

TRINITY TRUMPET

FROM THE MINISTER'S HEART ~



That great soccer player Pele once said, "Success is not how many games you win, but how hard you practice after you lose." These are wise words for us to remember as we grow in ministry here at Trinity. We can choose to grow or stay the same, and staying the same ultimately means to become smaller. That is a fact of church dynamics that I have found to be universal. When a church stops growing it begins to shrink. Last year we grew a net of 12 new members almost a 10% growth, which is phenomenal when you hear on the radio that the PCUSA membership dropped by almost 5%! I haven't been able to confirm that number; however the PCUSA has steadily lost over 40,000 members a year for some time now, so Trinity is fighting a major national trend locally. However, we are not seeing very many new visitors at Sunday worship and they are our greatest asset! Most of you were at one time a new visitor here and now you may be what I affectionately call an "old head" or a long time respectable pillar of the church. In either case whether you just joined or you've been here since dirt was created, you can help encourage people to come and worship with us each and every Sunday. Here are six recommendations Gary McIntosh offers in his book on church growth, One Size Doesn't Fit All: Keep Praying, Face the Facts, Communicate Your Vision, Expose Your Leaders to Church Growth Materials, Maintain Care, and Wait Patiently. Gary writes, "You cannot lead your church to grow if you cannot take the time to plow, plant, water, and weed before you harvest...Set goals that can be reached and celebrated while you wait and work." We have to both work and wait and that takes patience and perseverance. I am so proud of each of you who work so hard at the ministry here at Trinity and it can sometimes seem like you are all alone and our growth is fleeting, yet remember those difficult words of Pele, "Success is not how many games you win, but how hard you practice after you lose." As always, there's more to come!

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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 2/28/05	Budget	Actual
INCOME	25,395	23,269
EXPENSE	25,395	25,375
NET	—	-2,106

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
B. R. Hughes &
Lee Ann Hughes, Co-Moderators
Fellowship John Hamilton, Moderator
Finance Russell Wilkins, Moderator
World Missions Russ Richardson, Moderator
Nominating Jim Findley, Moderator
Stewardship Ginger Mann, Moderator
Worship and Music

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

THANKS!!!

As you have all heard, we had an absolutely outstanding turnout at the garage sale on Saturday. This was by far our best garage sale to date. I want to express my thanks to everyone who helped out in any way, including prayer. We couldn't have done it without you, so on behalf of the youth and myself, we thank you!

I Timothy 4:12, Dylan

RANDY SAMS OUTREACH SHELTER

On the 4th Tuesday of each month, two helpers are needed to make two large fresh tossed salads for the shelter. Also, one of the helpers is needed to transport 3 large cans of green beans or corn, which are in the storage closet near the kitchen, to the shelter by 5 PM. The shelter workers will cook the vegetables. The sign-up sheet for April 26th and beyond is on the kitchen door.

Many thanks from the Evangelism & Outreach Team

Steady Growth

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

Congregations: 1,308
Members: 433,257

Children's Church Volunteers

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

Nursery Volunteer
April 10th
Jean Crain

Sunday April 10th

Our 2nd sermon in a 6-Month Series in John's Gospel

Sermon Title & Scripture
The World Did Not Recognize Him
John 1:1-18

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TRINITY?

This Week

Sunday, April 10th

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

Monday, April 11th

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

Tuesday, April 12th

- ◆ Twin City Sensations 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 13th

- ◆ WOW 3:30-5:15 PM
- ◆ Choir Practice 5:30 PM
- ◆ Covered-Dish Meal 6:30 PM
- ◆ Youth Gathering 7:00 PM
- ◆ 5th Annual WOW Graduation 7:15 PM

Actual Attendance & 2005 Attendance Goals 04/03/05

	Actual	Goal
Sunday School	29	50
Worship	65	100

Ladies Morning Circle: Monday, April 11th at 11:30 AM in the Church Parlor. Our hostesses are Patsy Moores and Sue Wright. We will study lesson 8 led by Bobbie Wright.

Wednesday Night Fellowship: April 13th is a covered-dish meal at 6:30 p m followed by our 5th Annual WOW Graduation at 7:15 PM.

Baby Shower: April 9th for Stacy Keith at the home of Leslie Western, 3103 Brittany Lane, Texarkana, Texas.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Nancy Reep	Cristina Western	Jean Heilman
Joyce Majors	Laura Marlowe	Clyde Johnson
Sue Turner	Muriel Avery	Deane Mossier
Jo Marlowe	Frank Symonds	Barry Klingsmith
Brandi Cook and family	Military Service Members	Paula Starling

Cade, Patricia & Hunter Cunningham
Cade is the infant son of Patricia and Hunter Cunningham, who was born prematurely and weighed 2 pounds, 13 ounces. He is still hospitalized in Dallas. Cards can be addressed to:
Ronald McDonald House
ATTN: Cade, Hunter & Patricia Cunningham
5641 Medical Center Drive
Dallas, Texas 75235

YOUTH GARAGE SALE

Our Youth Garage Sale was a tremendous success! Thank you to all who donated so many wonderful "treasures"! We made \$867.00 to help toward our Mission Trip to Mexico.. I also want to thank all of you who came to help. YOU are priceless! Judy Oosterhous, Jean Crain, Norma & Joe Norwood, Ginger Mann, Ann McAllister, Barbara Western, Stacy Keith, Leslie Morgan, Russ & Martha Richardson, Evy & Norm Kauffman, Margaret Wade, Russell Wilkins, Leslie Western, Dylan and ALL of the youth.
The items that did not sale were picked up by the Salvation Army, but the shoes left over will be taken with us on our Mission Trip to be handed out to those in need.

May God Bless You,
Lisa Wilkins

FROM THE WALLS.....

Have you ever seen so much merchandise as the youth had at the garage sale Saturday?! Man, everything from books to shoes to clothes to mattresses and computers! And, there's a lot of space in the Bush now that most of the garage sale items are gone and my little ones have been having a grand time playing hide and seek this week.

I enjoyed hearing about the Red Cross when Mrs. Turney spoke last Wednesday night. They sure help a lot of folks!

The WOW children have been busily practicing for their 'graduation' next Wednesday night. I'm always amazed at how much these children learn – and sometimes teach us older ones!

Don't you just love Spring? The flowers are blooming and the birds are singing. One just can't help reveling in all the glory and beauty of the earth. Makes me feel good, too! I know... some humans have 'allergies' that are activated by all the pretty pollen falling in the air. But, not being afflicted with human troubles, I can enjoy taking my little ones to the play ground and the courtyard for picnics and communing with nature.

Speaking of Spring flowers, one of my GrandMere's (some of you remember GrandMere who was the first church mouse) favorite poems to motivate her children and grandchildren was about wildflowers: Here's a portion of it:

Wildflowers grow from mere dust to reach their full potential.

Wildflowers grow well, even in adverse soil conditions.

Wildflowers grow thick and stick together.

Wildflowers grow strong and tall.

Wildflowers display their brilliant personalities for all to see.

Wildflowers withstand drought and grow all the more beautiful when watered.

Wildflowers last late in the season, when other flowers have given

up. *The Church Mouse*

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 Westminster Confessions."

◇ *Youth in room B-9 studying the Faith 4 Life Curriculum*

◇ *3rd-6th 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.*