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## WELCOME

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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!

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## WHO WE ARE

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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.

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## PLEASE VISIT THE "INFORMATION CENTER"

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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.

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## ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP HOUR 9:00 A.M.

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

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## WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

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## ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

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How worship is practiced at Trinity may be very different from your past, with such things as a Call to Worship, Affirmation of Faith, or even a printed order of worship. Or if your background is what is known as "high-church" you may be missing some of the beautiful chants and standard liturgies. At Trinity, we strive for worship that both reaches the mind and the soul, the intellect and the emotions. We use a broad spectrum of music with enough liturgical readings to make us think, and that bind us together in unity of thought and action. Above all, our aim is that God is glorified. May that be your goal rather than familiarity. May the Holy Spirit enrich you today to "worship in spirit and truth".

# Order for the Worship of God

## Trinity Presbyterian Church

July 31, 2011 10:30 AM

*Please disable your  
cell phones after  
you are seated.*

### Thoughts for Worship Preparation

*[Psalm 23] is the pearl of psalms whose soft and pure radiance delights every eye. Of this delightful song it may be affirmed that its piety and its poetry are equal, its sweetness and its spirituality are unsurpassed.* Charles Spurgeon

*There is no psalm in which the absence of all doubt, misgiving, fear [and] anxiety is so remarkable.* J. J. Stewart Perowne

*The world could spare many a large book better than this sunny little psalm. It has dried many tears and supplied the mold into which many hearts have poured their peaceful faith.* Alexander Maclaren

### The Prelude Psalm

### Psalm 23

The Lord my shep-herd rules my life and gives me all I need; he  
Though in a val-ley dark as death, no ev-il makes me fear; your  
Your good-ness and your gra-cious love pur-sue me all my days; your  
leads me by re-fresh-ing streams, in pas-tures green I feed. The  
shep-herd's staff pro-tects my way; for you are with me there. While  
house, O Lord, shall be my home-- your name, my end-less praise. To  
Lord re-vives my fail-ing strength, he makes my joy com-plete; and  
all my e-ne-mies look on you spread a ro-yal feast; you  
Fa-ther, Son, and Spir-it, praise! to God whom we a-dore, be  
in right paths, for his name's sake, he guides my fal-tering feet.  
fill my cup, a-noint my head, and treat me as your guest.  
wor-ship, glo-ry, pow'r and love, both now and ev-er-more!

*The asterisk \* in front of different acts of worship indicate where the congregation will stand. We do so because we sing and read aloud better with standing. At times we stand to show honor, such as when the scriptures are being read. However, if for any reason you find it difficult to stand for these lengths of time, do not hesitate to sit. No one will criticize!*

**Pastoral Welcome**

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

**\*Call to Worship from Psalm 100**

**Minister:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God!

**People:** **It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Minister:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**People:** **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**\*Hymn of Adoration, No. 1 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"**

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

**\*Hymn of Praise "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ST. COLUMBA**

**The King of love my Shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.**



**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:*

Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak.

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 16

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Hymn of Assurance, No. 508 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"**

**Prayers for Christ's Church and the World**

Mr. Rehlin

**The Collection of Tithes and Offerings**

**The Musical Offering "He Shall Feed His Flock" from *Messiah* G. F. Handel**

*He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. (Isaiah 40:11 KJV)*

Tina Thiel, flute; Douglass McFarland, organ

**Prayer of Consecration**

Mr. Poteet

**\*The Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Sending Prayer for the Mollenkopf Family**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: And also with you.

*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.*

**Service of Friendship (see sidebar)**

**\*The Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. Wichlan

**\*Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 23**

*Page 458 of the Black Pew Bible*

**The Morning Sermon "Our Journey With The Shepherd"**

Mr. Wichlan

**\*Hymn of Response, No. 599 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

**\*The Charge and Benediction**

Mr. Wichlan

Minister: "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice." *John 10:1-4*

People of God, let us hear the voice of our Good Shepherd calling us to follow him!

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

Minister: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

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

**Postlude**

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# Trinity This Week

*The Week of Sunday, July 31, 2011*

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

## **JULY**

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.

**CELEBRATING HELGA NEWBOULD'S 94TH BIRTHDAY:** In celebration of Helga's 94th birthday, we will collect birthday cards at the Information Center this Sunday which is her actual birthday. If you have questions, please contact Janet Recker at 214-683-6498.

**EXPLORER KIDS & PRIMETIME SIGN UP BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup> IN THE NARTHEX:** Please sign your *KIDS* up to join *Friends for Faith Building Fun at Church in TPC's midweek children's ministry programs*. Please invite your kids' friends to join them in this neighborhood outreach. Registration is for children who are ages 4 years old (before 9/01/11) through incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Fall Semester: Wednesdays, August 24 – November 16, 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.; cost is \$10 per child (cash or check payable to TPC; scholarships available ).

**EXPLORER KIDS & PRIMETIME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Please consider God's call to serve as a Classroom Co-teacher or a Coach for Games. Teens are welcome to volunteer! *Free childcare* is available for all volunteers' children, infants through age 3 years. Fall Semester: Wednesdays, August 24 – November 16, 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Please contact Sarah Lenhart at your earliest convenience at 214-733-9668 (cell) or [sjlenhart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjlenhart@sbcglobal.net).

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A CHILD?** TPC's rising 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will receive a Children's ESV Bible. If you would like to be a sponsor by purchasing a Bible, please place a check in the offering plate made payable to TPC for \$16 with a note on the memo line, Children's Bible Sponsor. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Gabriel at 972-335-3844 ext. 132 or [karen@trinityplano.org](mailto:karen@trinityplano.org).

**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](mailto:dave@trinityplano.org). However, Dave and Barbara are on vacation through August 7th.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED:** Seeking TPC members interested in teaching our children for the school year beginning on Sunday, September 4th. The curriculum is easy to use and training is provided. There are openings in the 3 year old, Pre-K and Kindergarten classes. Please contact Karen Gabriel for more details, [Karen@trinityplano.org](mailto:Karen@trinityplano.org) or 972-335-3844 ext 132.

**PLEASE SIGN THE TRINITY HYMNALS FOR THE MOLLENKOPF FAMILY AND 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. Jeremy Mollenkopf has accepted a call to a church in Ohio. Their family will be moving at the end of this month. Also, Josh, Becky, Jack, Chloe and Maddie Guerre are moving to Virginia. Please take a moment and write a note in the hymnals in the narthex.

**JOYFUL NOISES END-OF-SUMMER CHOIR CAMP:** Come join the two-day fun right here at TPC, August 12th and 13th: Friday, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.,

including a final hour musical revue for parents and families beginning at 5:00 p.m. If you are entering 2nd–8th grade, you are eligible for this exciting time of praising, learning, hand jive, acting, exercise, rhythm, and of course—SINGING! If you haven't sung with us before, this is a chance to see the kinds of things we will be doing during the school year in The Joyful Noises Choir. Returning member? Come and meet a special guest mystery instrument! We will provide drinks and snacks, but ask you to bring a sack lunch each day. Sign-up in the narthex after the worship service. For more information, please contact Bob or Renny Gehman at (903) 433-2262 or [adagioranch@solbroadband.com](mailto:adagioranch@solbroadband.com).

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (FPU) — THE GREAT RECOVERY:** Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is a great practical application class in the area of finances whether you have your financial house in order or you need some organization to your finances. There is something here for everyone from the nuts and bolts of budgeting to the details of saving for college and retirement. The next 13-week FPU class, **The Great Recovery**, begins Wednesday night August 24th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the church. Scott and Marquita Adams will facilitate the class. There will be a free preview Wednesday night, August 10th at 6:30 and Sunday morning, August 14th at 9:00 in Room 101 where you will: 1) receive an overview of the course; 2) find out about class membership costs and what is included in the membership kit; 3) register for the upcoming class; and 4) ask any questions. You can also attend the first lesson, *Super Saving – Common Sense for Your Dollars and Cents*, for free! Please contact Michael Wichlan at 972-335-3844 or [michael@trinityplano.org](mailto:michael@trinityplano.org) for more information and to register for the class.

**MISSIONAL CHRISTIANITY—AFFIRMATIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN A POST-CHRISTIAN CULTURE:** We will begin our semester with a study of *The Reason for God*, a DVD series by Tim Keller which addresses six of the most common objections to Christianity. Michael Wichlan will lead our class discussion each week. Michael Craven will teach during the second half of our semester on cultural and social ideas that hinder belief and adversely influence the Christian life and witness. The purpose of this class is to encourage and equip the Church to engage the culture with the redemptive mission of Christ. Invite your friends who have questions about the Christian faith to join us. This class begins Wednesday night August 24th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the church. Please contact Michael Wichlan at 972-335-3844 or [michael@trinityplano.org](mailto:michael@trinityplano.org) for more information and to register for the class.

## Bible Fellowship Hour

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**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 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 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

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**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

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**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>

- Monday, August 1st, 7:00 p.m.—College & Career Small Group at Kruckeberg's house.
- Saturday, August 6th, 4:00 p.m.—Group Dynamix with Bethel PCA's College & Career.
- Monday, August 8th at 7:00 p.m.—College & Career Small Group at Kirkpatrick's House
- Monday, August 15th at 7:00 p.m.—College & Career Small Group at Kirkpatrick's House
- Wednesday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m.—Game Night at Kruckeberg's House

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## Youth and Family Ministry

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**Oasis Tonight** - Youth Oasis tonight at the Whites house, 5840 Pebblestone Lane, Plano from 6:00—8:00 p.m.

### Middle School Girls Event

#### Craft Night

Why: To get to know each other and get our creative juices flowing!

When: Friday, August 12th from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Where: Kristin Gabriel's house—2117 Houlton Lane, Plano, TX 75025

Contact Kristen for a ride.

Note: If you have any craft ideas, please let Kristin know. You do not need to bring anything.

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## Ministry of Prayer

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*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, they will begin traveling throughout the northeast and southeast for the months of August through the middle of October. Pray for safe travels, rest and renewal as they spend time together with family.
- Pray for the New Orleans missions team that is serving along side Redeemer Presbyterian Church this week. Pray for safety for the team and stamina as they labor together for the Lord.

- 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.
- Pray for the Mollenkopf family as they move to Columbus, OH, this week where Jeremy begins his pastoral position at Parsons Baptist Church.
- Pray for Helga Newbould as she is at Presbyterian Village North recovering from illness. Pray for her quick recovery and return home.
- Pray for Todd Wright's sister, Brooke, as she battles an infection in her body.
- 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.
- Melanie Shotwell's next chemo treatment is Monday, August 8. A meal calendar is posted at [www.carecalendar.org/logon/72832](http://www.carecalendar.org/logon/72832). The security code is 6425. You may also find updates at <http://www.caringibridge.org/visit/melaniespeegleshotwell>. Use the password "Psalm 18:19b". For ways to minister to the Shotwell family, contact Denise Wichlan at [Wichlan@swbell.net](mailto:Wichlan@swbell.net).
- 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. Pray for her during these difficult days.
- 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 Steve Percifield at RUF at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and West Plano Presbyterian 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. 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.

- 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!
- 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.
- 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.
- Pray for our homebound and infirm:
  - Dolly James
- Pray for Realizing True Hope Ministry.
- Continue to pray for the ministry of Real Options for Women.

**Rick and Pam Box, MTW, Bogota, Colombia**— Pray for “wisdom for our team as we grow and expand. We desire to please God in every aspect of our lives.....being God pleasers, not man pleasers.” Pray “that Rick and I would lead by example and be known by our love.” *See the missions’ page for the second part of a recent letter from the Boxes and additional prayer requests.*

**East Asia Partnership Pastor**— Pray for this pastor as he mentors and disciples other young men to be leaders in the church.

**Paul and Laura Miller, RUF Texas A&M Corpus Christi**— Pray for God’s provision of support for Sara Freeman to intern with RUF at TAMCC.

**Richey and Keli, S. Asia Partnership**— Pray that God will give Richey wisdom and discernment as he studies for and writes two important courses for the training of national leaders.

**MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH: Rich and Martha Millhouse, ReachGlobal, Romania**— Pray for the youth camp this week, that God will powerfully touch the hearts of the youth, bring new believers into the kingdom, and grow young believers deeper in their faith and knowledge of Christ. (Youth leave for camp on Aug. 1.)

## Missions Corner

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### 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

## Financial Update

<b>OPERATING BUDGET – Tithes and Offerings</b>	
2011 Fiscal Budget	\$870,112
<b>Last Sunday's Actual Giving</b>	<b>\$9,037</b>
Weekly Budget Needs	\$16,733
Weekly <b>Over/Under</b> Budget	(\$7,696)
Year-To-Date Actual Income 6/30/11	\$414,693
Year-To-Date Expenses 6/30/11	\$419,463
Year-To-Date <b>Over/Under</b>	<b>(\$4,770)</b>

**Attendance Information:** Last Sunday worship attendance – 289, Parking - 131 cars. There four third-time visitors, two out of town visitors and seven other visitor last Sunday. Please greet those who are new to Trinity and welcome them.

## Ministry Schedule

### NURSERY HELPERS

<b>7/31- 9:00 A.M. SS</b>	<b>7/31- 10:30 A.M. Worship Service</b>
T. McNeill, G. Monroe	R. Bowser, B. Wichlan, C. Bowser, E. Gorman
	<b>10:30 A.M. Celebration Chapel – Assistant – Gardner, Knam</b>
<b>8/7 – 9:00 A.M. SS</b>	<b>8/7 – 10:30 A.M. Worship Service</b>
R. McCracken, J. Hunter	Mi. Bottoms, G. Kern, C. Bottoms, Dr. Gabriel, O. Poteet
	<b>10:30 A.M. Celebration Chapel – Assistant – Propst, Stone</b>

### SCHEDULED USHERS

<b>7/31</b>	<b>10:15 A.M. for Worship</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	M. Croon, M. Beatty, M. Hembree, C. Bowser, C. Hembree
<b>8/7</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	J. Scheer, J. Lenhart, B. Keenen, T. Primozić

## Mercy Ministry Corner

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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

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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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

# What Is a Christian?

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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

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*Below is the second part of a recent letter from Rick and Pam Box, MTW, Colombia*

After many years of working here with a small number of people that limited the ministry we could effectively handle, we will now have the opportunity of seeing:

Music Ministry  
Youth and Family Ministry  
University Ministry  
Expanded Discipleship and Training of Colombian men in and for leadership  
Expanded care and encouragement of Colombian pastors  
Expanded theological training  
Expanded diaconal ministry to the poor and needy  
And.....whatever else God provides!

So, with all of this going on, we will continue to need your prayers because as we are increasingly aware of God's blessing the work of our hands, we are also aware of the enemy's attempts to sidetrack us, wear us down and wear us out. Please pray with us for the following:

- That the Bolings and Parsons will enter well and adjust to life and ministry in Bogota. That the Boling children will adjust well to the El Camino Academy and make godly friends.
- That the damages to United Church resulting from the landslide would be able to be repaired. (So far, we have not received any monies from either the insurance company or from the construction company at fault.) Our nursery continues to be condemned due to the back wall being unstable and mud and water entering.
- Wisdom for our team as we grow and expand. We desire to please God in every aspect of our lives.....being God pleasers, not man pleasers.
- That Rick and I would lead by example and be known by our love.
- As new people come and others leave, we all need a huge amount of flexibility and patience and the ability to keep on extending grace to one another.

And last, but certainly not least.....please pray for God to provide our current support needs. We were due to be on our home ministry assignment this year, but due to all the new folks coming, aren't able to take any extended time away right now. If our deficit continues to grow, we will have no other choice, but to return home to raise support.

Thank you all for partnering with us to see the gospel take root here in Colombia! It means the world to us to know that you are praying for us and that you care! I have much more to share, but it will have to wait for the next letter.

Living in Amazement,  
Pam

