaders:
 TBD, Missions Ministries
 Pam Hampson, Adult Ministries
 Mike Bacon, Youth Ministries
 TBD, Children's Ministries
 Debra Sweeney, Worship
 Joy Koch, Trinity Tots

Facilitating Board

Pastor
 Session Elder John Smith
 Senior Leaders:
 Steve Thomas, Services
 Dennis Yates, Facilities
 Larry Johnson, Finance

Facilitating Ministries Team

Finance	Larry Johnson	214-618-0942
Facilities	Dennis Yates	
Services	Steve Thomas	469-384-1966

Program Ministries Team

<u>Adult Ministries</u>	Pam Hampson	972-370-6577
Small Groups	Open	
Sunday Adult Studies	Open	
Women	TBD	
Men	Lloyd Olson	214-906-4572
Member Involvement	Open	
Member Care	Mimi Montgomery	214-618-0942
	Camille Marchelletta	972-625-6693
Fellowship	Larry Johnson	972-625-4926

Missions Ministries

Visitors	Open	
Mission/Outreach	Priscilla Hounam	972-625-0099
Evangelism	Open	
	Open	

Youth Ministries

Education/Missions	Open	
	Mike Bacon	
	Lee Ann Bandy	
Fellowship	Open	

Children's Ministries

Education	Open	
Children's Church	Ruth Horton	972-370-1588
Nursery	Amy Olson	972-624-1007
VBS	Lyn Gray	972-625-7860
Trinity Tots	Amy Olson	
	Joy Koch	

Worship

Traditional Service	Debra Sweeney	972-625-1432
Choir	Ellen Fowler	972-624-0738
Contemporary Service	Jack Montgomery	972-548-7625
Christian Music	TBD	
	TBD	

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