

**TRINITY UNITED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**

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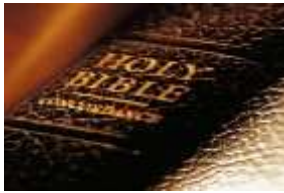
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“What’s Blooming in Your Life?”

It looks like we are finally turning the corner on old man winter and spring is headed our way. As I sit at my desk writing to you glancing at today’s date, I am reminded that exactly two years ago today---March 27, 2011, I was installed as your pastor. It’s amazing how time has flown. I am grateful to be at Trinity United and I pray that you have been equally blessed as well.

It has been a busy few months. We have just completed a wonderful season of Lent and are still basking in the glory of resurrection day. As most of you know, I embarked on a Lenten Journey which included daily bible reading and writing, as well changing my approach to eating. I have learned so much in the past 40 days about myself and the power of God living within me. We also established a theme for Lent: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* which served as a reminder to us of how much we have and often take for granted.

One very important lesson I learned on this journey is this: ***If you change your mind, you can change your life.*** What a powerful message. Everything begins with a thought. The change is not overnight, it happens one day at a time and over a period of time. Consistent attention given to God and to accomplishing our goals is what gets us to our change. Suddenly, you wake up one day and you no longer desire those things you

once thought you could not live without. Whatever needs changing in your life can change when you change.

On Resurrection Sunday, we are reminded that we are a forgiven people and should live as such. What does it mean to live in such a way? It means that we understand and internalize that Jesus paid a heavy price and took all of our sins upon him so that we might live as FREE people; free to make better choices according to the will of God. As a free and forgiven people we can do anything we set our minds to do. We can serve, care, love, give, encourage, pray and forgive others just as God in Christ has forgiven us. We can reframe the challenges in our lives and view them from a godly perspective. We can change because God created us, not to remain stuck and stagnant, but to grow and to change.

Happy Spring!

Pastor Lawson

Updated from the Session:

Music Director Position: The Personnel Team is currently accepting resumes for our Music Director Job opening. All interested parties are asked to contact the church office.

WORSHIP IN APRIL

April 7, 2013	Rev. 1:4-8	<i>Made for Service</i>
April 14, 2013	Acts 9:1-20	<i>Chosen Instrument</i>
April 21, 2013	Guest Preacher	
April 28, 2013	Guest Preacher	

CALENDAR ITEMS:

Nominating Team—They will begin their work for 2014 Elder and Deacon nominations Sunday, April 7, 2013 following worship.

New bowling League Begins—April 3 through May 22, 2013 (Wednesdays at 6:30pm)

Session Meeting—April 8, 2013 at 4:00pm

Ministry Fair—Sunday, April 21, 2013 during Coffee Hour

Game Night—Friday, April 19, 2013 from 5-7pm

Rummage Sale—April 26-27, 2013 9am-4pm both days

People can start bringing your items in to the church Multi-purpose room on Monday, April 22, 2013

2013 YOUTH MISSION PROJECT

The young adults and children are ready to spring into action and take part in mission work. We decided to begin this with our very own member and friends. As the spring approaches, maybe you have a light home improvement project, some yard work or a spring cleaning project, which requires extra hands. If you need help de-cluttering, or some assistance around the house, sign up for Trinity United's 2013 Youth Mission Project (from June through August). You can do so by sending your request to Elder Gary Brown: mastergb5@yahoo.com or call the church office and leave your request with Denise Clay. This is a wonderful way for us to fellowship while helping each other at the same time!

PASTORS VACATION AND STUDY LEAVE:

I would like to make a slight adjustment from last month notice.

As it stands, I was scheduled to be gone two Sundays: April 14th and April 21st. I would like to switch that to April 21st and April 28th. I will be here on Sunday, April 14th, but then my time off begins on April 15th returning to church on Monday, April 29th (total 9 vacation days with 2 Sundays and 4 study leave days).



TRINITY MUSIC SURVEY

The Committee on the Trinity Music Survey extends its thanks to members of the congregation who took time to respond thoughtfully to the music survey on January 27th. The results were very helpful in directing the committee to recommend what is needed in the music program and for the position of music director.

The survey showed that:

- There is presently just the right amount of music during the worship service.
- All the choirs are equally important.
- Both the piano and organ are necessary in the services.
- Guitar and horns are good additions to the music program.
- The vast majority of the congregation does sing regularly in a service.
- Hymns, traditional gospel and contemporary Christian music are the most favored music areas.
- There is a strong desire to experience more variety of instruments and congregants' music talent.
- The congregation is interested in having Celebration Sundays and guest performers.

Thank you again for your responses and for helping the committee's work to move forward.



A SPECIAL
ANNIVERSARY

Larry & Anne Shoup.....	5 th
Herbert & Jacquelyn McClellan.....	6 th
Denny & Sharon Bonney.....	26 th
Charlie & Pat White.....	27 th
Jim & Denise Dixon.....	30 th

*Birthdays
to
Celebrate*



Andrew Offrink.....	4 th
Shawntera Fischer.....	4 th
Barb Wesley.....	6 th
Richard Holland.....	9 th
Maxine Story.....	10 th
Sandy Topham.....	11 th
Nancy Dunlap.....	14 th
Betty Shaw.....	14 th
Loraine Clark.....	18 th
Lisa Graham.....	23 rd
Gay Grover.....	24 th
Randall Terrell.....	27 th
Alice Shirley.....	30 th