

TRINITY TRUMPET

FROM THE MINISTER'S HEART ~



Is the reality of the Body of Christ truly and wholly represented in the exploding number of denominations claiming to hold the truth in their own way. According to the World Christian Encyclopedia there were an estimated 1,900 Christian denominations at the beginning of the twentieth century and an estimated 22,000 by 1982. Oz Guinness responds to this amazing bit of information in a most intriguing way, "Under the influence of the modern world, the historical "accident" of denominations has become a theological disaster for anyone believing in one church." The historical "accident" he refers to is this exploding number of new denominations over the last 100 years. There's something about his comments that captures my interest, because I am one who is a great believer in the Holy Catholic Church and the communion of saints that we profess in each Sunday in worship here at Trinity. My dilemma is obvious, how can we be one Holy Catholic Church and be so divided? There are some churches that claim no denominational affiliation and yet, they are associated with other churches around the country. They adhere to some set of common beliefs and to some type of accountability and they choose to call that association a network or distribution or some other term just as long as they don't call it a denomination. Yet in their search for the true Church they ignore the effect on the whole Body of Christ, the Church Universal, the Holy Catholic Church. This effect of a few thousand or a few hundred thousand or a few million or even a few hundred million believers claiming that their structure, their system, their statements of faith separates and distinguishes them from other Christians does a damage to the Body that I

do not believe we truly understand yet. Each group claims it's purity is the benefit it gives the world. I leave you with this quote from one of my heroes, George Whitefield, "Father Abraham, whom have you in heaven? Any Episcopalians? No! Any Presbyterians? No! Any Independents or Methodists? No, no, no! All who are here are Christians...Oh, is this the case? Then God help us to forget party names and to become Christians in deed and truth." 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 3/31/05	Budget	Actual
INCOME	38,092.74	33,244.66
EXPENSE	38,092.74	37,822.02
NET	-0-	-4,577.36

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  
Niki Mizell  
Evangelism and Outreach Jean Crain &  
Suzy Davis, Co-Moderators  
Fellowship B. R. Hughes &  
Lee Ann Hughes, Co-Moderators  
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.*

Trinity Scholarships

Each year Trinity awards scholarships to college-bound high school seniors and students already enrolled in an undergraduate program at an institution of higher education. Applicants must be members of Trinity and fulfill other requirements outlined on the application. Applications and guidelines are available in the church office. All applicants must be accompanied by a transcript (unofficial is o.k.) showing all work completed during the 2004-2005 academic year.

Evangelism and Outreach

- Information on the Goodland Home Birthday project is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up to send a birthday card with \$10 enclosed to one of the boys.
- One more big salad is needed for the Randy Sams meal May 24<sup>th</sup>. Please sign the sheet on the kitchen door if you can help.

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!  
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Nursery  
Volunteer  
May 15th  
Meta Savage

Sunday

May 15th, 2005

The 7th sermon from John's Gospel

Sermon Title & Scripture  
*Many Believed Because of Her Testimony*  
John 4:27-42

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**This Week**

Sunday, May 15th

- ◆ Sunday School 9:45 AM
- ◆ Senior Recognition/ Youth-Led Worship 11:00 AM
- ◆ MVP 6:00 PM
- ◆ Session 7:00 PM

Monday, May 16th

- ◆ Boy Scouts 7:00 PM

Tuesday, May 17th

- ◆ Twin City Sensations 6:00 PM

Wednesday, May 18th

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

**Actual Attendance & 2005 Attendance Goals 05/08/05**

Actual Goal

Sunday School	30	50
Worship	82	100

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TRINITY?**

**Senior Recognition Day, Youth-Led Worship, Sunday May 15th:** We will be recognizing our Graduates and be privileged to have our Young People leading our Worship at 11:00 AM on Sunday Morning.

**Wednesday Night Activities:** May 18th we will have a catered meal at 6:30 PM with a program by Russell Wilkins at 7:15 PM. Youth Gathering is at 7 PM.

**SPECIAL OFFERING**

A special offering will be taken Pentecost Sunday, May 15, to be used for scholarships for needy children to attend Grace Presbytery's Camps and conferences.

**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
Paula Starling	Jerry Davis	
Brandi Cook and family		
Military Service Members		

**VBS, JUNE 6th -10th**  
**POST THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR**

Make Vacation Bible School your "First Choice Vacation" for the week of **Monday, June 6th, through Friday, June 10th.** Invite all your friends from Pre-K through sixth grade. Time will be from 9:00 until 11:30 AM. And of course, we can always use adult workers to help in this great SERENGETI Adventure Trek. See Norma Norwood to volunteer.

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

Sunday was Mother's Day and there were lots of happy mothers in the congregation and a couple were beaming brightly as Rev. Russ was questioning the children about their gifts – presents, breakfast in bed, coupons for good behavior and help, etc. He's right, of course, mothers do like to hug and kiss on their children or little mice in the case of my family!

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Some of you may have been as shocked as I to hear Miss Barbara begin to play "Faith of our Fathers" on Mother's Day? But, it fits – mothers have that same faith.

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Well, I heard Anderson Wilkins has made a BIG decision on which scholarship offer to accept. He will be attending the University of Central Arkansas at Conway as a Presidential Scholar. Congratulations, Anderson!

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Julie Robinson also was offered scholarships to Stephen F. Austin University and to Southern Arkansas University. But, I heard her say Sunday morning that she plans to accept a scholarship from Texarkana College. Congratulations, Julie! We are all pleased you will be with us a couple of more years!

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Our group of young people are bringing in the awards and honors this spring!! Catherine Wilkins was selected as a Pleasant Grove Show Stopper – drill team member -- for 2005-2006. They had a show last week and I heard it was very good.

Catherine and Sophia Western were awarded the Silver Award (hope I got that right) which is the highest honor in Girl Scouting. Congratulations, Catherine and Sophia!

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We have a great group of young people and children and as the schools come to a close, there will be more awards given. Email me at [chrchms@yahoo.com](mailto:chrchms@yahoo.com) and let us know what awards you receive so we can celebrate y our achievements with you!

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*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 Wea*ls the reality of the Body of Christ truly and wholly