

# TRINITY VOICE

Week of October 31, 2010

*“Changing Lives For Jesus Christ”*

*From David's Desk:*

Thomas Jefferson, Christine O'Donnell and the Separation of Church and State

As we get closer and closer to Election Day, the news is filled with stories from candidates around the country. One of the most recent was the debate in the Delaware senate race between Chris Coons and Christine O'Donnell. In a discussion of integrating religion-based ideas into science curriculum, Ms. O'Donnell asked, “Where in the constitution is the separation of church and state?” This drew laughs from the audience. He responded by misquoting back a portion of the first amendment: “government shall make no establishment of religion.”

The idea of the first amendment was to ensure there would never be a state church, as there had been in Great Britain. The phrase, “separation of church and state” came not from the constitution, but from a letter Thomas Jefferson wrote to the Danbury Baptists in Connecticut. They were writing him about a local issue and in his response, he used the phrase, “separation of church and state.” Since then, the phrase has been used as shorthand to reference the First Amendment. Therefore, it is commonly accepted that the idea of “separation of church and state” is constitutional; however the phrase itself does not appear.

With that background, and forgetting who should win the Delaware Senate seat, this is an important issue. My concern with the use of the phrase, “separation of church and state” is that it seems to lean too heavily on the first part of the constitutional guarantee. Chris Coons claimed the first amendment said, “government shall make no establishment of religion.” What the constitution actually says is, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion...” But there is more to the guarantee. The whole idea says, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” It is that second part that seems to be forgotten.

Here, for what it's worth, is my two cents. If you are have a group of Christians who want to pray together in school, you should be allowed to do that. If you are a Jewish government employee who wants to display a Menorah in your personal office, you should be allowed to do that. If you are a judge who wants to display the Ten Commandments or the Code of Hammurabi in your courtroom, you should be allowed to do that. These have all been challenged as violations of the separation of church and state. But the reality, these examples are simply people engaging in the free *exercise* of religion. None of them rise to the level of Congress making a law *establishing* a religion. My concern is a growing group of people have come to believe any exercise of religious freedom on government property is illegal. The constitution certainly does not say that. The bottom line is that the right to the free exercise of religion is an equal guarantee to congress making no law to establish a religion. Don't let anyone tell you tell you differently.

And, speaking of exercising your religion, make sure you pray before you vote. And of course, make sure you vote. It is your constitutional right as an American citizen and your responsibility as a Christian to be involved.



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

## **This Week At Trinity:**

Sunday, October 31

8:30 Praise & Worship Service  
9:45 5th Sunday Fellowship, Mobley Hall  
9:45 Traditional Worship Service  
11:00 Traditional Worship Service  
4:00 Youth Choir  
5:00 Youth Fellowship  
5:00 Confirmation Class, Martha King Building  
6:15 Youth Snack Supper

Monday, November 1

9:00-1:00 PALS (Mother's Morning Out)  
2:00 LRE Visitation Team, Parlor  
6:00 LRE Visitation Team  
Trinity Building, Large Conference Room

Tuesday, November 2

10:30 Martha King Circle  
5:30 Evening Intercessory Prayer,  
Trinity Building, Large Conference Room  
6:00 Women's Bible Study,  
Trinity Building, Large Conference Room

Wednesday, November 3

7:30 Prayer Breakfast, Mobley Hall  
9:00-1:00 PALS (Mother's Morning Out)  
5:30 Fellowship Supper, Mobley Hall

Menu:

6:00 Praise & Worship Choir Practice  
6:15 TNT Children's Ministry  
6:15 Bible Study, Trinity Building, Suite 203  
6:30 Finance Committee Meeting,  
Trinity Building, Large Conference Room  
6:45 Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, November 4

10:30 Intercessory Prayer, Parlor

Friday, November 5

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

Saturday, November 6

Daylight Savings Time (Fall Back)

## *Birthdays*

October 31

Margaret Autry, Kaylee Franklin

November 1

Ricky Bradley

November 2

Ventress Price

November 3

Jessica Carpenter, Anna Rose Reid

November 4

Lesley Mathis

November 5

Reba Barnes

November 6

Rachel Trammell



## *Anniversaries*

November 1

Monty & Shelley Reid

November 2

Steve & Jennifer Coleman

Brady & Barbara Drummond



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(See Matthew 14:14-21)

10-30-2009

THAT DUDE TOTALLY GAVE ME FISH AND BREAD  
AND SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THEM BEING MORE  
VALUABLE THAN I KNOW!?!?

**Have a safe and  
Happy Halloween**

## Stewardship

### Operating Budget

*Received This Week	\$10,349.57
Received YTD	\$639,621.29
<b>YTD Budget Needs:</b>	<b>\$691,501.19</b>

### Designated Gifts Given

Endowment, RAM, Missions, RAH-RAH, Benevolence, Good Neighbors	
<b>Total Designated</b>	<b>\$616.00</b>

## Attendance

Sunday School	9:45	182
	11:00	41
Sunday Morning	8:30	152
	9:45	80
	11:00	91
Children's Church	8:30	11
	11:00	5
<b>Total Attendance</b>		<b>323</b>

## Gifts Given

In Memory Of:  
**Paula Umberhandt**  
 To Endowment  
 by Sam & Jean Evans  
 To RAH-RAH's  
 by Eula W. Elder  
 To Food Pantry  
 By Ed & Martha Waters

## Thank You

Trinity Family, On behalf of the "Out of the Box" Sunday school class, I want to thank each and every person of the church for their support of our hotdog cookout. The prayers, drinks, food, cooks, setup and fellowship were all greatly appreciated. Our community friends were so blessed by your generosity. I am so thankful to be a member of a church that recognizes that our mission work is not only in other countries/states but right here in our backyard. God has set a course for us to Change Lives for Jesus Christ and I see it happening from every aspect of our church. In Christ, Pam Mixon

## 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.

Liz Trammell	James Crowe
Family of John Corbin	Beth Campbell
Michelle Wilson	Mary Joe Collelo
Kathryn Smith	Ann Poe
Hudson Myers	Steve Jones
Larry Otting	Steve Tucker

## This Sunday

Lay Helpers for Sunday October 31

### 8:30 Service

Lay Reader	Cheryl Freeman
Acolytes	Garrett Burton
Greeters	Wade Williams
Ushers	Darryl Elder
Children's Church	Tricia Rhinehart

### 9:45 Service

Lay Reader	Beau Gordon
Greeters	Madelyn Collette
Ushers	Chris Nelson

### 11:00 Service

Lay Reader	Sheila Shaw
Acolytes	Mason Daniel
Greeters	Eulaine Camp
Ushers	Bruce Hoffman
Children's Church	Chip & Kathy Rogers
Youth Snack	TBA

### Sunday Morning Worship Services

8:30, 9:45, 11:00

Message:  
 Growing God's Garden: Presence  
 Scripture: Hebrews 10:19-25  
 David Campbell

## Announcements

### Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to fall back your clock Saturday evening, November 6th before going to bed! You don't want to miss anything at Trinity!

### All Saints Day

Sunday, November 7th is All Saints Day. We will be remembering all the Trinity members who have gone on to be with the Lord this past year. Join us for this day of celebration and remembrance.

### Calendar Planning

Sunday, November 7th at 4:00 in Mobley Hall we will have our calendar planning for 2011. If you or your group uses the church facilities, you will need to be here to put your activities on the calendar.

### Thanksgiving Service

We will be going to Fifth Avenue Baptist Church this year for our Joint Thanksgiving Service. The service will begin at 6:00.

### Everyone is Invited!

The Holt Farm Hayride and Bonfire will be November 13th at 6PM. For more information, see the Children's Ministry bulletin board on the second floor. If you would like to tell stories around the bonfire, contact Jennifer Goble.

## Thank You

I should have written this letter sooner, but without Mary around to tell me how to act, I sometimes get lost. I would first like to thank David, who treated Mary like his own family. Mary was always excited and thankful to see him. We are truly blessed to have him. Blaise, Grant, Mary's mother and I are also thankful to the people of Trinity for all their thoughts and prayers to help us get through a difficult time. How can you always be so kind? I've been at Trinity for over 50 years, and I've never been a good member, but Trinity has always been there for me. You were there for my parents, my son and my wife and I'm always sorry that I am not there more for you. Mary truly loved you all and she will be missed. Thank you, Kelly Griffin

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