

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES. . .

The Book of Acts: The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth

Nearly two centuries ago the church of Jesus Christ was born at Pentecost. This group, this body, this community, this movement has been the catalyst by which God has changed the world. Through the preaching and living out of the Gospel message about Jesus Christ, God is continuing to grow His church in our day. This study will offer us insights into the power and majesty of God, the challenges and complexities of being God's people, and the means by which God is still vitally active in His Creation today.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Trinity's Vision Statement

"We are a welcoming church family, developing disciples who joyfully minister to others in the name of Christ."

TRINITY TIMES

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Pastor's Pen

The Hope of Harvest

"So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."
1 Corinthians 3:7

It probably goes without saying, but planting and harvesting is no easy task. The process is long and requires much blood, sweat, and tears. Yet, we can do everything right and still not be successful at reaping a bountiful harvest. The Scripture above hints at this very fact.

Right now many of us are already about the task of doing our annual spring cleanup. Sticks and branches from the yard. Weed pulling. Removing those leaves left over from last fall. We're also probably planning and planting our gardens for the year. What flowers will you plant this year? Will you plant an herb garden? What kinds of vegetables do you intend to plant?

Recall, we can do everything right and still not produce a successful harvest. We may plant, but the seeds may be bad. We may water, but the heat may scorch the plants. That is what has always inspired in me great respect for farmers. They are people of profound and real faith. They labor as if everything depended upon them. Yet, they trust knowing that ultimately it is up to God's gracious provision of just the right amount of rain and sunshine. It is a delicate balance.

That's how it is with God. Life is lived in a state of delicate balance. Yet, the hope and joy of Easter is that God holds our lives in His hand. He takes our lives and cleans up the debris. He prepares our hearts to receive His Word and promise. He plants within us faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. And He alone can cause that faith to bud and blossom into a deep love for God.

Easter is the ultimate seed of hope. As that seed bears much fruit in our lives by the work of God's Holy Spirit, we are compelled to plant that seed in the hearts of others. Easter is the great message of hope. Let us labor about our city planting that seed in the hearts of our neighbors and friends. For in due season, God shall bring forth a glorious harvest!

Happy planting, with Christ's help!
Pastor Steve



EASTER BREAD FELLOWSHIP & CELEBRATION . . .

On Easter Sunday, April 5, there will be an Easter Bread Fellowship and Celebration in the Fellowship Hall following the Sunrise Service, beginning at approximately 6:45 a.m. and serving until 9:45 a.m. when Sunday School classes begin. Please join us for a variety of breads, juice and coffee as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Savior on Easter morning.

EASTER EVENTS AND WORSHIP SERVICES . .



Trinity Presbyterian Church
Easter Events/Services

- Maundy Thursday Service, Thursday, April 2nd, 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4th, 10:00 a.m.
- Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 5th, 6:00 a.m.
- Easter Worship Service, Sunday, April 5th, 11:00 a.m.

EVANGELISM . .

If your committee is planning an event that may draw attendees outside our church family, the Evangelism Committee would be happy to help with the advertising and promotion as an outreach to the community. Feel free to contact Cathy Dawson or Lucie Fulmore so that the Evangelism Committee can work with you on the most effective ways of disseminating the information regarding your event. Together let us show others how God is at work within our welcoming church family.

MEN'S STUDY GROUP. . .

Where: Wild Eggs at English Station Road
When: First & Third Tuesdays of the Month
What Time: 8:30 a.m.
What: Bible Study and fellowship
Who: All men of all ages connected in any way with Trinity Presbyterian Church



All men are invited; come informally, come as you are, come for one Tuesday, come for them all.
In April, we will meet on the 7th and 21st.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE—APRIL 20TH. . .



The deadline for the May Trinity Times is April 20th. Please email articles to tpclouisville@att.net or leave them in the secretary's mailbox.

APRIL COLLECTION COUNTERS. . .

- 04/05: Mary Corum and Marilyn Davis
- 04/12: Tom & Cathy Dawson
- 04/19: Bill & Janet Husband
- 04/26: Larry & Carol Hartmann



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES. . .

- 04/08: Mike & Melissa Porter
- 04/12: Larry & Barb Watts
- 04/17: Don & Mardi Crosser



APRIL BIRTHDAYS. . .

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| 04/02: Ray Ludwick | 04/14: Cristal Rhodes |
| 04/03: Don Crosser | 04/17: Mark McDaniel |
| Dan LaMaster | 04/18: Margaret Mwale |
| 04/04: Kitty Houser | Josh Rhodes |
| 04/05: Geetha Joseph | 04/19: Ann Douglas |
| Sean Shumate | 04/23: Kay Nolan |
| Rick Steadham | 04/25: Heather Mullin |
| 04/07: Margaret Bloss | Devin Mingus |
| Bonnie Mullin | 04/26: Addison Joy Elder |
| 04/08: Imad Imam | 04/29: Virginia Kozak |
| 04/09: Doug Harville | Tom Woods |
| Sydnei Hacker | |
| 04/10: Vic Peo | |
| 04/12: Larry Hartmann | |



APRIL NURSERY VOLUNTEERS. . .

- 04/05: Paid workers (Easter Sunday)
- 04/12: Melissa Porter
- 04/19: Elizabeth Latham and Glenna Ogle
- 04/26: Lois Bringhurst



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE. . .

	2015	2014
03/01:	134	128
03/08:	133	130
03/15:	144	194
03/22:	136	116
03/29:	157	112

DVD MEMORIES. . .

This is to invite you to enjoy many memories of events that you participated in.

There are thirteen (13) such DVDs available for you at the library. So feel free to check out the DVD you like and enjoy the memories.

Thank You,
In Christ's Grace

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. . .



Every shoebox gift delivered by Operation Christmas Child is a tangible expression of God's amazing love. But a shoebox is just the beginning. It also presents an opportunity in more than 100 countries for our church partners to invite children into a deeper relationship with Jesus through "The Greatest Journey". It is a dynamic 12-Lesson Bible Study guiding them through what it means to faithfully follow Jesus

Since 2009, millions of children around the world have learned what it means to faithfully follow Jesus Christ through The Greatest Journey. As a result, lives are being changed for eternity and new churches are springing up in communities across the globe.

We praise the Lord for making The Greatest Journey one of the largest discipleship programs in the world today. But there are many more boys and girls we still urgently need to reach with the truth of God's Word.

Will you help us "go and make disciples of all nations" as Christ commanded?

Sign up for a monthly gift of \$6, and each year you will give 12 children study materials, a New Testament, and the opportunity to learn what it means to devote their lives to sharing the Good News of eternal grace through Jesus Christ.

Disciple a child, a classroom or a nation:

Reference: OCC - The Greatest Journey 013943

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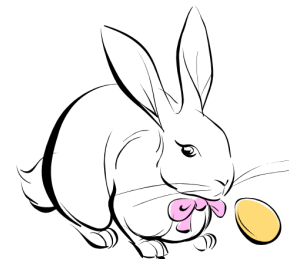
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CE. . .

We are in need of Children's Sunday School leaders for the summer! If you have ever thought about teaching or have taken a break...we need you now!

April 15th - WoW Preschool dinner. Please join us and show your support to the preschool and their families. Dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by a program in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

April 26th is YOUTH SUNDAY. Please plan to attend and support our youth and children on this day. There will be a BAKE SALE after the service.



Please join us on
Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 a.m.
for our annual
Easter Egg Hunt
We will hunt eggs rain or shine!
Light refreshments will be served.

BLOOD DRIVE. . .



Mark your Calendars –
APRIL 25, 2015
9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Trinity is partnering with the
City of Blue Ridge
in hosting a Blood Drive.

What can you do to help?

Donate Blood

Donate a few treats for the Recovery Area
Volunteer an Hour or 2 in the Recovery Area

Any questions contact a member of the Mission Committee

TPW. . .

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN is pleased to invite you to the **ALL-CHURCH BIRTHDAY LUNCH** on **SUNDAY, MAY 17** after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

This year we are going to one of our favorite formats for the Birthday event – a meal followed by birthday cakes for dessert for all members of our church family!

Lunch will be provided by TPW. We will be asking for a contribution for mission projects. Two are sponsored by the national Presbyterian Women, offering assistance to women with major life challenges in Memphis, TN and in Barranquilla, Columbia. Another mission opportunity is assisting a grassroots cottage industry in the mountains of Guatemala, the Pala Village Weavers.

Sandra Hollensead will have a presentation to tell us more about the people of Pala Village and how their lives have changed due to the loss of their coffee trees, high in the mountains. Her brother is working to get their beautiful weaving goods to market so they can feed and house their families while working to rebuild some kind of agricultural industry.

Sew ‘n Sews will be offering spring and summer related gift items for sale to support our own benevolence fund. Additionally, some of those lovely hand-woven scarves and placemats made by the women of Pala Village will be available for sale with proceeds going back to them.

Please sign-up for the All-Church Birthday by Monday, May 10th. It will be a fun time, and we want to make sure we have enough Birthday Cake for everyone!



FAITH & ART. . .

Peace and Grace to all,

There is a lot of new student work on display in the Art Center. Please stop by and see their self portraits.

There is also a new stone sculpture in the rose garden by the art studio. It was a gift from artist, Al Nelson, to the Faith & Art Center.



Join Candy Wheat and the Faith & Art Center at Block Party for the opening of the Louisville Derby Show on Friday, April 3rd from 5:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.



WOW. . .



WoW and WoW Jr.

If you have not tried WoW before, this is a good time to start. Join us for good food, fellowship and learning for all ages!

5:45 p.m.—WoW and WoW Jr. Dinner

6:15 p.m.—6:45 p.m.—Children’s Choir—grades 2—5

6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.—WoW Adult Program

6:45 p.m.—7:00 p.m.—Junior Choir—ages 3 through 1st grade

6:45 p.m.—WoW Jr. Program—activities, plays, crafts and a snack

Please note that this month we go back to our old format of potlucks for every meal. Each family unit should bring a dish to share; salad, dessert, side or main dish. Please be sure your dish will serve 6 to 12 people. If you do not wish to cook, just stop by the store on your way and pick up something to share. There is a special children’s table with more of their favorite things. Beverages are provided for all. Dinner is served at 5:45pm.

APRIL SCHEDULE

April 1st: Committee Night. No WOW

April 8th: Welcome Spring! It is spring break for JCPS so there will be no children’s table. Food Suggestion: Please bring a spring inspired dish; main, side, salad or dessert.

April 15th: Preschool night. The preschool families will be our guests. Please come join us in welcoming them. Dinner will be provided. **You do not need to bring a dish.**

April 22nd: Italian night. Food Suggestion: Please bring an Italian inspired dish; main, side, salad or dessert.

April 29th: IT’S DERBY WEEK!! We are having a Derby party! Hot dogs will be provided. Food Suggestion: Please bring a Derby party inspired dish.

April will be our last WOW until September! Join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship with your Trinity family.

BE SURE TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE AT THE TABLE!!!

Please sign up each week on the WOW sign up sheet located on the Fellowship bulletin board in the hall, or call the church before each Wednesday.