

May, 2011

Pastor's Pen,

I really like May in Texas because it reminds me a lot of June in Iowa... Many field plants are growing and giving promise of a good harvest, my summer flowers are in bloom and it is not yet so hot that I can't go out until evening to look at them. In Texas it is also the month for graduations, weddings and the start of summer vacation. Most people are still getting over the winter blues in Iowa and are trying to figure out if this is going to be another 100 year flood. (Which I think comes a lot more than every 100 years). It is a time to consider what our summer will be like and get all those projects started that will not be done until fall (for it will be too hot).

It is a season to start new phases of one's life or just a time to consider beginning a new. I hope all of us will be praying for the young people we know who are getting married or graduating and also those who might after many years getting ready to retire. I would like to have you consider one thing that you can do to bless up coming events. Write a personal note to those celebrating and let them know how pleased you are to be sharing in their lives. Both of my children got these kinds of notes when they graduated from high school and it made them feel special and ready to go out into the world. Brides, grooms, retirees, those about to go to college or those just getting ready to start school in the fall would enjoy a note of encouragement as well as wishes of congratulations.

I know writing is out of vogue with the internet and texting, but when I get a letter I can enjoy it more than once and savor the encouragement a note can bring. Take time to write when people have special events in their lives for you might be the one who gives them the encouragement they need for the new things in their lives. All of us are called to encourage one another in the name of Jesus. Do so for someone you care about this spring.

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 05/01/2011:  
\$3,164.00

Year to date:  
\$78,332.66

# Pastors Update

## Help Wanted

As the session begins to set up session committees and doing the work of reorganization, their meetings are long and hard. Then they have to get things doing with the committee on which they serve. So you are going to see a lot of "Help Wanted" sections in the Newsletter and the T-mail. Now is the time to be thinking where you would like to serve at Trinity. The committees are meeting and at the end of this article you will find the names and numbers of who serves on which committee. Look on your bulletin for times and places. Getting the work done on these committees will be easier if there are more ideas and help is given by the congregation. We need people to consider working with fellowship and people willing to help teach VBS. Everyone is needed to do something with a committee. Since all the committees are fairly new I am pretty sure there are openings available. I know that often people wait for the committee elder to call before you volunteer to serve, but this time our elders already have much to do and really could use some volunteers to call them. I know this is the second time I mentioned this in the newsletter, but we need a larger response. A couple of committees that need help during the summer are; property (inside and out), youth (especially with dinners), children's ministries (VBS and monthly events), and stewardship. We will be meeting with a man from the National Office who is going to help us set up another major capital campaign so that we can meet the ongoing expense of paying for the mortgage on the Sanctuary. Also, it seems like we might soon need a new members class and I would like help with setting up a luncheon afterwards for the new members and a few people from the church.

While all of this is going on the session is still working on getting the by-laws passed and establishing over rules for the session meetings and its work. They are also working on a new building use guidelines and establishing a method for recording of funds taken in and those paid out. Our Audit went very well but the auditors had some suggestions for making our financial worker better. So meetings are still too long! The truth is that if you have the responsibility of making our church work well it is very, very helpful to have people come up and say, "Hey Debra Whinnie I see your are the elder heading up missions. I have a heart for missions how can I help?"

Please consider where you can help and call that elder in charge of that area. You will find we are a busy people who need to keep moving as fast and as faithfully as possible. Volunteer. It will do your body and the body of Christ called Trinity Presbyterian in The Colony good. Let us all make our church one of welcome and care for those the Lord sends our way. Watch who is doing things and step up to them and say, "How can I help?" I am pretty sure you will make their day!

### Committees of Session:

Children's	Ruth Horton 972-370-1588
Youth	Lee Ann Bandy 972-464-9172
Adult Studies and groups	Humphrey Wambaa 972-668-0017
Worship	Debra Sweeny 972-625-1432
Fellowship and member care	Robin Dilger 469-384-9942
Evangelism (Just getting started)	Lloyd Olson 214-906-4572
Finance and Property (our biggest group)	Dennis Yates 972-795-4817
Mission (including AI's hearts and hammers)	Debra Whinnie 469-384-8822
Personal Committee	Paul Leddy 972-625-4272

Other Volunteer Opportunities are deep cleaning help, filing for Rev Bev, planting flower beds though many are done we have a few left, cooking for youth, sewing baptism blankets and other things. Then there is singing in the Praise Band or Choir, and we hope to start a new Adult Bell Ringers group. Look around you, see something needing done, talk to the elder who works in this area or me! It was amazing to see what many hands and a wood chipper could get done when people did yard work. Don't wait to be asked - give a call we have a place for you.

# Important Dates

## Birthdays

5/2 Kelli Decker  
5/4 Humphrey Wambaa  
5/5 Phil Shelley  
Dee Stokes  
5/6 Daniel Bauer  
Jordan Yates  
5/7 Joy Koch  
5/15 Nancy Fiedler  
5/20 Mai Ding  
5/22 Cheryl Leddy  
Jonathon Barksdale  
5/23 Rachel Bobo  
5/24 Jillian Olson  
5/25 Deena Bulkeley  
5/29 Nicholas Bandy-Gerleman  
5/31 Taryn Thompson



## Anniversaries

5/2 Harvey & Betty Wright  
5/13 Leigh & Sara Godecke  
5/23 Phil & Bonnie Shelley  
5/27 Daniel & Cissi Bauer



## Ushers

5/2 Terri Decker  
Brad Decker  
Debi Ward  
5/9 Kate Bobo  
Rachel Bobo  
Joseph Uwakwe  
Joe Cesspooch  
5/16 Gloria Parsons  
Nancy Hearon  
Joy Koch  
Marilyn Schilling  
5/23 Ruth Horton  
Charlie Horton  
Daniel Bauer  
Harvey Wright  
5/30 Terri Decker  
Brad Decker  
Debi Ward



### 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



## TPC Is Going Green!



Going green makes sense for the environment, for your health, and for economic reasons as well. Did you know that the styrofoam cups we have been using take anywhere from 50 years or more to “disappear”? They never really decompose but get torn into smaller and smaller pieces but never entirely decompose. They also cost significantly more than washing and reusing our china cups.

Beginning this Sunday, May 1, 2011, we will start using the “china” coffee mugs. We will also begin using the “china” plates for future potlucks with the next potluck scheduled May 22, 2011 immediately following the congregational meeting.



In addition to being environmentally respectful, we ask that you not take open cups or other beverage containers into the sanctuary. There will be a cart available for you to place your used cup on so that we can collect them in one central location for the fellowship coffee hour people to clean them for use for the next Sunday. Please dispose of other beverage containers in the recycling receptacles outside of the kitchen. We appreciate your consideration and support as TPC goes green to protect the environment, your health, and the church’s finances.

## WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

On behalf of the Al Gober family, we thank you from deep within our hearts for the many kindnesses shown to us during Al's illness and after his joining the kingdom on March 31st. During our battle with cancer, you were constantly with us in prayer, in managing the daily tasks at home, in encouraging words and in providing anything we needed. God certainly smiles on the church family that truly practices what they preach. Thank you for the cards, for food, for hugs, for help with chores, for joining us at the visitation and memorial service which was so uplifting. Words are minimal to express how much your steadfast and ever-present love mean to all of us. Let us continue as a church family to be the best caregivers we can for one another. God bless you!

## Thank You!

The family of Geneva Hearon would like to thank TPC for all the prayers, cards, food, visits, flowers and support in the loss of our mother. She loved this church and would have been honored by all you have done.

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## HISTORY OF OUR SONGS



Please note that "History of our Songs" class normally held Sundays at 9 a.m. will be cancelled for May 29th (this is the day before Memorial Day, May 30th). Thanks again for the support you have given, both to this class and our larger community of Christian church and faith. It is truly my privilege to serve, Ron.

## Update on Al's Hugs and Hammers current project:

Due to a financial blessing to help restore the side of the home and save a portion of the back of the garage (used for storage), a delay on the work is necessary. The "tentative" date is set for the weekend of May 21st but this is "Tentative", details to follow as early as next week.

If you are interested in keeping up with projects Al's Hugs and Hammers, please email [alshug-sandhammers@yahoo.com](mailto:alshug-sandhammers@yahoo.com) to be placed on the "Blast News". You can also follow the organization on Face book.



## We Welcome into the Body of Christ!

We welcome into the body of Christ on April 3<sup>rd</sup> Jacob L. Johnson son of Jeremiah and Mele Johnson. Jacob was baptized at Trinity with Grandparents Larry and Theresa being the presenting elders. On Easter April 24th two people into the body of Christ, Lilly Ann Decker daughter of Danny and Kelsey she was baptized and grandparents Brad and Terri Decker were the presenting elders. After the joy of having a baby baptize into the body we had an adult baptism of Marjorie Cooper the presenting elder was Linda Rice. What a joy to welcome these sisters of faith. Please pray for these new Baptized Christians.



## Bev Operation!



Rev Bev will be having her left knee replaced in June. To have her in a upbeat move the week before she and Wayne will be taking their family to Disney World to celebrate that both are turning 60 this year and their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. So she will basically be out of the office from June 10<sup>th</sup> and out of the pulpit after June 18<sup>th</sup>. The Doctor has given a 4 weeks recovery time as necessary for the knee but she will be back before VBS!

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## Sympathy to the families of those who have entered the Church Triumphant

To the family and friends of Al Gober we offer our sympathy and love... Al died on March 31<sup>st</sup>. His services were held at the church on April 6<sup>th</sup> and memorials can be given to a number of places. You can call the church office for the list.



To the family of Geneva Hearon we offer our sympathy and prayers. Geneva die on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and her memorial was held in the church on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Memorials can be given to the church to honor Geneva.

## Thank You Church Family



We thank Robin Dilger, her committee and the many volunteers who made the gathering time after the memorials a time of talking with the family and sharing the refreshments given by many. Your work gave the families a wonderful opportunity to receive the warm wishes of many friends, co-workers and family. Working together made a blessing to all who were there for the services.

## Mad Science

We are happy to partner with Mad Science to offer their hands-on science camp at our church. Camp is held M-F from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Each week features a different topic. You may enroll for one week or several weeks. Please [www.madscience.org/dallas](http://www.madscience.org/dallas) to select your topic and register your child or simply call Mad Science directly at (972) 214-0475. Early drop and late pick up is available.



# Trinity Missions

Dear TPC Brother and Sisters,

Hi, I am Debra Whinnie your Missions Elder. I want to let you know about the missions that are going on here at our church. Some are already in place, others are just getting started. If you are interested in any of these, please get in touch with the contact person. If you have any ideas you would like to implement, please let me know.

***The Angel Food Program*** is an on going program. Roly Rice has volunteered to come open the doors so the people running the program can get set up. If Roly is not available, Frank Whinnie will take over for Roly. If you would like to help with set up or distribution contact Roly Rice.

Ron and Laurie McKee will be the points of contact for the ***Hats for the Homeless Project***. Now is the time to be working on those hats to have them ready for next winter. Talk to Laurie if you need to learn how to make a hat. If you have hats already made, talk to Ron about collection and distribution.

***The Never Ending Food Drive***, a youth project will continue. Tyler Winn is the point of contact.

***Road to Recovery*** is a project proposed by Dee Stokes. They need drivers to help get people to doctor's appointments. This is something that Dee is already involved in and she would like to help others get involved in this mission. Dee Stokes will be your point of contact.

***TPC Touchstones*** is a mission that keeps in contact with our members that go away to college. This had been done in the past. Cards, letters and care packages were sent to the students. This mission will resume in the fall. Cissi Bauer is the point of contact and she stated she would like to get the Women's group involved. This project will start in the fall.

Lynda Rice proposed that we help with ***Meals on Wheels***. Lynda is researching this and will be the point of contact.

Volunteering at ***The Stew Pot Second Chance Café*** is an opportunity to reach of to the larger community. It is currently being done by Frank and Debra Whinnie. They would like to get more people involved. Frank and Debra are the points of contact.

***Al's Hugs and Hammers*** is a volunteer group that will help people in our church and our community make repairs to their homes or yards. If you are handy with tools, a lawn mower or a broom, or a hug this might be a mission for you. Janet Ohlig will be the point of contact.

Hope to see you get involved.

Connecting to God and the World through Faith and Family

Debra Whinnie

# Children's/Youth Ministries



The children held their Easter event on Friday evening, April 15. There were 11 children present. We had a spaghetti dinner, an egg hunt, the Easter story, and then we made "Resurrection" eggs. What a fun time we had.

On Palm Sunday the children's choir sang "Here Comes Jesus" at the worship service. If you would like to join this choir we have practice on Sunday mornings at 9:30. This is for all children ages 4 years through the 5th grade. We would love to have you join us. Sunday School is at 9:00.



Trinity Youth Connection (TYC) would like to thank Pat Dimino for organizing the Wednesday night dinners for the youth. Our thanks also to Barbara Steifer and Louise Knuth for their work with the committee. Pat still needs two or three more who are willing to get involved with this important activity. If you can volunteer to make a quick meal of hot dogs or serve and clean up one Wednesday night each month, please call Pat at 214-542-3442.



For our May event the children will be collecting white cotton socks (for both men and women) and send them to our troops. We are adopting a unit in Afghanistan. We will be collecting the socks between now and May 8 at which time we will box these up and ship. There will be a box in the Narthex if you would like to contribute.

## VBS

July 18 - 22

Please contact Amy Olson if you are able to help.

The children are adopting a unit in Afghanistan and will be collecting white cotton socks (for both men and women). This is one thing the troops request as they go through a lot of socks. If you would like to contribute, we will have a box in the Narthex each week from now until May 8 at which time we will box these up and ship them. This is their May event - Caring Hearts/Warm Soles.



## Bit by Bit

Right after I graduated from high school I went to an electronics school. On the first day of class, they gave us a hint as well as a little bit of the philosophy behind how they were going to teach us electronics. The instructor made the comment that electronics is hard by the yard but a cinch by the inch. The principle being that in many cases you can't do everything at once. You have to take it a step at a time.

That principle was absolutely true when it came to learning electronics, and it is equally valid in just about everything else that we do. It is surprising how even monumental tasks that at first seem impossible, are conquered by simply starting with one little piece and then moving on to the next piece.

I was reminded of the principle when I came home one day last week and discovered a 4' x 8' section of the bedroom ceiling had fallen down. There was wet and soggy sheet rock, water soaked insulation, and other debris all over the bed and part of the bedroom. It was a mess and as I stood there surveying the damage I tried to figure out how I was going to get this mess cleaned up. After a couple minutes of surveying the damage I got the trash can, a dust pan, and started the process by scooping up some of soggy installation and throwing it in the trash can. It was amazing, as soon as I got started the job no longer seemed insurmountable and almost before I knew it I was finished.

And so it is with the things that we do and the choices we make. Sometimes we do things without thinking about the consequences or how they're going to affect other people. Sometimes they know that the things we do aren't right and yet we do them anyhow. Telling ourselves that no one will notice; no harm no foul. We choose to tell a little white lie, blaming our being light on the traffic instead of admitting that we are late because of our own bad choices.

Being good, caring, and compassionate people is something that we all strive to be and it is an achievable goal. However, it is not something that we can accomplish on our own. Nor is it something that is going to happen overnight, it's going to take hard work and constant attention. But it is something that we can accomplish if we allow God's Holy Spirit to lead and guide us.

Allow me to suggest that each day you look for an opportunity to demonstrate God's love, and be a blessing to others. You might just be surprised at what you and the Holy Spirit can accomplish over time. Some mistakenly think that only the rich and the powerful can change the world. But the reality is far different and over the course of time, the world is changed and made better more by small acts of grace and kindness than anything else.

John is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Prosper.

# Trinity

## Organizational Structure

### Session

Session Elders - Debra Sweeney, Ruth Horton, Lee Ann Bandy, Robin Dilger, Humphrey Wambaa,  
Lloyd Olson, Debra Whinnie, Dennis Yates, Paul Leddy

Session Moderator - Rev. Beverly Hughes

Clerk of Session - John Fiedler

### Ministries

Worship – Debra Sweeney

Children – Ruth Horton

Youth – Lee Ann Bandy

Membership – Robin Dilger (includes Fellowship, Member Care and Member Involvement)

#### Team Leaders

Gloria Parsons, Camille Marchelletta, Mimi Montgomery

Adult Studies – Humphrey Wambaa

Evangelism – Lloyd Olson

Mission – Debra Whinnie

#### Points of Contact

Hurricane Ike Relief Galveston and Emanuel Presbyterian Church - Lynda Rice

Angel Food - Roly Rice

Hats for the Homeless - Laurie and Ron McKee

Never Ending Food Drive, A Youth Project - Tyler Winn

Road to Recovery -Dee Stokes

Volunteering at North Texas Food Bank -Pam Hampson

TPC Touchstones - (Does not begin until August 2011) -Cissi Bauer

Al's Hugs and Hammers Project - Janet Ohlig

Volunteering at The Stewpot-Second Chance Cafe- Frank and Debra Whinnie

Meals on Wheels - Lynda Rice

Facilitating – Dennis Yates

#### Committees

Property - Patrick Dilger

Grounds - Charlie Horton

Services - Steve Thomas

Finance - Larry Johnson

Personnel - Paul Leddy

Executive Director - Steve Thomas