

TRINITY TRUMPET

FROM THE MINISTER'S HEART ~

Only two weeks left in 2004! Did you accomplish all you planned this year? Did you achieve all your goals for this year? Did you survive the challenges life brought you this year or did you overcome them? I hope you take the time during these cold winter nights sitting by the fireplace or looking outside at the beautiful clear night to contemplate your year. Take time to recall the many life events of these past 12 months and let God bless you with His comfort and His love for you through each of those experiences. Let His Holy Spirit cover you with the blanket of His warmth and presence so that you may continue this journey of life as an overcomer not simply a survivor. Jesus said, "To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne." What a beautiful and sure promise Jesus makes to you and me who overcome the depths of despair too often found in this life we live. Jesus did not say, "To him who survives..." He specifically used the word overcome. He also didn't say do it alone. He said to overcome just as He did which means that we, by our faith in His victory over this world, we overcome it just as He did. Don't try to overcome this life alone you weren't made for that. He made us to fellowship with Him at all times, especially when we are challenged by life and are subject to becoming victims instead of conquerors. Paul writes, "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Amen...As always, there's more to come!

Yours in Christ

Russell Wilkins, Your Minister

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**FEWSS**  
**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  
Administration — Property Freddy Western, Moderator  
Tim Fette  
Christian Education Ray Keith, Moderator  
Niki Mizell  
Evangelism and Outreach Jean Crain &  
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Carol Moore &  
Lee Ann Hughes, Co-Mod  
Fellowship John Hamilton, Moderator  
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.*

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

Hello, All! The Christmas Season is upon us, and the Stewardship Season is coming to an end. Thank you to all who have turned in their pledges! For those who have not done so, please have them in by Monday, December 20th. You can place your card in the offering plate instead of mailing it in.

Thank you so much, and God bless,  
The Stewardship Ministry Team

**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!  
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**Nursery Volunteer**  
December 19th  
Meta Savage

**Sunday December 19, 2004**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
  
Sermon Title & Scripture  
  
*God's Grace:  
A Gift of Love*  
  
**2 Timothy 1:1-12**

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TEXARKANA, TX 75501

***This Week***

*Sunday, December 19th*

- ◆ *Sunday School*  
9:45 AM
- ◆ *Worship*  
11:00 AM
- ◆ *Christmas Caroling*  
4:30 PM
- ◆ *MVP Meeting*  
6:00 PM
- ◆ *Session*  
7:00 PM

*Monday, December 20th*

- ◆ *Boy Scouts*  
7:00 PM

*Tuesday, December 21st*

- ◆ *Bible Study*  
7:00 PM

*Wednesday, December 22nd*

- ◆ *No WOW*
- ◆ *No Wednesday Night Activities*

*Friday, December 24th*

- ◆ *Christmas Eve Communion Service*  
6:30 PM

*Saturday, December 25th*

- ◆ *Christmas Day*

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TRINITY?**

**Christmas Caroling:** Will take place on Sunday, December 19th. Meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. Refreshments afterward!

**Tuesday Night Bible Study:** Will meet December 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church office and continue our study of Revelation.

**Wednesday Night Activities:** Will not meet this week, December 22nd, or on December 29th.

**Christmas Eve Communion Service:** Will be held on Friday night, December 24th at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

**Church Office:** Will be closed on Friday, December 24th and December 31st.

**Worship Service on TV:** Our Worship Service that was taped on December 5th will be shown on TV Station KLFI, Channel 35 and Cable Channel 10, each Thursday at 7 p.m. and each Friday at 4 a.m. and 12:00 noon during the month of December. Be sure and watch it!

**RANDY SAMS**

Thank you in advance for the volunteers who will bring food the 4th Tuesday of the month, December 28th and January 25th to help feed those at Randy Sams Shelter who might otherwise go to bed hungry. Each month Mr. Cecil Phillips prepares the main dish and we provide two other vegetables, a salad and drinks. Please sign up on the calendar located on the Kitchen door.

Evangelism and Outreach Ministry Team

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

Sue Turner  
Deane Mossier  
Suzanne Keeslar  
Family of Mrs. Lera Murray  
Jo Marlowe  
Joyce Majors

**SYMPATHY**

The Trinity Presbyterian Church family extends our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Barbara Gilbert and family upon the death of her mother, Mrs Lera Murray.

<b>Actual Attendance &amp; 2004 Attendance Goals</b>		
<b>12/12/04</b>		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Goal</i>
<i>Sunday School</i>	37	50
<i>Worship</i>	100	100

**FROM THE WALLS.....**

Splendorous, splendid, splendoral “The Splendor of Christmas”.... Wow! The choir (which includes all singers and musicians) deserved a standing ovation.... their cantata was wonderful! All the long, long hours of practice paid off! Thank you all.

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Miss Becky R brought her housemates to church Sunday – two rows of them! Thank you Becky, and I hope you all enjoyed the cantata.

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Well, have you seen me sitting on the rafter during the televised worship service? Keep looking ‘cause I’m there. I was there Sunday during the cantata, too and I was bouncing so hard during Miss Becky C’s song, I almost fell off! She was bouncing, too!

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I heard that Sunday (19<sup>th</sup>) will be Rev. Russ’ fifth anniversary as our minister. Time sure flies when you’re having fun, doesn’t it?!

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Did you see all the beautifully wrapped presents in the office? Those gifts will give a little joy to the ones whose names were on the Angel Tree.

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If you’ve never had the experience of seeing true pleasure and gratitude on someone’s face, help deliver one of the food boxes the Evangelism and Outreach Committee will fill next week. I can guarantee you will receive a blessing like none other.

*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*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

George and Judy Oosterhouse are pleased to announce that their son-in-law, Jim Chadwell, has received the honor of being named Secondary Principal of the Year 2004 for the State of Texas. Jim is principal of Northwest High School in Justin, Texas. Jim, his wife, Julie and their son, Graeson, live in Trophy Club, Texas.