

# TRINITY TIMES

November 2015

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## Pastor's Pen

*All I Am for All He Is*

*The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,  
and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

*(2 Corinthians 9:6 ESV)*

By my nature I am a very competitive person. Apart from the grace of God I absolutely despise losing. Before meeting the risen Christ, I would do whatever it took to win. If it meant working harder than the competition, I did it. If it meant cutting corners (aka cheating), I would do it. If it meant putting down my competitor, then I would out mock them. These were my mottos...

Whatever it takes!

Win at all cost. Be the best.

Give all I have and all I am.

Sacrifice. Commitment. Hard work.

Pain is temporary; pride is forever!

How does this kind of approach work when we run up against God? Can we compete against God? How likely is it that you or I could out-work God? Is it possible to out give God? Consider that God gave that which was most precious to Him for those He was most pleased to love.

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." (John 3:16)*

*"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 5:21)*

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)*

No matter where we look in Scripture (or in His creation), there is infinite evidence that God exceeds all when it comes to doing, working, and giving. So how do we practice stewardship, that is, the giving to God of all we have and all we are, in the shadow of God's sacrificial nature?



## PASTOR'S PEN (CONTINUED). . .

It isn't about how much time or talents or treasures we give. Stewardship begins, operates, and ends on recognizing that everything belongs to God *already*! Stewardship is the acknowledgement of His Lordship. Stewardship is the open-handed holding of everything in our lives for the Spirit-led investment in the Kingdom of God. Stewardship is the God-ward expression of faith and gratitude. Stewardship is living out the idea "all I am for all He is."

I have come realize, and I hope you do as well, that competitiveness has nothing to do with serving God. Competition is not necessarily wrong, it just is not a God-ward discipline. Competition is inordinately focused on self. Rather than competition, may we see that serving God is about consecration, it is about the surrendering of ourselves to Christ. All I am for all He is.

November is the time of year when we think and prepare ourselves for faithful stewardship of all things for the sake of Christ. My hope is that these words and these thoughts will encourage you to consider again your standing before the living God. Reflect on the openness of your heart to God using you and the stuff in your life for the sake of His Kingdom. Ponder the posture of a Christ-exalting life...

*"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.  
For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish  
in order that I may gain Christ..." (Philippians 3:8)*

In Christ-exalting trust,  
Pastor Steve

## Faith & art. . .

~Candy Wheat

Peace & Grace to all...

The students of the Center will have a chance to show and sell their artwork at Weber Gallery on November 7th from 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. The name of the show is Art as Memory.

Candy will have a pottery show on December 4th at Block Party from 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. called The Nativity. A percentage of all sales will go back to the Center.

The Faith & Art Center will host an Advent Fair on December 6th at 2:00 p.m. for all TPC families and friends..

The Center is also excited to welcome a new group from Kaleidoscope for pottery classes.

## Help needed for advent. . .

Family and Friends: We would love your help in the sanctuary decorating for the Advent Season on Saturday, November 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.? We need all who can help, especially men to help with some of the heavier lifting and ladder climbing. Many hands make light work sort of thing and if it helps, donuts and coffee are being used as a shameless bribery!



## Thank you. . .

~Judith and David Bloor-Brandt

With gratitude to God, and heart-felt thanks to our Trinity family and friends, the family of Arlene Van De Hoef expresses our appreciation. The prayers, cards, calls, flowers, visits by Pastor Steve and so many others, the supper for out-of-town family members following visitation, and the luncheon following the memorial service all provided love and support that helped ease the pain of losing such a sweet, wonderful mom and grandma.

Jude and David Bloor-Brandt, Jake & Joan Van De Hoef, Chris & Maureen Van De Hoef and Megan and Phillip Bocook

## Book I overs. . .

~Judith Bloor

Attention, Book Lovers!

Do you enjoy a good read, with mystery, intrigue and relationship challenges? Do you sometimes find it hard to find all that within a Christian context? Then a new series in our church library is perfect for you! The Mysteries of Silver Peak Series - come check it out.

You will enjoy meeting Sadie Speers, the owner of the Antique Mine. Sadie and her friends live in Silver Peak, Colorado. Sadie, Roz, her best friend from childhood, Theo and Sarah, Sadie's grandchildren, and a host of Silver Peak residents find there are interesting mysteries to be solved in their lovely little town; some related to their history as a silver mining town and their Wild West beginning. Along the way, Sadie and others, just like us, face the challenges of relationships – hurt feelings, misunderstandings, crises of faith and growing up in today's fast paced technological society and a culture that doesn't always support or even accept Christian beliefs. You will encounter real people, with real problems, who have fun, find ways through their challenges, solve mysteries and who grow in their faith and with one another while doing that.



Grab a book, curl up with a cup of coffee or tea and enter the world of Silver Peak. Like me, I think you will find you can't wait to get to the next book when you close the first one with a smile of accomplishment and satisfaction.

## PRESCHOOL. . .

~Elizabeth Bodine



My name is Elizabeth Bodine and I am the preschool director at Trinity. Each month in the Trinity Times we would like to introduce you to the staff members, their classes and the many exciting activities the children are involved in. By the end of the year we hope you have a better understanding of the wonderful preschool program offered at Trinity. The door is always open, so please stop by to visit and join in the fun!

We are always busy in Miss Gina's three year old class. In October we learned about fall and Halloween. We painted fall trees, made shape scarecrows and made paper plate Jack-o-Lanterns. We also visited the fire station. We learned to never play with matches, crawl under smoke and to stop-drop-and roll. We also had a fun Halloween party. The children wore their Halloween costumes to school and went trick or treating in the preschool rooms and in the church offices. We can't wait to begin our next adventure!

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# Christmas Sale

20th Year! 1995—2015

Saturday, December 5, 2015  
8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.



Homemade Baked Goods  
Cookies, Cakes, Breads,  
Candy, Pies

Handmade Gift Items  
Christmas Décor, Table Linens,  
Apparel, Accessories, Baubles &  
More



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All proceeds & contributions go to charities.



The CE Committee is sponsoring a...  
**Chili Cook Off**  
 Sunday, November 8th at 12:00 p.m.  
 (immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service)  
 Bring your best pot of chili and join us for lunch!

We look forward to seeing you!  
 Donations welcome to benefit the Youth  
 and Children's Ministry.

## Tpw. . .

Dear Friends:

Please read this beautiful message from Sandra Hollensead. She is the chair this year for our Christmas Sale! It's going to be awesome!

*All we want for Christmas is our volunteers, our volunteers, see our volunteers?*

Plan on helping organize and executing this year's Trinity Christmas sale on Saturday, December 5th, 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Mark you calendars to attend along with your family and friends!

The objectives of this year's Christmas sale are similar to years passed; that is to showcase Trinity's expert hospitality, to inform visitors of the educational and fellowship opportunities at our church, and to raise money for missions benefiting women and children's charities.

Sign up sheets will be posted in the categories of sales (cashiers, weighers, and runners), guest service (hostesses), receiving baked goods on Friday Dec 4, **providing baked goods, and receiving baked goods on December 4th**, as well as decoration set up and take down. **We request that all persons or family units who are able contribute at least one batch of cookies (four dozen), or more.** We also encourage cakes, candies, breads, rolls, pies or any type of homemade treats (not from store or bakery). An abundance of choice and plenty of helping hands make for a good sale!. Besides the Sew 'n Sews crafts, many of you make lovely and useful items for the sale each year, and we encourage all of you to continue for 2015!

We are involving our youth this year with a hand made craft by them for sale, and to serve as greeters to help with parking, finding the handicapped entrance, getting to the right check out lane, etc. We are co-ordinating with the Evangelism committee to advertise our sale, and are working on a power point presentation to give information regarding our church activities during the sales event.

**The opportunity to help is a gender/age equal one.** We ask that our Trinity men get involved with baking, providing crafts if you have a hobby, and helping to take down and store items after the sale ends at 11:00 a.m. Our reward is to know we are bettering the lives of others through our mission work and outreach. Besides having our *two front teeth*, what is better than that?

Sandra Hollensead  
[goldiewhee@aol.com](mailto:goldiewhee@aol.com)





*A special tribute  
to...*

*Bill Vaughn*

*World War II  
Veteran*

William Thomas Vaughn, aka Bill, was born on January 15, 1924 in Campbellsville, Kentucky. He was one of 5 children born to Denise and Lee Vaughn. Although he was raised in the city, he lived with his grandparents in the country from July through January for 3 years. While there he went to school in a one-room school house with students from grades 1 through 8. His family's home in the city was lost in the depression. His family then rented the house next door for a while until an aunt, who Bill's mother had been taking care of, passed away and willed her home to the Vaughn family.

Bill's first job was a paper route that allowed him to earn enough money to buy a bicycle. After his high school graduation, he attended a machine shop school for 6 weeks and then accepted a job in Bridgeport, Connecticut. After three months, he took a trip back home for Christmas only to find a draft notice from the Army. Instead of accepting being drafted by the Army, Bill decided to join the Navy.

The Navy sent him to another machine shop school for 21 weeks and then to catapult school in preparation for his job with the Navy. Bill was finally assigned to the USS Franklin when it was commissioned in 1944. The USS Franklin, which was named after Ben Franklin, was nicknamed Big Ben and was one of the 24 Essex Class Air Craft Carriers built during World War II for the Navy. The Big Ben weighed 26,000 tons, was 872 feet long, 147.6 feet high, and had a crew of 3,500.

The USS Franklin joined the war in the South Pacific where Bill was part of the catapult team that was responsible for launching the planes. His job was to hook the cable to the tail wing of the plane for launching. The ship held about 100 planes and they only launched enough planes

to open up enough space so the others could take off under their own power. The crew only crashed one plane during launch and the pilot was rescued from the sea.

The aircraft carrier experienced a significant Kamikazi attack on October 30, 1944 where over 56 brave sailors lost their lives. Bill kept a small piece of the Japanese plane and to this day, has it at home in his scrapbook. In another incident, Bill was standing on the deck just a few minutes before one of their own planes crashed on landing. Something had told him to go below the deck which probably saved his life. The plane hit exactly where he had been standing.

The attack put the ship out of commission for repairs for two months. After repairs, they headed back to the South Pacific to join the war. The mission of the USS Franklin was to bomb the islands prior to the troops landing for invasion. They bombed over ten islands including several famous ones; Iwo Jima, Guam, and Okinawa.

On March 9, 1945, the Franklin was within 50 miles of the coast of Japan when a Japanese dive bomber attacked and dropped two 500 pounds of bombs on the ship killing 724 and wounding 265 of the 3,500 man crew. An American Corsair shot the dive bomber down. THIS WAS THE SINGLE GREATEST NAVAL DISASTER OF WORLD WAR II. Bill would have normally been on the top deck to line up for breakfast at the time of the attack but for some reason he decided to get in line for breakfast below deck and as a result his life was probably saved.

The ship was towed for a time while enough repairs were made to allow it to limp back to the Brooklyn Naval Yard for repairs. USS Franklin was repaired but never left port again before the war ended. The ship was scrapped in 1966 but is remembered as *The Ship That Wouldn't Die*.

Bill celebrated the end of the war at Times Square, being part of the famous shots we have all seen on TV and in newspapers & magazines.

He was discharged some 6 months later. Bill's dream was to be an engineer and with the enactment of the GI Bill he was able to pursue that ambition. He went to Campbellsville Junior College for one year, to take Chemistry, and this is where he met his future bride-to-be, Ida. Bill and Ida met on a blind date on New Year's Eve. Bill continued his education at Center College to meet a Physics requirement before entering the University of Louisville Speed School of Engineering. During his time at Speed, Bill and Ida wed on May 26, 1950.

Bill graduated from Speed in 1951 and took a job at Westinghouse as part of a graduate student program that took him to four different cities for a short time before landing a permanent position in Mansfield, Ohio. Mansfield was later closed and they moved to Columbus, Ohio. After leaving Westinghouse in Columbus, Bill took a position with General Electric in Louisville where he worked until 1980 when Jenn-Air in Indianapolis recruited him. Bill spent eight years in Indianapolis before retiring and returning to Louisville.

Bill and Ida joined Trinity in 1967 and have been members ever since and attended regularly except for the 8 years they spent in Indianapolis. Bill and Ida were married for 65 years prior to Ida's death on July 26, 2015. They have been blessed with three daughters, Barbara, Mary and Joan as well as 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

## Operation Christmas child...

Trinity Church will be a relay center this year for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). We can use some help. You do not have to be young or strong to help with OCC – just a desire to help. We need volunteers to greet the donors, to offer to pray with the donors and the boxes, and to sit and make sure that the donors are signing in their boxes.

If you are a strong person, we could use your help loading the truck on Saturday, November 21st at 1:00 p.m.

There are sign-up sheets on the Mission Board. Please prayerfully consider helping. We will be having a packing party during WOW on November 18th, please bring items for the boxes.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SUGGESTIONS FOR SHOE BOX GIFTS

- LIGHTWEIGHT SHOES (FLIP FLOPS)
- PLASTIC DRINKING CUP
- SMALL STUFFED ANIMAL
- HARD CANDY, BUBBLE GUM (SEALED IN PLASTIC BAG)
- TOOTHPASTE & TOOTHBRUSH, DEODORANT, COMB/HAIRBRUSH, SOAP & WASHCLOTH
- SOCKS, T-SHIRT, ELASTIC WAISTED PANTS/SHORTS, UNDERWEAR
- CRAYONS, COLORED PENCILS, MARKERS, PENS, PENCIL SHARPENER, ERASERS, WRITING PAPER, COLORING BOOKS, GLUE STICK (NO LIQUID GLUE), RULERS
- SMALL TOYS SUCH AS: SLINKY, SUNGLASSES, HARMONICA, KAZOO, YO-YO, CARS, BALLS, STICKERS, TRAVEL GAMES.



### PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE:

- WAR RELATED ITEMS (TOY SOLDIERS, TOY GUNS, ETC)
- LIQUIDS (INCLUDING SHAMPOO, GLUE, NAIL POLISH, SNOW GLOBES, ETC)
- MEDICINES ( VITAMINS, COUGH DROPS, ETC)
- GLASS/BREAKABLES (MIRRORS, CHINA DOLLS, CHINA SETS, ETC)
- CHOCOLATE OR PERISHABLES
- USED OR WORN ITEMS

Operation Christmas Child Hours at TPC this year:

Monday November 16th through Thursday November 19th: 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Friday November 20th: 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday November 21st & 22nd: 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Monday November 23rd: 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

## 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 November, we will meet on the 3rd and 17th.



WOW. . .



### WoW and WoW Jr.

If you have not tried WoW before, this is a good time to begin. Join us for fellowship, food and activities for all.

5:45 p.m.—WoW and WoW Jr. Dinner

6:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.—Youth Choir

6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.—WoW Adult Program

7:00 p.m.—7:15 p.m.—Children's Choir

7:15 p.m.—8:15 p.m.—Adult Chancel Choir

6:30 p.m.—WoW Jr. Program—activities, plays, crafts and a snack!

Join the fun! If you haven't tried WOW before, this is a great time to begin. Come enjoy the fellowship, food and activities for all. We begin with a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m.. Each week we have a different theme so no meal is the same. Please bring a dish; side, salad, dessert or main dish that will serve 8 to 12 people. You do not have to bring something that fits the theme, bring whatever you like. No time to cook?? Pick up something at the store on your way here. There will be a special children's food table with more of their favorite things. Beverages always provided.

### NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

November 4th: Committee night. No WoW.

November 11th: Veterans Day. Wear red white and blue!  
Food suggestion: Bring your favorite potluck dish.

November 18th: Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection week. Pizza will be provided.  
Please bring a salad or dessert. We will fill shoeboxes after our meal.

November 25th: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!! No WoW.

**NOTE: No WoW in December. Next WoW is January 13, 2016!**

### 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.

Newsletter Deadline—November 16th. . .



The deadline for the December Trinity Times is November 16th. Please email articles to [tpclouisville@att.net](mailto:tpclouisville@att.net) or leave them in the secretary's mailbox.

## WHAT'S FOR DINNER? . . .

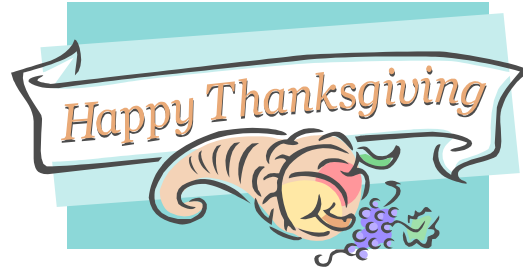
### "What's For Dinner?"

*Help your Neighbor fill their plates this Thanksgiving  
by providing a Holiday Food Basket for  
Eastern Area Community Ministries.*

**PLEASE SEE THE DISPLAY IN THE NARTHEX  
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO FILL A BASKET**

Contents:

- \$25 Kroger card for perishable food items
  - 5 lb. potatoes/sweet potatoes
  - 4 cans of vegetables
  - packaged or canned gravy
  - boxed stuffing mix
  - 4 cans of fruit or bag of apples
  - cranberry sauce
  - pie filling & crust or cake mix & frosting
  - evaporated milk
  - tea/lemonade
- basket [usually recommend a **sturdy** laundry basket  
or Reusable Kroger Bag(s)]



**BRING YOUR ITEMS TO TRINITY BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015**

## BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK. . .

~Kathy MacDonald

Middletown Elementary has a program named Blessings in a Backpack. It provides food packets to students who need nutrition over the weekends. Each student is provided enough food for a couple meals. Volunteers place a variety of food items in a bag. The bags are collected and taken to classrooms for the teachers to give out to the student to placed in their backpacks. Volunteers meet on Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at Middletown Elementary. They work usually about an hour. If you can volunteer for this..... many students will be blessed. There is a background check form (even if you already have one) that needs to be filled out. It usually takes about 2 weeks to be returned to the school. Cathy Dawson, Deb Kelly, Ruth French and myself have participated before. It takes little time and a very easy activity for anyone.

Please prayerfully consider this need. Please contact me at [halo2949@gmail.com](mailto:halo2949@gmail.com) or 244 0474. Thanks!!

Blessings in a  
Backpack

## YOGA. . .

To all Trinity Church Members and employees:

You are invited to come to the Beginning Yoga Class on Tuesday night, 6:30-7:45.  
A \$5.00 love offering will be collected for the church. This class is designed for beginners. If you have never tried yoga, you will receive help in a discreet manner.  
If you have questions, please visit my website at [www.theyogaspot4u.com](http://www.theyogaspot4u.com)  
or contact me by phone at 502-541-0099.  
Thank you, Charlotte Sego M Ed, Certified Hatha Yoga Teacher



## November Birthdays...

11/01	Ali Elder	11/22	Andy Cannava
11/03	Mardi Crosser		Aleyamma Chetty
	Amy Elder		Suzanne Lundstrom
	Nicki Wheat		Sheryl Oyler
11/05	Diane Frye		Zachary Watts
	Betty Muse	11/23	Kaycee Bushue
11/06	Jeri Blair		Carol Lewis
	Chris Hall		Carol Redd
	Jonathan Sarmiento	11/24	Scott Lundstrom
	Aston Wheat	11/26	Walter French
11/08	Ron Bingner		Stephen McCreary
	Josh Latham	11/27	Bob Williams-Neal
11/15	David Douglas		
	Meredith Johnson		
	Jerry Pender		
	Inez Williams		
11/17	Jennifer Hacker		
11/18	Charles Niemann		



## November anniversaries...

11/05	Harry & Diane Frye
11/06	Steve & Amy Kratt
11/24	Jim & Elizabeth McDaniel
11/26	Bill & Janet Husband
11/27	Steve & Cathy Conn
11/29	Noel & Melissa Weaver



## November Collection Counters...

11/01:	Roger Harvell and Betty Wilborn
11/08:	Cathy Dawson and Deb Kelly
11/15:	Lois Bringhurst and Betty Muse
11/22:	Roger Harvell and Betty Wilborn
11/29:	Cathy Dawson and Deb Kelly



## Worship attendance...

	2015	2014
10/04:	138	141
10/11:	143	138
10/18:	125	145
10/25:	141	147

## *Advent and Christmas Events*

*Hanging of the Green/First Advent Service  
Sunday, November 29, 11:00 a.m.*

*Christmas Sale  
Saturday, December 5, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*



*Lessons and Carols/Second Advent Service  
Sunday, December 6, 11:00 a.m.*

*Advent Fair  
Sunday, December 6, 2:00 p.m.*



*Third and Fourth Advent Services  
Sunday, December 13 & 20, 11:00 a.m.*

*Christmas Dinner  
Sunday, December 13, 5:00 p.m.*

*Christmas Eve Service  
Thursday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.*

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### Trinity's Vision Statement

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