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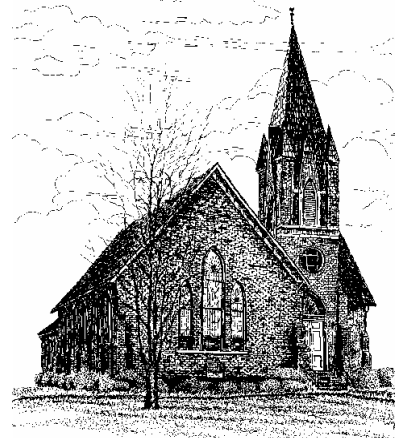
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



May 19, 2009

From the Pastor

As we were leaving the church after the Contemporary Worship service last Sunday night, Anna and Travis and I were all struck by the fact that we had taken part in four worship services on that one Sunday, and that each of the services was different in many ways. Our informal worship service at 9:00 on Sunday mornings is a very comfortable mix of traditional worship and informality. I have been known to wander up and down the center aisle during the service; people feel free to voice concerns and to share their joys. Carrie Hodges' prelude and offertory and postlude are contemporary and upbeat. Our 11:00 traditional service is a bit more formal, with responses sung, with a little more order in the way things take place (though we can never predict what is going to happen during the Children's Time!). David Richardson's beautiful service music is always touching and inspired. Some Sundays a large crowd gathers at the Chancel to listen to the Postlude all the way to the end. David Hodges and the choir are always inspirational. Sunday's trumpet and flute version of "Hymn of Promise" was very touching. Those are our regular worship experiences, and on Sunday these services were very touching.

On the 17th, however, we had two additional services of worship. The first was Ben Jones' Eagle Scout ceremony. Surrounded by prayer, this was clearly a time of worship, in which God's presence was sought and remembered. The refrain that "a Scout is reverent" was heard several times through the service. The hard work that goes into one attaining the rank of Eagle Scout is amazing, and the work that Ben planned and executed in the Trinity Settlers Cemetery is something that we all appreciate. As we were walking down the hall after the service, several folks remarked that it was really an impressive ceremony. Then many of us moved on down to the Trinity Center for our first Contemporary Worship service. The music that was heard was different from the music that was heard at any other service. The message was about singing a new song and we sang some new songs. There was motion and emotion, there was praise and there was a time for fellowship, and there was time for personal reflection.

Four services of worship and each of them was different—yet in many ways each of the services was similar. Each service was offered as a time of worship of God. Each service was surrounded by prayer. Each service was a reverent look at who God is and how we are called to live as children of God. The whole point of everything that we did was to acknowledge what God does, and what God has done through Jesus Christ. The whole point of the services was for each of us to grow closer to God, so that we can be the disciples we are called to be and to share the love of Christ with those around us. David Duncan's charge to Ben contains words that can be adapted to speak to each of us:

Be a leader. Lift every task you do and every office you hold to a high level of service to God and man. There are too many people in our society who use their strength and intellect to exploit others for selfish gain. I charge you to be among those who dedicate their skills and abilities to the common good.

Help build America on the solid foundations of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship and reverence for God.

We worship in many ways and in many styles. The focus of our worship is the God who loves us so much that he sent his son to bring us back into relationship with him. When we begin to see what God has given us and to offer back to God our thanks and praise, our lives grow closer to God. Worship becomes the center of our lives, and through our worship God recreates us in his image.

Our next Contemporary Worship service will be held on June 21. Our next informal worship will be on May 24. Our next Traditional service will be on May 24. Our next opportunity to worship will be whenever we slow down for a moment and open ourselves to God's presence. Let's worship and grow.

God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

Ascension Sunday, May 24th, 2009 -
Scriptures: Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53
Sermon: "Middle of the Blessing"

SUNDAY, May 24

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.
Dulcimer Class (Beginners) 4:00 p.m.
Flower Ministry: David & Cindy Burroughs
Lay Reader:
Nursery Infants: Leann & Steve Mellon
Toddler Church: Matt & Christina Dover
Children's Church: Robin Johnston & Cindy Summersett
Acolyte: Will McSwain

MONDAY 25 – Memorial Day

Office Closed

TUESDAY 26

Dulcimer Class..... 7:00 p.m.
Adult Basketball..... 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 27

Chancel Choir..... 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 28

Brownie Troop 3495 6:30-8:00 p.m.

PROMOTION SUNDAY & SENIOR SUNDAY - May 31

Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
5th Sunday, Sunday School Program..... 10:10 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Mission Team Meeting 4:00 p.m.

USHERS FOR MAY: *Donnie Shuler, David Burroughs, Jimmy Pridmore, Bill Wilkins, Jim Barrett, Chris Jones, Dicky Whitesides.

TRUSTEES/MAY: Nancy Faulkenberry & Lee Keller

ALTAR GUILD/MAY: Mary Butler & Pat Childers

WELCOME VISITORS/MAY: Senior High Class

VISITOR CARDS/MAY: Eric Johnston

PATH FOOD FOR MAY: Rice, any kind, any size

Sunday School Attendance May 17: 85
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) May 17: 52
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) May 17: 122
Contemporary Worship (6:00 pm) May 17: 60
Operating Fund received on May 17..... \$4,983.66
Operating Fund received up to May 17..... \$114,762.90
Budget goal up to May 17 (\$6,500 x 20) \$130,000.00

MEMORIALS in memory of Samuel Kalb:

To the Chancel Fund by The Donnie Shuler Family.

To the Sudan Tractor Fund by Bud & Suzanne Jones.

HONORARIA

In honor of Ben Jones:

To the Salkehatchie Camps by Ray & Mary Sue Burns; John & Margaret Bailey.

To the Sudan Fund by Kenny & Ellen Jones.

To the Sudan Fund (Tractor) by Bud & Suzanne Jones.

To Habitat for Humanity by John & Frances Howe.

In honor Gay Feemster's birthday to the Sudan Tractor Fund by Bud & Suzanne Jones.

In honor of Grace Ulbricht's birthday to the Sudan Tractor Fund by Bud & Suzanne Jones.

VISITORS ON SUNDAY, MAY 17.

Mel & Anne Carr, 8137 Nunn Trace, Montgomery, AL 36117.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Havern & Helen Brindle, Voight Hipp, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey, Clark Warren, and Bebe Benfield.

Also, we remember Howard Steele, father of Sandy Pursley; Emily Brown, mother of Kathy Brown; Angie Moss, daughter of Helen Pridmore; Abigail Pierce, granddaughter of Donna Shugart; Inell Bolin, sister of Smokey Childers; Gene Farris, father of Bubba Farris; Rick Glenn, friend of John Eite; Agnes Love, mother-in-law of Matt Feemster; Dot Caldwell, Anne Hipp's sister; Karen Duncan, one of the members of our Mississippi/Katrina Team; Kinsley James, daughter of Skip James, a friend of Evelyn Johnsey; Essie Thompson, grandmother of April Smith; Roy Wilkerson, father of Denise Mitchell; DeAnna Greiner, granddaughter of Bill Huffstetler; Lacey Robinson, friend of Ann Bailes; Harold Dickson; and Mackenzie Decuir.

Our sympathy is with Mildred Kalb following the death of her husband, Samuel Kalb on Tuesday, May 12.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported me at my Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday. I hope you all had a good time and enjoyed everything. A big thank you to the Trinity United Methodist Men who supported my Eagle Scout project with their encouragement and contributions.

Thank you, Ben Jones

Thanks to everyone who attended our first Contemporary Worship Service on Sunday, May 17. A special thanks to Spike Myers, Eric Johnston, David Hodges, Kim Jones and all who worked with them. Approximately 60 people came to worship. Join us on Sunday, June 21 for the next Contemporary Worship Service at 6:00 pm in the Trinity Center.

On May 31 we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Everyone is invited to wear something red to symbolize the Holy Spirit's presence with us.

Our 5th Sunday speaker on May 31 will be Skip James, Facilitator of the Released Time Bible Education program. Executive board members and teachers will be present, too. Several students have agreed to give their testimony of their experience as a student of Released Time Bible Education and the impact it has had on their lives. Several of our church members are part of the RTBE team. Please join us in the gym during the Sunday School hour on May 31 to learn about this great program.

ALICE'S CORNER

- Look for the Summer Activities Booklet coming out soon! It will have events and activities for all age groups. Friends are always welcome!
- Senior Sunday is May 31 at the 11:00 morning worship. On this day we will recognize our six high school graduates: Christina Alexander, Craig Lowe, Elizabeth Miller Brittani Spradlin, Sarah Lancaster and Melissa West.
- Mark your summer calendars **NOW** for Vacation Bible School the week of July 13-17. A fun week for ages 2-5th grade. Contact Alicia Breakfield if you would be willing to volunteer.
- At the older adult retreat at St. Simons Island in January a three novel trilogy was purchased by Bill & Marion Fischer. The trilogy written by Eugenia Price contains "The Lighthouse", "The New Moon Rising" and "The Beloved Invader". These historical fiction books are available on loan for some wonderful summer reading. You can check them out of the church office.