

TRINITY TRUMPET

FROM THE MINISTER'S HEART ~



Call it "Christmas" or a "Holiday" what's really important about Christ's birth? Albert Mohler recently posted this on his website: www.albertmohler.com : Preaching on a Christmas morning almost five hundred years ago, Martin Luther reminded his congregation that most persons know how to rejoice when they are given a Christmas gift. " But how many are there who shout and jump for joy when they hear the message of the angel: 'To you is born this day the Savior?' Indeed, the majority look upon it as a sermon that must be preached, and when they have heard it, consider it a trifling thing, and go away just as they were before. This shows that we have neither the first nor the second faith." As Luther understood, to hear the Christmas story and to respond with mere interest is an indication of faith's absence. Furthermore, Luther helpfully reminded his congregation that a mere affirmation of the fact that the incarnation occurred is not saving faith. " We do not believe that the virgin mother bore a son and that he is the Lord and Savior unless, added to this, I believe the second thing, namely, that he is my Savior and Lord." **In other words, the message of Christmas is received when Jesus Christ is not merely affirmed as the baby in Bethlehem's manger, but as one's own Savior and Lord.** "When I can say: This I accept as my own, because the angel meant it for me, then, if I believe it in my heart, I shall not fail to love the mother Mary, and even more the child, and especially the Father," Luther continued. "For, if it is true that the child was born of the virgin and is mine, then I have no angry God and I must know and feel that there is nothing but laughter and joy in the heart of the Father and no sadness in my heart. For, if what the angel says is true, that he is our Lord and Savior, what can sin do against us?"

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Fellowship,
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Study
& Serve

**THE FINANCIAL CORNER
FYI 2005**

As of 11/30/05	Budget	Actual
INCOME	139,9,673.3	127,871.19
EXPENSE	139,673.39	134,893.54
NET	-0-	-7,022.35

Dear Trinity family there is nothing more important than for you to know, to understand and to believe this essential truth for this is what Christ's birth is all about. As always, there's more to come!
Yours in Christ,

Russell Wilkins, Your Minister

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.

Merry Christmas Texarkana!

30 Food Baskets and 16 Angel Gifts Delivered!

Trinity reaches out to our community all year long and especially during Christmas our efforts seem to stand out with beautiful wrapping paper and all the hustle and bustle of brothers and sisters in Christ sharing in the excitement.
Serve is one of our five words of mission here at Trinity. Come join the excitement all year long!



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 25, 2005

Lisa Wilkins

Sunday
December 25, 2005

"The Hymns of Christmas"

Luke 2:13-20
Isaiah 9:6-7

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TRINITY

This Week

Saturday, December 24th

- ◆ Christmas Eve Communion/ Candlelight 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 25th

- ◆ No Sunday School
- ◆ Worship/Baptisms 11:00 AM

Tuesday, December 27th

- ◆ Twin City Sensations 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 28th

- ◆ No WOW
- ◆ Choir 5:30 PM
- ◆ Covered dish 6:30 PM
- ◆ Youth Gathering 7:00 PM
- ◆ Take down decorations 7:15 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service – Don't miss this very special service, December 24th, at 6:00 PM. We will have a short fellowship time afterwards.

Christmas Morning Worship – We will not have Sunday School Christmas morning, but we hope you will join us at 11:00 AM as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Wednesday, December 28th - WOW will not meet this week, but we look forward to seeing everyone back January 4th. Choir practice begins at 5:30 PM, followed by a covered dish meal. Youth will gather at 7:00 and at 7:15 we will take down our Christmas decorations.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Noah Galloway, US Army (Seriously injured in Iraq), Lu Ann White's nephew	Buddy Adair	Wayne Carmickle
Sherry Lansdale, Klovia Shellogg's niece	Duane Haralson	
Cristina Western	Clyde Johnson	Frances Phillips
Sue Turner	Deane Mossier	Jo Marlowe
Frank Symonds	Ted Moyer	

Helping Hands



On Tuesday, December 27th, the E & O Ministry Team needs two volunteers to bring two large salads to the Randy Sam's Outreach Shelter.

Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday morning, December 25th, we will have the joy of participating in the baptism of Patricia and Hunter Cunningham's son, Cade Hunter Cunningham, and Jay and Alicia Shellogg's son, Edward Jackson Shellogg, III and daughter, Elaina Cale Shellogg. Sharing in this joy are grandparents, Jack and Diana Shellogg, and great-grandmother, Klovia Shellogg.

Actual Attendance & 2005 Attendance Goals 12/18/05

	Actual	Goal
Sunday School	34	100
Worship	86	100

FROM THE WALLS.....

Tis the week before Christmas and this mouse is getting excited! I have visions of cheese niblets, ham bits, and turkey crumbs in my head because Mr. Cecil will serve the Christmas Dinner Wednesday night, and the great cooks of Trinity will bring their special party dishes Christmas Eve. Oh, I can't wait – we might even have sugarplums!

Speaking of Christmas Eve, I wonder how many Trinity "children" will be home this year. It's always a wonderful time when they come back to visit.

My little ones got bits and pieces of tape stuck all over their paws and tail last Wednesday when the food boxes were being covered. Thirty boxes were wrapped in bright paper, filled with food, and taken to needy families.

After Rev. Russ' sermon Sunday, I began to wonder why the children are not as familiar with the carols as other generations were. They are sung in church as much as they ever have been (sometimes even in June or July!), so I think it may be that the carols are not being heard on the radio or television as often these days as when I was growing up. Miss Beverly kept a radio in her office and I remember hearing the carols and other Christmas music being played all day long during December.

The youth had a nice group to go caroling Sunday night even though it was very cold. One of my little ones wasn't feeling well, so my family wasn't able to catch a ride with them.

Can you believe Rev. Russ has been here six years? It sure doesn't seem that long since he and his family moved into the Bush temporarily. Hasn't it been fun watching Catherine and Anderson grow up?



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.**