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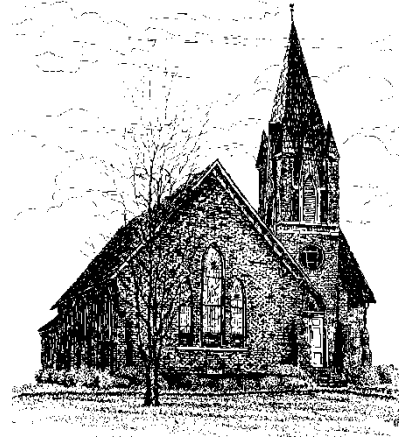
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am – 1:30pm (Closed Fridays)



August 2, 2011

From the Pastor

Have you heard the controversy surrounding Pastor Joe Nelms' prayer before the NASCAR race a few weeks ago? I first heard the story after I had prayed the invocation for the PATH Board—and someone asked me why I hadn't thanked God for my "smokin' hot wife." If you haven't heard the prayer you can find it all over the internet. One version is at <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/sns-viral-video-nascar-prayer,0,4763970.htmlstory>. The prayer has elicited all sorts of comments from all sorts of people. Even before Pastor Nelms reached the point of thanking God for his wife and children he had made some of the audience chuckle when he thanked God for Toyota and Dodge and for some of the companies that are involved in the racing world.

Public prayer has its similarities and its differences with private prayer. Public prayer and private prayer are both addressed to God. Public prayer and private prayer are both expressions of the faith of the one praying. Public prayer and private prayer are both acknowledgments of our dependence upon God and our need for a relationship with God that is personal and close.

But public prayer is different from private prayer in that it is generally the effort of the one who is praying to express to God the needs and concerns of all of those who are in the audience. When a person stands before God in a public setting, whether it be at worship or at a NASCAR race or at a Rotary meeting or a School Board meeting, that person's responsibility, it seems to me, is to express to God the concerns and needs of the assembly and offer to the assembly the strength and hope that come from a relationship with God.

In most public prayer there is a strong element of praise and thanksgiving. Many times public prayer is the only place that some people hear the good news of God's love and grace. But, public prayer is not aimed at the audience, it is spoken to God. Public prayer normally contains specific requests or intercessions—for safety in a race, for protection of football or basketball players, for guidance and wisdom for the members of the City Council or other group. Public prayer is thanksgiving and worship and it is intercession. It can also be a time of public confession. It is a serious responsibility to speak to God on behalf of a public group. Our morning prayer during Sunday Worship is daunting because I feel strongly that the prayer should be one that speaks to God on behalf of the congregation. I often worry about becoming repetitive and predictable—but the concerns that I seek to echo each week are real ones—for those in military service and their families, for caregivers and those who spend their time caring for others, for doctors and nurses and teachers and parents.... These needs are very real. Our common prayer for our church, for our vision and for our goals and for the relationships within the congregation is a very important part of our morning prayer.

In private prayer we may spend more time with some areas of need. We always need to praise and thank God for all of his blessings, and to take some time to ask God to help us as we examine our lives. We also will have many specific requests and intercessions, though prayer is not so much a shopping list where we tell God what to do as a time when we offer our lives to God and listen as God gives us comfort and "marching orders." In private prayer we can be much more personal and specific than we may want to be in public prayer.

Just a couple more things: if this NASCAR prayer starts more people thinking about prayer, and praying themselves, then it will have been worthwhile. That's the first thing that we can learn from this. The second thing I feel led to say is that our prayers are in Jesus' name because we have been called by him and claimed by him and he says that when we pray in his name our prayers will be heard and answered. The third thing I feel led to say is that I **do** thank God every day for my "smokin' hot wife." I thank him in my private prayers for Anna, for each one of you and for all of the blessings of his love.

God bless each one, Gene Feagin, Pastor.

SUNDAY, August 7, 2011
SCRIPTURES: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Matthew 14:22-33
SERMON: "That Sinking Feeling"

SUNDAY, August 7

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship Time..... 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 UMMen – Lunch.....11-1:00 p.m.
 Lay Reader: Pat Childers
 Nursery Infants: Ed & Marie Ventry
 Children’s Church: Lee & Terri Keller
 Toddler Church: Marcus & Janet Broome
 Acolyte: Tori Smith

MONDAY 8

Morning Circle Lunch..... 11:30 a.m.

TUESDAY 9

Teens, Tweens & Children with Chaperones/Carowinds
 Meet at the church 3:30 p.m.
 Beginner Dulcimer Class.....6:00 p.m.
 Continuing Dulcimer Class 6:30 p.m.
 Adult Basketball..... 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 11

Adults – Flatock Playhouse “Hairspray”
Meet at the church 9:30 a.m.
 Women’s Craft Group..... 9:30 a.m.
 Men’s Craft Group..... 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, August 14

UMMen 7:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship Time..... 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 UMMen – Lunch.....11-1:00 p.m.

USHERS FOR AUGUST: *Dick Sweigart, Chip Alexander & Church Youth.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/AUGUST: FRIENDS CLASS

TRUSTEES/AUGUST: Chip Alexander & Mary Sue Burns

ALTAR GUILD/AUGUST: Libby Brown & Jennifer Cooney

WELCOME VISITORS/AUGUST: Bible Study Class

VISITOR CARDS/AUGUST: Grace Ulbricht

Sunday School Attendance July 31: 89
 Worship Attendance July 31 (9:00 am): 54
 Worship Attendance July 31(11:00 am): 106
 Operating Fund received July 31.....\$6,272.75
 Operating Fund received up to July 31..... \$185,289.60
 Budget goal up to July 31(\$6,732.00 x 31) \$208,692.00

MEMORIALS

TO THE OPERATING FUND in memory of Sarah Alexander, Thelma Kelly, Earl White, Breana Turner, Eddie Warren by Basil & Pat Childers

TO THE BIBLE STUDY CLASS in memory of Breana Turner by Linda Dickson.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Lois Smith, John Smith, Geneva Warren, Helen Brindle, Margie Castillo, and Isem Pennington.

Also, we remember Claire Trowbridge, mother of Ann Bailes; June Masneri, friend of Evelyn Johnsey; Brooklyn Channelly, friend of Renee Barker; Clara Baker, friend of Renee Barker; Lee & Paula Good, brother-in-law and sister of Susan Jones; Joanne Rinker, aunt of Eric Johnston; Mildred Faulkenberry, mother of Tom Faulkenberry; Frank Seimer, friend of Bill & Marion Fischer; Robert Hammond, nephew of Jo Hammond; Virginia Mitchell, sister of Julie Miller; Virginia Baker, sister of Jo Hammond; Doris Shealy, aunt of Debbie Black; Al McKenzie, cousin of Suzanne Jones.

*The family of Breana Versen Turner expresses our sincere appreciation for all the many ways love was shown to us during Breana’s illness and passing and for all the support we have received. Thank you all.
 We have been blessed in so many ways.
 In God’s Love,
 Terri and Joe Versen - Staci and Chip Rampey - Randy, Bryce, Drew, and Carson Turner
 BreanaROCKS...in heaven*

August Craft Schedule

The **Trinity Women’s Craft Group** will meet on Thursdays at 9:30 AM on the following days in August - the 4th, 11th, and 25th. We will be cutting, measuring, sewing, threading beads etc. for several projects on the 4th. The **Trinity Men’s Craft Group** will meet the same days at 10:00 AM. Now that vacations are winding down, we hope to see everyone back to join our fun mornings of working to help others. See you on the 4th.

Congratulations to our recent college graduates! Elizabeth Podmore graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Coastal Carolina. She is planning on attending graduate school to major in physical therapy. Katherine Podmore graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Science with a minor in Biology from Coastal Carolina. Katherine is presently an assistant ranger at Edisto Beach State Park. Wendy Goss graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Wendy will be teaching fourth grade at Jefferson Elementary. We at Trinity wish these graduates all the best in their future endeavors.

In the next few weeks, we will again be posting our college students names for "adoption" by Trinity members. This is a great ministry our church has undertaken. Be thinking about the student or students that you or your group would like to adopt.

Linda Goss

Are you tired of fixing Sunday lunch or don't know what to fix?

If so, join us on Sunday, August 7 and let the UMMen take care of everything. They will be serving lunch from 11am until 1pm. The menu will include Marinated Grilled Chicken, BBQ pork, homemade mac & cheese, baked beans, slaw, rolls, and desserts. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under 12. Money will be used to help fund UMM Projects. Thanks for your support and look forward to seeing you there.

UMM Breakfast Sunday Aug 14
SPECIAL GUEST - YCHS Head Coach Bobby Carroll
 ALL CHURCH MEMBERS INVITED
 Breakfast - 7:45 ; Coach Carroll will speak at 8:15
Cost of Breakfast - \$5.00 in School Supplies (donation to PATH)

BACK TO SCHOOL SALES HAVE STARTED! Please remember the 2 PATH Back-To-School projects as you shop the sales. (And remember that we will shop for you. Give donations to the church office.)
SCHOOL SUPPLIES: notebook paper and simple back packs
HYGIENE ITEMS for teens: (full sized, please) toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, soap, washcloth.
 Items may be placed in the blue PATH bins. **THANK YOU!**
BOOKBAG SALE: Walgreen's - buy one get one free - High Trails and Anchorage brands

ALICE’S CORNER

Our Bicycle trip on the Virginia Creeper Trail is scheduled for this Saturday, August 6 with a 12:00 pm shuttle to White Top. This is a great day for people who enjoy riding bicycles and being outdoors. Bring a picnic lunch, overnight arrangements are available if you so desire. Contact Alice if you have decided to go and haven’t notified her already.

Our last trip to Carowinds is planned for Tuesday, August 9 from 3:30 till dark. A minimum of 10 persons is required to make this trip happen.

All Adults – “Hairspray” at Flatrock Playhouse is Thursday, August 11. Meet at the church 9:30 am. We will eat a “covered dish” picnic lunch beside the Green River at the Feagins’ before the show. Chicken and drinks will be furnished. You bring the rest!

Ladies Night Out – the church bus will travel to see the movie “The Help” on Tuesday night August 16. We will meet at the church at 4:40. We will eat supper at John’s before the movie. Come join us for a fun night. Call Jill and put your name on the list now!

The moms with school age children have changed their movie time to Sunday afternoon, August 21. (Leann Mellon is the contact person.)

Even though Summer Vacation days are coming to a close new activities and events are happening –

August 30-31 Adults – Atlanta Braves Baseball
 September 11 – York/Clover Cluster Bible Fair (Kids 4yr – 5th grade)
 September 18 – Lazy 5 Ranch
 September 24 – York/Clover Senior Citizens Dinner
 October 19 – Flat Rock Playhouse – “The Buddy Holly Story” with lunch at Ben Clarken
 Trinity Travelers, KFC & UMYF will all begin in September. Watch for dates and times.