

TRINITY VOICE

Week of August 21, 2011

"Changing Lives For Jesus Christ"

From David's Desk:

Everybody's Welcome

"I wouldn't be welcomed at your church." The statement shocked me. It didn't happen here, it was several years ago. I had never seen the church turn anybody away. As far as I was concerned, everybody was welcomed. But still the person I had met at the Waffle House (yes, it really was the Waffle House) insisted he would not be welcomed. "Why do you think that?" I asked. "Have you visited the church before? Has anyone from the church ever said anything to lead you to believe that you would not be welcome?" "No" he admitted. "I've never tried. "Then why," I asked, "are you so certain you would not be welcome?" "Because, he said, "I don't believe what you believe."

Now we were getting somewhere. "Okay... what do you believe?" He told me, "It's not what I believe. It's what I *don't* believe. I don't believe in any God I can't see. And I certainly don't believe I want to talk to him or that he talks to me. And I surely don't believe anybody died for me and came back to life... or whatever it is you think. I believe in the things I can see and touch and taste and feel. Now do you see why I would not be welcomed at your church?" I gave him a one word answer: "No." "What do you mean 'No'? Didn't you hear what I said?" "I heard. But I didn't hear anything that would keep you out of church."

We then proceeded to have a nice conversation about how Jesus approached people. If Jesus had only spoken with people who agreed with Him, He would have had precious few conversations. He reached out to everyone. I tried to explain to my new friend that we did not have a test you had to take before you came to worship. There was no pledge you had to sign that said you believed what everybody else believed. Just because he had questions about the faith... or even disagreements with the faith... or had no faith... none of that mattered. He would still be welcome.

He thought about that. Finally he said, "Well I wouldn't feel right." That, I thought, is an entirely different issue. It is just as real. And just as big a barrier for him. But it is different. And it is certainly not unique. I've heard, and you have too, people who would feel hypocritical sitting through a church service when they did not believe.

I wish we could make these folks understand how welcome they would be. Yes this is a place where believers gather together to worship. But it is more than that. It is also a place where you can come with questions. Come with disagreements. Come with reservations. While Christians come to worship, we want people who do not share our beliefs to be able to come and check it out.

I tried to tell my new friend that he was welcome in our church. He did not have to try and be anybody he was not. He did not have to claim any convictions that were not really his. He did not have to take an oath or pass a test. All he had to do was come and "check us out." And I told him that maybe... just maybe... he might hear something that got him thinking. While I'm not sure what he would call it, I would call it God at work.

If it's Sunday, you want to be at Trinity,
David

Stewardship

The people on the receiving end of this story gave me permission to share it. I want you to know that. They had been trying to get a new wheelchair ramp into their home for the last four or five years. They needed help with both the cost of materials and also the labor. In the last few weeks, everything came together. DisabilityLink here in Rome provided the materials. One group from Trinity ripped out the old ramp. Another group from Trinity built a new one! People giving of their time are "Changing lives for Jesus Christ." If you have a stewardship story showing how we are "Changing lives for Jesus Christ", or if you would like to know this week's budget numbers, please contact the church office.

Attendance

Sunday School	9:45	236
	11:00	48
Sunday Morning	8:30	140
	9:45	93
	11:00	148
Children's Church	8:30	6
	11:00	6
Total Attendance		381

Gifts Given

In Memory Of:

Valeri Camp

By June & Joe Tarpley

Ben Elkin

By Carol Willis

Sunday Morning Worship Services

8:30, 9:45, 11:00

Scripture: Matthew 13:44-46

Message: A Bargain at Any Price
David Campbell

Mark your calendars: On January 22 and 29, Trinity and First United Methodist are partnering to bring Dr. Brent Strawn to Rome for a two part series on the Apostle's Creed. Watch The Trinity Voice for more information in the coming months.

Prayer Concerns

Martha Ozment	Jim Homer
Flossie Rainwater	Allan Rainwater
Jeanne Gorman	Mary Looney
Amanda Teems	Betty Maddox
Fred Abston	Colton Evans
Moe Doss	Jack Simpson
Betty Wilson	

Lay Helpers for Sunday August 21

8:30 Service

Lay Reader	Wendell Barnes
Acolytes	Olivia Vardy
Greeters	Cathy Grant
Ushers	Glenn Ferguson
Children's Church	Tatjana Stevens

9:45 Service

Lay Reader	Rick Buice
Greeters	Jean Kidney
Ushers	Rick Buice

11:00 Service

Lay Reader	Jan Ferguson
Acolytes	Rachel Trammell
Greeters	Linda Hoffmann
Ushers	Montie Rasure
Children's Church	Valerie McFry
Youth Snack	McClure

Missions

Baby Blanket Ministry Just a reminder to all Trinity's baby blanket makers, we will be making another delivery before Christmas. You may leave them in the Sunday School office or contact Libby Miller (706-235-9065) if you have blankets that need to be picked up. Thank you so much for your continued support!!! Libby Miller

Announcements

From the Finance Committee:

A designated gift is one which the donor specifies that the gift be used for a special purpose or project which has been approved by the church. The Finance Committee reminds the membership that all designated gifts must be considered as over and above one's pledge to the church budget. Church approved designated gift areas are:

- ⇒ Endowment
- ⇒ Trinity Youth
- ⇒ Rah Rahs
- ⇒ Pete the Pig
- ⇒ Murphy-Harpst Children's Center
- ⇒ Flowers
- ⇒ PALS
- ⇒ Benevolence Fund
- ⇒ UMCOR
- ⇒ RAM
- ⇒ Mission trip
- ⇒ Good Neighbor Ministries

Also, in order to support the full church program, the Finance Committee depends on the membership to keep pledges and giving up to date.

Older Adult Sunday

On Sunday, August 28th we will celebrate Older Adult Sunday at Trinity. The older adults will have a special part in the 11:00 worship service. Gordon Walden will be our guest speaker. Gordon grew up at Trinity: the son of Dot and Lewis Walden and lived on Avenue A. His grandparents, E.G. Walden and family were also Trinity people. He and his brother Jimmy attended West Rome High School before going on to college. Gordon and his wife Eleanor live in Birmingham, Alabama and both are active in the Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church. Gordon is a member of the choir and calls himself a Sunday School Circuit Rider, as he is called on to speak and teach at various churches in the Birmingham area. We look forward to having Gordon and Eleanor with us on August 28th. Plan NOW to join us after the 11:00 service for a fun filled covered dish lunch. Bring your favorite dish to share. **Everyone** is invited! Eulaine Camp

This Week At Trinity:

Sunday, August 21	
8:30	Praise and Worship Service
9:45 & 11:00	Church School & Traditional Worship Service
4:00	Disciple I Class, Trinity Building, Large Conference Room
4:00	Youth Choir
5:00	Youth Fellowship
6:15	Youth Snack Supper
Monday, August 22	
9:00-1:00	PALS (Mothers Morning Out)
2:00	LRE Visitation Team, Parlor
6:00	LRE Visitation Team Trinity Building, Large Conference Room
Tuesday, August 23	
11:00	RAH-RAH's, Mobley Hall
6:00	Disciple II Class, Trinity Building, Large Conference Room
Wednesday, August 24	
7:30	Prayer Breakfast, Mobley Hall
9:00-1:00	PALS (Mothers Morning Out)
5:30	Fellowship Supper
Menu: Baked Chicken Breast, Potato Salad, Butter Peas, Rolls, Dessert	
6:00-7:30	Be-Artitudes Painting Class, Trinity Building, 204
6:15	Trustees Committee, Suite 101
6:15	Pioneer Club Kickoff
6:30	Trinity Choir Practice, Choir Room
Thursday, August 25	
10:30	Intercessory Prayer, Parlor
Friday, August 26	
9:00-1:00	PALS (Mothers Morning Out)
Saturday, August 27	

Birthdays

August 21

John Holcombe, Susan Reeder,
Greg Wood

August 22

Christina Bray, Jimmy Madden,
Tommy Snow, Lynn Green,
David Banks, Tanner Oyler

August 23

Sara Ritchey, Julie Roberts,
Lisette Lewis

August 24

Christina Reid

August 25

Leah Ennis, Liam Henley

August 26

Keith Gilmer, Brittini Dulaney

Anniversaries

August 22

Evan & Bonnie Wasdin

August 23

Chris & Stephanie Hall

August 25

Randall & Joyce McCord

August 27

Montie & Debbie Rasure

Your Help is Needed

Kairos God's Special Time

The next Kairos at Walker S.P. will take place September 22-25. Trinity plays a vital role in this presentation of Christ through prayer support, encouragement letters, financial support, and world famous homemade cookies. Your cookies are used to minister to prison staff as well as the candidates who attend the weekend. Cookies may be dropped off at the church office where we will pick them up at 10:30 AM on Thursday the 22nd. Please be reminded that all prayer times occur between the 22nd and 25th. The Kairos community of Walker Prison is grateful to Trinity Church because we are counted among the lives that Trinity has helped to change for Jesus Christ. Gods Blessing.

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