

TRINITY TRUMPET

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**FEWSS**  
5 Words of Mission  
*Fellowship,*  
*Evangelize, Worship,*  
*Study*  
*& Serve*

THE FINANCIAL CORNER  
FYI 2005

As of 10/31/05	Budget	Actual
INCOME	126,975.78	117,951.99
EXPENSE	126,975.78	127,204.06
NET	-0-	-9,252.07

FROM THE MINISTER'S HEART ~

We had a very good turnout last Sunday for our information meeting concerning the merging of the two ministries of the Redeemer and Trinity churches. We will have a congregational meeting Dec. 18, after worship for the purpose of electing officers and a time for questions and answers concerning pursuing the merger opportunity. I would encourage you to write down any questions you might have and be prepared to share your thoughts and feelings concerning this possible next step in our future ministry here in the Ark-La-Tex. The fact is that planting this church 43 years ago took a great deal of courage, foresight, pain and prayer on behalf of the founding families of First Presbyterian Church of Texarkana, Texas who left the building and the name that they had been a part of for over 80 years at that time to begin something new. The question to each of us is, "Is God doing something new here with these two congregations?" My family, a minister's family, knows how difficult change can be and we also know the blessings it has brought us. The Wilkins family began worshipping at FPC Pine Bluff, AR the year it began, 1858. We all have a natural fear of the unknown and yet we also know that in order for us to become a spiritually stronger and an increasingly healthier church we must take a serious look at each ministry opportunity that God presents to us as a possible path that He has especially created us for. In the six short years that the Wilkins family has been here, we too have come to a



deep love of all of Trinity. Like each of you, we have worked hard and invested a great deal of money to keep the grounds beautiful and the interior updated. Each of us have given of our time and money for God's glory, not ours. The memories we have of our churches go way beyond the buildings and their names. Our memories are full of the names of people that God touched our lives with His Gospel and those who He used us in changing their lives. As always, there's more to come!

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

Finance John Hamilton, Moderator  
World Missions Russell Wilkins, Moderator  
Nominating Russ Richardson, Moderator  
Stewardship Jim Findley, Moderator  
Worship and Music 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.

Third Sunday of Advent — JOY

"Then maidens will dance and be glad,  
young men and old as well.  
I will turn their mourning into gladness;  
will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow."  
Jeremiah 31:13

ANGEL TREE



If you have not picked an Angel from our tree, please do so and bring the wrapped gift to the church office by December 13th. The gift should have the name of the recipient on the outside of the present.

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

December 11, 2005

Jean Crain

Sunday

December 11, 2005

The Trinity Choir  
Presents

"A New Birth  
A New Beginning"  
By John Purifoy

A Christmas Cantata  
Celebrating God's Promise  
Fulfilled.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TRINITY

***This Week***

Sunday, December 11th

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

Monday, December 12th

- ◆ Ladies Morning Circle @ Marie Findley's 11:30 AM

Tuesday, December 13th

- ◆ Long Range Planning Meeting 2:30 PM
- ◆ Twin City Sensations 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 7th

- ◆ WOW 3:30 PM
- ◆ Choir 5:30 PM
- ◆ Covered Dish Meal 6:30 PM
- ◆ Youth Gathering 7:00 PM
- ◆ Decorate Christmas Boxes 7:15 PM

**Actual Attendance & 2005 Attendance Goals 11/27/05**

	Actual	Goal
Sunday School	24	100
Worship	76	100

**Sunday December 11th, 11:00 AM** – Join us as our Choir presents our Christmas Cantata, “A New Birth, A New Beginning” by John Purifoy.

**Christmas Open House, December 11th, 2:00-4:00 PM** – The Wilkins family invites you to their home Sunday afternoon at 3405 Williamsburg. Come as you are.

**Ladies' Morning Circle** - Will meet Monday, December 12th, at 11:30 AM in the home of Marie Findley. Hostesses are Marie Findley and Jean Heilman.

**Angel Tree Presents** – Don't forget to bring your wrapped present to the church by Tuesday, December 13th. Please put the recipient's name on the outside.

**Long Range Planning Meeting** – Tuesday, December 13th, at 2:30 PM.

**Wednesday, December 14th** - WOW at 3:30 PM. Choir practice at 5:30, with a covered dish meal at 6:30, followed by Youth Gathering at 7:00. At 7:15, we will decorate our Christmas boxes.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

The family of George Kentros in the passing of his mother-in-law, Kathryn Richards

Buddy Adair	Frances Phillips
Sherry Lansdale, Klovvia Shellogg's niece	Wayne Carmickle
Russ Richardson	Duane Haralson
Clyde Johnson	Judy Fette
Sue Turner	Deane Mossier
Frank Symonds	Ted Moyer
Edwin Day, grandson of Joanne & Terry Day	Jo Marlowe

**A Little Taste of Scotland**

Our CE Ministry Team has been sharing with us, during the Advent season, food and traditions from other cultures . It is most interesting to see some of the ways others prepare for the arrival of our Lord and Savior. This Wednesday night, prior to our fellowship meal, they will highlight Scotland.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Important dates to remember during our busy December:**

- December 11th, Sunday-11:00 AM-Christmas Cantata, “A New Birth, A New Beginning” by John Purifoy 2:00-4:00 PM, Open House at Lisa and Russell Wilkins
- December 18th, Sunday-4:30 PM, Christmas Caroling
- December 21st, Wednesday-6:30 PM, Christmas Meal
- December 24th, Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
- December 25th, Sunday-Worship only at 11:00 AM (Come as you are)

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

It's always a pleasure to hear Andrea Finley on the violin and it certainly adds a great deal to our worship service. Sunday, she was joined by her husband, John, on the organ. I, for one, am very grateful to them for sharing their talents and beautiful Christmas music with us.

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Last Sunday I was slipping along the wall down the side of the sanctuary so I could get into a position to see the presentation, and about that time, the good folks from Redeemer started coming in for the joint meeting. It was touch and go for me! I thought I was going to be trampled right there, but I managed to scamper away. It was good to see so many of them turn out for the meeting.

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Hey, maybe we should have worship at 10:00 every Sunday! We had a really good crowd at the service. Isn't it wonderful we have so many folks at Trinity who have been married 50 years and that they are lighting the Advent candle for us each week.

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Greenery, greenery everywhere! Wasn't it fun to make the Advent wreaths last week? My little ones really enjoyed it, except for getting stuck by the cedar and the holly. We're lighting the candles and reading the Bible verses each week, too.

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The choir has been working extra hard to learn the cantata music, sometimes meeting three times a week. I've only heard a few of the songs, but I'm looking forward to hearing the entire cantata next Sunday.

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By the way, I heard that Mr. Bill H. created the power point presentation for the meeting Sunday. Good job, Mr. Bill!

*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.**