

TRINITY TRUMPET

FROM THE MINISTER'S HEART ~



Here are more excerpts from Katrina articles...this one is from the Layman.com... "Together, we will (as we say in Mississippi) get 'er done." Have no doubts. Steve Bryant, the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Vicksburg, has no intention of leaving Mississippi's Katrina-ravaged communities in the lurch. "We have been raising money, draining our budget, maxing our credit, going from black to red each day since last Saturday sending 18 wheelers south," Bryant said. "So far, with the rest of the presbytery down for the count, we have sent to churches (of any denomination), and law enforcement families in the worst areas, 430 brand new 5,500 watt generators, 80 new chainsaws, roofing supplies, tarps, water, clothes ... basically anything anyone says they desperately need. We have raised and translated into meeting needs with a one day turnaround, approximately \$750,000 since Monday, and we have a long ways to go." For awhile, Bryant held one of those "new ways" in his arm. "There are children, like a little boy I held - maybe 2 years old - who I thought said his name was "Troy." He didn't know his last name and the Mississippi highway patrolman who found him wandering around after days with a "meth-head" didn't know who the boy belonged to or where his momma was. Not even the meth-head knew." Bryant says the need in Mississippi is overwhelming. "This thing is beyond description. The pain of people is beyond imagination. And it will take years before this state recovers. Much of Mississippi was practically third world before Katrina. Now, it is definitely such." Bryant describes the presbytery's proposed relief plan. "Every church in the presbytery-affected area will become a distribution point and work group facilitation point. Acquire major storage space in other strategic areas surrounding the effected areas and smaller spaces within. First Presbyterian Church, under the direction of

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THE FINANCIAL CORNER
FYI 2004

As of 6/30/05	Budget	Actual
INCOME	76,185.47	70,044.23
EXPENSE	76,185.47	78,372.35
NET	-0-	-8,328.12

Presbytery, is in the business of trucking mass quantities of donated building supplies to strategic locations. (Jackson and Meridian can develop the same.) Smaller vehicles (i.e. U-Haul size vans or trailers) in the field get supplies where they are needed for work groups. Presbytery of Mississippi will be in the business of mobilizing churches, organizing work groups." ... "Henceforth, I am nothing more than a Presbyterian tour guide with a valid driver's license and an EOC badge," he declares. Locally we are emptying our shelters...thanks for your volunteer hours at the Red Cross...As always there's more to come!

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

Congregations: 1,308
Members: 433,257

Nursery Volunteer
September 18th, 2005

Meta Savage

Sunday
September 18, 2005
Our Sermon & Scripture
From John's Gospel
"Are You Bearing Fruit?"

John 15:1-17
by
Rev. Russell Wilkins

THE SESSION OF TRINITY
Rev. Russell A. Wilkins Moderator
Russ Richardson, Moderator
Tom Wright, Moderator, Tim Fette
Leslie Western, Moderator, Niki Mizell
Jean Crain & Suzy Davis, Co-Moderators
B. R. Hughes & Lee Ann Hughes, Co-Moderators
John Hamilton, Moderator
Russell Wilkins, Moderator
Russ Richardson, Moderator
Jim Findley, Moderator
Ginger Mann, Moderator, 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.

7th ANNUAL TEXARKANA KOMAN RACE FOR THE CURE
If anyone is interested in being on Trinity's team for the race, please let Lee Ann Hughes know by Friday, Sept. 23rd, which is the deadline for team forms to be mailed. The race will be held Saturday, October 15th.

CHURCH-WIDE GARAGE SALE
Trinity will have a Garage Sale on Saturday, October 8th from 7:30 AM until 3:00 PM to help pay the remaining 2005 Mission Trip expenses. Lots of help is needed to set up and mark items for the sale. Our main workdays will be:

Sunday Oct. 2nd 3 PM until 6 PM
Friday Oct. 7th 4 PM until ???
Saturday Oct. 8th 6:30 AM until 3 PM

A sign-up sheet is in Fellowship hall so you can let us know when you are available. All youth and parents are asked to participate and help with this endeavor. Please call Lisa Wilkins with any questions

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This Week

Sunday, September 18th

- ◆ *Sunday School*
9:45 AM
- ◆ *Worship*
11:00 AM
- ◆ *MVP*
6:00 PM
- ◆ *Session*
7:00 PM

Tuesday, September 20th

- ◆ *Twin City Sensations*
6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 21

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

Actual Attendance & 2005 Attendance Goals

9/11/05		
Actual		Goal
<i>Sunday School</i>	27	100
<i>Worship</i>	68	100

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TRINITY?

MVP & Session Meetings: Sunday, September, 18, MVP will meet at 6:00 PM and Session will meet at 7:00 PM.

Word On Wednesday: Begins at 3:30 PM. We still have room for more! If you know of any children between the ages of 4 years through 6th grade, who would like to be a part of this great Bible adventure, applications can be picked up in the office.

Wednesday, September 21st: Choir Practice will start at 5:30 PM. Fellowship will begin at 6:30 PM with a catered meal followed by a program at 7:15 PM. Youth will gather at 7:00 PM.

Katrina Fund: We will be taking a special offering on Sunday, October 9th and November 13th, to help the many people who have been ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. You can make your checks out to Trinity Presbyterian Church and annotate them as "Katrina Fund".

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Holly Holtz	Wayne Carmickle	Russ Richardson
Jean Heilman	Clyde Johnson	Judy Fette
Nancy Reep	Sue Turner	Deane Mossier
Jo Marlowe	Frank Symonds	Duane Haralson
Cristina Western		

Salads For Randy Sams Outreach Center

Volunteers are needed to provide two large salads for Randy Sams on Tuesday, September 27. Mr. Cecil Phillips will provide the entrée.

FROM THE WALLS.....

Isn't Little Paden the happiest, sweetest little boy?! Miss Jean C. was having a pretty good time with him in the nursery Sunday morning. Miss Lisa didn't seem to mind taking him home with her, either. I hope Miss Stacy is feeling better.

I was out of town last week and didn't get to wish Miss Sue Turner a happy birthday, so Happy Birthday, Miss Sue. It was good to see her at Fellowship the week before.

As Thomas Paine wrote in The Crisis, "These are the times that try men's souls...". I've heard lots of Trinityites talking about how horrible the hurricane was and how it tore up and flooded lots of towns on the Gulf. There are lots of people in Texarkana who lost everything they owned in the hurricane. Miss Leslie brought Red Cross applications Wednesday for anyone who wanted to help and Rev. Russ said Sunday morning that some special offerings will be taken to help them rebuild their homes or even relocate to another area. "Blessed are the merciful for they shall have mercy" (Matthew 5:7).

Well, the children seem to be back "on cue" with their Good Mornings for Rev. Russ. He's talked to them about the hurricane for a couple of Sundays and they have a pretty good understanding of what happened and how it affected some of the children who are now students in their schools. The TV coverage of the helicopters really made a big impression on Will!

I was glad to see Mr. Russ back in church Sunday. He seems to be doing well after his surgery and did a good job nominating some members for the nominating committee. That's the kind of congregational meeting I like - short and sweet! My little ones always get cross and jittery if we stay much past their lunch time.

The Church Mouse

Sunday School Opportunities
9:45 AM

◇ *Bereans in room B-6 studying Faith Weavers*

◇ *Foundations in room B-7 studying, "How To Grow In Christ" led by Rev. Russell Wilkins*

◇ *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.*