

Pastor's Pen,

A question I get often is, "Why are we having two stewardship campaigns this year?" The answer is simple, you have debt on your new building and it is taking up too much of our budget to handle the debt expense and the ministry work of the church. Last year, and the year before, much of the money collected (over 60% or more) was used on the building expenses including the debt service. That left very little for the other expenses of the church. The capitol campaign is simply to help with the debt payment so that we do not have to put all of this expense in budget. I think this will be helpful when you are seeking a new pastor and helpful to the ministries as they seek to do the work of Jesus in this place. Your vision for having this beautiful building has given you many opportunities to do the work of Jesus.

I know the debt load has limited us in doing things in the church but it has also given us a new way to look at things. For example, at the beginning of the year I asked the mission committee to come up with a list of things that would cost less than 100 dollars. The committee has come up with doing some important ways to do ministry on a shoe-string budget. Also, we have all been careful with our budgets knowing that there were limited funds; this is always a good lesson for any church. Still, it is time to take some of this debt load out of the budget. This is why we are having a capitol campaign.

Reverend Beverly Hughes 972-423-8611 (h)

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"



### Financial Status For 2011 Budget Year

Giving for:

Week ending  
10/23/2011:

\$1, 780.00

Year to date:

\$179,174.35

# Important Dates

## Birthdays

11/5 Dorthea Sooby  
11/9 Vinny Sweeney  
11/13 Chase Lee  
Holly Maduro  
11/15 Shane Donahue  
Brooks Horton  
Ron McKee  
11/21 Jenny Smith  
11/22 Jayson Decker  
Harvey Wright  
11/23 Grace Hughes  
11/25 Janet Ohlig  
11/27 Pat Dimino  
John Fiedler  
Ellen Fowler



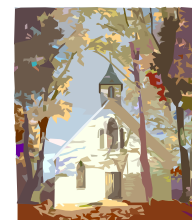
## Anniversaries

11/5 Ron & Kathy Lawson  
11/9 Greg & Debi Ward  
11/18 Von & Steffanie Floyd  
11/25 Frank & Pat Dimino



## Ushers

11/6 Ruth Horton  
Charlie Horton  
Daniel Bauer  
Harvey Wright  
11/13 Terri Decker  
Brad Decker  
Debi Ward  
11/20 Kate Bobo  
Rachel Bobo  
Joseph Uwakwe  
Joe Cesspooch  
11/27 Gloria Parsons  
Nancy Hearon  
Joy Koch  
Marilyn Schilling



# Trinity News

New Members classes on Sunday mornings 9-10 am on November 6, 13, 20th  
Class will be lead by Rev. Hughes in her office.



Presbytery will be held in Waxahachie on Saturday November 12th registration begins at 8 a.m. Rev. Beverly and an elder will be gone that day.

Youth Cookie Sale will be held on November 6th after church. The youth will be selling warm cookies for a \$1 each or \$10.00 a dozen. All monies earned will go to help the people in Bastrop, Texas who have lost their homes due to fire. This money will help provide lumber and materials to Gloria Parson's son who is giving his time free to help build porches for the trailers that are going up. There are 1,000 trailers that need porches so that people do not drag in all of the ash that is everywhere. Just think you get great cookies and help others at the same time!



Game Night's and Potluck the 1<sup>st</sup>. Saturday of each month 6pm to 10pm excluding December. For more information call Eleanore Palesano – 469-323-1560.

## Calling all Women?



Don't forget the following fun events!!

- ✓ Tuesday, November 1st--Amore's Dinner at 6:30!!
- ✓ Saturday, November 5th--Potluck and Game Night at TPC at 6:00!! (men can come too!!)
- ✓ Saturday, November 19th--McKinney Trade Days and Lunch Outing!! Meet at church parking lot at 10:00 AM.

Hope to see all of you at these wonderful get-togethers!!

\*For any questions please contact Cissi Bauer at 972-625-0068 or 972-658-0208

# Trinity News

Dear Members,

The Missions committee has been busy and you have all been very supportive. Thanks, thanks, thanks!

Many hats came in for Hats for the Homeless. Thank you to those who donated. Thanks to Ron and Laurie McKee for co-coordinating this mission.

We have several people who are volunteering with Meals on Wheels. Thanks to Lynda Rice who is coordinating this mission. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Lynda Rice.

We have 6 people signed up for serving breakfast at the Stewpot on New Years morning. Our next opportunity to serve will be Sunday March 4, 2012. We need to be there at 6:30 AM. We serve from 7:00 to 8:30. On week-ends, approximately 500 meals are served. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

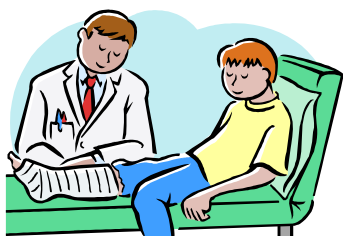
Our next project is to support families at Peters Colony School through Communities in Schools. We have been asked to supply toiletry bags for 15-20 families.

We are also going to take donations of gift cards for gas and groceries for Rev. Bev to give to those in need. They will be available on the Joy Tree which will be out starting November 13th.

We are still working on our Christmas project. If you would like to help, please attend our next Missions Committee meeting on Saturday, November 12th at 9:00 AM at the church. Hope to see you there.

Thank you all for your generosity. Being able to serve others is a blessing.

Sincerely,  
Debra Whinnie  
Missions Elder



## Thank you TPC!

Doug & I want to thank all those who have provided food and flowers, sent cards, and made calls and visits since my injury last month. We feel very blessed to be part of such a loving and giving church family!

In Christ,  
Dee & Doug Stokes

# Children's Ministries



We had our first Fall Festival on Saturday evening, October 22 and all had an awesome time. There were 20 children in attendance. The fee to get in to this event was a can of food for the Never Ending Food Drive. There were games, popcorn balls, a magic show presented by John Fowler, and the kids got to make caramel apples and decorate pumpkins. It was just a wonderful event. For any of you who missed, we hope to do it again next year. And thank you to all who helped with this event.

During Children's Worship there were three weeks of lessons on stewardship and tithing presented. On Sunday, October 9, they made small boxes to take home to put their coins in. Then, on Sunday, October 23, they returned these boxes with their gifts to God. This was a way the children could be a part of the stewardship campaign as well as understanding where their money is used that they give to God.



On Friday, November 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, we will have the "Event for Advent". Dinner will be served at 6:30 (Walking Tacos). After dinner we will have a lesson on Advent and then we will be making Chrismons. Hope to see all there.

*Other upcoming events are:*

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

And don't forget Sunday School and Children's Choir (our little "Rays of Sunshine"). We will sing again in December. 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.



I want to thank Amy Olson and Esther Lee for the wonderful job they do with the Children's Worship time each Sunday, to Priscilla Hounam and Amy Rice for their help with the Children's Choir, and for our awesome Sunday School teachers; Priscilla Hounam, Amy Rice, and Paul Leddy. When you see any of these people please be sure to let them know how much we appreciate all their hard work and dedication.

Ruthie Horton  
Elder—Children's Ministries

## Imitation or Reflection?

This past weekend it occurred to me that “good enough” is only good enough if you have never experienced really good and don’t know the difference.

On my way to church I stopped at the store to get some Halloween candy. On this particular trip I was not shopping. I knew exactly what I wanted – some candy corn. I also discovered a bag of candy corn flavored M&M candies. Being a big fan of M&Ms I grabbed a bag of candy corn flavored M&Ms as well.



Later, during my children’s sermon we put the M&M to the test. We quickly discovered that they were good and they tasted a little like candy corn. But as soon as we tried a couple kernels of the real candy corn we realized that being close is not the same as being the original.

Early in the book of Genesis the scripture informs us that we were created in God’s image. We, alone in all of creation were chosen to bear the image of the Lord God who created everything. More than that, we have been given skills and abilities far greater than those given to any of the creatures we share planet earth with.

As a race we humans are pretty impressive and have accomplished some truly amazing things. Computer technology has changed our world in so many ways. Medical science continues to make us healthier and to extend our lives. It is now possible to cross the country in a matter of hours, something that only a hundred years ago would have taken a week or more.

As we bask in the glow of all we have done, it is good to remember that we are created in God’s image, but we are not God. The difference becomes readily apparent when we compare what we can do with what Christ did do. Our best efforts pale to insignificance when compared to all that God has done.

We have explored, mapped, and dominated our planet. We have even made some small steps into space and have left our footprints and a couple buggies on the moon. We are the masters of all we survey; but it was God who created all that we have explored and claimed.



Matthew 14:14-20 tells the story of a day when thousands had gathered to hear Christ preach, some had come hoping to be healed, but all were touched by his words. Then it was dinner time and the disciples urged Christ to end the day and send the people home because there was no way to feed them all. The disciples saw only the need. Christ had the answer. The disciples gathered up a few loaves of bread and some fish.

They were good but he was God. Christ gave thanks, dinner was served, and after everyone had feasted there was an abundance left over.

We are at our best when, instead of thinking we are God, we choose to reflect God’s glory and allow God to work through us. Amen.

John R. Fowler

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