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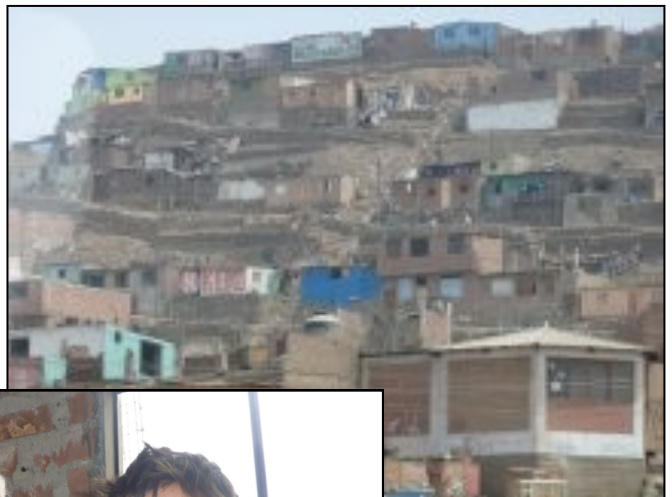
# MISSION SUNDAY

By Pastor Joe

According to Trinity's Mission Statement, "We seek in the name of Jesus, to give hope by making a tangible difference in our local and global community." Our recently completed mission trip to Peru is one of the ways we as a community of faith sought to give hope by making a tangible difference in the lives of those we served. Notice the words WE SERVED, because our Mission Team represented the Trinity Presbyterian Church community, who raised funds, prayed, and offered whatever support needed so that our mission team might travel to make that tangible difference on a global scale. Lives were touched, projects started, and some were completed.

On **Sunday February 12th**, as part of our worship service, we will celebrate the ministry we did in Peru. We will hear stories from those who went, see conditions under which they served, and the faces of those helped and the helpers, because it was a mission trip in partnership with the Presbyterian Church in Peru, who coordinated all of our efforts.

As part of our celebration, we will gather for a delicious spaghetti and salad lunch. During lunch there will be table activities, displays and a short program. Our Mission team members will make themselves available for questions and answers also during this time. A free-will offering will be received to cover the cost of the lunch and to contribute to the work of the mission committee. Please RSVP for the luncheon via your Link cards during worship service or by calling the church office at 336-0665.



## Musings . . . By Pastor Joe

FB otherwise known as Facebook, has been an interesting addition to my life. I am now friends with people from high school on Facebook that I didn't even like at the time, and not quite sure I would should we ever meet again. Distance and time have a way of smoothing things out. I am even friends with people I don't even know but who know people I do know. Believe it or not I am friends with people I don't know who are friends with people they don't know but somewhere down the line some one knows somebody that we both know or at least know about. Funny how this so called social networking works. Some of the connections are welcomed reconnections, and some are welcomed new connections. I have learned more information than I cared to know from some and been intrigued by others. I have a lot of friends on Facebook who are Christian, and some who are even authors. As connected as we are, FB is not church. It is a place of very limited social interaction. Expressing a few thoughts for the day, or that minute or hour, and getting some follow-up comments or likes is nice, but it isn't nearly as deep as one on one or three on one, in a class or over a cup of coffee. I always tell people that church is where my friends are and it is also where my enemies are. Church is a place where we have to learn how to live and work together for the common good which for Christians is the kingdom of God. Church is the place where I love my friends and my enemies. It is always easier to live and work with people who are like us and who like us. Jesus comment on that is, "So what." There is nothing particularly Godly or even Christian about that, because if God operated that way where would we all be?

## 2ND WIND AARP DRIVING COURSE

By Lee Hicks

The Southminster Sages are sponsoring the AARP Driver Safety class for older adults in our community. The class will be held at Southminster on **Thurs. Feb. 9th** from 9 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.. The new schedule consists of instruction with a break for a bag lunch at noon. To register, all Susan at the Southminster church office at 375-5330. You may pay the registration fee at class (\$14 for non-members of AARP or \$12 for AARP members).

In 2009, Harvey Pitman, taught a Senior AARP Safe driving class at Trinity. Besides sharpening your driving knowledge and skills, the class qualifies for an insurance reduction. You need to take the class every 3 years to keep getting this reduction. This one-day class has 6 hours of instruction with a break for a sack lunch. Harvey is willing to hold a class again this June, if we have enough people attend. If you are interested, phone the church office now at 336-0665.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Susan Fry

We have started a new quarter of Gospel Light curriculum in our Sunday School classes. I wanted to keep parents apprised of what your children are currently studying.

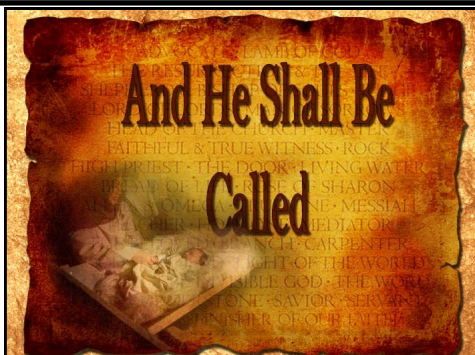
Our 2-5 year old class is focused on the theme of "Jesus Loves Me". They are learning about Jesus birth, teaching, miracles and parables. The 6-8 year old class is focused on the theme of, "The Messiah Arrives" and are hearing about Jesus birth, boyhood and teachings. In the 9-11 year old class, their theme is "Gods' Plan, Family and Salt & Light". They are learning about Jesus the perfect atonement, getting along in a family and making a difference in life.

We hope that parents complete a Sunday School registration card for their child(ren). You can fill out the registration card on-line at [www.tpcboise.org](http://www.tpcboise.org), choose the ministry tab, and then the children's section.

## SERMON SERIES: U-TURN CHRISTIANITY

**February 5th:**  
Jesus son of David  
Mark 12:35-37

**February 12th:**  
Mission Sunday  
Peru Mission Trip Members will be sharing about their trip to Peru this past November.



**February 19th:**  
Jesus son of God:  
Mark 14:61-52

**February 26th:**  
New Sermon Series begins:  
"Seven Ways to Sabotage Your Walk with God."

## ADULT EDUCATION

By Pastor Joe

This winter I have been preaching a series based upon the conversion story of the twelve apostles in contrast to the famous conversion story of the Apostle Paul. As we have seen both scripturally and personally, there is a difference between making a decision for Christ, and being a disciple of Christ. The difference is that of life direction, change or what some people call transformation or conversion. It can be sudden, or a process. What both ways have in common is an experiential encounter with God, meaning that a relationship with God is a living breathing reality. There are a number of ways to enhance our relationship with God. Starting January 26<sup>th</sup> I will be leading a study on Contemplative Bible Reading. Contemplative Bible Reading is not about technical Bible study focusing on names, or dates or authorship. It is about an approach to meditating, praying, and contemplating what God is revealing through the Bible. It will be as much about listening to God through the scripture as the scripture itself. In a smaller group format there will be plenty of time for questions, sharing, and reflection. Come join the study on January 26 at 1:30 at Moxie Java on Apple, or later that evening at 7:00pm at my house 2155 Ridgepoint Way, Boise. Upcoming discipleship building opportunities this year will be, Spiritual journaling, Meditative Prayer, and Writing Your Spiritual Autobiography.

Tom Rasmussen will continue to lead his Sunday Morning Study in the Gospel of John at 9:00 Sunday morning, and childcare will be available if needed for parents with younger children. Tom will also be developing an Adult Education component focusing on Marriage and Family themes. Stay tuned for these announcements.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are excited to announce that Trinity's 2012 Vacation Bible School will be the week of **July 23rd - 27th**, 9:30 - 12:00 noon each day. We will be using Group Publishing's, SKY curriculum whose theme is "Everything is possible with God." Mark 10:27.

Please save the dates and tell your friends so your children, grandchildren and neighbors, ages 4 - 6th grade, will be able to attend. Watch the newsletter and Spark for more information as we get closer to the summer.

By Susan Fry



## FAMILIES AND FAITH

By Judy McKay, Parish Associate for Family Ministries

I have begun my ministry at Trinity by asking the question, "How are families and children supported by our congregation?" Certainly we offer education activities for children and youth and occasional mission and fellowship opportunities. Some parents may be participating in adult education, and we usually find a number of families worshipping together. This keeps a number of volunteers & professionals pretty busy and we probably think we are doing all the right things to involve families in the church. However we can do much more to provide support for families. It is important that we do this because the family is the primary agency for faith-building in children and for passing on the Christian faith from generation to generation.

In the midst of all of the confusion, challenge and messiness of family life it is the parents who model Christian behavior, moral teaching, respect for the created world, and basic values. In loving their children and providing for their needs, parents show children what God is like, and help them to develop trust. So churches need to look deeply into the messages we communicate to families, and into the education we offer to parents, as well as the programs we provide for children and youth.

It will be my pleasure to develop some new ways to minister to families, and I look forward to leading some support groups and education opportunities for parents of children and parents of youth; to providing a seasonal family ministry newsletter, with suggested faith supporting activities; to planning some family gatherings; to meeting with anyone who would like some encouragement; and to getting to know all of you. I hope that families and others in the church will develop a fine partnership, in which we all work together to live the Christian life in an era that is full of challenges for families and individuals.

## CREATE COMMON GOOD FARM SHARES FOR SALE

One of Trinity's on-going Mission projects is that we have partnered with Create Common Good (CCG) to grow crops on our land every year. CCG is a non-profit organization that provides training and employment to refugees and others in need. Their experimental programs transform lives and enrich communities. CCG builds upon the generosity and creativity of our volunteers and partners, because we all have something to give. On occasion, throughout the year, Trinity congregants have the opportunity to go and help work in the fields.

Create Common Good is now selling 2012 farm shares. There are two options. Full shares include weekly veggies (6-8 family sized meal portions, 2-3 herb varieties) for the entire season. That's about 25 or so weeks! Full shares cost \$425. Full share customers enjoy two pick up options: at our farm (4750 S. Surprise Wy. 83716 on Sunday or Thursday) or at Dunia Market (1609 N. 13th St., 83702 on Thursday). For an extra \$150, we will gladly deliver to your home. Half shares are also available and include the same amount of veggies about 10 times throughout the growing season. Half share customers may pick up produce at our farm on Sunday or Thursday.



This is a great way to eat over the summer and fall and very cost effective. Contact Tyler Smith ([tyler@createcommongood.org](mailto:tyler@createcommongood.org)) or go to the website to sign up or for more information. We hope that you'll join us this season! Thank you!

### STEWARDSHIP

By TyAnn Drake

Thank-you to all who are continuing to pledge and all the new pledges. Trinity has a vital ministry in SE Boise and we want to make sure that all who come through our doors have a warm place to feel loved. Your giving to the general operation budget of Trinity makes things happen. No gift is too small. Your session sees that every dollar is used to the glory of God. Blessings from the life of the church.

### MOMS

By Melissa Hartman

The next MOMS group meeting will be held **Sunday, February 12, 2011 from 5-7 PM**. We will be coming together for dinner and fellowship. Special guest speaker Lorene Rasmussen will be joining us. There will also be crafts for children. If you are a mother, please join us. Nursery care is available. Please contact Sheila Giffen at 333-0543 with any questions.

### BABARA SPENCER

"Remembering the church in your will", is a line we sometimes see in church bulletins and newsletters. Longtime Trinity member, Barbara Spencer, did not just read those words but took them to heart. Barbara recently left the church over \$34,000 from her estate. To which we as a congregation are extremely thankful. Leaving some of your estate to the church is one more way of expressing gratitude to God for the blessings received during this lifetime, and empowering those ministries to continue after we are gone. Thank you Barbara for making an investment in Trinity's future.

### THANK YOU

To our Trinity family, Bill and I would like to thank you all for the support, love, prayers, food, hugs, and encouragement over the past year. You have stood beside us every step of the way helping us deal with the loss of my brother, my mother, and now my father. Bill and I have seen the hand of God revealed in so many ways. We have been witness to the healing power of the Lord through your cards. God has been with us in every detail of each loss. God has worked in our hearts and minds to go the distance. We would not have been able to do it without putting him first in our life. God does have a plan for us and He will see us through. Trinity is a community of love, faith, and family. Our hearts are humbled, our lives are better because of all of you. Words seem small in comparison to all you have done and continue to do. To God be the glory. Love TyAnn & Bill Drake

## FUSED YOUTH GROUP

By Jesse Fadel

Owned. The word brings up all kinds of imagery, from pictures of slavery to YouTube videos of kids throwing themselves into rails on skateboards (getting PWNED). For Fused students, getting Owned by the gospel was our goal this January at Winter Camp.

January 6-8, 15 Jr. High Students and January 20-22, 30 High School students went to McCall, Id for a weekend of fun, worship, hanging with friends and time to ponder what surrendering to Jesus looks like. Despite some warm



weather setbacks (missing tubing) we were able to enjoy God's beautiful creation and spent some time relaxing and meeting new friends. We went cross country skiing, played ultimate Frisbee in the snow, and owned each other in foosball, pool, and ping pong. The speakers and bands helped us to draw closer to God and they challenged us to consider surrendering to Jesus rather than slavery to sin.

We're looking forward to building on the excitement from camp and pray that God will continue to work in us individually and as a group as we move on from the weekends. Thanks to all the Trinity students who attended this year's winter camps - Owned 2012. **Youth group meets every Wednesday night at Trinity from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** There is always free pizza, fun times, worship, and great Biblical discussions. Come check it out!

## NEW JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Beginning **February 5, at 9:15**, a new Junior High Youth class will Kick Off. Joel and Janet Lund, both trained Youth ministers in a former life, will teach the class. The students will learn about Paul, Zacchaeus, Mary and Martha and other personalities in the New Testament. They will learn that the very same power that equipped the apostles for ministry then, is available to them today. They will also learn how their faith story intersects with the story of those early Christians. The class is available for students in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade through the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and will meet in Pastor Joe's library.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year a Trinity Presbyterian College of Idaho Scholarship is made available through the Paul and Eleanor Tate Endowment Fund, and a Trinity Presbyterian Whitworth Scholarship is made available through the Catherine McSween Hill Trinity Presbyterian Whitworth College Matching Scholarship Fund.

### *Who may apply?*

Students who are members of Trinity or whose families are Trinity related will receive first preference. If no one from Trinity applies, students from other Presbyterian Churches in Boise Presbytery or Synod of the Pacific may be considered.

Students, Christian or non-Christian, graduate or undergraduates are considered in the following order:

1st: students who are members of Trinity Presbyterian Church

2nd: students who are active at Trinity, but not members

3rd: students who are not active at Trinity, but whose parents or guardians are members

4th: students who are not active at Trinity, but whose parents or guardians are active, but not members

Income levels are not used to decide who will receive the scholarship. The scholarship is intended to encourage students related to Trinity Presbyterian Church and/or Boise Presbytery to consider a Christian liberal arts college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

The application procedures and application forms can be obtained by contacting Kathy Nielsen at 342-5333 or via e-mail at [senkat@cableone.net](mailto:senkat@cableone.net). Deadline for applying for both of these scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Selection of the scholarship recipients will be May 15<sup>th</sup> 2012.

## JANUARY SESSION SUMMARY

by Susan Hartmann, Clerk of Session  
Session met on January 23rd

Treasurer Elder: Terry Calnon, reported that Donna Christensen, Treasurer, is resigning at the end of January. Terry will spend some time assessing the job requirements and will make a recommendation for a future hire.

Christian Education, Nursery-6th grade: Susan Fry's motions to hold Vacation Bible School July 23rd - 27th and to use Group's curriculum, Sky, passed.

Christian Education, Adult Elder: Tom Rasmussen's motion to allow Pastor Joe to teach a study on Richard Peace's book, Contemplative Bible Reading, passed. His 10-week study will be on Thursday afternoons at Moxie Java on Apple St. & in his home on Thursday nights. Women's Weds. Morning Bible Study & Deb Whitaker's Bible Study have both resumed.

Trinity Treasures Elder: Annette Slaybaugh's motion to approve Deb Whitaker as a member of the TT Advisory Board passed. Another motion, to increase Trinity Treasures Tuition Fees effective March 1, 2011, passed.

Evangelism Elder: Greg Collier, reported that Trinity's website is up and running. He encouraged all of us to promote various activities we are involved in through the website. He plans to continue with the website even though his term as an Elder has expired.

Building and Grounds, Elder: Jan Bissey, reported that the projector in the sanctuary is not functioning properly. The heavy snow brought a large leak in the kitchen. Create Common Good wants to install a fence around the garden on Trinity's property. Jan is working to resolve these issues.

Christian Education, Jr. High-College Elder: Stewart Wilder, reported that he met with Rev. Judy McKay for some brainstorming.

Missions, Elder: vacant. Sunday, Feb. 12th, will be Mission Sunday. The Mission team will share their experiences from their recent Peru trip.

Personnel Elder: vacant. Two motions were presented and both passed. The first was to accept the resignation of Kerry Calverley and the second was to accept the resignation of Donna Christensen as Treasurer. Donna had been Trinity's Treasurer for 30 years and she will be greatly missed.

The resignations of Deacons, Bill Drake & Glen Hogin were accepted.

	Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
<b>Trinity Presebyterian Church</b>			
<b>Revenues</b>			
	\$	\$	\$
Pledges	13,198	178,864	221,000
Loose Plate	7,937	68,174	56,100
Other	22,409	75,683	47,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>43,544</b>	<b>322,721</b>	<b>324,100</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Missions	0	6,000	6,000
Stewardship	0	455	600
Evangelism	0	916	2,300
Education - Adult	0	761	1,000
Education - to 6th Grade	0	815	2,000
Education-Youth	0	1,148	2,000
Membership	154	2,040	2,900
Worship	337	2,353	2,500
Admin/Finance	4,647	66,283	79,243
Maintenance	3,560	46,119	46,300
Personnel	14,592	174,855	176,534
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>23,290</b>	<b>301,745</b>	<b>321,377</b>
<b>Total TPC Operating Income</b>	<b>20,254</b>	<b>20,976</b>	<b>2,723</b>
<b>Trinity Treasures</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>			
Revenue - all sources	44,555	592,951	570,470
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries	35,248	371,063	373,000
Other Expenses	13,625	194,967	185,590
Transfer to Reserves	0	10,698	0
<b>Total TT Operating Income</b>	<b>(4,318)</b>	<b>16,223</b>	<b>11,880</b>
<b>Total Combined Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 15,936</b>	<b>\$ 37,199</b>	<b>\$ 14,603</b>

### BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Update as of December 31, 2011:

Pledges Received:	\$ 40,088
Principle & Interest Paid	\$(17,207)
Difference	\$22,881
Beginning Fund Balance	\$35,701
Cash Available	\$58,582
Working Capital Loan - Gen Fd	\$25,000
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$83,582</b>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			6 p.m. Praise Band Practice 7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir 7 p.m. Youth Group at Trinity	7:15 a.m. Women's Breakfast	7 a.m. Men's Breakfast	
			<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
			9:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6 p.m. Praise Band Practice 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Deb Whitaker's house 7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir 7 p.m. Youth Group at Trinity	9:15 a.m. Women's Breakfast 9:00 a.m. 2nd Wind AARP driving course at Southminster 1:30 & 7:00 p.m. Adult Ed class w/ Joe	7 a.m. Men's Breakfast	
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			<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>
			5:30 pm. Yoga 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #161	5:30 pm. Yoga 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #161	8:45 a.m. Adult study in the library 9:15 a.m. Jr. High Youth Class 10 a.m. Worship & Church School	8:45 a.m. Adult study in the library 9:15 a.m. Jr. High Youth Class 10 a.m. Worship & Church School

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## Upcoming Events

### **MISSION SUNDAY**

Sunday, February 12th during worship service our Peru Missionaries will be giving a presentation during the service about their trip to Peru this past November. Following will be celebration spaghetti & salad luncheon with a Q & A time, activities and more sharing time. Please RSVP for the luncheon by marking your Link card or by calling the church office at 336-0665.

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### **FUSED YOUTH GROUP**

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