

Trinity Times

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Pastors Pen,

In August I turned 60 years old. It seemed daunting for awhile as it makes me what most people consider a senior. Thinking about the event I thought about a statement in Apples of Gold, a small book of reading based on the fruits of Spirit found in Galatians 5. The small saying was in the section on meekness. It reads,

"Tolerance comes with age. I see no fault committed that I myself could not have committed at some time or other."

Yes, indeed this was one of the gifts of age that I am truly grateful for.

- ✓ I realized that in my mid-twenties I was a young mother and I could have even taken the life of another if they threatened my children.
- ✓ I know the terrible temptation of wanting to live in a house we could not afford.
- ✓ I knew the pangs of jealousy that nearly took a well formed friendship apart.
- ✓ I often (I say often because sometimes I don't even notice what I get back) make sure that if a store clerk hands me too much money that I give it back, but have felt the deep urge to keep it. It wasn't my fault she or he made the mistake.
- ✓ I have wanted to cut my tongue out after hurting my brother with bitter words.
- ✓ I know of Sunday mornings when I simply turned off the alarm clock.
- ✓ I have let bad words slip from my mouth and felt a little soap might be in order.
- ✓ I have told lies to keep me out of trouble and there were many other times when I wanted to tell a lie or two.

Mistakes are made and I know I have been there and at least thought that. However; at 60 I have become fully aware of a couple other things.

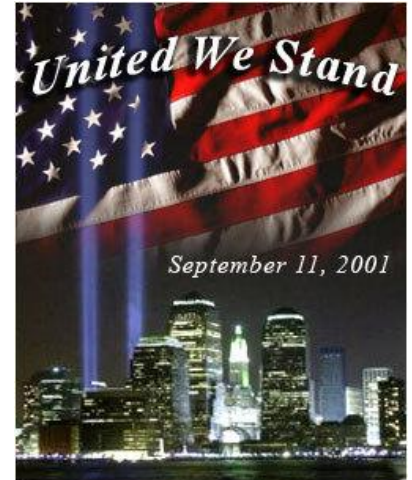
One thing I've learned is that falling victim to sin always has a cost. Loving Jesus and allowing Him to take my sins away when I confess and turn my heart back to Him, then I am forgiven and made stronger to face temptation next time.

I have also learned that when others give way to temptation it is because they are human like me. I pray often that I if I am able to help them address the sin I will do so knowing I could be in their shoes. I know the one thing they need to recover from mistakes. I know the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ who came, lived, died, and was raised again to set them free. Not from the earthly consequence, but from drawing near to the God and Lord of all.

Knowing all of this I hope makes me wise. Wise enough to know that mistakes are made but we can do better, and even though we are 60 each new day is there for us to draw close to and serve the Lord. Sixty isn't so bad. It looks a lot like 50 with a few more aches and pains. I hope sixty continues to bring me a lot more grace to love those who the Lord has in my path knowing grace flows abundantly from the heart of God.

Your Senior Citizen Pastor – Bev

Reverend Beverly Hughes 972-423-8611 (h)



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.)*

Important Dates

Birthdays

9/3 John Fowler
9/5 Danny Decker
Micayla Decker
Wes Stiefer
9/6 Ed Shank
9/10 Janet Webb
9/11 Jack Montgomery
9/17 Lydia Gober
Justin Walker
9/19 Chris Ohlig
Joan Talley
Maia Hughes
9/21 Paul Michael Leddy
9/24 Joshua Johnson
Eleanore Palesano
9/30 Ethan Johnson



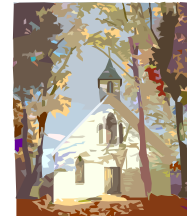
Anniversaries

9/2 Bill & Barbara Stiefer
9/4 Brad & Terri Decker
Patrick & Paula Mallory
9/5 Roly & Linda Rice
9/8 Frank & Debra Whinnie
9/19 John & Nancy Fiedler
9/20 Doug & Dee Kuklenz
9/21 Brian & Kelly Walker



Ushers

9/4 Gloria Parsons
Nancy Hearon
Joy Koch
Marilyn Schilling
9/11 Ruth Horton
Charlie Horton
Daniel Bauer
Harvey Wright
9/18 Terri Decker
Brad Decker
Debi Ward
9/25 Kate Bobo
Rachel Bobo
Joseph Uwakwe
Joe Cesspooch



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Hats for the Homeless

Thank you to everyone who has given time and materials for weaving winter hats to be distributed to the homeless. We will place a box in the narthex the first two Sundays of October (the 2nd and 9th) to collect the hats. We are planning to deliver the hats to The Stewpot downtown in mid-October.

Ron and Laurie McKee



Hats of to Women!

The TPC annual "Hats Off to Women" gathering will be on Saturday, September 10th, from 10:30 to 12:30 this year. This special event is a great time for women of the church to get together, exchange ideas, eat, and have fun!

We will be collaborating on ways women of the church can "connect" and form support groups that meet for a variety of fellowship events more frequently than in the past.

For this year's "Hats Off" event, the meal plan is a bit more informal than in the past. The drinks provided will be iced tea and coffee, and everyone is asked to bring ANY kind of a salad to share.



For those women that have never attended before, you may wear any kind of a hat. If you like "fun"--or even "funny" hats, that's fine! Or, if you prefer, you can still wear your classic Victorian hat, your elegant tea party hat, your Russian muffler hat, your Easter bonnet, your beanie cap, your cowboy hat, your grungy fishing hat, your sweaty headband, your Mousketeer ears--well, you get the idea!

All are asked to do their "darndest" to get there on time so the fun can begin on time!

Starting Sunday, August 21st, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, so be sure to put your signature on the line and plan on attending this charming event. This will help us to know how many tables to set up in advance.

P.S. If you want to start wearing your favorite hats to warm-up for the actual "Hats Off" event, you can start wearing them on August 21st and every Sunday leading up to September 10th.



Questions? Contact Cissi Bauer at (972) 625-0068

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Being a Good Office Steward

If you use the church office to print materials for your ministries, there are some tips you should know.

- It costs almost 10 cents (ten times) more per color print than black and white.
- Even if you only have one character in color it counts as a color print.
- Word by default converts web addresses and email addresses into color.



There are easy ways to prevent Word from defaulting to use color in these cases.

- You can select Gray Scale in your print options.
- You can set the hyperlink color in Styles. This can be done by following the instructions below.

1. From the **Home** tab, click the small icon (🔍) to the right of the word "Styles". Alternatively, press **Alt-Ctrl-Shift-s** .
Note: If you have no hyperlinks in your document, **Hyperlink** will not appear in the **Styles** menu.
2. In the **Styles** menu, hover your mouse pointer over **Hyperlink**, and then click the triangle that appears to the right. From the drop-down menu that appears, select **Modify...** .
3. In the "Formatting" section, choose the color you want, and then click **OK** to save your changes.

I suggest selecting a dark gray. That way you still get the benefit of a difference (hyperlinks are still underlined as well) while avoiding the cost of color.

When a few color pages are printed multiple times for classes or other purposes these costs add up.

Please help us wisely use God's resources for real ministry and not just paying the copier company.

Thank you for your stewardship,
Steve Thomas

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To my church family,

Thank you for taking such a sad event and making my Dad's memorial service a warm and wonderful memory. Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers that came with the gorgeous plant you sent. I will have the plant for many years to come which will remind me of my Dad; as well as remind me of how special my church family is. I love you all.

Thank you,

Steffani Floyd

Men's Bible Study



Did you know that there has been a Men's morning bible study going on here at Trinity? Well there has and it has been going on for years. If you are a man and have time from 6:45 AM to 8 AM on Wednesday mornings come and see what you have been missing.

We are currently doing a study of Mark lead by Steve Thomas based on Barclay's commentary and are starting the 10th chapter. Any time is a good time to join.

Come share the study, prayer, your joys and concerns, the time with other Christian men and the donuts and coffee!



Children's Ministries

The September Children's Event will be "Exploring God's World". This will take place on Sunday, September 25 at 4:00 - 6:00 PM at the church and across the street at the park. We will collect things and then use these things to make a cross from the children to hang on the wall in the narthex. Children will bring a sack lunch for their meal as this will be a picnic. We will provide drinks and dessert.



Other upcoming events are:

October - Fall Festival - Saturday, 10/22/11, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

November - Event for Advent - Friday, 11/11/11, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

December - Birthday Party for Jesus - Saturday, 12/10/11, 10:00 - 11:30 AM



And don't forget Children's Choir. On August 28 we sang "Straight from the Heart of God". We will sing again in mid October and at that time we will sing a song we learned in VBS "How Great Thou Art". Practice is on Sunday mornings. Sunday School is at 9:00 AM and choir practice is at 9:40. Look forward to seeing you there.

Hope you are all enjoying your new school year.

Ruthie Horton

Choose Your Friends Carefully

Growing up one of my best arguments, at least in my mind, for being allowed to do something that my parents didn't approve of was the old classic, "But mom, all my friends are doing it."

This argument seldom worked as Mom generally shot it down by asking, "If your friends jumped off of a bridge would you join them?" I soon learned that was the end of the matter, at least as far as Mom was concerned. However, experience has also shown that frequently our answer would have been a resounding, "Yes!"

During those same years as I was growing up my parents were justifiably concerned about who my friends were and who I chose to spend time with. Despite my misgivings about my parents' intelligence during those years, I now realize they were smarter than I thought and knew things that I didn't.

Now that I am older and perhaps a little wiser, I see the wisdom in Mom's question and its implied argument against the many foolish things I was tempted to do. Just because somebody else, or even a lot of somebody else, is doing something does not make it a good thing, or even remotely reasonable.

However, peer pressure is a powerful motivating force and often leads us to do things that we later regret. Peer pressure can, and often does, lead well educated and otherwise intelligent people to do foolish things. Many young sailors have come home from their first voyages sporting tattoos. Not because they particularly wanted them, but because all of the other guys were getting them and they didn't want to feel left out.

On a more serious note there is the case of Jim Jones and his cult. In November of 1978 over 900 people followed his lead and committed suicide together by drinking poisoned Kool-Aid. This incident makes you scratch your head and wonder; didn't their mothers ever ask them, "If all the other kids were going to jump off a bridge (or drink poison Kool-Aid), are you going to do the same thing?"

Who we choose to spend time with, and who we choose as our role models can make a big difference in our lives. As a quick demonstration allow me to offer the following two examples.

The first involves the letter E. It's a very fine letter and gets used a lot. When the letter "E" hangs around with the letters, "A", "H", and "T" the result is H-A-T-E. However when that same letter "E" decides to hang around with the letters "L", "O", and "V" the result is L-O-V-E. Along the same lines Anger can become an Angel by simply replacing the "R" with an "L".

Christ echoes that same thought in John 15:5 (*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*) (NIV)

So choose your friends carefully!



John is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Prosper.

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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