

TRINITY TRUMPET

FROM THE MINISTER'S HEART ~

Keeping in step with the Spirit is always a challenge for us Christians. Paul writes in Galatians 5: 25, "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." What a novel idea! Yet, during the holidays we find ourselves pushed to the limit with travel, year-end meetings, special gatherings, papers, finals and our emotions are stressed to the limit. There is no other season in the year when so much happens in so little time and we find ourselves all too often missing the Christmas spirit simply because we are not in step with the Spirit.

In Ephesians 5: 18-21 Paul again speaks about being in step with the Spirit saying, "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in you heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." What wise advise for you and me today. That we may radically change our way of living in this world by filling ourselves with the Holy Spirit instead of with all the seductions of this world. Living a truly supernatural lifestyle. In so doing we will then be able to finally speak to one another in love with music in our hearts and thankfulness as our attitude. This is the Christmas Spirit Paul

tells us to fill ourselves with. Keeping in step with Him not only during this busy holiday rush season, but all the yearlong. For this is the gift we all long for this Christmas, the free gift of the water of life. As always, there's more to come!

Yours in Christ

Russell Wilkins, Your Minister

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5 Words of Mission
Fellowship,
Evangelize, Worship,
Study
& Serve

THE FINANCIAL CORNER
FYI 2004

As of 10/31/04	Budget	Actual
INCOME	112,022.50	124,654.04
EXPENSE	119,628.88	127,194.67
NET	-7,606.38	-2,540.63

THE SESSION OF TRINITY

Rev. Russell A. Wilkins Moderator
Administration — Personnel Carolyn Hughes, Moderator
Russ Richardson
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Tim Fette
Christian Education Ray Keith, Moderator
Niki Mizell
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Lee Ann Hughes, Co-Mod
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Russell Wilkins, Moderator
Finance Russell Wilkins, Moderator
World Missions Carolyn Hughes, Moderator
Nominating Barbara Western, Moderator
Stewardship Ginger Mann, Moderator
Worship and Music Orenne Niven

Ministry teams normally meet the first Wednesday of each month. The Session meets the third Sunday of each month at 7:00 PM.

THE EDGE

Christmas is in the air and I can feel it all around. I hope you are all enjoying this lovely weather as much as I certainly am. I would like to remind each of the youth and the parents of the youth that the first payment of \$100.00 for the Tex-Mex deposit and a list of 20 names per student are due to me or the church office NO LATER than January 19th, 2005. Also, the youth and I were planning to go Christmas Caroling this Sunday, but we have changed that to next Sunday, December 19th. So I hope I will see everyone there. Have a great week!
1 Timothy 4:12
Dylan

Steady Growth
The Confessing Church movement, through today, in 46 states and Puerto Rico, is comprised of:

Congregations: 1,307
Members: 433,584

Children's Church Volunteers
Please sign up for Children's Church. We need you!

Nursery Volunteer
December 12th
Jean Crain

Sunday
December 12, 2004

Third Advent-
Joy

Christmas

Cantata

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TRINITY?

This Week

Sunday, December 12th

- ◆ Sunday School 9:45 AM
- ◆ Worship & Cantata 11:00 AM

Monday, December 13th

- ◆ Ladies Morning Circle 11:30 AM
- ◆ Boy Scouts 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 14th

- ◆ Bible Study 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 15th

- ◆ WOW 3:30-5:15 PM
- ◆ Choir Practice 5:30 PM
- ◆ Catered Meal 6:30 PM
- ◆ Youth Gathering 7:00 PM
- ◆ Program 7:15 PM

Christmas Cantata: Will be presented Sunday Morning, December 12th during the Worship Service. Don't miss this blessing during the Christmas Season!

Ladies Morning Circle: Will meet Monday, December 13th, at 11:30 a.m. in the home of Marie Findley, 25 Summer Lane, Texarkana, TX for our Christmas Party. Members are asked to bring an unwrapped new toy to donate to the Salvation Army.

Tuesday Night Bible Study: Will meet December 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Office to continue our study of Revelation.

Wednesday Night Fellowship: December 15th will have a catered meal at 6:15 p.m. followed by a program at 7:15 p.m. by Rev. Russell.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Samantha Reep and Anderson Wilkins on being named to the 2003-2004 publication of "Who's Who Among American High School Students". Both Samantha and Anderson are seniors at Pleasant Grove High School

THANK YOU!

Dear Trinity Presbyterian Church of Texarkana, I wanted to thank you all very much for the great snack pack once again. It's such a nice surprise to get one every year around this time to study for exams, especially when it's freezing out here and you don't want to go out for a snack! Thank you for your love and fellowship as well. Sincerely,

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Clyde Johnson
Muriel Avery
Wanda Williams
Frank Symonds
Jane Carpenter
Jessie McKinney

Sue Turner
Deane Mossier
Lucas Raney
Lera Murray
Jo Marlowe
Joyce Majors

SYMPATHY

The Trinity Presbyterian Church family extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. Marguerite Dellinger Cloer upon her death on December 3, 2004.

Actual Attendance & 2004 Attendance Goals 12/05/04		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Goal</i>
Sunday School	28	50
Worship	90	100

FROM THE WALLS.....

I'm sorry everyone couldn't be at church Sunday morning. It was a wonderful service. First, we were privileged to have Andrea Finley play several numbers on the violin. Sweet, sweet sounds of the violin set the mood for a worshipful experience. Then, when Julie, with the voice of an angel, sang a powerful solo of "O Holy Night", I was simply awestruck.

With the Chrismon tree and the lighting of the Advent candles, singing of carols, the special music, the lighted candle, and the children talking about their lists (not socks or clothes), it was easy to forget the day-by-day activities and focus on the birth of Christ and why this is an important season in our lives and the life of the church. Of course, Rev. Russ gave us some good points on that in his sermon, too!

There was "togetherness" Sunday morning since we were on television and didn't want to have empty spaces showing. As they were more of "one voice", I could hear the congregation singing and saying the prayer of confession and apostle's creed a little better and clearer.

The choir is still working hard and putting in extra hours on their cantata for Sunday morning. I'm sure it will be great – as usual.

Don't forget to watch the worship service on television. I'm sure Miss Sharon will put the times it can be seen in the Trumpet. And, don't forget to look real close at the rafter over the cross and you just might see my little ones and me sitting there watching you!

Sunday School Opportunities

9:45 AM

- ◇ Bereans, adults in room B-7 studying "**Faith Weavers**"
- ◇ Adults in room B-6 studying "**The Mighty Acts of God**"
- ◇ Foundations, adults in the parlor studying, *The Gospel of Luke*
- ◇ Youth in room B-9 studying the **Faith 4 Life Curriculum**
- ◇ 3rd-5th grade in room B-5 studying the **Faith Weavers curriculum**
- ◇ 1st-2nd grade in room B-4 studying the **Faith Weavers curriculum**
- ◇ Pre-K & K in room B-2 studying the **Faith Weavers curriculum**

The Church Mouse