

# TRINITY IN TOUCH

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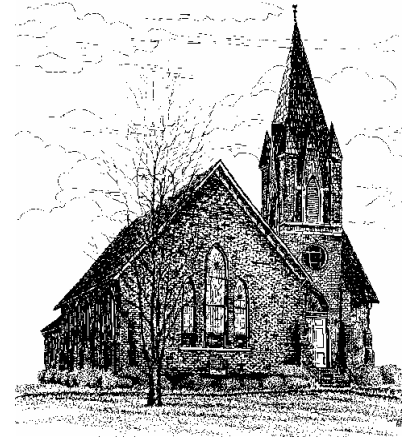
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*Church School: 10:00 a.m.*

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

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



*January 13, 2009*

## ***From the Pastor***

In 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 3 we read the story of Samuel's experience of being called by God. Many of us remember the story from childhood, how Samuel hears a voice and thinks that it is his master, Eli, calling him. Samuel runs to Eli twice when he hears the voice, before Eli realizes that the boy is hearing the voice of God calling to him. In the 11<sup>th</sup> verse, God tells Samuel, "See, I am going to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle." These were dark times in the land of Israel. Eli had become lax in his duties as priest. His sons are described in I Samuel 2 as "scoundrels" who "had no regard for the Lord or for the duties of the priests to the people." The assurance that God works even in the middle of the most difficult of times has been something that has encouraged people all through the years.

In the tough economic times that we are living in, it is clear that we need to hear the message that God is still working. Adam Hamilton, United Methodist pastor in Kansas, has written that, "The underlying causes of the current economic crisis are not financial, but spiritual. At least five of the seven deadly sins came into play: gluttony, greed, sloth, envy and ultimately pride all came before the fall." In the midst of these tough times we need the reminder that Bishop Taylor gave in [The Advocate](#): "How can the church not proclaim God's hope? In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul wrote: 'It's what we trust in but don't yet see that keeps us going. Do you suppose that a few ruts in the road or rocks in the path are going to stop us?'" No matter how difficult things get, God is with us.

In some ways we can see these times as a time for reexamination of our priorities. What things really matter the most to us? Where is our trust placed? I read somewhere that if we were trusting in Wall Street to care for us we were misplacing our trust. If we were trusting in Wal-Mart to care for us we were misplacing our trust. If we are trusting in anyone or anything less than God, our trust is in the wrong place. So, this is a time for reevaluating our lives. Where is our trust? Where have we lost sight of what really matters?

Fortunately, I am not aware of too many within our church family who have been horribly impacted by the economy. Some face reduced hours of work, some face the problems caused by the lessened value of their retirement savings, and all of us will face some of the problems caused by the economic downturn. However, we need to be proactive. We need to begin to get some plans in place for helping each other out. We need to be aware that PATH and other community agencies are going to be stretched beyond their usual resources so that we can step up with extra help. We need to begin to think of ways that we can help each other out—maybe through simple things like sharing vegetables when our gardens come in and offering child care when needed. We need to watch out for our older adults, helping them with some of their vital needs.

I'm interested in your ideas. What do you think we at Trinity can be doing? We have some folks in the church who are interested in offering some ideas on "Financial Planning in Difficult Times." Would you be interested? Do we need to look at the possibility of offering a Job Fair, or resume building classes? What ways can we work together to lessen the burdens on older adults? What can we do for our young families? How can we help the folks who are between the "young family" and the "older adult" designation? Please let me know what you think. Please let me know if you are aware of folks who are in need of help that we at Trinity can offer. Most of all please be in prayer for those facing tough times. Remember that God is working and we are called to be alert for opportunities to be good stewards of what God has given to us.

God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

**January 18, 2009 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Scriptures:** Samuel 3:1-20; John 1:43-51

**Sermon:** “Tingling Ears and Traveling Angels”

**SUNDAY, January 18**

Worship Service ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship Time ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Children’s Choir Practice ..... 9:40 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Biddy Basketball Practice ..... 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
     Flower Ministry:     Circle #4  
     Lay Reader:         Anna Feagin  
     Nursery Infants:     Kim & Emily Jones  
     Toddler Church:     Kathy Sandifer  
     Children’s Church:   Julie Taylor  
     Acolyte:             Maggie McSwain

**MONDAY 19**

Disciple Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY 20**

Disciple Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Mite Boys Basketball Practice ..... 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
 Homecoming Committee Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Mite Girls Basketball Practice ..... 6-7:30 p.m.  
 Adult Basketball ..... 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY 21**

Trinity Travelers ..... 12:00 noon  
 Chancel Choir ..... 7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY 22**

Brownie Troop 3495 ..... 6:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, January 25**

Worship Service ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship Time ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Cherub Choir Practice ..... 9:40 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Job Function Workshop @ St. Johns ..... 2:30-5:45 p.m.  
 Biddy Basketball Practice ..... 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
 Dulcimer Practice (Beginners) ..... 4:30 p.m.

**USHERS FOR JANUARY:** \*Johnny McCoy, Melvin McKeown, Julian Dickerson, Ronnie Cowart, Tommy Dickson, John Bailey.

**TRUSTEES/JAN:** Buzz Johnsey & Lee Keller

**ALTAR GUILD/JAN:** Mary Butler & Judy Hanners

**WELCOME VISITORS/JAN:** Senior High Class

**VISITOR CARDS/JAN:** Susan Jones

**PATH FOOD FOR JANUARY:** Rice – any kind, any size

Sunday School Attendance January 11:     136  
 Worship Attendance (9:00 am) January 11:   54  
 Worship Attendance (11:00 am) January 11: 116  
 Operating Fund received on January 11 ..... \$6,536.67  
 Operating Fund received up to January 11 ..... \$14,119.72  
 Budget goal up to January 11 (\$6,500 x 2) ..... \$13,000.00

**MEMORIALS**

**To the Operating Fund in memory of:**

**Ray Mock & Fulvia Dover** by The Donnie Shuler Family.

**Curtis Coomer** by Jeff & Nancy Ligon.

**To the Choir Fund in memory of David Hodges’ grandmother** by Renee Barker.

**To the Mississippi/Katrina Fund in memory of Buddy Smith** by Johnny & Diane Wine; Tommy & Ellen Hope.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Our prayers** are with John Smith, Voight Hipp, Justus Chol, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey, Pat Childers; and with Vida Lee Stewart who has been moved to progressive care at Westminster Health & Rehab Center.

**Also, we remember** Helen “Mimi” Riddle, mother of Harriet Wilkins; Kinsley James, daughter of Skip James, a friend of Evelyn Johnsey; Essie Thompson, grandmother of April Smith; John Sherer, cousin of Denise Mitchell; Jean Thomas, friend and co-worker of Karen Smith; Molly Ferguson, aunt of Nancy Faulkenberry; Midge Deaton, grandmother of Trip McGarity;

Jane Adkins, niece of Jimmy Pridmore; Roy Wilkerson, father of Denise Mitchell; Joyce Robbins, friend of Mere McCoy; DeAnna Greiner, granddaughter of Bill Huffstetler; Lacey Robinson, friend of Ann Bailes; and Harold Dickson.

**BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY** the two kitchens will be straightened every Monday. All unlabeled food will be disposed of. ***Would the owner of the many containers of chicken stew*** in the Trinity Center freezer please do something with them.  
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 The Board of Trustees

**Disciple Bible Study** will return on January 19 at 6:30 PM and January 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Our next unit will be An Invitation to Genesis. This unit will last about 10 weeks and the cost is \$10.00 per person. There is a sign up sheet in front of Gene’s office and books are already available. This looks like an exciting study and we would like to have more people become involved. Contact Gene if you have any questions.

**The Homecoming Committee** will meet on Tuesday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the Church. All committee members are asked to be present for this meeting.

**Nursery and Children’s Church Volunteers Needed:** It is once again time to compile the list of volunteers for the Infant Nursery and Children’s Church. Due to Safe Sanctuary requirements we will now need to have at least 2 adults in Children’s Church for the up coming year, therefore we will need some additional volunteers to be “helpers” for Children’s Church. The “helpers” will not have any teaching responsibility. If you are interested in volunteering to be a “helper” or would like to have your name added to or removed from the Infant Nursery and/or Children’s Church list please notify Kathy Sandifer (684-3652) or Alicia Breakfield (628-0783) by January 25th. This is a vital ministry to the church so please prayerfully consider volunteering.

**ALICE’S CORNER**

- The Jr. Hi. & Sr. Hi. Youth will not meet Sunday night, January 18<sup>th</sup>. It is a long holiday weekend. The study on the Apostles’ Creed will continue on Sunday, January 25 at 6:00 pm. Hope you can come!
- Trinity Travelers will hold their monthly covered dish luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 noon. Come join us for great fellowship.
- The “Souper Bowl of Caring” held on Super Bowl Sunday will be February 1. This is an opportunity to bring cans of soup. Watch for more details in the bulletin.
- The Rock Hill Area Youth Directors Association will present a seminar called “Understanding Your Teenager” with guest speaker Duffy Robbins. Attendees will learn what to expect from their children during the teen years and how to parent them with greater confidence, love and understanding. The six “principles for effective parenting” will give parents the road map they need to successfully guide their teens through the rough waters of adolescence. The seminar will be held at St. John’s UMC (of Rock Hill) from 5-8 pm on February 22. Advance tickets will be on sale from January 4 until February 1 in the church office and are \$15 per couple or \$10 for individuals (ticket price includes book, seminar fee, and heavy hors d’oeuvres). After February 1 the ticket price increases to \$25 per couple or \$15 for individuals. Childcare will be provided.

Happy New Year to all. Let’s all resolve to live the “greenest” year ever. We can begin by reusing aluminum foil and plastic wrap, or avoid them completely by using plastic containers. (Please remember to recycle aluminum foil.)



**BASKETBALL GAMES FOR THE COMING WEEKEND (JAN 16 & 17)**

| Team       | Date & Time        | Opponent      |   | Location  |
|------------|--------------------|---------------|---|-----------|
| Biddy A    | Jan. 16 – 6:15 pm  | OBC C         | @ | OAPC      |
| Biddy B    | Jan. 16 – 7:00 pm  | OBC B         | @ | OAPC      |
| Biddy 3    | Jan. 16 – 5:30 pm  | St. Johns A   | @ | Woodland  |
| Mite Girls | Jan. 17 – 10:00 am | Neely’s Creek | @ | St. Johns |
| Mite Boys  | Bye                |               |   |           |