

TRINITY VOICE

Week of December 13, 2009

From David's Desk:

Longest Night

Thirty years ago this past Sunday, my grandfather passed away. It was a Thursday evening. He had been sick for a while. I came home from some after-school activity, and got the news that he was gone. I was sixteen. He was seventy-three. It was the first time in my life I faced a loss this close. This says of course, I was blessed. Many people don't have all their grandparents until they are sixteen. I did. And they lived close by and I have many fond memories of them all.

And of course, my loss was nothing compared to my grandmother's. I had lost one of four grandparents. She had lost her husband of 43 years. She had lost her life partner. I could not imagine then, nor can I imagine now, how difficult the Christmas of '79 was for my grandmother. Christmas for her, would never be the same.

And so it is for many people. Maybe it is the death of a spouse... or a sibling... or a child. Maybe it is an illness or divorce. Maybe you find yourself unemployed for the first time in many years. Maybe your health is not what is used to be. There are many ways to experience loss. And that experience affects others, including Christmas.

That is why we do the Service of Longest Night. We sing of "Good tidings of comfort and joy." Most Christmas services focus on "joy". This one is designed to focus on "comfort". Each year, we hear from someone in the congregation who has suffered loss. This year, Andrew Lewis will speak. As most of you know, in the summer of 2006, Andrew suffered a stroke. That is not anything you expect in your twenties. It changed his life. He will share of that experience and how God worked in his life through this difficult time. As always, there will be time for people to come and pray. You can light a candle (or candles) to symbolize an event in your life.

If you are going through a difficult December, this is for you. Know you are invited. If you know someone who could benefit, please invite and bring them. Even in the most painful times of life, God is still with us. Come and hear that word on December 21st (The longest night of the year) at 6:00.

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

This Week At Trinity:

Sunday, December 13

8:30 Praise & Worship Service

9:45 Church School & Traditional Worship Service

11:00 Church School & Traditional Worship Service

3:00 Christmas Caroling and Covered Dish Supper

Monday, December 14

9:00-1:00 PALS (Mother's Morning Out)

2:00 LRE Visitation Team, Parlor

6:30 LRE Visitation Team
Trinity Building, Large Conference Room

Tuesday, December 15

12:00 Third Tuesday at Trinity, Mobley Hall

Wednesday, December 16

6:45 Prayer Breakfast, Mobley Hall

9:00-1:00 PALS (Mother's Morning Out)

5:30 Fellowship Supper

Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Corn, Rolls, Dessert

6:00 Sara McCrary Circle, Genesis

Thursday, December 17

10:30 Intercessory Prayer, Parlor

11:30-1:30 Ladies Bible Study and Luncheon,
Trinity Building, Large Conference Room

Friday, December 18

9:00-1:00 PALS (Mother's Morning Out)

Saturday, December 19

“Changing Lives For Jesus Christ”

Stewardship

Operating Budget

*Received This Week \$20,747.96

Received YTD \$753,446.12

YTD Budget Needs: \$815,711.48

Designated Gifts Given

Youth, Murphy Harpst, Benevolent Fund

Total Designated \$576.00

Attendance

Sunday School	9:45	
	11:00	
Sunday Morning	8:30	160
	9:45	103
	11:00	122
Children's Church	8:30	14
	9:45	1
	11:00	9
Total Attendance		385

Gifts Given

In Memory Of:

Robert Fletcher, Sr.

By Anne Fletcher

In Honor Of:

The Office Volunteers

To Murphy Harpst by
Claudette Poe & Terri Epperson

Trinity Staff

By The Campbell Family

Missions

Murphy Harpst Christmas Project

Beginning December 1, you may contribute in three ways: a gift card in any amount from Wal Mart, a check written to Trinity designated for Murphy Harpst, or you may purchase a craft item made by all the children's Sunday school classes which will be participating. I realize that finances are difficult for all of us, but please remember they are even harder for Murphy Harpst because of the lack of contributions they have received this year. Thanks, Paula Umberhandt

Prayer Concerns

Please help us keep the prayer list updated, if you know of someone who can be removed or needs adding, please call the church office.

Roy Goolsby	Ray Curtis
Marsha Sproul	Glenn Ferguson
Bonnie Moore	Patricia Dial
Kevin Wearmouth	John Smith
Kevin Isakson	Max Pope
Jim Formby	Lucille Wood
Family of Maria Soto	Louise Ozment
Edna Tolbert	

Long Term Prayer List

Roy Lane	Dot Massey
Nell Candler	Betty Penn
Margaret Monahan	The Dodds
Ingrid McConkey	Keith Masters
The Gittings	Linda Ratliff
Frances Hancock	Scott Raines
Megan Greer	Roma Griffin
Valerie Camp	The Bowens
Lillian Momon	Robert Hogan
Charlie Henderson	Frankie Clark
Lily Hensiek	Ann Wagner
Fred McDowell	Mary McCord

Our Active Duty Servicemen

Rick Mathis, Army, Afghanistan
Josh Hearn, Army, Ft. Benning
Rick Clifton, Army, Hawaii
Shane Henderson, Ft. Stewart, GA
Roy Burkhalter, Kansas
Ben Cordle, Navy, Hawaii
Eric Lowry, Army, Iraq
Aaron McDaniel, Army, Iraq
Aaron Kelly, Army, Augusta
Chris Schwendimann, Army, Kosovo
Chris Wright, Air Force, Colorado
Walter Arrington, Marines, Hawaii
Clay Gentry, Marines, Camp Lejeune
Katie Gerhard, Navy, Jacksonville, FL
Will Davis, Baghdad, Iraq
Emily Cordle, Navy, Pensacola, FL
Darrell Sivalls, Army, Iraq
John Sirmon, Marines, Okinawa

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NORMA FOUND THAT WITH A LITTLE BIT OF PRESENTATION, PEOPLE WERE MUCH MORE EXCITED ABOUT WALKING THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW

Good News

Do YOU know some Good News about someone at Trinity? Please help us pass the word. Email deblewis@aol.com with any good news items or call 706-346-6418.

If I were to deny to myself, what would that look like? Jesus denied Himself, and it meant a life of slavery to God the Father. He counted His rights to anything from this life as forfeit: "Not my will, but Thy will..." Am I willing to recognize that I must deny myself what I want out of life in order that God's purpose be fulfilled in me? Am I willing to take up my cross daily and follow Him? Jesus took up His cross as one condemned to die. Do I live as though I am on death row—condemned to die? If so, my considerations are to putting my house in order, seeking God, and loving others while there is time. I do not plug away making for myself a life in this world, for the next world weighs heavy on my mind. "...anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt. 10:38). The natural reaction is to begin to question, "But, doesn't God want me to have..." this or that? God wants our full and complete surrender to Jesus. In turn, He is able to give you what He wants you to have—and that is far greater than anything we would seek for ourselves.

New Member

We would like to welcome Trinity's newest member:

⇒ Harold Keller

Yaks (Youth and Kids Social)

In an effort to get more children involved and in our children's ministry and have a time for them to interact with the youth of the church, we are starting a YAKS Program (Youth and Kids Social). This is for ALL children of ALL ages and is open to Trinity and PALS families! Our Trinity Youth (7th-12th grades) along with around five adults will be working in this program. Our first date is January 9, 2010. We will begin at 6:00 pm and finish up at 9:00 pm. We will have sign up sheets for the parents in Sunday School classes and will have a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the elevator. If you have any questions you may contact Amy at amy@trinityumcrome.org.

Announcements

Lay Readers Needed

Do you ever feel like you would like to step out of your comfort zone and do more for your church? With the new year starting soon I will be putting together the new Lay Reader list. The Lay Reader is an important part of the Sunday service. If this is something you feel you would be interested in, please call me at 706-235-2705 or e-mail me at delmas11@bellsouth.net. I especially need volunteers for the 11:00 AM service.

Christmas Caroling

The entire congregation is invited to meet at the church at 3:00 and go caroling. Every year we delight nursing homes and make some of our favorite stops that have become tradition. We then meet back at the church at 5:00 for our covered dish supper. So join us this Sunday, December 13 for caroling and fellowship.

Ladies Bible Study Luncheon

Our Thursday Ladies Bible Study class will meet on December 17th from 11:30-1:30 in the Trinity Building, Large Conference Room for a discussion and video on lesson 6. Lunch will be provided.

Third Tuesday at Trinity

Don't forget our Third Tuesday will be on December 15th in Mobley Hall at noon. Join us with your brown bag lunch and share a time of fun and fellowship with other members of Trinity during your lunch break!

Retired??

The RAH-RAH's were hosted Monday night to a wonderful dinner in Mobley Hall. Our hosts were Eulaine and Paul Camp. Dinner, music and a barber shop quartet from Berry College performed. Almost 72 Retired and Happy folks attended the event. If it is the 4th Tuesday of every month at 11 am you want to be at Trinity attending a RAH-RAH meeting! Mark your calendar, bring a friend and we will all have a great 2010! Merry Christmas to all of you from your RAH RAH's.

Birthdays

December 13

Bert Hulsey, Sandra Popham,
Karen Tucker, Ken Carpenter

December 15

Joey Miller, Amy Nelson

December 16

Mickey Thompson, Clint Poss

December 17

Ed Wilson, Lily Curry

December 18

Bob Luk, Haley Cochran

December 19

Josh Batchelor

Sunday Morning Worship Services

8:30, 9:45, 11:00

Our Choirs

will present their
Christmas Cantatas

Anniversaries

December 14

Rob & Casey McFarland

Jason & Valerie McFry

December 18

Don & Sarah Choate

Ed & Martha Waters

Trinity Live Nativity 2009

This year the Live Nativity will be presented for five nights from Sunday, December 20th thru Christmas Eve from 7 to 9 PM. The proposed schedule for Sunday School Class participation is:

Sunday, December 20

Youth & Resurrection

Monday, December 21

New Horizons & Genesis

Tuesday, December 22

Koininia & Family Matters

Wednesday, December 23

Fellowship, FISH & Martha King

Thursday, December 24

Church wide participation

Each night the classes are responsible for participation, providing dressers, refreshments, and cleanup of the kitchen/Mobley Hall afterwards. Each shift is 30 minutes (slightly less for small angels and shepherds). Depending on the number of participants, the times may be shortened to 20 minutes to make a 5th shift so all who wish to stand are able to. Those who stand at 7 PM should be in the dressing area by 6:30 each night. Dress for each scene after the 7 PM opening will begin 15 minutes before each scene is to be changed. If you are not a member of a Sunday school class or are unable to attend on your class night, please feel free to come on any night that is convenient and express your desire to participate.

The Live Nativity is an important Trinity tradition and we are looking forward to sharing Christmas with our community. If you are new to Trinity, please join us in this church-wide ministry and Christian witness.

* Volunteers are needed to be responsible for the Christmas Eve standing. Contact Judy Allen (291-4440) if you would be willing to work Christmas Eve.

Lay Helpers for Sunday December 13

8:30 Service

Lay Reader	Jan Sidwell
Acolytes	Brian Stahl
Greeters	John Camp
Ushers	Tom Sills
Children's Church	Eileen Walker

9:45 Service

Lay Reader	Amy Oyler
Acolytes	Kate Wood
Greeters	Jean Kidney
Ushers	Ron Johnson
Children's Church	Ken & Haley Carpenter

11:00 Service

Lay Reader	Anita Stewart
Acolytes	Robbie Bachelor
Greeters	Marion Sender
Ushers	Marion Gordon
Children's Church	Dennis & Nancy Abney
Nursery	Mary Ann Sailors
Youth Snack	Wasen

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 Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9-4:00 Friday: 9-12 noon

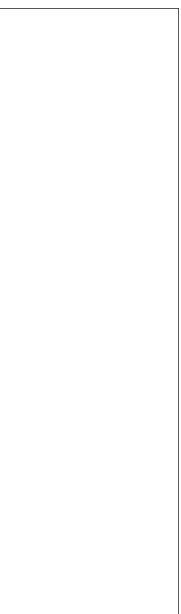
Staff Members:

Pastor	David Campbell
Associate Pastor	Jim Turrentine
Church Secretary	Terri Epperson
Director of Education/ Children's Ministries	Amy Gavin
Director of Music	Kam Malone
Church Accompanist	Debra Malone
Director of Youth	Grant Magness
Director of Youth Choir	Lee Shealy
Director of PALS	Debi Lewis
Nursery Director	Mary Ann Sailors
Minister of Congrega- tional Care, Emerita	Ruth Shaw
Custodians	Jerry Foster & Benji Smith

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