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Pastor's Pen,

Does it Matter?

Members and friends of Trinity we have had some very high Sundays and some very low Sundays. This is not based on what happens in the service, it has to do with how many people are in service. We have experienced a couple of Sundays where the numbers of those in service were over the 130 mark and a couple where the number fell below 100.

Does that matter? If you are the minister it matters, for is always easier and more uplifting to preach to a full church than it is to an empty one.

Does it matter to visitors? Yes, people feel the most comfortable in churches that are mostly full. Not too full, for then they feel they are not needed. Yet, it is important not to be too empty for then visitors feel that your church is not doing well. Who wants to join a dying church?

Does it matter to others who belong to this church? Yes, they often come because other people they like and know will be there to talk with and share the Gospel with.

Does it matter to you? I hope so. I know that no one can be in church every Sunday. We have commitments and vacations to take. Yet, each Sunday you are in church you add much to the morning worship. Is this a plea for people to attend worship regularly to help build up the body of Christ? YES it is. See you Sunday!

Bev 

P.S.: Your support and your questions have been helpful. So don't hesitate to ask me or any elder. My number at home is 972-423-8611. My cell phone has a problem so if you call it and do not get me please leave a message on my home phone.

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 2011 Budget Year

Giving for:

Week ending 03/13/11:
\$3,313.00

Year to date:
48,063.26

Important Dates

Birthdays

4/7 Bill Stiefer
4/8 Betsy Bramlett
4/12 Bing Poh
Christopher Vilmont
4/16 Andrew Thompson
4/17 Brad Decker
4/18 Paulina Leddy
Debra Sweeney
4/24 Dennis Yates
4/27 Martha Baker
Alexander Webb
4/30 Terri Decker

Anniversaries

4/1 Jennifer Smith
4/4 Ruth & Charlie Horton
4/12 Janet & Ron Ohlig
4/19 Rose & Charles Eicke



Ushers

4/3 Terri Decker
Brad Decker
Debi Ward
4/10 Kate Bobo
Rachel Bobo
Joseph Uwakwe
Joe Cesspooch
4/17 Gloria Parsons
Nancy Hearon
Joy Koch
Marilyn Schilling
4/24 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!

Trinity News

Dear Trinity Family,

As many of you know for the last 2 1/2 years, we have been in close contact with a small congregation on Galveston Island. This church was devastated by Hurricane Ike, and we reached out to help them get back on their feet and back into their church home.



They are back in their repaired and redesigned facility and will celebrate the rededication of their church on Palm Sunday, April 17. As part of this important event, Roly and I will be there to represent Trinity Presbyterian and present them with a new altar cross from our congregation. Since funds are tight in our church, the session suggested that donations be made to cover the cost. The total cost for the cross is \$311.00. Roly and I will cover the cost for the engraving. If you feel moved to help with this gift, please state on your check that it is for the altar cross. If you are giving cash, please place the cash in an envelope with the words, altar cross, written on the outside. The session donated about \$130.00 toward the cost.

Thank you for your love and generosity. Emanuel Presbyterian Church on Galveston Island thanks you, too.

Roly and Lynda Rice

Where Are All These Children Coming From!

Many of you know that for the last 5 weeks we have had the Peanut Gallery's after school program at the church. The reason is frozen pipes led to a big mess and they needed a safe place for the children. We have the space and they are remarkably good at working with us to make sure all things are set up for the weekend.

Then their all day program, that was at different facility, had a sewer pipe break beneath the classrooms and from Friday to Sunday they needed to find a building. Again, they asked us to share space. We sat down and talked to them, then the session, and permission was given for them to come to Trinity and are now bringing life to both buildings.

We did talk to people who had programs over the next 5 weeks and they said they thought things could be worked out. If we are little inconvenienced we need to remember how important it is for these children to have a safe place to be. They have been good about paying a fair price to use the building and have a service come at night to make sure all things are cleaned.

If you have any questions please ask Rev Bev. They are hoping that the finished work on their building will be done in 3 weeks, but knowing that things can go wrong, have asked to stay for 5 weeks. Caring for our community and for the children of this community is a priority this year as we reach up to God and out to others in faith.



Trinity News

The New Session Is Busy!

After restructuring the way our session works, the session has had some long meetings to get things going. They have all taken leadership of committees and you may soon be getting a call to work with them in their area of interest. Also the session has redone our by-laws. They will be presented to the congregation on May 22. Since they are congregational by-laws they will need congregational approval. The session is also working on a building use policy and will have that ready to go in the next months. Below are the committees and the session leader who will be the leader of each. If you have a particular thing you would like to be a part of, call that area's leader to get involved!

Worship – Debra Sweeney

Children – Ruth Horton

Youth – Lee Ann Bandy

Membership – Robin Dilger (this includes fellowship)

Adult Studies – Humphrey Wambaa

Evangelism – Lloyd Olson and Al Gober

Mission – Debra Whinnie

Finance and property – Dennis Yates (this includes building, grounds and financial matters)

Personnel - Paul Leddy

They have much to do this year please help where you can.



- We need people to help provide dinner for our youth. Hopefully you will need to cook only once a quarter.
- We would like a lockable file for the office.
- Those who would like to sing for Easter – (see Lydia Gober).
- Those who have a special musical talent to play special music, (see Lydia Gober)

Children's Ministries



The chime choir for children is starting up again. The choir is a combination of young people and adults. As we grow we hope to get many new children in the chime choir so the adults will need a choir of their own. Paula Mallory is the director and they will perform on Sunday April 3, 2011

Sowing Seeds of Love

The children adopted a flower garden and worked very hard pulling weeds and planting new flowers. Now the children challenge you to adopt a flower bed. Let's all work together to make Trinity "bloom" with color!

Thank you so much to the people who offered to furnish flowers and food for this event. We love you!



We are looking for someone who would be willing to help with the Children's Worship once or twice a month. This would give Ms. Amy the opportunity to attend worship services occasionally. Please contact Ruth Horton or Amy Olsen if this is something you might be interested in helping with.

Please remember the following upcoming events:

- April 15 at 6:30 PM - Easter Event - making Resurrection Eggs - These eggs will tell the story of Jesus' time from Palm Sunday through Easter. Dinner will be provided.
- May 8 - during Children's Worship - Caring Hearts/Warm Soles- We will be collecting socks (and other items) and adopting a unit to send these to our soldiers either in Iraq or Afghanistan, in appreciation for their service to our country.
- July 18 - 22 - VBS (more to follow)

Ruth Horton and Children's Ministries Team

Every Little Bit Helps

This past week I had the opportunity to attend a worship service in a large church. The sanctuary was lit by an array of lights of different sizes, shapes, and location. There were too many to count but there must have been a hundred or more of them. The lights combined with the architecture and furnishing to create a sanctuary that was beautiful and also provided a comfortable welcoming atmosphere.

They could have chosen to light the sanctuary with florescent lights or even a few of those high power industrial lights. However, that kind of lighting can be overwhelming and hard on the eyes. Even though they are bright they often do not reach everywhere and create shadows.

On the other hand, the combined effect of a hundred plus lights of varying sizes did what a few super bright lights could not do. There were no shadows. There were no places where the light didn't reach. The light from the big lamps is often harsh and hard on the eyes but in this case the constellation of smaller lights created a very pleasant atmosphere.

We may not be the bright shining stars on the world's stage but we are all part of God's plan and there is a place and a ministry for each of us.

I Kings 17:9-14 provides us with a good example of this. There was a famine caused by a drought. God's prophet Elijah is suffering like everyone else but God took steps to help him. (*"Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food."* So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, *"Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?"* As she was going to get it, he called, *"And bring me, please, a piece of bread."*

As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread-- only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it-- and die." Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.'") (NIV)



No matter what our circumstances are, when we trust the Lord and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us we can be a blessing. We may not be able to change the world but we can change our world.

John is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Prosper.

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

Steve Thomas

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	972-795-4902
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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