

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.

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“Is Church Attendance Good for Anything?”

by

Dr. Ryan Wilson

There are many skeptics of church, and there is no doubt that the Church is not a perfect organization or people. But Jeff Nix sent me an article from the USA Today suggesting that what accounts for the level of life satisfaction has a lot to do with church attendance and having close friends at church. A study released in the *American Sociological Review* suggests that religious people report a higher level of well-being compared with the non-religious.

Part of the article reads: *Attending religious services regularly and having close friends in the congregation are key to having a happier, more satisfying life. Even attending services irregularly—just several times a year—increases a sense of well-being, so long as there is a circle of friendships within the community and a strong, shared religious identity.*

When people with similar levels of church attendance are compared, the key factors determining happiness are the social aspect of religion and a shared religious connection built around identity and belonging. Ninety percent of the correlation between church attendance and life satisfaction can be explained if you have these close interactions. According to the finding on religion and life satisfaction, 33% of people who attend religious services every week and have three to five close friends in their congregation report being “extremely satisfied” with their lives.

The report suggests that having the ability to call on people for social support and having a high trust level in congregations are crucial for people’s well-being. I think that we have both of these at Trinity. Another unique thing about Trinity is that we have folks from every generation. I hope that you are making friends not only in your Sunday School classes or other small groups, but also across generational lines. The New Testament uses the Greek word *koinonia* to describe fellowship within the church. Fellowship and friendships are vital to growing in Christ and one’s satisfaction with life.

In 2011, let me encourage you to enhance friendships through small groups in Sunday School, Bible Study groups, and choirs. You can also come and get to know new folks through Wednesday night suppers or sitting in different areas of the sanctuary during worship. This year, we will be having some fellowship times that will also be fundraisers for our Building Fund (Skit night, Golf Tourney, Reverse Beauty Pageant, etc.). Come and get involved. Through all of these, I hope you will find close friends at church and be enriched by having friends from multiple generations. And hopefully, through the church and your circle of friends, you will be “extremely satisfied” with your life.

Ryan

As we begin a new year, we look forward to seeing our new sanctuary being built. It has been exciting to see how the ground is being prepared for the building to be erected.

I would like to thank all who helped us to worship during Advent through music. We were honored to have the Honors Chorale and Madrigals from Seneca High to sing for our worship service. All three of our children's choirs, our youth choir, our sanctuary choir, our Trinity Ringers and a special ensemble, led by Gregg Davis, presented music of Christmas to help us to worship through the carols of Christmas. I am so fortunate to have such talented leaders and singers who are willing to give of their time and talents to serve through our music ministry. Their love for God and for music is evident in their dedication to sing joyfully and rehearse faithfully. May we all keep a song in our hearts throughout this new year! Jo

Children and Outreach

Jessica Williams

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Where did 2010 go? As I reflect on 2010, I remember ministry events like *The Rock Slinger*, the Easter Egg Hunt, *Joseph: From Prison to Palace*, and our Family Missions Evening. I remember those special Sunday morning services when children were baptized and took their first communion. I remember the late night giggles and the sleep talking from Camp Prism. I remember the smiles on our senior adult faces' as we visited them on our Music and Missions Wednesday nights. I remember how I saw Christ's face on countless occasions as I ministered with the children here at Trinity.

As we look ahead to 2011, the children's committee and I will continue to keep coming back to our children's ministry mission statement, which is "to provide activities for the children of Trinity Baptist Church that share and teach the love of Christ so they may be empowered and encouraged to share that love with others." The children's committee members will be asking you to get involved and to help us in our ministry to and with children! If you don't know, our children's committee members are Cherry Bell, Tracey Crawford, Emily Derrick, Gary Duncan, Corry Fassino, Debra Hart, Felicia Leroy, and Jennifer Shoemaker. If you have ideas, please feel free to share those with any one of us.

Ms. Laura will begin rehearsals for the spring musical later this month. Please check the children's ministry bulletin board or our church website for more information on upcoming events like spring Bible studies, Camp Prism, and VBS.

As for outreach, I encourage you to see how you can reach out to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, the cashiers in the grocery stores and in the fast-food lines! Being a Christian, a Christ-follower, requires us that we live the life. I pray that we each seek to follow Christ and to strive to be like Christ with all our minds, hearts, and strength in 2011!

Grace and peace,
Jessica

Nominating Committee and Budget Ballot Results

2011 Nominating Committee: Passed with 91 yes votes

2011 Budget: Passed with 89 yes votes and 2 no votes

Tony Vincent

Minister of Christian Education

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Hearing and Reading and Studying the Faith

Each Sunday during Advent you heard words at the beginning of each service from some of the great lions of the faith: Martin Luther King, Jr., Thomas Merton, John Claypool, and others. It is important as we grow in our faith that we are challenged by the words of those who have gone before us on this journey of faithfulness. Hear how they wrestle with the call to follow Christ, hear how they manifest that call in their lives, and be strengthened by their gifts of writings. Want suggestions on who to read? See me, and I'll point you in a direction!

New Sunday School Class—January 9th, 9:30am

If you haven't yet found a Sunday School home here at Trinity, the New Year is a great opportunity to do so. See me for suggestions! On January 9th, a new class will begin, targeting "Empty Nesters," those whose children are preparing to or have recently left home. Come join me in Room 203 as we begin this new class together!

Winter Bible Study—January 9th, 6:00-7:00pm

Come join our Winter Bible Study, a four-week look at the Sermon on the Mount. Dr. Todd Wilson, retired senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Clemson and member of our church, will lead this study. Todd has a wealth of knowledge and a casual teaching style that will engage you as we look at this great passage that communicates the essentials of following Christ. Childcare will be provided!

A Personal Thanks!

Thanks for the kindness you have shown Kristen and me, especially during the Christmas season. You have once again opened your homes and your hearts to us in a special way, and we are grateful for that gift!

Youth News

Darren Williams

985-3795

Welcome of the Real World for Juniors and Seniors, Sunday January 9 (5:00-7:30)

As juniors and seniors get ready to face life on their own, they need to be ready for a few challenges. On January 9th we will go through different scenarios from balancing a checkbook and doing laundry to handling conflicts with roommates. I will elicit some help from college students to plan the night. After the challenge, we will all go out to eat together.

Youth Committee Meeting, January 12 (7:15)

The youth committee will welcome several new members on January 12th. At this first meeting together, we will look at the changes in the youth ministry for 2011 and begin to develop a vision and a theme for the year. Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

Looking Ahead

Sunday night activities will kick off on February 6th with youth choir practice from 5:00-6:00. Following choir practice we will have a Super Bowl Party. More details will be coming soon!

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WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

DEACONS

2-Al LeRoy 9-Greg Nimmons 16-Keith Sherrill
23-Josh Barker 30-Sue Laird

USHERS

2&30-Junior Bearden, Josh Barker, Will Derrick, Anthony Smith,
John Fassino, Jason Crawford
9-Gregg Davis, Gerry Dilworth, Jim Jackson, Frank Shaw, David
Skyles, Jim Tagtmeyer
16-Kent Norman, Dale Hopkins, Joe Robinson, Buddy Poole, John
Vaught, Tommy Shaver
23-Tim Hydrick, Scott Foster, Chuck Middleton, Tony
Williams, Greg Nimmons, Hazel McAlister

COUNTING COMMITTEE

2-Josh Barker, Buddy Poole, Kent Norman
9-Martin Hemphill, Greg Towe, Shirley Headapohl
16-Pat Cromer, John Harbin, Jack Dodd
23-Anthony Smith, Joe Robinson, John Fassino
30-Wendy Evans, Hazel Smith, Jim Tagtmeyer

SOUND SYSTEM

2-Greg Towe 9-Anthony Smith 16-Al LeRoy
23-Aaron Norman 30-Josh Barker

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

2-John Huston 9-Joe Robinson 16-Howard Grant
23-Kevin & Wendell Pope 30-Harry Stancil

NURSERY

2-Teri & Kristen Elliott, Laura & Addison Land, Rocky & Karon
Nation, Mollie & Mary Grace Smith, Julia Towe, Ed & Norma
Townsend, Kristen Williams
9-John & Jamie Crum, Elizabeth Evans, Ginny Howell, John, Jill &
Chelsea Huston, Jeff & Becky Nix, Morgan Townsend
16-Cheryl Arledge, Keith & Debra Hart, Bruce & Jenifer Ramsey,
Pam & Garrison Scruggs, Kay Wilson, Jessica Wright
23-Josh & Sara Barker, Jason & Tracy Crawford, Barry & Michell
Duvall, Jessica & Ansley Gardner, Al & Jennifer Shadwick
30-Cherry Bell, Emily Derrick, Anna, Austin & Susan Eades, Sherry
McGuffin, Leigh O'Brien, Kim Phillis, Gail Rosier

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

2-Amy and Jenna Zeilstra
9-Michelle Duvall and Jennifer Shadwick
16-Cherry Bell and Wendell Pope
23-Becky Nix and Paige Quarles
30-Al and Felicia LeRoy

FLOWERS

2-Jeanette Todd 9-Mr & Mrs. Harry Stancil
16-Mr. & Mrs. Don Calvert 23-Mr. & Mrs. Bill McAlister
30-Mr. & Mrs. Gary Duncan

*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)

5-Soup & chili cook-off
12-Ranch chicken, baked potatoes, tossed salad, corn dogs
19-Country style steak & gravy, rice, green beans, cole slaw,
grilled cheese sandwiches
26-Breakfast: eggs, grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits & gravy

Wednesday Night Serving Crew

5-Francis Bell, Marie Massey, Dean Scruggs, Nancy
Sutherland
12-Betsy Burkett, Gary & Eileen Jones, Barbara Hopkins
19-Glenda Condrey, Mike & Martha Hammett, Sue Laird
26-Mac & Karen McMillin, Jim Miller, Jeanette Todd

Wednesday Night Clean-up Crew

5-Francis Bell, Steve Carwile, Layvonne Foster, John Huston,
Charlie & Debbie Simmons
12-Curtis & Susan Brock, Cherry Bell, Dale Hopkins, Hazel
McAlister, Tony Williams, Barbara Yuda
19-Ron & Carla Gambrell, Al Shadwick, Frank Shaw, Judy Stancil,
Joel Ward, Kay Wilson
26-David Jeffcoat, Pam Scruggs, Jim Miller, Frank & Pam Cantrell,
Angie Sherrill, Kay Wilson



Staff Anniversary Date:
Jessica Williams - January , 2008