

# TRINITY VOICE

*Week of December 6, 2009*

## *From David's Desk:*

### Fame

Have you seen the story of the couple who crashed the State Dinner at the White House? They were not on the guest list, but somehow they managed to get past two security checkpoints into the White House. Their names were announced just like they belonged there. They had pictures taken with several people in the White House, including Vice President Biden.

While some have found it amusing, it is a frightening breach of security. It is disconcerting to think that this could happen. If this couple had harbored malicious intent, they could have done serious damage. It is not exaggerating to say that the president's life could have been at risk. The Secret Service has apologized and is rightfully conducting an investigation to determine exactly what happened and prevent it from happening again.

As it turns out, this couple, rather than intending harm, intended personal fame. They were hoping for reality TV. They were after bragging rights. And they received (in my opinion) more than adequate press coverage. They got their fifteen minutes of fame. We live in a day and age when fame, however fleeting, seems so important to people. People will go to great lengths to get themselves on television.

All this is such a far cry from the way the Son of God made His appearance. Had there been Cable news or You Tube, they would not have noticed. There was no red carpet. There were no spotlights. There were no cameras of any kind. There were no "Breaking news stories". The reality is that almost everyone else in the world went about their business on the day Jesus was born as they had done the day before.

The original crowd was very small. Just Joseph and some stable animals witnessed the birth of the Messiah. And for the remainder of His life, Jesus did not seek audience approval. He simply sought to be obedient to His Heavenly Father.

And so as we go through this Advent season, while so many are living for the cameras, we are called to live for Jesus. While temporary fame might appeal to some, as disciples of Christ, we are called to look for an approval that will last for eternity.

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

***This Week At Trinity:***

Sunday, December 6

8:30 Praise & Worship Service  
9:45 Church School & Traditional Worship Service  
11:00 Church School & Traditional Worship Service  
12:30 Staff Christmas Party, Mobley Hall  
4:00 Mission Is Possible  
6:00 Youth Snack Supper

Monday, December 7

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  
6:30 RAH-RAH's Christmas Party, Mobley Hall

Tuesday, December 8

10:00 Circle of Friends, Parlor  
10:30 LRE Christmas Workday, Mobley Hall  
6:00 Stewardship Committee,  
Trinity Building, Large Conference Room  
6:30 Office Volunteer Christmas Party @ Terri's House  
7:00 20's & 30's, Parlor

Wednesday, December 9

6:45 Prayer Breakfast, Mobley Hall  
9:00-1:00 PALS (Mother's Morning Out)  
PALS Christmas Bazaar, Mobley Hall  
10:00 Staff Meeting, Parlor  
5:30 Fellowship Supper  
Menu: Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Steamed Cabbage,  
Turnip Greens, Cornbread, Dessert  
6:15 What is Advent?, Genesis  
6:30 Trustees Committee,  
Trinity Building, New Horizons Class

Thursday, December 10

10:30 Intercessory Prayer, Parlor  
6:30 Fellowship Sunday School Christmas Party

Friday, December 11

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

Saturday, December 12

2:00-6:00 Christmas Party for Homeless, Martha King Building

*"Changing Lives For Jesus Christ"*

## Stewardship

### Operating Budget

\*Received This Week \$11,708.25

Received YTD \$732,698.16

**YTD Budget Needs: \$799,064.31**

### Designated Gifts Given

RAM, Murphy Harpst, Local Relief

**Total Designated \$871.30**

## Attendance

Sunday School	9:45	0
	11:00	0
Sunday Morning	8:30	163
	9:45	106
	11:00	99
Children's Church	8:30	8
	9:45	4
	11:00	0
<b>Total Attendance</b>		<b>368</b>

## Gifts Given

### In Memory Of:

Thelma Strange Gilliland  
To RAH-RAH's  
By Roma Griffin

## 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	

### 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 Lejune  
Katie Gerhard, Navy, Jacksonville, FL  
Will Davis, Ft. Stewart, GA  
Emily Cordle, Navy, Pensacola, FL  
Darrell Sivalls, Army, Iraq  
John Sirmon, Marines, Okinawa

When the reason that I'm standing  
Stands in front of me,  
Every battle that I fought  
Will fade in memory.  
I'll bow before His mighty throne  
And fall down on my knees.  
When the reason that I'm standing  
Stands in front of me.

### **Sunday Morning Worship Services**

8:30, 9:45, 11:00

Message: Finding Your Way  
Isaiah 40:3-5

## Good News

Do YOU know some Good News about someone at Trinity? Please help us pass the word. Email debilewis@aol.com with any good news items or call 291-6723 or 291-2898.

### CONGRATULATIONS to . . .

- **Haley Patterson** and **Clay Reid**, members of the Armuchee Middle School math team, which tied for first place at the Berry College Math Tourney on November 17. Both Haley and Clay also competed for AMS in the Floyd County Schools Math Tourney on November 24.

- **Valerie Moore, Anna Tibbetts, Haley Patterson, Clay Reid** and **Luke Wood**, who were selected for District 7 Honor Chorus for 7th and 8th graders. They performed with the chorus in a concert November 20 at Woodland High School.

### NAMES IN THE NEWS . . .

- **Jasons Oyler** and **McFry** were pictured on page one of the Rome News Tribune on Saturday, November 21, setting up the grill for cooking the sausages for Saturday's Noon Optimist Club annual all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast at the Civic Center.

- **Theresa Dulaney** and **Fran Buice** are both in the Young Romans today. Fran has an article on page 1Y and she and Theresa are pictured together on page 4Y.

- **Ryan Mims** is in a photo on page 2Y of Young Romans today, playing a saxophone.

### SPORTS STARS . . .

- **Rachel McFry** won the Falcons Team Championship for the 12-13 girls division of the NFL Punt Pass and Kick competition. The championship was held at the GA Dome before the Falcons/Tampa Bay game on Sunday. This is her 4th year in a row qualifying for the team championship and the second time that she has won first place.

### CHRISTMAS GOOD NEWS:

The Sarah McCrary Circle was invited to Christmas dinner at the home of Barbara and Brady Drummond on November 30. Instead of swapping gifts, the members of the Circle took up a love offering as a gift to the Open Door Home in honor of Barbara Drummond.

## Announcements

### P.A.L.S. Christmas Bazaar

Our annual PALS Christmas Bazaar will be on Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 8:30 am - 1 pm. Plan to come by and shop for unique gifts such as: "31" items, scrapbooking supplies, children's clothing, bows, teacher gifts, stamped cards, tie-dyed baby shirts, baby doll slings, and hand-dyed play-silks/scarves, LucyRae Skin Essentials, cards and original artwork, hair bows, Russian tea mix, apple pumpkin bread and ornaments. We'll have refreshments - donut holes and sausage balls from Hana's Bakery. And door prizes. On Dec. 9, we kick off our first Scholastic Book Fair. You'll be able to shop at the Book Fair and buy your child books for Christmas. And PALS gets books for our classrooms, in proportion to the Book Fair sales.

### 2010 Flower Calendar

The calendar is located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. The price is \$85.00 for 2 large arrangements from Shorter Heights Florist. Thank you to all who have participated in 2009 and previous years. Chub and I check on the arrangements each Saturday after they are delivered to our sanctuary. We store the flowers in the flower cooler, after the 11:00 service, to be used in our sanctuary or the back entrance the following Sunday. Prayers and love, Evelyn Clifton 706-295-4972

### RAH-RAH's

Mark your calendar for December 7th at 6:30 in Mobley Hall for our Christmas Dinner Party. Be sure to call and make your reservations now. It is FREE, but you need to make reservations.

### 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!

## *Birthdays*

December 6

Alex Soto

December 8

Wes Moran, Michael Batchelor

December 11

Jean Sheffield, Cathy Fincher,  
Stephanie Autry

December 12

Jim Formby, Bill Langham,  
Merita Humphrey, Becca Blackwell,  
Katie Hoffman

## *Anniversaries*

December 8

Marion & Cynthia Swinford

December 9

Jeff & JoAnn Patty

Lay Helpers for Sunday December 6

### **8:30 Service**

Lay Reader	Nolan Sanford
Acolytes	Jamie Rhinehart
Greeters	Jim Rhinehart
Ushers	Tom Sills
Children's Church	Shelley Reid

### **9:45 Service**

Lay Reader	Amy Nelson
Acolytes	Lily Curry *Timothy Oyler
Greeters	Melissa Wood
Ushers	Ron Johnson
Children's Church	Mary Ann Sailors

### **11:00 Service**

Lay Reader	Jim Gipson
Acolytes	Ally Campbell *Jerrod Cavin
Greeters	Hayley Carpenter
Ushers	Marion Gordon
Children's Church	James & Carol Payne
Nursery	Mary Ann Sailors
Youth Snack	Wasen

## **Trinity Live Nativity 2009**

Once again, TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will come together to present the LIVE NATIVITY from our front lawn on Turner McCall Boulevard. This year the Live Nativity will be presented for five nights from Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> thru Christmas Eve from 7 to 9 PM.

Please make your plans to be a part of the Trinity tradition and pray for this ministry. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Please contact Judy Allen (291-4440) if you would be willing to work Christmas Eve.

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**Staff Members:**

Pastor	David Campbell
Associate Pastor	Jim Turrentine
Church Secretary	Terri Epperson
Director of Education/ Children's Ministries	Amy Cavin
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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