

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be more than a refuge; it is to be a revitalizing community where all may be saved, healed, strengthened, and equipped to go into the world on active mission for our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE CARILLON

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Growing in our Prayer Lives by Dr. Ryan Wilson

Karen McMillin will often send me funny comments of children who are learning about faith and the church. I hope you'll enjoy this one as you think about how we communicate with God:

Little Carol came into the kitchen where her mother was making dinner. Her birthday was coming up and she thought this was a good time to tell her mother what she wanted. "Mom, I want a bike for my birthday." Now, Little Carol was a bit of a troublemaker. She had gotten into trouble at school and at home. Carol's mother asked her if she thought she deserved to get a bike for her birthday. Little Carol, of course, thought she did. Carol's mother, being a Christian woman, wanted her to reflect on her behavior over the last year, and write a letter to God and tell him why she deserved a bike for her birthday. Little Carol stomped up the steps to her room and sat down to write God a letter.

LETTER 1: *Dear God: I have been a very good girl this year and I would like a bike for my birthday. I want a red one. Your friend, Carol*

Carol knew this wasn't true. She had not been a very good girl this year, so she tore up the letter and started over.

LETTER 2: *Dear God: This is your friend Carol. I have been a pretty good girl this year, and I would like a red bike for my birthday. Thank you, Carol*

Carol knew this wasn't true either. She tore up the letter and started again.

LETTER 3: *Dear God: I know I haven't been a good girl this year. I am very sorry. I will be a good girl if you just send me a red bike for my birthday. Thank you, Carol*

Carol knew, even if it was true, this letter was not going to get her a bike. By now, she was very upset. She went downstairs and told her mother she wanted to go to church. Carol's mother thought her plan had worked because Carol looked very sad. 'Just be home in time for dinner,' her mother said. Carol walked down the street to the church and up to the altar. She looked around to see if anyone was there. She picked up a statue of the Virgin Mary, slipped it under her jacket and ran out of the church, down the street, into her house and up to her room. She shut the door and sat down and wrote her letter to God.

LETTER 4: ***I GOT YOUR MAMA. IF YOU WANT TO SEE HER AGAIN, SEND THE BIKE. Signed, YOU KNOW WHO***

How do you communicate with God? Do you try to hold God ransom? Do we treat God like a genie in a lamp? Is prayer only for times of emergency?

For many of us, our first understanding of prayer is that it gets us what we want. Jesus tells us, "Whatever you ask in my name will be given." But any loving parent will not grant immature or dangerous wishes. Hopefully, we will grow to deeper understandings of prayer than just asking as we continue our faith journey. Prayer at its highest, you might say, is not so much asking God for things as it is asking God for God...it is truly wanting to commune with God for guidance, companionship and the joy of sharing our lives with God and others. The Psalmists even remind us that some of our prayers have nothing to do with asking or receiving, but rather just reflect on God's goodness, majesty, or mystery. Harry Emerson Fosdick once said that the real test of a person's faith is prayer. If we never pray, we do not have a relationship with God whether we think we do or not. Let me encourage all of us to simply take time to develop our relationship with God...most importantly through prayer.

Ryan

During this month the Sanctuary Choir will begin learning our Easter cantata, *Come Walk with Me* by Pepper Choplin. It is on order and we will begin rehearsals as soon as it arrives. I would like to encourage all choir members to come sing with us. You are missed when you are not here. We always welcome new members who want to help us worship through music.

Our Youth choir will resume rehearsals and prepare to sing in our March, April, and May services. They blessed our hearts this fall and Christmas by singing monthly. Karon Nation, as their leader, does an outstanding job of relating to our youth and teaching them the music for worship and choir tours.

The kick-off for our children's musical was Sunday night, January 23. Their rehearsals will be on Sunday nights for the musical and Wednesday night rehearsals will focus on learning musical concepts and preparing songs to present in our worship services in the next few months. Thank you, parents, for bringing your children here to sing for God's glory and for them to learn and worship through music.

February 6 will be the next rehearsal for Trinity Ringers at 5:00pm in the Men's Bible Class. All ringers and choir members will receive rehearsal schedules for the spring. Thank you for being so faithful and for sharing your talents so we can worship and serve God each week.

Keep a song in your heart! Jo

Children and Outreach

Jessica Williams

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February brings a full schedule of ministry opportunities for our children. The 1st- 5th graders will continue their rehearsals for *Kings, Dreams, and Schemes* on Sunday nights. Children in 3K, 4K, and 5K will begin their Bible study on February 13. We will meet for five Sundays, February 13- March 13, as these times coincide with the study for parents, *The Five Love Languages of Children*. So, mark your calendars and make Sunday nights a family event at church.

All children, 3K- 5th grade, are invited to join us on Wednesday nights for Music and Missions. This is a time where children learn music and prepare to sing in our worship services, as well as learn about our CBF missionaries. On February 16, our children will go on a mission trip to Our Daily Rest. Parents, if you would like to drive and chaperone, please sign up on the children's ministry board. Our mission trips are always a fun event as we share God's love with those around us.

I know that many of you are making spring and summer plans, so here are some important upcoming dates in our children's ministry:

Easter Egg Hunt: April 16

Vacation Bible School: June 27- July 1

Camp Prism (an overnight camp for completed 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders): July 12-15

As you may recall, I preached a message that focused on Jesus as our salvation and our comfort on January 2. Jesus is Emmanuel- God with us, even in the valley of the shadow of death. And you have been the hands and feet of Jesus Christ for us. January was a difficult month for Darren and me as we balanced life in Seneca and driving back and forth to the Baptist Hospital to see Darren's dad. You all provided a true sanctuary from the winds that were blowing. Even as we called to check on you and as we visited you, you asked about Darren's dad and you asked how we were doing. Your outpouring of love and care continued in your cards, phone calls, messages, and your visits at the funeral home and at the funeral. You truly have ministered to us these past few weeks and we are grateful to have you as our friends and church family. We love you!

Grace and peace,
Jessica

Tony Vincent

Minister of Christian Education

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Growing Together!

Check out the opportunities for adult discipleship and growth beginning in February here at Trinity! Find your place!

- ◆ Each Sunday morning at 9:30, Sunday School, including new *Empty Nesters* class
- ◆ Sunday, February 6th, at 6:00, and Tuesdays at 9:30am, Women's Ministry's 10 week study, "*Here and Now...There and Then*"
- ◆ Sunday, February 13th, at 6:00pm, 5-week studies of *The Five Love Languages of Children*, and *The Five Love Languages of Teenagers* ***For parents, grandparents, and caregivers!***
- ◆ Tuesday mornings at 7:00am, *Men's Devotional and Breakfast* Bring \$1 for a biscuit!
- ◆ Wednesday Nights in February, 6:30pm, *The Ten Commandments*

Growing Leaders and Disciples

Mark your calendars for *Saturday, March 19th* and *Sunday, March 20th*, as we will be hosting an Educational Event here at Trinity. This time will be led by Bo Prosser and Devita Parnell from CBF's Congregational Life office, as well as other youth and childrens specialists.

Saturday, March 20th

- ◆ 3:00-5:30pm, Breakout sessions on leading Adult, Youth, and Children Studies and Programming (How to be a better leader!)
- ◆ 5:30-6:30pm, Dinner and plenary session

Sunday, March 21st

- ◆ 9:30am, "How to be a better Sunday School class-member" led by Bo Prosser, or a parenting focus with Devita Parnell
- ◆ 10:30am, Morning worship, sermon by Bo Prosser

Youth News

Darren Williams

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Youth Choir Starts, February 6 (5:00-6:00)

It is not too late to join Youth Choir. It will start on February 6th in the choir room. Karon Nation has been working on getting songs together and Linda is ready to break it down on the piano. The youth choir will practice every Sunday night at 5:00 in February except during the Ski Retreat.

Super Bowl Party, February 6 (6:00-until)

Following choir practice the youth will watch the Super Bowl in the youth room. Kickoff is at 6:30. Come and cheer on either the Steelers or the Packers. Food will be provided and we will vote on our favorite commercials.

Ski Trip Parent Meeting, February 13 (4:00)

Please make plans to attend the Ski Retreat parent meeting in the church fellowship hall. At this meeting you will need to bring Medical Release Forms, copy of your insurance card, and final payment. If you have not received a Ski Retreat letter in the mail by February 4, please let Darren know.

Ski Retreat, February 25-28

We will meet after school on Friday, February 25 to pack up the trailer and depart for our ski retreat. A packing list was included in the parent letter and is also available on the church website. We will eat, ski, and sleep on Saturday and Sunday. Monday morning we will leave Princeton by 10:00 and be back in Seneca around 5:00. If you have any questions about the trip, please let Darren know.

Thank you...

The true character of a congregation is not fully understood until a crisis occurs that is greater than your own threshold. The love and support that Trinity Baptist showed toward me during my father's battle with cancer and for my family and me during our grief has been a blessing. You stopped me in the halls to get an update on his condition, you prayed more often than I can possibly know, you came to the viewing and the funeral, and you allowed me to spend time with family after his loss. I am very grateful and cannot thank you enough.

Darren

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WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

DEACONS

6-Al LeRoy 13-Sue Laird 20-Stephen Scruggs 27-Jim Tagtmeyer

USHERS

6-Gregg Davis, Gerry Dilworth, Jim Jackson, Frank Shaw, David Skyles, Jim Tagtmeyer

13-Kent Norman, Dale Hopkins, Joe Robinson, Buddy Poole, John Vaught, Tommy Shaver

20-Tim Hydrick, Scott Foster, Chuck Middleton, Tony Williams, Greg Nimmons, Hazel McAlister

27-Junior Bearden, Josh Barker, Will Derrick, Anthony Smith, John Fassino, Jason Crawford

COUNTING COMMITTEE

6-Josh Barker, Buddy Poole, Kent Norman

13-Martin Hemphill, Greg Towe, Shirley Headapohl

20-Pat Cromer, John Harbin, Jack Dodd

27-Anthony Smith, Joe Robinson

SOUND SYSTEM

6-Chuck Middleton 13-Chris Davis 20-Drew Merck

27-Stephen Scruggs

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

6-Gary Duncan 13-Jim Tagtmeyer 20-John Fassino

27-John Huston

NURSERY

6-Kevin & Andrea Braner, Aubrey Giacomelli, Brian & Rebecca Sires, Brittany Towe, Elaine Turner, Kristen Vincent, Kelley Williams

13-Teri & Kristen Elliott, Laura & Addison Land, Rocky & Karon Nation, Mollie & Mary Grace Smith, Julia Towe, Ed & Norma Townsend, Kristen Williams

20-John & Jamie Crum, Elizabeth Evans, Ginny Howell, John, Jill & Chelsea Huston, Jeff & Becky Nix, Morgan Townsend

27-Cheryl Arledge, Keith & Debra Hart, Bruce & Jenifer Ramsey, Pam & Garrison Scruggs, Kay Wilson, Jessica Wright

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

6-Neil & Corry Fassino 13-Emily Derrick & Leigh O'Brien

20-Brittany Towe & Kelley Williams 27-Gary & Sharon Duncan

FLOWERS

6-Mr. & Mrs. Jim Miller

13-Mr. & Mrs. Lanny Sullivan

20-Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Middleton

27-Mr. & Mrs. Dubby Robinson

If you place flowers in the sanctuary and do not pick them up by Tuesday morning, they will be delivered to shut-ins.

Wednesday Night Supper Menus

(suppers include dessert and beverage)

2-Baked spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread, P&J sandwiches

9-Ranch chicken, pineapple casserole, broccoli salad, chicken Nuggets

16-Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, grilled cheese sandwiches

23-Ham, macaroni & cheese, pinto beans, cornbread, cole slaw, corn dogs

Wednesday Night Serving Crew

2-Francis Bell, Marie Massey, Dean Scruggs, Nancy Sutherland

9-Betsy Burkett, Gary & Eileen Jones, Barbara Hopkins

16-Glenda Condrey, Mike & Martha Hammett, Sue Laird

23-Mac & Karen McMillin, Jim Miller, Jeanette Todd

Wednesday Night Clean-up Crew

2-Francis Bell, Steve Carwile, Layvonne Foster, John Huston, Charlie & Debbie Simmons

9-Curtis & Susan Brock, Cherry Bell, Dale Hopkins, Hazel

McAlister, Tony Williams, Barbara Yuda

16-Ron & Carla Gambrell, Al Shadwick, Frank Shaw, Judy Stancil, Joel Ward, Kay Wilson

23-David Jeffcoat, Pam Scruggs, Jim Miller, Frank & Pam Cantrell, Angie Sherrill, Kay Wilson

Staff Birthday :

Susan Brock - February 22nd



In memory of

Sonny Bailey

December 12, 2010

Building, Growing, Serving Capital Campaign

Can you believe that our three-year Building, Growing, Serving Capital Campaign will conclude the end of March? Many of you have said you will complete your pledge right on time, so we have two months to do so. Some of you have told us that you need a little more time to complete your pledges, and that is certainly understandable with the difficult economy of the last couple of years. Others of you have already completed your pledges early and that will help us borrow less money. What I want to convey is thank you to everyone for your sacrificial giving. We have just pulled off the 1.55 million strip and hope to reach our three-year campaign goal of 1.75 million in the near future.

Knowing that the total cost of the project is 2.6 million, the deacons have asked our executive and steering committees of the campaign to help us with a 2-year campaign to help complete the vision. You will be receiving a brochure about the 2-year campaign in March and everyone will be asked to participate by pledging at our worship service on April 10. We simply ask everyone to give as the Lord leads. Obviously, this two year campaign will help us to reduce the amount of money that we borrow and pay off any money that we borrow as quickly as possible. We will have visible work going on, so everyone will quickly see the bricks and mortar that you are paying for. What we will not immediately see, that may be even more important, are the lives effected and changed due to these efforts.

Most importantly, continue to pray for Building, Growing, Serving. Ask God to use the new and renovated facilities for God's glory!



A TASTE IF TRINITY... With over 600 recipes from members and friends our cook book will be available to purchase before S.S. and after worship during the month of Feb. A member of the cookbook committee will be located outside the fellowship hall. If you have a gift card please bring it with you. The cost is \$15.00 and all proceeds will go toward our building fund. Enjoy!

Women's Bible Study

"Here and Now... There and Then" by Beth Moore

Cost is \$11.00 for the 10 week study book

The Sunday night study begins February 6th at 6:00pm
The Tuesday morning study begins February 15th at 9:30am with Becky Buckhiester leading the study.



January has been an unusual month for the Preschool. We actually have been out more than we have been here. The children enjoyed the snow but now we are ready for SPRING.

We are registering for our 2011 - 2012 school year now. If any church members or their families would like to enroll a child in our 2 - 5K classes please pick up a registration form in the Preschool hallway. Please return these to the Preschool office before February 15. We will open to the public on the 15th. Please call if you have any questions.

Thank you for supporting our Preschool program.
Susan



How powerful is prayer - I am living proof! How can I ever thank my church family? All the prayers, cards, call, beautiful acts of kindness (not just for me but for my loved ones) let us know how blest we are to be in this wonderful family of God called Trinity.

Love and Blessings to all,
The Debbie & Gregg Davis Family

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I would like to thank my Trinity family and friends for all the generous outpouring of gifts, love, compliments and appreciation for me during this beautiful season of giving and receiving and especially God's grace and love. This has certainly been one of the special times of my life and I continue to look to God to be a witness through my music and life. As Jo says, "Keep a song in your heart".

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,
Linda Hobbs



We welcome Charles and Pauline Langston to our church family. They joined on January 23, 2011 by letter from a sister church. Charles and Pauline reside at 310 Horseshoe Dr. Seneca, SC 29678 and their phone number is 882-4289.