

TRINITY IN TOUCH

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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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



January 10, 2012

From the Pastor

Six basketball games in two days! This may seem like a lot, but when you realize that the first four games were Biddy teams, and we didn't get to stay and see all of any game, it seems less overwhelming. The two Mite games on Saturday were totally different types of games, though we didn't see a complete game then, either. We did see enough for me to make some observations and to share some of the observations that I heard either at practice or at the games from parents and grandparents of our Trinity players.

The first thing that I want to share with you is my awe at the dedication of the coaches. Can you imagine coaching a basketball team of tiny little people who probably had never done more than run around the basketball court before their first practice? From the youngest Biddies to our older Junior Boys (whom I have watched practice but haven't seen in a game yet due to scheduling conflicts), the coaches have been taking our young people from where they were and moved them on to the next level. From the Biddies who are still learning the fundamentals of the game to the Juniors, who are experienced athletes, the coaches have been working to increase knowledge and skills. Each coach that I have watched has taken a great deal of time with the team, going over fundamentals, teaching what they see the young people needing. One coaching team spent one on one time with each player, asking them what their options would be in any given situation. The coaches do a great job and we all need to express our appreciation to them.

Secondly I am amazed by the enthusiasm of the players. Now, some of the youngest ones may not know exactly why they are out there but they are really learning and energetic as they run up and down the court. I loved watching some of the youngest ones with their hands up as they were supposed to be, even as they had no idea yet where the ball was or what they were expected to do. The older groups, who have played longer, are also amazing. I was watching some of the young people, who a few years ago simply stood where the coach told them to stand and ran when the coach told them to run, now following the ball, jumping for rebounds and taking the initiative to shoot or pass. Some of the children are natural players and I look forward to watching them for a long time to come. There are some of the older ones who have grown taller over the years enough for it to be really noticeable. There are some who used to be so full of uncontrolled energy that they found themselves in trouble who have now learned to control the energy and use it profitably.

What can I say about the parents and grandparents and uncles and aunts? You have been there, encouraging and coaching. You have shouted out encouragement during the games and spent some time in teaching and reflecting after the games. Your presence and support will continue to encourage our young people to practice, to play with excitement, and to learn more about their sport. You make a big difference!

One more thing we may want to think about before I change our focus just a bit: look at the rosters of our local public school teams and see how many players have come through the basketball program sponsored by the churches in the area. I am mainly concerned with the Trinity folks but if you expand it to include all of York, you will really see something. We at Trinity have been a training ground for varsity athletes. Young people have begun as Biddies to learn the foundations and fundamentals and have been very successful in later times. This is one reason we sponsor basketball--not just for the sports but for the training in teamwork, in learning and growing in the fundamentals and basics, and learning how to stretch oneself.

OK, that may have moved a little faster into the area where I would like for us to think a moment. Who would you say have been your coaches through life? Where have you learned to grasp the fundamentals of being Christian? Where have you learned the basic values that determine your actions in life? How are we here to coach each other and to support each other as we grow older and face different tasks?

I think that Jesus' presence here on Earth, facing our temptations and not giving in, facing the same hurts and pains and problems that we face, is something we need to think about. He came and faced what we face, and he faced it with strength and character. He faced it in ways that show us something about his love and about the power and grace of God. When we gather and teach and worship we are doing the same sort of things, following Jesus' example. "Good job, coaches. Let's keep up the good work, Team." Amen

Sunday, January 15
Scriptures: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; John 1:43-51
Sermon: "Time to Listen"



The Grounds Committee is taking bids for lawn care. Please see Mike Smith if anyone is interested.

SUNDAY, January 15

- Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
- Fellowship Time9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School10:00 a.m.
- Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
- Biddy D Basketball Practice 3-4:00 p.m.
- Biddy B & C Basketball Practice..... 4-5:00 p.m.
- Biddy A Basketball Practice 5:15-6:30 p.m.
- Trustees Meeting..... 5:15 p.m.
- Administrative Board Meeting..... 6:30 p.m.
- Flower Ministry: Jack Benfield Class
- Lay Reader: Trip McGarity
- Nursery Infants: Lee & Leah Youngblood
- Children's Church: Meg Munn & Staci Rampey
- Toddler Church: Steve & Leann Mellon
- Acolyte: Madeline Keller

TUESDAY 17

- Mite Girls Basketball Practice 5-6:30 p.m.
- Junior Troop 1946..... 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 18

- Youth - Pope's Restaurant7:45 a.m.
- Mite Boys Basketball Practice 5:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 19

- Cadette Troop 3495 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 20

- Mite Girls Basketball Practice 4-5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 21

- Biddy C Basketball Practice 9-10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, January 22

- Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
- Fellowship Time9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School10:00 a.m.
- Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
- UMW Executive Meeting 3:00 p.m.
- Biddy D Basketball Practice 3-4:00 p.m.
- Biddy B & C Basketball Practice..... 4-5:00 p.m.
- Biddy A Basketball Practice 5:15 p.m.
- Cadette Troop 3311 6:30 p.m.

USHERS FOR JANUARY: *Johnny McCoy, John Bailey, Lanny Littlejohn, Matt Dover, Tommy Dickson, Ronnie Cowart.

TRUSTEES/JANUARY: Ken Cushman & Mary Sue Burns

ALTAR GUILD/JANUARY: Liz Brown & Robbie Miller

WELCOME VISITORS/JANUARY: Sr. Hi. Class

VISITOR CARDS/JANUARY: Susan Jones

PATH FOOD FOR JANUARY: PASTA – any kind, any size.

Sunday School Attendance January 8:	108
Worship Attendance January 8 (9:00am):	45
Worship Attendance January 8 (11:00 am):	119
Operating Fund received January 8.....	\$5,407.80
Operating Fund received up to January 8.....	\$10,334.05
Budget goal up to January 8 (\$6,904.00 x 2).....	\$13,808.00

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Helen Brindle, Luke Smith, Elizabeth Podmore, Irene Williams, John Smith, Geneva Warren, Helen Brindle, Margie Castillo, Isem Pennington, and Lillian McSwain now back at Lake Wylie Assisted Living following hospitalization at CMC Pineville.

Also, we remember Wesley Clark, grandson of Evelyn Johnsey; Red Warren; Jack Sammitt, stepson of Brad Childers; Blanche Stewart friend of Susan Jones; Floyd Jackson, father of Nancy Childers.

Our sympathy is with Bill and Diane Patterson and Jamie and Kristen Patterson on the death of Bill's sister and Jamie's aunt, Katherine Patterson Harvill; also with Nancy Ligon and her family following the death of her brother Homer "Tootie" Bennefield, Jr. on Sunday, January 8.

Congratulations to Debbie Black on the birth of her grandson William Clark Black, on December 26th. The proud parents are Paul & Leah Black.

The Rock Hill District Officers Training will be held January 14 at St. Johns UMC in Fort Mill. Registration and refreshments from 9 to 9:45 AM. The gathering and short program will begin at 10 followed by training. No lunch will be served.

The UMW will have an executive meeting on Sunday, January 22 at 3:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Thank You Notes
Thanks for all the prayers during Dad's hospital stay and recovery.
The Family of Luke Smith

Dear Trinity family,
Because of your faithful support of Released Time Bible Education York District One, children in grades five through eight are learning about the love of Jesus Christ. For many students this is their first experience with the Bible and Jesus as a personal Savior. Student enthusiasm and changed lives is evidence this ministry is good ground. Thank you for your generous contribution of \$750.00, and for your continued confidence in this ministry in allowing classes to meet at the Trinity Center. God bless,

Board of Directors
Released Time Bible Education York District One

Children's Choir The Children's Choir will be singing "This Little Light of Mine" during the 11:00 service on Sunday, January 29th. All children from the age 4 to 10 are invited to join us to practice at 9:40 in the Children's Church room on Jan. 29th.

Faith Explorer's Class will be beginning a study of Luke from the Bible for Beginners program. Anyone not currently attending Sunday School and who would like to participate in this in-depth Bible study is invited to join us in Room 2 at 10:00 on Feb. 5.

Knitting & Crochet Classes will be held at 10:00 on Monday, January 16. Anyone interested in learning these skills is invited to attend.

Are you ready for sewing? The Trinity Sewing Group will begin meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. Our first day is January 12th. We need folks to cut, pin, serge, sew and iron. We will be making baby gowns, baby smocks and blankets for UMCOR. They are NOT difficult. Plan to join us for a fun morning of fellowship and work.

Do You HAVE? Do you have any extra rick rack tape that you could donate? If so the sewing group could use it in their new sewing project for UMCOR. You may put it in the UMCOR box or leave it in the conference room. Thanks in advance for your help.

A NAME IT AND CLAIM IT table is in the hall near the FRIENDS classroom. Please put on that table any unclaimed items from your classrooms and work areas. Please check that table for anything that you may have lost or left at the church. The table will be taken down on Monday, January 16. Unclaimed items will be thrown away or sold at the church yard sale in March.

TIP FROM THE GREEN TEAM: Automatic Dishwasher Powder - 2 C. washing soda, 1 C. borax, 1 C. baking soda. Mix together. Use 1 1/2 - 2 T. in soap dispenser. If dishes develop residue, reduce amount used.



NO newsletter next week.

ALICE'S CORNER

Church Basketball season is underway. We have nearly sixty children and youth participating on seven teams. Our Mite Girls and Boys and Jr. Boys combined with 1st Presbyterian to field teams. Games are held on Friday nights and Saturdays in Rock Hill. The schedule can be found in the newsletter and bulletin or yorkcountycbablogspot.com. Come see our church in action.

This Friday night January 13 our two combined age Biddy teams will play in the Trinity center at 6:30 pm. Concessions will be available during the game.

Our KFC Youth will go snow skiing on January 27 & 28 at Winterplace in West Virginia. Alice is accepting donations to help with gas costs. Any help would be appreciated.

Our Older Youth (Sr. Highs) will meet at Pope's Restaurant at 7:30 am on Wednesdays for a time of fellowship and Bible study. Come join us. This gives your mid-week a fresh start. We meet jointly with other youth in the Community.

BASKETBALL GAMES FOR THE COMING WEEKEND (JAN 13 & 14)			
Team	Date & Time	Opponent	Location
Youngest Biddy	Jan. 13 – 5:30 pm	Woodland	@ Woodland
Comb.Biddy A & B	Jan. 13 – 6:30 pm	Comb.Biddy B & A	@ Trinity Center
Oldest Biddy	Jan. 13 – 7:00 pm	St. Anne's B	@ OAPC
Mite Girls	Jan. 14 – 10:00 am	Woodland	@ OAPC
Mite Girls	Jan. 14 – 12:00 pm	St. Johns	@ OAPC
Mite Boys	Jan. 14 – 1:00 pm	St. Johns	@ St. Johns
Jr.Boys	Jan. 14 – 3:00 pm	St. Johns	@ Woodhaven