

TRINITY TRUMPET

FROM THE MINISTER'S HEART ~



The blessings and challenges of 2004 are a continuing sign of God's providence and that His mission here at TPC is clearly not finished! Two members were welcomed into the Church triumphant this year and along with 16 new members joining the mission station here we call Trinity leaving us with a net growth of 10 more brothers and sisters in Christ to do His ministry here in the Texarkana area and beyond! Our outreach ministries grew reaching out to a record number of poor here in Texarkana and reaching out across the country to the victims of the hurricanes in Florida and the Caribbean islands. Our mission trips this year ventured down to Mexico reaching the lives of families living in extreme poverty with new homes and cheerful smiles and fellowship with the sure and true promise of the Gospel. We gave thousands of hours of ministry time and over \$15,000 dollars towards our local and worldwide missions outreach ministries in 2004 out of a total budget of almost \$150,000.00! We have over 250 people on campus each week worshipping, studying, fellowshiping, serving, and experiencing the love of the Gospel. We are looking forward to 2005 with great expectations, hope and confidence that God will use us mightily for His purposes through our five words of mission of Fellowship, Evangelize, Worship, Study and Serve! The elders, your spiritual leaders, need your prayers as they pursue lives of holiness, men and women chosen to serve you and our Lord as the session for this year. They have all accepted two major challenges for the 2005 year! The first is to read the Bible daily systematically so that that each of them will have read God's Holy Word entirely by December 31, 2005. We are following a reading

plan beginning in Genesis reading only 3 or 4 chapters a day and it will be posted on our website, www.tpctexarkana.org for you to follow along too! Also, your elders have committed to increase their pledging to at least 10% of their income to the ministry budget here at Trinity, again setting a Biblical example as leaders of the Church for all of God's people to follow. With this extraordinary leadership I am confident that God will use us mightily in this coming year and the Holy Spirit will bless us greatly with His many gifts for His glory and the edification of His Church! 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*

THE SESSION OF TRINITY

Rev. Russell A. Wilkins Moderator  
Administration — Personnel Russ Richardson, Moderator  
Administration — Property Tom Wright, Moderator  
Tim Fette  
Christian Education Leslie Western, Moderator  
Evangelism and Outreach Jean Crain &  
Suzy Davis, Co-Moderators  
Fellowship B. R. Hughes &  
Lee Ann Hughes, Co-Moderators  
Finance John Hamilton, Moderator  
World Missions Russell Wilkins, Moderator  
Nominating Russ Richardson, Moderator  
Stewardship Jim Findley, Moderator  
Worship and Music Ginger Mann, Moderator  
*Ministry teams normally meet the first Wednesday of each month. The Session meets the third Sunday of each month at 7:00 PM.*

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORTS

Next week we will be mailing the 2004 end of year Financial Reports and request that you check them closely for accuracy and report any problems either by phone at 903-838-4594 or via email at scummings@tpctexarkana.org.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Mr. George Oehlberg  
5201 Summerhill Rd,  
Apt 1305  
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**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**  
January 9th  
Jean Crain

**Sunday January 9, 2005**  
A series of 3 sermons on the Certainty of Change  
Sermon Title & Scripture  
**Change is Inevitable!**  
**Genesis 3:1-24**

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THE FINANCIAL CORNER FYI 2004		
As of 11/30/04	Budget	Actual
INCOME	123,224.75	139,686.21
EXPENSE	131,591.77	137,916.69
NET	-8,367.02	1,769.56

***This Week***

- Sunday, January 9th*
- ◆ *Sunday School*  
9:45 AM
  - ◆ *Worship/Communion*  
11:00 AM
- Monday, January 10th*
- ◆ *Ladies Morning Circle*  
11:30 AM
  - ◆ *Ladies Evening Circle*  
7:00 PM
  - ◆ *Boy Scouts*  
7:00 PM
- Tuesday, January 11th*
- ◆ *Bible Study*  
7:00 PM
- Wednesday, January 12th*
- ◆ *WOW*  
3:30-5:15 PM
  - ◆ *Choir Practice*  
5:30 PM
  - ◆ *Covered-Dish Meal*  
6:30 PM
  - ◆ *Youth Gathering*  
7:00 PM
  - ◆ *Program*  
7:15 PM

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TRINITY?**

**Ladies Morning Circle:** Will meet on Monday, January 10th at 11:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Hostesses will be Fran Bird and Norma Norwood.

**Ladies Evening Circle:** Will meet on Monday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cynthia Walker, 1407 Palm Drive, Texarkana, TX.. We will study Chapter 7 of "Fruit of the Spirit".

**Tuesday Night Bible Study:** Will meet January 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church office and continue our study of Revelation.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship:** Will be a covered-dish meal, January 12th followed by a program at 7:15 p.m.

**KITCHEN NEEDS**

Our kitchen dishcloths and towels have taken flight. If you would like to donate new or used ones, please leave them in the kitchen.

**RANDY SAMS**

Thank you in advance for the volunteers who will bring food the 4th Tuesday of the month, 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  
Suzanne Keeslar  
Jo Marlowe  
Family of Mrs. Wanda Williams

Sue Turner  
Deane Mossier  
Frank Symonds  
Joyce Majors

**SYMPATHY**

The Trinity Presbyterian Church family extends our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Susan Addison and family upon the death of her mother, Mrs Wanda Williams of Conroe, Texas.

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

It's been a while since I've written you and a lot has happened since that last note. My family had a great holiday and has feasted on all the good food from the Christmas dinner, Christmas Eve fellowship, and the 'undecorating' night.

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Following the annual Christmas dinner, the Wilkins' and Trinity's 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary together was celebrated with a 'tongue-in-cheek' poem by Mr. B.R. and pictures of events during the last five years. I really liked the almost life sized pictures of the Wilkins family dating from 1999 to 2004.

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The 70 Christmas boxes were decorated and later in the week were filled with food and readied for delivery. I'm sure the recipients were extremely grateful to receive the boxes.

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As always, the Christmas Eve Communion Service was inspiring! And, it was good to see so many of "our children" who come home for the service each year. Some of them bring their own children to share the good times.

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Ah, the special music we have had the last few weeks has been magnificent! Miss Becky sang beautifully Christmas Eve and was followed by Miss Julie, who was marvelous as well. You know I get chill bumps listening to them!

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Mr. B. R. did a good job (as usual) filling in for Rev. Russ Sunday morning, ably assisted by Mr. Ray and Miss Stacy.

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Mr. Ray also did a good job with his devotional at Men's breakfast, too. He used one of my favorite poems by Longfellow, part of which goes: 'leaving footprints in the sands of time'.

*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*

<b>Actual Attendance &amp; 2005 Attendance Goals</b>		
<b>1/2/05</b>		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Goal</i>
<i>Sunday School</i>	29	50
<i>Worship</i>	60	100

*The Church Mouse*