

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.

The Epistle to the Ephesians	Room 130	Jeff Morrow
College/Career : John's Gospel	Room 230	Eubanks and Kirkpatrick

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	TIME/PLACE	ROOM
Sunday	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.	Various
	Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary

Order for the Worship of God

Trinity Presbyterian Church

July 17, 2011 10:30 AM

Please disable your
cell phones after
you are seated.

Thoughts for Worship Preparation

It is the most bitter of all afflictions to be led to fear that there is no help for us in God.

Spurgeon

To lament is to mourn the death of your last hope, to cry out, to complain, to wrestle with the One who promises to be your only hope.

Michael Card

A lament is truly asking, seeking, and knocking to comprehend the heart of God.

Dan Allender

I will never doubt His promise though I doubt my heart, I doubt my eyes. My Deliverer is coming—My Deliverer is standing by.

Rich Mullins

The Prelude Psalm

Psalm 148 *setting by Timothy Dudley-Smith*

Praise the Lord of hea - ven, praise him in the height;
Earth and o - cean praise him; moun-tains, hills and trees;
Now by prince and peo - ple, let his praise be told;

praise him, all his an - gels, praise him, hosts of light.
fire and hail and tem - pest, wind and storm and seas.
praise him, men and maid - ens, praise him, young and old.

Sun and moon to - ge - ther, shin - ing stars a - flame,
Praise him, fields and for - ests, birds on flash - ing wings,
He, the Lord of glo - ry! We, his praise pro - claim!

plan - ets in their cour - ses, mag - ni - fy his name.
praise him, beasts and cat - tle, all cre - a - ted things,
High a - bove all hea - vens mag - ni - fy his name,
— O, mag - ni - fy his name!
— yes, all cre - a - ted things.
— O, mag - ni - fy his name!

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

***Call to Worship from Psalm 40**

Minister: I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, I speak of your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly.

People: May those who say to me, Aha! Aha! be appalled at their own shame, but may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

Minister: May those who love your salvation always say, "The LORD be exalted!"

People: May the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, do not delay!

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Songs of Adoration & Praise**

"Arise my Soul, Arise!"

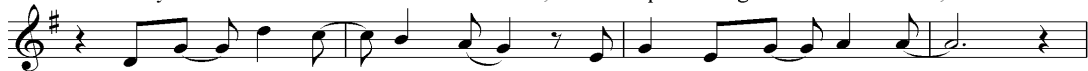
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"Aba" is a term of derision, found 6 times in the Bible.



1. A - rise_ my soul, a - rise_ shake off your guilt - y fears;_
2. He ev - er lives_ a - bove for me to in - ter - cede._
3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;_
4. My God_ is re - con - ciled; his pard - ning voice I hear;_



the bleed - ing sac - ri - fice_ on my be - half_ ap - pears._
the all_ re - deem - ing love_ his prec - cious blood to plead._
they pour_ ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me._
he owns_ me for_ his child. I can no long - er fear;_



Be - fore_ the throne_ my sure - ty stands, be - fore_ the throne
His blood_ a - toned_ for ev - ery_ race, his blood a - toned
For - give_ him, O_ for - give_ they cry, for - give_ him, O_
With con - fi - dence_ I now_ draw nigh, with con - fi - dence



_ my sure - ty stands, my name_ is writ - ten on_ his hands._
_ for_ ev - ery race, and sprin - kles now_ the throne_ of grace._
_ for - give they cry, don't let_ that ran - somed sin - ner die!_
_ I now draw nigh and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry._

(Men) A - rise (Women) A - rise A - rise, A rise, a rise my soul, a - rise!
 (Men) A - rise (Women) A - rise A - rise, A - rise, a - rise
 my soul a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears and rise!

"Blessed Be Your Name" Matt and Beth Redman

1. Bless-ed be your name in the land that is plen - ti - ful, where your
 2. Bless-ed be your name when I'm found in the des - ert place, though I
 3. Bless-ed be your name when the sun's shin - ing down on me, when the
 4. Bless-ed be your name on the road marked with suf - fer - ing, though there's
 5 streams of a - bun - dance flow, bless-ed be your name. Ev-ry blessing you pour out I'll
 walk through the wil - der - ness, bless-ed be your name.
 world's all as it should be, bless-ed be your name.
 11 pain in the of - fer - ing, bless-ed be your name.
 17 turn back to praise. When the dark-ness clos-es in, Lord, still I will say, Bless-ed be the
 name of the Lord, bless-ed be your name! Bless-ed be the name of the Lord, bless-ed be your
 23 glo - ri - ous name. You give and take a - way, you give and take a -
 way, my heart will choose to say, Lord, bless-ed be your name! You name. Bless-ed be the way, my

"Isaiah 43"

composer unknown

1. When you pass through the wa-ters, I will be with you, and the waves will
 2. When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned. and the flames will

not ov-er come you. Do not fear! For I have re-deemed you. I have
 not con - sume you. Do not fear! *Women:* I am the Lord your

called you by name, you are mine. *Men:* For I am the Lord your God.
 God, I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, your Sa - vior.

Unison:
 I am the Ho - ly One I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, your Sa - vior. *Men:* For
Women: I am the Lord your God, *Unison:* I am the Ho - ly One of
 I am the Lord your God. I am the Ho - ly One I am the Ho - ly One of
 Is - ra - el, your Sa - vior. *Women:* Do not
 Is - ra - el, your Sa - vior. *Men:* I am the Lord!
 fear! Do not fear! I am the Lord!
 I am the Lord! I am the Lord!

Public domain

The Heidelberg Catechism has been translated into all European and dozens of Asiatic and African languages. It has circulated more widely than any other book except the Bible and Pilgrim's Progress. Soundly Calvinistic, yet moderate in tone and spirit, it remains the most widely used and warmly praised catechism of the Reformation

***Affirmation of Faith "Heidelberg Catechism" The Rev. Patrick Poteet**

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil, and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth to live unto him.

Song of Comfort "A Shield About Me" Psalm 3:3-4

You, O Lord, are a shield about me, you're my glo - ry; you're the lift - er of my
 head. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
 hal - le - lu - jah, you're the lift - er of my head. head.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Chuck Rehlin, *Ruling Elder*

O God of shalom,
 Too often we build up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies,
 but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love or the love
 of our Christian family.
 Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart
 is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies.

**Bless them and us,
that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you.
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:8-12

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Reprise: "A Shield About Me"

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Rehlin

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Mercy Offering

Mr. Wichlan

The Musical Offering "Grace Like Rain" Collins, Agnew, Excell, John
Newton

Savannah Gorman, vocal-guitar; Madison Bottoms, guitar; Ethan Wright, vocal;
Daniel Avedikian, guitar; Emma Gorman, percussion; Nathan Drew, Bass;
directed by Graham Eubanks

Prayer of Consecration

Mr. Poteet

***The Doxology**

NEW DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Passing of the Peace**

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Service of Friendship (see sidebar)

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. Wichlan

***Scripture Reading**

Psalm 3

Page 448 of the Black Pew Bible

The Morning Sermon

"Our Deliverer"

***Hymn of Response, No. 691**

"It is Well With My Soul"

***The Charge and Benediction**

Mr. Wichlan

Minister: So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am
your God, I will strengthen you and help you. *Isaiah 41:10*

People: **With God's help we will.**

Minister: The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the
everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemy before you.
Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor
sleep. *Deut. 33:27, Psalm 121:4*

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

*As we "Pass the
Peace," children
between the ages of
4—1st grade may
now be dismissed for
"Celebration
Chapel" in room
130. At this time,
please locate the
black friendship pad
at the left end of your
row, fill it out and
pass it back to the
beginning of the row.*

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Trinity This Week

The Week of Sunday, July 17, 2011

While Pastor John McCracken is on Sabbatical, the following people will be preaching:

JULY

- 17 Rev. Michael Wichlan, Psalm 3
- 24 Rev. Paul Miller, RUF Minister, Psalm 2
- 31 Rev. Michael Wichlan, Psalm 23

AUGUST

- 7 Rev. Michael Wichlan, Psalm 51
- 14 Rev. Patrick Poteet, Psalm 5
- 21 Rev. Patrick Poteet, Psalm 30
- 28 Rev. Patrick Poteet, Psalm 16

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Rev. Patrick Poteet, Psalm 133
- 11 Rev. Mike Rasmussen, Redeemer Seminary, 9-11 10th Anniversary Message
- 18 Rev. Mike Rasmussen, TBA
- 25 Rev. Mike Rasmussen, TBA

OCTOBER

- Rev. Mike Rasmussen, TBA
- 9 Dr. Bryan Chapell, Covenant Seminary, TBA
- 16 Dr. Skip Ryan, Redeemer Seminary, TBA
- 23 Dr. Skip Ryan, Redeemer Seminary, TBA
- 30 Rev. Richey Goodrich, Missionary to South Asia, TBA

SENIOR PASTOR SABBATICAL: Pastor John and Mindy McCracken are on Sabbatical leave from July through October. During this time John is relieved of his vocational responsibilities, so that he may experience new areas of ministry skills, education, exposure to the larger work of God in the kingdom, and renewal in his walk with Christ. If you have needs or concerns during this four-month period, please contact Pastors Patrick or Michael.

TRINITY CHOIR: The choir also takes a Sabbatical during the months of July and half of August. If this Fall you have a desire to serve God and Trinity with your voice, please contact Dave Leeman, Dave@trinityplano.org.

TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES: Please prayerfully consider teaching our young children in Sunday School, Celebration Chapel or Explorer Kids. Curriculum is easy to use and training will be provided. Requests for teachers will begin in August. Classes begin September 4th. Contact Karen Gabriel at 972-335-3844, ext. 132, with any questions.

NEW BOOK CLUB: The current book is **Jane Eyre**, by Charlotte Bronte. If you would like to join us, please get a copy and start reading! You can buy the book at amazon.com or any book store. (or Half-Price Books or your local library). Meet at Sarah Gregory's house, 8540 Woodstream Drive, Frisco, 75034, on Friday, July 22nd at 7:00 p.m. for the book discussion. Please contact Sarah at sarahsamgregory@yahoo.com or 214-458-7459 if you would like to join.

TRINITY'S COFFEE CLUB: The Trinity Coffee Club will reorder tomorrow (Monday, July 18th). If you would like to change your order or add your name to the order list, please email Joanne Brown at joanne1228@yahoo.com. Coffee orders will repeat approximately once a month. Remember, coffee costs \$8.50 for a 12 ounce bag. All profits (\$3 per bag) go to support national church planter ministries in southeast Asia and Asia Pacific.

PLEASE SIGN THE TRINITY HYMNAL FOR THE GUERRE 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. Josh, Becky, Jack, Chloe and Maddie Guerre are moving to Virginia. Please take a moment and write a note in the hymnal in the narthex.

MOVING HELP NEEDED JULY 30TH: Steven and Betty Hanks are moving on Saturday, July 30th at 8:00 a.m. and need help with large items. If you are available to help or have questions, please contact Betty Hanks at blhanks@sbcglobal.net.

Bible Fellowship Hour

COLLEGE AND CAREER SUNDAY SCHOOL – The *Gospel according to John* was written by the disciple “whom Jesus loved” from Ephesus around A.D. 80-90, about 50 years after he wit-

nessed Jesus' earthly ministry. John's gospel is the only one of the four gospels that states the author's purpose. He writes, "these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." Join us as we seek to know and believe that Jesus is the Christ as He is presented in John's account. This class is taught by Trey Kirkpatrick and Graham Eubanks and meets in the youth room at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

THE EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS: Christians living in Ephesus in AD 62 were no different from us living in Plano, TX. We live in pluralistic society where tolerance is the norm and Christianity is attacked and marginalized. Culture is driven by secular influences, evil seems to be winning, and corruption has reached into every aspect of life and our relationships. Like the Ephesians, we need encouragement in the midst of a fallen world. We need to know we are secure in the eternal purposes of God—that although threatened, Christ has conquered all of our enemies. Though evil abounds, God has raised us up from the dead with Christ. We are now His children, the family of God and the true temple of God. We need to be reminded that the Gospel of Christ transforms all things—our lives, society, business, marriage and families. The grace of God transforms all of our relationships and empowers us to stand firm in the battle of life as one body in Christ. Class begins June 19th and is taught by Jeff Morrow in room 130.

Women In The Church (WIC) Ministry

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: The Tuesday evening Bible Study has been cancelled for the rest of the summer. Please watch for details regarding the fall classes.

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: The *Gospel according to John* was written by the disciple "whom Jesus loved" from Ephesus around A.D. 80-90, about 50 years after he witnessed Jesus' earthly ministry. John's gospel is the only one of the four gospels that states the author's purpose. He writes, "these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." Join us as we seek to know and believe that

Jesus is the Christ as He is presented in John's account. This class is taught by Trey Kirkpatrick and Graham Eubanks and currently meets upstairs in the youth room at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

MONDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP: We will be meeting together to study Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands, by Paul Tripp and also to pray for one another. Graham Eubanks will lead the lessons. The group will meet at 7:00 p.m. in alternating homes. Contact Graham Eubanks to buy a copy of the book. See online calendar for weekly meeting location.

Complete Calendar: <http://tinyurl.com/CollegeCareerCalendar>

- Tonight! Sunday, July 17th at 6:30 p.m.—Guy's Night: Money in the Bank PPV at the Kirkpatrick's.
- Monday, July 18th at 7:00 p.m.—College & Career Small Group at the Eubanks' house.
- Sunday, July 24th at 12:15 p.m.—Lunch after worship by the classrooms.
- Monday, July 25th at 7:00 p.m.—College & Career Small Group at Eubanks' house.
- Saturday, August 6th at 4:00 p.m.—Group Dynamix with Bethel PCA's College & Career.

Youth and Family Ministry

Oasis Tonight - Youth Oasis tonight at the Bottoms house, 11400 Sunrise Lane, Frisco from 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Ministry of Prayer

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

- As Pastor John and his family continue their four-month sabbatical, let us pray from Philipians 1:6 that He who began a good work in them would bring spiritual renewal to their lives as they look forward to the day that He will bring it to completion.
- Pray for the leadership and building committee members to have spiritual fruit and wisdom in the planning process of the sanctuary expansion and being a Sending Church.
- Praise for Jeremy and Sarah Mollenkopf who have accepted an associate pastor position in Columbus, OH, at Parsons Baptist Church. Pray for their move and settling into a new home and community.
- Pray for the Randall family, that the foster babies in their care, Bryant (1) and Nariyah (2 weeks) will adjust well and develop trust. Pray, also, that John and Kathy's children will adjust. Pray for the birth mother that God will work in her life during this time.

- Pray for Sarah and Jack Lenhart’s family for wisdom and discernment in dealing with serious teenage rebellion and behavior.
- Pray for Jane Dittimore’s granddaughter, Laura, who has a large kidney stone. Pray that all will be resolved and that she will not have to have surgery.
- Melanie Shotwell’s third chemo treatment is scheduled for this Tuesday, July 19th. For ways that you can minister to the Shotwell family, please contact Denise Wichlan at 214-387-8005. You may also visit the Caringbridge site at caringbridge.org for updates. Look for the melaniespeeleshotwell page. Enter your email address and a password that you create, then enter Melanie’s password, Psalm 18:19b—no spaces and case sensitive— to get into her journal.
- Please continue to pray for Stewart Smith’s mother as she is under hospice care. Her condition has worsened and she is in more pain. Please pray that if this is the beginning of the end that her final passing will be in peace.
- Thank you for your persistent prayers for Ken and Beth Godi as they go through the adoption process. They have been matched with a birth mom who will be induced on August 22nd. Pray that Ken and Beth will be ready, that the birth mother will sign the papers, and that the remaining money needed for the adoption will be provided. Pray for grace and God’s will to be done.
- Pray for those at Trinity who are unemployed and under-employed 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 Lou Best at Hill Country Church in Killeen and Spring Creek Church of Christ 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. Daniel graduated (with honors) from EOD school at Eglin AFB, and has now joined his unit at Camp LeJeune in North Carolina for additional training. This training will be completed mid-September. At that time, he will have a short leave to visit family and then likely be deployed to Afghanistan for 6 months.
 - 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.
 - o SPC Matthew H. Moffett, son of Paul and Jo Moffett, 172nd Infantry Brigade, U.S. Army, stationed at Grafenwöhr, Germany—training for Afghanistan deployment this summer.

Dolly James

- Pray for Realizing True Hope Ministry:
 - Pray for the women who recently completed the Bible study as they continue in their healing journey
 - Pray for the Board of Directors as they prepare to meet to develop business plans.
 - Pray for wisdom in implementing new studies and other programs, and preparation of the hearts of the women that God will bring.
 - Praise for the provision of professionals to assist in the nonprofit incorporation process.
- Continue to pray for the ministry of Real Options for Women.

Paul and Laura Miller, RUF Texas A&M, Corpus Christi—Pray that God will continue to provide financial support for the Millers and their ministry.

Richey and Keli, S. Asian Partnership—Pray for Richey and Keli as they wrap up ministry needs and travel back to the states. Pray for Keli and their unborn child to remain healthy and for the family's travel this week to go smoothly and without complications.

Marty Baas, MTW— Continue to pray for Marty's former school in N. Mexico. Pray that God's goodness will be seen in the midst of the troubles and violence Mexico is experiencing. Pray for wisdom and boldness for the believers and for unbelievers to see their need for Christ. See the missions' page for the second part of a recent letter from Marty.

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH: Rich and Martha Millhouse, ReachGlobal Romania— Yesterday (July 16th) the church hosted a free medical clinic and today (July 17th) the church is hosting a viewing of the Jesus film. Pray that God will use these outreach events along with follow up from last week's VBS and Tex-Mex dinner to grow relationships and draw people into the kingdom.

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.

Financial Update

OPERATING BUDGET – Tithes and Offerings	
2011 Fiscal Budget	\$870,112
Last Sunday's Actual Giving	\$16,122
Weekly Budget Needs	\$16,733
Weekly Over/Under Budget	(\$611)
Year-To-Date Actual Income 6/30/11	\$414,693
Year-To-Date Expenses 6/30/11	\$419,463
Year-To-Date Over/Under	(\$4,770)

Attendance Information: Last Sunday worship attendance – 269, Parking - 130 cars. There were two first-time visitors, one out of town visitor and one other visitor last Sunday. Please greet those who are new to Trinity and welcome them.

Ministry Schedule

NURSERY HELPERS

7/17- 9:00 A.M. SS	7/17- 10:30 A.M. Worship Service
G. Primozic, Les Ackerman	A. Stuart, J. Gregory, C. Kern, D. Knam, M. Green
	10:30 A.M. Celebration Chapel – Morrow Assistant – Baesel
7/24 - 9:00 A.M. SS	7/24 – 10:30 A.M. Worship Service
C. Kendrick, Rachel Kornman	K. McCartney, M. Wichlan, V. Drew, Sa. & Sy. Jotterand
	10:30 A.M. Celebration Chapel – Poteet Assistant – Vanzant, Nowell

SCHEDULED USHERS

7/17	10:15 A.M. for Worship
Ushers	G. Gabriel, W. Hanks, S. Hanks, J. Randall, T. Dexter
7/24	
Ushers	S. Smith, M. Wichlan, B. Enszer, B. Wichlan

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 \$49,083 through May.

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		Patrick Poteet	Associate Minister of Youth/Family
Chuck Rehlin		Michael Wichlan	Assistant Minister of Outreach
Allen Hunter	On Sabbatical Until 10/11		
Bill Cobb	On Sabbatical Until 12/11		
Steve Parks	On Sabbatical Until 12/11		
Peter Shotwell	On 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	Karen Gabriel	Children's Discipleship Director
Scott McNeill	On Sabbatical Until 04/12	Jeff Morrow	Pastoral Intern
Ravi Parmar	Chairman	Graham Eubanks	Pastoral & Music Intern
Gary Smith	Building & Grounds	Derek Tu	Pastoral Intern
Todd Wright	On Sabbatical Until 04/12		

Our Missionaries

Seima and Naoko Aoyagi, PMI, Japan
 Marty Baas, MTW
 Rick and Pam Box, MTW, Colombia
 Steve Childers, Global Church Advancement, Orlando, FL
 Michael Craven, Center for Christ & Culture, Plano, Texas
 Caleb and Aimee Dunn, MTW

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. 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. 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.

Stone – Frisco – Meets twice a month. Call Heidi at 214-499-8028 for information. 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– 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 the second part of a recent letter from Marty Baas, MTW.

MARTY IN MONTGOMERY BUT SOON TO TAIWAN

On another note, Colegio Renuevo was asked to host the zone junior high choral competition. Every teacher always rises to the occasion, so the large bulletin board out front was done very well by an English teacher and Judith added her clever teaching BB for Easter from her classroom to help these guests know the true meaning of Easter. Many from the other nine schools commented about the cleanliness of the school, while our students were surprised at these students' poor manners, died hair, and wearing makeup, which is not allowed in Mexican schools while in uniform. Colegio Renuevo took first place and Judith wrote, "God is Great!" Next came the city contest which they had to do with a CD presentation. To their disappointment they did not take first place. Finally, the elementary choir prepared for their contest and they took first place again in the state and will compete in the national contest in Mexico City. *Pray that Mexico will be peaceful enough for this contest to be held and the parents have this confidence to send their children.*

On April 1st, there were bomb threats at some schools, around Ciudad Victoris so parents quickly got their children out of all schools. *Please pray for the children in the city.* Earlier two bombs went off near Judith's house and really shook their small home. A clerk died in one of these bombings. On another day, one of the large cartel vehicles almost hit her bus and then on the very next stop as she got off they started shooting, but thanks to God she managed to make it the three blocks to her house. Unfortunately, in a small town nearby, almost all the bus passengers were killed because the cartels are using this mode of transportation. I had always loved the Mexican bus transportation.

Please pray for the situation in Mexico. Judith has shared with her junior high Bible students the story of some hired assassins from Mexico City "who have been transformed by the Lord so...God is working and He is listening to our prayers as a country just as He has done with Israel."

In my December letter, I wrote that I would be working six months a year. This year it will be longer because I will serve at Christ's College. Thank you for your prayers and support as it looks financially "doable" after my move back put my account near zero. God is faithful and all of these years I have never gone in the red.

Traveling in the USA is more pleasant so I drove to MI to see my granddaughter graduate from High School. It was a blessing to attend the year-end school events for these four girls. The spring music concert of their five choirs is always wonderful, especially when all choral groups sing the last few songs together ending with all graduates of the last 20 years joining in. It was also a family reunion with Marc's family coming up from Chicago, and Felicia's family from Tucson. I also caught up with sisters, brother, cousin, niece, friends, uncle and aunts. God faithfulness to the generation is a blessing!

Marty Baas, working retired missionary, joyfully serving in God's Kingdom

