

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. If you are new to Trinity Presbyterian Church, you are our very special guest! Our desire is to help you get connected in a warm and genuine way. Would you consider sharing your name and address with us in the Friendship Pad located on the left end of the row you are sitting on now? We welcome you this morning in the strong name of our Lord Jesus Christ and would love to see you again next week!

WHO WE ARE

Our mission statement is this: *Trinity Presbyterian Church is a worshipping community that exists to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in word and deed to our suburban communities and the world. We are guided by three core values: the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to change lives, a commitment to the gospel-created community called the church, and a mission to see God's Kingdom extended to our world.*

PLEASE VISIT THE "INFORMATION CENTER"

For information or answers to questions that you might have about TPC, please visit our Information Center which you will find in the Narthex. There you will find information about Trinity, the PCA and our church activities. Someone will be available to assist you before and after the worship service.

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP HOUR 9:00 A.M.

Intro to TPC	Room 101	Wichlan and McCracken
The Gospel of Luke	Room 130	Steve LeBlanc
College/Career Singles: Hebrews	Conference Room	Eubanks and Mollenkopf
Biblical Peacemaking in the Family	Room 230	Patrick Portteet

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	TIME/PLACE	ROOM
Sunday	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.	Various
	Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Tuesday	WIC Bible Study	9:30—11:30 a.m.	Room 234
	WIC Bible Study	6:30—8:30 p.m.	Home of Becky Brantz
Wednesday	Joyful Noises Choir	5:30—6:30 p.m.	Choir Room
	Adult Choir Practice	7:30—9:00 p.m.	Choir Room
Thursday	WIC Bible Study	7:00—9:00 p.m.	Home of Tina Thiel

Order for the Worship of God

Trinity Presbyterian Church

May 1, 2011 10:30 AM

Thoughts for Worship Preparation

The LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7

While bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. 1 Timothy 4:8

So you outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. Matthew 23:28

Psalm Prelude

"Psalm 23"

Christopher Idle

Flute, Tina Thiel, guitar, Ray Nowell

The Lord my shepherd rules my life and gives me all I need; he
 Though in a valley dark as death, no evil makes me fear; your
 Your goodness and your gracious love pursue me all my days; your
 leads me by refreshing streams, in pastures green I feed. The
 shepherd's staff protects my way; for you are with me there. While
 house, O Lord, shall be my home-- your name, my endless praise. To
 Lord re-vives my failing strength, he makes my joy complete; and
 all my enemies look on you spread a royal feast; you
 Father, Son, and Spirit, praise! to God whom we adore, be
 in right paths, for his name's sake, he guides my faltering feet.
 fill my cup, aoint my head, and treat me as your guest.
 worship, glory, pow'r and love, both now and ever - more!

Please disable your cell phones as you enter your seats. Please enable your hearts as you pray for the Spirit of God to dwell in you.

This "Twenty-Third Psalm" with a new Israeli tune offers a hint of what may have begun in the heart of a young shepherd boy on the hills of Judea.

*God, through His Word,
calls us to worship and
we, His people, respond.*

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 34

Minister: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

People: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Minister: Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,

People: For those who fear him have no lack!

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

People: And let us exalt his name together!

***Hymn of Adoration, No. 122 "God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory" ODE TO JOY**

***Prayer of Praise**

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

***Hymn of Praise , No. 44**

"How Great Thou Art"

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***Affirmation of Faith**

from Psalm 90

The Rev. Michael

Wichlan

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty,

Yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

So teach us to number our days,

That we may get a heart of wisdom.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and establish the work of our hands.

Yes, establish the work of our hands!

*Knowing God
looks at the heart,
we seek hearts of
wisdom.*

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World Mr. Dan Gardner, *Ruling Elder*

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering **"Glorious is Thy Name"** *Mark Shepperd*
The Joyful Noises, Trinity Choir,
directed by Bob Gehman; Karin Elliott, piano

Blessed Savior, we adore thee, we thy love and grace proclaim. Thou art mighty, thou art holy, glorious is thy matchless name. Glorious, glorious, glorious is thy name, O Lord. Great Redeemer, Lord and Master, Light of all eternal days; Let the saints of every nation sing thy just and endless praise! Glorious, glorious, glorious is thy name, O Lord. Come, O come, immortal Savior, Come and take thy royal throne; come, and reign, and reign forever, be the kingdom all thine own! Glorious, glorious, glorious is thy name, O Lord.

Prayer of Consecration Mr. Potet

***The Doxology:** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
O Praise him, Alleluia!
O Praise him, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Passing of the Peace**

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Service of Friendship Mr. Wichlan

Children between the ages of 4 through 1st grade may now be dismissed for Celebration Chapel, Room 101.

***The Prayer for Illumination** Mr. McCracken

***Scripture Reading** **I Samuel 16**
ESV Pew Bible, p. 238

The Morning Sermon **"God's Man, God's Heart, God's Ways"**

The ministry of prayer is an especially important part of worship. Here, we bring our petitions and needs before God and trust Him with our lives.

Verse three contrasts our earthly values with heavenly values.

Celebration of Holy Communion

This is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. Communion is an occasion for all baptized Christians to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by him, and celebrate him. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the Gospel, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully, are welcome to partake. If you are not a Christian, or if you choose not to share in this meal, we invite you to spend this time in prayer

A Word to Parents: *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If your children will not be receiving communion, please use this afternoon to instruct them about the meaning of our sin and Christ's grace at the Cross.*

Public Confession of Sin

Psalm 26:2-6

Mr. Gardner

Test me , O LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; for your love is ever before me, and I walk continually in your truth. I do not sit with deceitful men, nor do I consort with hypocrites. I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked. I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, O LORD, proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Job 11:15

Elder: *Hear these words of promise from God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:*

"If you devote your heart to Him and stretch out your hands to Him, if you put away the sin that is in your hand and allow no evil to dwell in your tent, then you will lift up your face without shame; you will stand firm and without fear."

My friends, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

P`eople: Thanks be to God!

We serve wine during communion. If you prefer grape juice, please take a purple cup at the center of the tray. During the passing of the bread and cup please sing upon direction or be in silent prayer and meditation.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

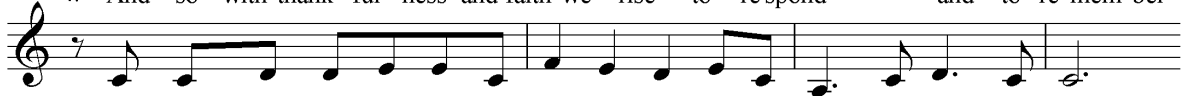
Mr. Wichlan

"The Communion Hymn"

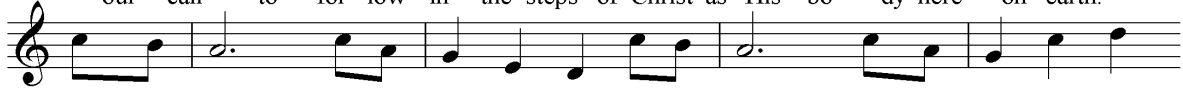
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1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us: and we re-mem-ber
 2. The bo - dy of our Sav-iour, Je - sus Christ, torn for you; eat and re-mem-ber
 3. The blood that clean - ses ev - ery stain of sin, shed for you: drink and re-mem-ber
 4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re-pond and to re-mem-ber



the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross.
 the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.
 He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God.
 our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His bo - dy here on earth.



(1,2,3) So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sa - cr - fice,
 (4) as we share in his suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim: Christ will come a - gain!



as a sign of our bonds of peace a-round the ta-ble of the King.
 (2. love, 3. grace)
 And we'll join in the feast of heav'n a-round the ta-ble of the King.

***The Charge and Benediction**

II Corinthians 5:16-17

Minister: So from now on regard no one from a worldly point of view.
 Though we once regarded Christ in this way, let us do so no longer.

People: With God's help we will.

Minister: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, the new has come!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Postlude

Douglass McFarland, organist

* Indicates for those who are able to please stand.

As you depart, we encourage all of today's guests to visit the INFORMATION CENTER in the

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Trinity This Week

The Week of Sunday, May 1, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13-14	Men's Retreat	Brookhaven Retreat CTR
May 22	ESL Luncheon	Room 101
May 22	Trinity Arts Concert	6:00 p.m.
July 1-9	Romania Missions Trip	Romania
July 30–Aug. 6	New Orleans Mission Trip	New Orleans

BRIDAL SHOWER TODAY, MAY 1st: Trinity ladies, come celebrate the coming marriage of Helen Primozic (daughter of Dan and Ginny Primozic and Trinity's own bagpipe player). We'll be in room 130 at 2:00 p.m. Helen is registered at Macy's, Target, and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

MEN'S RETREAT–SIGN-UP TODAY: Our retreat is less than 2 weeks away men! On Friday May 13th – Saturday May 14th, we will gather at Brookhaven Retreat Center in Hawkins, Texas where we will focus on building bonds of friendship, creating genuine community and encouraging one another as brothers. Our guest speaker this year is Michael Rasmussen, Dean of Students and Assistant Professor of Practical Theology at Redeemer Seminary. The title of his talks is **“A Road Well Traveled—Psalms You Can Pray Along with Your Savior”**. Cost for the retreat is \$100 (make checks out to TPC with “men's retreat” in the memo line). Scholarships are available to those in need (please don't make money a reason not to attend!). **Please sign-up at the Information Center by Sunday May 8th! We will need to give a firm headcount to Brookhaven on Monday May 9th.** Contact Michael Wichlan at michael@trinityplano.org or 972-335-3844 for more information.

PLEASE SIGN THE TRINITY FAMILY HYMNAL FOR THE GAGE FAMILY: One of our traditions at Trinity is to give a family that is moving away a signed Trinity hymnal with notes, prayers and favorite scripture passages from their church family. This serves as a token of our love and something to remember us by when they leave. Joe and Leann Gage (Brynn, Luke and Anna Kate) are moving to the buckeye state of Ohio to begin the next chapter of God's story for their lives. We will miss them dearly. Please take a minute to write them a note in their Trinity hymnal that is on a music stand in the Narthex so that we can send them to Ohio with our love.

INTRODUCING TRINITY'S COFFEE CLUB: Imagine that purchasing coffee could spread the gospel. Since many countries are closed to foreign missionaries, “Business in Missions” is a

solution to bring the gospel to such countries. The concept is to start a business and generate income for indigenous church planters. This is the vision of Kingdom Coffee in Indonesia. Trinity families can support evangelism and church planting by purchasing premium coffee. For each bag of coffee purchased, \$2 is returned to Indonesia, where it is used to support an Indonesian church planter. An additional \$1 will be used to support church planters in India and Sri Lanka. Visit the table in the narthex to join the Trinity Coffee Club and partner with us in the kingdom work of extending the gospel and transforming cultures.

ESL VOLUNTEER INFORMATIONAL LUNCHEON MAY 22ND AFTER THE SERVICE: Jesus said in John 4:35, "Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest" and God has brought this harvest to our own backyard! One of the ways He has done this is through the rapidly changing ethnic composition of the Plano area. Within 1 mile of our church are 5 large apartment complexes where people from every tribe, tongue and nation live. One complex just recently leased 82 apartments to a Chinese corporation! An effective strategy for cross cultural outreach ministry is through an ESL (English as a Second Language) ministry. Come to an ESL volunteer informational luncheon Sunday May 22nd after the service in Room 101 to find out more about this ministry opportunity. The only requirements for this ministry are to speak English and to love Jesus! We will teach you the rest. Sign-up and RSVP for the luncheon at the Information Center. Contact Judy Enszer at 972-625-3052 or williamenszer@tx.rr.com or Michael Wichlan at 972-335-3844 or michael@trinityplano.org.

2011 VBS: Please mark your calendars for this year's VBS, June 13-17 from 9:00 – 12:00 noon. Registration is underway! If you have any questions, please contact Gina Kern at 214-495-8439 or ginamkern@hotmail.com.

TRINITY ARTS FINAL CONCERT: Sunday night, May 22nd, 6 PM . We saved the best for last! Featuring the new Dallas Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, directed by conductor-pianist, Stefano Miceli of Italy. Since 2010 Stefano has been the Principal Guest Artist and Conductor of Leipzig Philharmonic Orchestra in Germany and Conductor-in-Residence of the Orchestra Filarmonica Italiana. Stefano is also the Founder and Artistic Director of the Festival Internazionale della Cultura in Bergamo Italy. Directing the twenty piece orchestra, they will feature three works: W.A. Mozart's *Symphony 29*; J. Haydn, *Piano Concerto, No. 13*, and the Haydn, *Symphony 45, "Farewell Symphony"* This will be an amazing concert! Invite a friend to this special night at Trinity. Buy tickets at the door: \$15.00 adults, \$5.00 age 15 and below.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Primozic request the honor of your presence as they give their daughter, Helen Caroline Primozic, in marriage to Caleb Joel Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Howell. The ceremony will be held at Trinity Presbyterian church on May twenty-eight, two thousand eleven, at two o'clock in the afternoon, with a reception immediately following. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by May fourteenth with your names and the number of guests attending to calebandhelen@gmail.com.

Bible Fellowship Hour

LAST CLASS TODAY—THE GOSPEL OF LUKE—We live in a world that tells us that there are many paths and varied versions of the truth. Views such as these cause confusion and anxiety for our culture. In this class, we will examine the Gospel of Luke which has also been called "The Gospel of Knowing for Sure". Luke tells us that he wanted to provide a detailed orderly account of the life of Jesus that would help His people understand that the whole world is running according to a single plan of God. At the center of that plan is the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. God has designed for us to see Jesus as the "lens" to understand His will and live our lives for His glory. We will discuss principles from Luke and seek to apply them individually and corporately. Our goal is to provide assurance and comfort as we grow together. Taught by Steve LeBlanc in room 130.

COLLEGE AND CAREER SUNDAY SCHOOL – THE BOOK OF HEBREWS: *Hebrews* was written to an urban community of believers who had joyfully suffered for their Christian commitment. However, they were becoming dull of hearing the word of God and were in danger of turning away from the faith. The author called them to look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith. He is superior to all things, and because of him they could have confidence and encouragement to persevere in the midst of suffering and doubt. We likewise need to see this magnificent picture of Christ who suffered with and for us for the glory of God and the benefit of his people. Taught by Jeremy Mollenkopf & Graham Eubanks in the conference room.

BEGINNING MAY 8TH THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH: Have you ever looked back in life and wish you could have changed things? Have you ever looked back at the past and thought the future will never be as good, or never can be good, because of your past failures? How are we to look at our failures or even our victories? The message we need to hear is "Not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit, says the Lord" (Zech. 4:6). Zechariah teaches that God always uses failures to do His work: He delights in calling, restoring, and equipping a sinful people to glorify Himself. This class seeks to provide assurance and comfort to those who are struggling in their circumstances and to equip others to come alongside them in fellowship and support. But, more importantly, we will see that this book contains several prophecies that are fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ, our promise of hope that all things will be made right. Taught by Steve LeBlanc in room 130.

BIBLICAL PEACEMAKING IN THE FAMILY: Are you struggling with conflict in your family? How does one navigate through the troubled waters of conflict? How can families apply principles of peacemaking in the family and in ministry? How can you instill biblical principles of peacemaking to your children? This eight-week study features Ken Sande teaching the biblical principles of personal peacemaking. Each session begins with a 25-minute video. We will have some discussion time and applying these principles to families and ministry. Taught by Patrick Poteet in room 230.

Women In The Church (WIC) Ministry

Morning Bible Study

Women's Morning Bible study meets on Tuesday at the church in Rm. 101 from 9:30-11:30am with lunch afterwards. Childcare is provided. We are studying the Book of Joshua.

Evening Bible Studies

Tuesday evening Bible Study: The study of Revelation, focusing on the person of Jesus Christ.

Thursday evening Bible Study: The Sermon on the Mount, picking up with the last Beatitude.

MERCY IDEAS: Check out the WIC table for great ideas of how you can extend mercy.

NEED TO CONTACT SOMEONE ABOUT A MINISTRY IDEA? The WIC board is here to help. Feel free to contact these ladies:

- President: Cheryl Kendrick ckendr01@yahoo.com
- Vice-President: Karin Elliott e11iott@verizon.net
- Mercy Needs: Janet Recker reckers01@tx.rr.com
- Women's Activities: Emily Boroden emboroden@verizon.net
- Bible Studies: Valerie McCormack Valerie.mccormack@gmail.com

College and Career Corner

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: *Hebrews* was written to an urban community of believers who had joyfully suffered for their Christian commitment. However, they are now becoming dull of hearing the word of God and are in danger of turning away from the faith. The author calls them to look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith. He is superior to all things, and because of him they can have confidence and encouragement to persevere in the midst of suffering and doubt. We likewise need to see this magnificent picture of Christ who suffered with and for us for the glory of God and the benefit of his people. Taught by Jeremy Mollenkopf and Graham Eubanks and meets in the Conference Room.

Sunday, May 1st = Lunch after the worship service.

Saturday, May 14th = Girls night. Time and location TBD.

Sunday, May 15th = Lunch after the worship service.

Saturday, May 21st = Workday and Camping at the Hinds home. The Hinds family moved to Sulphur Springs, and they need help around their property. We will be leaving Trinity Saturday on morning, and then we will be camping out.

Saturday, May 27th = Frisco RoughRiders Game. The game starts at 7:00, and we will be sitting in the grass area in the outfield. The tickets are around \$7.

Youth and Family Ministry

Youth Group Meeting (7th-12th grade)

Oasis Tonight 6:00-7:30 pm here @TPC! Fun, games, worship, prayer and our study: The Book of Life of Jesus (Mark) (please bring Bibles). **SNACKS:** Drew family

No Oasis Next Sunday—Mother's Day

Ministry of Prayer

If you have a prayer request, contact one of our pastors or Tanya Foret (Tanya@trinityplano.org) at the church office.

- Pray for Kristin Quidatano for her upcoming scheduled C section on Monday morning, May 2nd, at 7:30 a.m. at Plano Presbyterian Hospital.
- Praise for successful knee surgery for Bill Cobb. Pray for continued recovery
- Pray for Beth Nowell as she is in labor at the time of the printing of this bulletin.
- Pray for the families and communities devastated by recent tornadoes in Alabama and throughout the southern states of Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia and Kentucky.
- Praise for a successful knee surgery this past week. Pray for a complete recovery in the coming weeks.
- Praise for a successful surgery for Melanie Shotwell. Visit <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/melaniespeegleshotwell>. (Pay attention as you log-in initially, create your own password and then use Psalm18:19b [no spaces], which is Melanie's password.)
- Please continue to pray for Stewart Smith's mother as she is under hospice care. Stewart and his mom have had wonderful times together in these days. She is ready to meet the Lord and does not want to linger. His dad is also struggling with Alzheimer's.
- Pray for 14 year old, Thomas Howlett, the son of Bob Gehman's co-workers friend. He has been in ICU after a reaction to initial treatment for leukemia. There has been a small improvement. Pray for healing, proper diagnosis, peace and economic help for the family.
- Pray for Ken and Beth Godi as they have been accepted through ABRAZO Adoption Associates to proceed with local adoption. Pray that the Lord would open the necessary doors to allow them to adopt a child.
- Continue to pray for Eric and Laura Baesel as they go through the Ethiopian adoption process and move towards bringing Kate Evangeline home. You can follow their blog at <http://thebaeselings.blogspot..>
- Pray for those at Trinity who are unemployed at this time. Pray for provision and direction.
- Pray for the ministry of our sister PCA churches in the North Texas Presbytery and area churches in our community. Specifically, pray for David Rea at Providence Presbyterian Church in Dallas and Parkway Hills Baptist Church in Plano.

- Pray for the witness of our church community as we are scattered in the world during the week. Pray that God's Kingdom would be extended personally through us.
- Pray for men and women who are serving in the military.
 - o Captain Michael Leeman, son of David and Barbara Leeman, serving in Germany over a unit of wounded soldiers.
 - o Marine Sergeant Daniel Bahrenburg, son of Wendy Beatty, who is now stationed in Florida, at Eglin, where he will be for EOD training.
 - o LCpl Tyler Craven, USMC, son of Michael and Carol Craven: Pray for safety, strength and courage and that he will honor Christ in all things!
 - o ISC Ken Wichlan, U.S. Navy, brother of Pastor Michael Wichlan, aboard the USS Leyte Gulf. Pray for his safety as he is stationed in the Persian Gulf.
- Pray for our homebound and infirm:
 - o Dolly James
 - o John Blewer
- Pray for Realizing True Hope Ministry:
 - o Pray for comfort, courage and peace for the women working through the Bible study.
 - o Pray for wisdom and discernment for ministry development: favor in obtaining a non-profit status and for financial provision.
- Continue to pray for the ministry of Real Options for Women:
 - o Pray: For Julie and me. We will be at the Christian Leadership Alliance conference in downtown Dallas this week. Pray that we will absorb new information and come back refreshed!
 - o Praise: For Haley, who has decided to carry her baby!
 - o Pray: It is still slow here, pray that God will entrust us with women in need.

Richey and Keli, MTW South Asia— Pray that the whole family will quickly adjust to the time difference and that Richey will be able to begin ministry to national pastors quickly.

East Asia Partnership Pastor-in-training—He is almost finished with training! He'll be graduating from seminary this month. Pray for his family as they return to their home country—for their travel and their transition back home. Also pray that they will be able to successfully take over 100 theological books through customs.

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH: Rick and Pam Box, MTW, Bogota, Colombia—Join the Boxes in giving praise to God who has generously provided in the midst of difficulties and need in the Colombian churches. Pray for His gracious wisdom and provision as they plan for repairs (\$75k to \$120k USD) to a church building damaged in a mudslide. *See the missions' page for a recent letter from the Boxes and stories of God's provision during 2010.*

Missions Corner

2011 SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS

NEW ORLEANS: From July 30-August 6, our mission team will travel to New Orleans to assist in the rehab work that is still ongoing as a result of Hurricane Katrina six years ago. We work in conjunction with Redeemer Presbyterian from New Orleans to rebuild the shattered lives and witness to those in this historic but still devastated city. If you wish to help support this trip either in prayer or with financial offerings, contact Michael.W.Bottoms@saint-gobain.com or mikencami@msn.com for more details.

ROMANIA: From July 1-9 a team will travel to Craiova, Romania, to work with Rich and Martha Millhouse. Watch for more details soon. Please contact Chip Gorman at <mailto:chip.gorman@tx.rr.com> for more details.

Financial Update

OPERATING BUDGET—Tithes and Offerings	
2011 Fiscal Budget	\$870,112
Last Sunday's Actual Giving	\$17,416
Weekly Budget Needs	\$16,733
Weekly Over/Under Budget	\$683
Year-To-Date Actual Income 3/31/11	\$207,213
Year-To-Date Expenses 3/31/11	\$207,391
Year-To-Date Over/Under	(\$178)

Attendance Information: Last Sunday combined Easter worship attendance – 435, Parking - cars. There were seven first-time visitor, one second-time visitor, two third-time visitors, eight out-of-town visitors and eighteen others visiting. Please greet those who are new to Trinity and welcome them.

Ministry Schedule

NURSERY HELPERS

5/1- 9:00 A.M. SS	5/1 – 10:30 A.M. Worship Service
L. Baesel, M. McCracken	L. Propst, S. Wright, S. Gorman, A. Wright
	10:30 A.M. Celebration Chapel – McCracken Assistant – Poteet, Morrow
5/8 - 9:00 A.M. SS	5/8 – 10:30 A.M. Worship Service
J. VanDerMolen, S. Sonju	Ch. Gorman, L. Arion, N. Heersink, S. Zachary, Ca. Gorman
	10:30 A.M. Celebration Chapel – Mollenkopf

SCHEDULED USHERS

5/1	10:15 A.M. for Worship
Ushers	S. Smith, M. Wichlan, B. Enszer, B. Wichlan
5/8	
Ushers	M. Croon, M. Beatty, M. Hembree, C. Bowser, C. Hembree

Mercy Ministry Corner

If we truly understand the gospel of grace, then we will see that mercy is the natural expression of a person who has been shown such mercy. Mercy is such an important theme in the Bible that we have recently given our mercy ministry a name: *Loving Others Ministries*.

The vision of *Loving Others Ministries* is to bring Gospel-powered spiritual, personal, social and economic restoration to the poor, marginalized and overlooked of our community by loving others through acts of mercy that demonstrate the love of Christ. Over the past months, our Mercy Ministry Corner has relayed the mercy team's effort on building the Widows' Ministry. In the upcoming weeks, we will introduce the congregation to not only more of our internal ministries, but also to our external ministry partners.

The community we serve is much larger than the four walls of our church, yet we have limited resources to meet all the needs. Thus, in order to serve the poor, marginalized and overlooked of our community, the deacons of Trinity Presbyterian Church have partnered with community-based, philanthropic agencies that can act as an extension of our mercy ministry. The agencies ideally meet the following basic parameters to include:

- Preferably faith-based
- Provide local support
- Dedicated to restoration
- Complement TPC's approach to mercy and they welcome referrals

Loving Others Ministries is not about simply meeting the financial needs of the socially and economically needy, but our desire is to see the restoration and rehabilitation of the whole person as they experience the grace of Christ. We are excited about what the future holds for *Loving Others Ministries* and pray that you will look for ways to participate with a heart overflowing with the love and mercy you have also been shown in Christ. Though we wish for you to get actively involved with personal service, a key component to our mercy ministry's success is your donations to the mercy fund. For 2011, we have made disbursements of \$32,756.

The Presbyterian Church of America published a position paper on mercy. In that paper it states, "*Ministry to the immediate church family is given first priority. As a man must first care for his own household, so the church as a family must first see that immediate needs are met.*" If you have a need or are aware of a need, please be encouraged to contact one of our deacons (see bulletin or website for a list of deacons) or Tanya, our administrative assistant at 972-335-3844, extension 2. Our calling is one of service and sympathy, and we look forward to sharing the love of Christ with you.

Our Leadership

Session (i.e., the board of elders)

Ruling Elders		Teaching Elders	
Gary Brantz	Dan Gardner	John McCracken	Senior Minister
Rocky Freeman	John Krieger	Patrick Poteet	Associate Minister of Youth/Family
Joe Gage	Chuck Rehlin	Michael	Assistant Minister of Outreach
Allen Hunter	Sabbatical Until 10/11		
Bill Cobb	Sabbatical Until 12/11		
Steve Parks	Sabbatical Until 12/11		
Peter Shotwell	Sabbatical Until 12/11		
Deacons		STAFF	
Les Ackerman	Building & Grounds	John McCracken	Senior Pastor
Morry Beatty	Mercy	Patrick Poteet	Pastor of Youth & Family
Mike Bottoms	Building & Grounds	Michael Wichlan	Pastor of Outreach & Assimilation
Ron Bowser	Mercy Chairman	Dave Leeman	Director of Music
Steve Drew	Secretary	Bill Cobb	Church Administrator
Bill Enszer	Finance Chairman	Tanya Foret	Administrative Assistant
Gabe Gabriel	Finance	Jerry Martin	Bookkeeper
Mark Knam	Building & Grounds Chairman	Douglass McFarland	Organist
Tom Lindsey	Mercy	Jeremy Mollenkopf	Children's Discipleship Director
Scott McNeill		Jeff Morrow	Pastoral Intern
Ravi Parmar	Chairman	Graham Eubanks	Pastoral & Music Intern
Gary Smith	Building & Grounds	Derek Tu	Pastoral Intern
Todd Wright			

Our Missionaries

Seima and Naoko Aoyagi, PMI, Japan
 Marty Baas, MTW, Mexico
 Rick and Pam Box, MTW, Colombia
 Michael Craven, Center for Christ & Culture, Plano, Texas
 Caleb and Aimee Dunn, MTW, Mexico
 Richey and Keli (last name withheld for security reasons), MTW, South Asia
 Dan and Carol Iverson, MTW, Japan
 Paul and Laura Miller, RUF, Texas A&M, Corpus Christi

Rich and Martha Millhouse, ReachGlobal/EFCA, Romania
Scott Nelson, Wycliffe, North Carolina
Glenn and Mary Ellen (last name withheld for security reasons), East Asia
North Texas Presbytery (church planting, RUF ministry)
Pastor in Training (name withheld for security reasons), East Asia
PCA Church wide Ministries (MTW, MNA, RUF and other ministries)
Real Options for Women, Plano, Texas
Redeemer Seminary, Dallas, Texas
Third Millennium Ministries (on-line seminary) Orlando, Florida

Our other missionaries reaching the world with the love of Christ are the entire membership of Trinity Presbyterian Church as they are scattered throughout the week.

Small Groups

Interested in joining a Small Group? There are three ways to express your interest: 1) call the church office or Bill Cobb @ 214-212-2601; 2) speak to a pastor or one of the Small Group leaders; or 3) write "Small Group" on the sign-in sheet in the black visitor's pad.

Ackerman – Plano – Meets the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at Les and Linda Ackerman's home at 1425 Newbury Lane, Plano. For more information, contact Les (Lester.Ackerman@verizon.net) or Linda (Linda.M.Ackerman@verizon.net).

Brantz/Lindsey – Plano – Meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6:30 at Gary and Becky Brantz's home at 3516 Nancy Court in Plano, near Coit and Legacy. Call Mona Lindsey at 972-394-1326 for more information, or email Gary at Gary_Brantz@bcbstx.com, or Becky at beckybrantz@verizon.net .

Bowser/Parmar – Frisco/Plano – Meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at Ron and Roxanne Bowser's home at 9802 Asheboro Street in Frisco. (Near the intersection of Lebanon and Preston Rd.) Call Roxanne or Ron Bowser at 972-335-6490 or 972-467-0795 for more information, or email Ravi rkmorpayne@netzero.net. Childcare provided.

Craven/Dexter – Plano – Meets every other Sunday at 5:30 P.M. at Penna and Todd Dexter's home, 3705 Stonington Dr., (near the intersection of W.Parker and Clark Parkway). Call Michael @ 972-596-6948 or email at Michael@battlefortruth.org for more information. Childcare provided if needed.

Freeman – Frisco – Meets the 1st Saturday of the month in Aubrey. For information, please call Sarah Freeman at 940-365-9912 or freeman.sarah@sbcglobal.net. Childcare provided.

Gabriel – Plano - Meets once a month on Saturdays, usually at about 6:30 pm. Our time together includes devotions and prayer time, and a pot-luck meal; occasionally gathering for lunches, movies, and other events throughout the month. Call Gabe or Karen Gabriel for information @ 972-527-6054.

Gage – North Dallas – Meets 2nd Friday and 4th Saturday of each month. For location and information, please call Leann Gage at 972-930-0599 or email Leann at leann.gage@sbcglobal.net. We meet in the Frankford and North Dallas Tollway area. Childcare provided.

Gorman – Frisco/Plano– Meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 6:30 P.M. in SE Plano. For additional information, call Chip & Cathy Gorman at 972-881-0551 or email Cathy at cathy.gorman@tx.rr.com.

Kern/Post – Plano/Frisco – Meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the church. Call Gina Kern at 214-495-8439 or email Gina ginamkern@hotmail.com for more information. Childcare provided.

Parks – Frisco/Plano/Allen – Meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 5:00 P.M. at the church. Call Steve Parks at 214-914-0924 for more information. Childcare provided.

What Is a Christian?

A Christian is one who has entered into a relationship of deep love with God through His Son Jesus Christ. Here's how we summarize the Bible's teaching about how we can have such a relationship with God:

Character of God. The Bible shows us a God who is a relational being. He is loving, compassionate, and a friend to sinners. It also affirms that He is holy, righteous, immense, eternal, invisible, unchangeable, all-powerful, incomprehensible, all-knowing and perfect in all He is and does. He is the Almighty King of all creation who loves goodness and cannot abide evil in his presence without violating his own holy character.

Condition of Man. We must see ourselves the way God does. His Word (the Bible) tells us that we are created in His image. This means that each one of us is full of dignity and worth. We are the crown jewel of God's creation. As C. S. Lewis put it, we are "God's little kings and queens!" However, that's only part of the story. The tragedy is that we have all turned away from our Creator. We want to be our own King and not submit to God's good, loving rule over us. This is what the Bible calls "sin".

Cross of Christ. If sin has separated us from God, then how can a great and holy God welcome us into relationship with Him? God has provided the way Himself. Though you and I don't deserve the Father's love and acceptance, He welcomes us into such a relationship based on His relationship with His Son. Jesus is the perfect Son who loved His Father unto death. Through His death Christ took the sins of God's people upon Himself and satisfied the justice of God for our iniquity. Through His resurrection, Christ gives new life to all those who would embrace Him as their Savior and Lord.

Coming to Faith in Christ. Our alienation from God is therefore restored, not by anything we do, but by what Jesus did for us. What is left for us? Simply faith. Faith involves agreeing with God that we are sinners that we do not deserve to be in a loving relationship with Him, but that through Jesus, we can now have forgiveness, freedom from bondage to sin and a new and living relationship with God. That's the gospel of grace – the good news of a restored relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Course of Life. The Christian is one who stands in grace as a follower of Jesus Christ. They live their lives *for* their Savior, not to earn His love, but to show their love for One who first loved them! If you are interested in discussing these things further with someone please contact one of the pastors or elders in our church. If you have recently come to embrace Christ as Savior, please let us know. We would like to help you grow in your new relationship with our Lord.

Extending the Gospel to the World

Below is a recent letter from Rick and Pam Box, MTW, Bogota, Colombia.

Dear Friends,

Well, 2010 is history and we are already well into 2011. I am amazed at the stamina and strength of the Colombian pastors and church planters. We began the year 2010 with enthusiasm and big plans for growth. Instead God brought us trials for our spiritual growth. We spent much of the year “putting out fires” in the Colombia presbytery. One pastor had to leave his church for a year to travel for his work (the Colombian pastors work second jobs to sustain them since the churches cannot support them fully). Fortunately there is a ruling elder in this particular church, Juan Jose, who is training for the pastorate. This has been an excellent opportunity for him to serve as interim pastor. God provided.

Then, the pastor of a church in Bogota named Campo Elias had heart trouble and had to take two months off from the pastorate for rest and recuperation. The small presbytery and missionaries had to cover for his church for the two months. God provided. Following this, another pastor in Bogota resigned from the pastorate due to the time restraints on his family. The presbytery and missionaries again covered the church responsibilities for three months until we could arrange for a replacement. God provided an excellent pastor replacement, Daniel Lancheros.

Next, another pastor in Bogota was put on bed rest because of extremely high blood pressure. The presbytery covered the responsibilities of the church for two months. The pastor is now back in full swing in his church. God provided. Another pastor in Cucuta resigned from the pastorate due to sin problems. He is under the discipline of the presbytery. A ruling elder in this church is filling the responsibilities. This is a great opportunity for this elder who is in training for the pastorate. God provided.

Finally, the extreme rains of November and December brought a mudslide into one of the church buildings. The mud is eight foot deep on the back wall of the building. The cost to fix the problem is estimated at \$75,000 USD to \$120,000 USD. Although we still don't know what we will do about the mud problem, God will provide.

In spite of the problems of 2010, God has blessed us wonderfully. There were two Colombian churches constituted and three church plants begun. As 2011 unfolds, we are again filled with enthusiasm and joy to be servants in Christ's church. We have no doubt that our God will provide mightily for the church here. And we are always mindful that our work would not exist without your generous gifts and faithful prayers. Thank you for your steadfast commitment to the work of the Lord in Colombia.

Blessings in Christ—Rick and Pam Box

