

Trinity Happenings

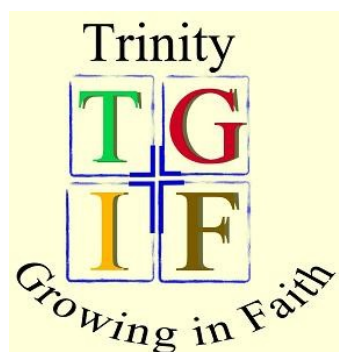
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Our Mission

*We are here to:
Worship God,
Walk with Jesus,
Change lives,
and Serve the
community, through the
power of the Holy Spirit.*



Welcome to Trinity

We welcome all visitors and new comers who have come to join us as we pray and give thanks, praise and worship, and learn about the word of God here at Trinity.

Feel free to meet us downstairs in the auditorium after the service for coffee.



COMBATTING A.I.D.S. IN UGANDA

Doug Willoughby

This morning we are delighted to welcome back Doug Willoughby as our guest preacher at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. The congregation of Trinity raised \$2300 at Thanksgiving for Doug's work in northern Uganda. The northern part of Uganda is particularly afflicted not just with AIDS but also the high price of food and the civil war which has displaced many civilians and driven them from their farms. Doug's work in Africa provides us with a specific, local and credible way to make a difference in a continent which has so many challenges that it is hard to know where to begin.

Parish Info and Updates

NEW PARENTS

The next meeting of our new parents will be on Sunday Jan. 17th at 11:15 pm in the upper room. We will review a curriculum for use in the Nursery and establish a rotation of teachers. We will also review adult study material for family life and marriage.

MANAGEMENT BOARD

The next meeting of the Management Board will be THIS Wednesday Jan 13th at 7 pm in the Upper Room. Our main task will be the final preparations for the Vestry meeting on January 31st.

MEN IN FOCUS

This Wednesday morning men's breakfast study at 7:30 am is now meeting at a new location. They are at the new Candyland Restaurant located on the west side of Bayfield just north of Dunlop Road (opposite the Simcoe Hotel). All men are welcome. We are finished by 8:30 a.m.

MITTEN TREE

Our thanks to Terry Arnold and all those who donated hats, scarves and mittens. They have all been donated to the Busby Centre to assist their clients to keep warm during these winter months.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Many thanks to all who purchased tickets for the Christmas draw, the winner was Ileen Murray. We raised over \$100 for the Sunday School! Thanks to Brenda Santos for printing the tickets and to Jessica Hill and Keegan for the scene outside on the hill. -Jessie Paquette

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - Jan. 10 "Baptism of the Lord"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
 10:00 a.m. - Family Communion
 Children in Aud..
 Jr. Youth in Upper Room
 Nursery in Undercroft (ages 0-4yr.)

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. - CWT Practice in Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m.- Men's Breakfast at Simcoe Hotel
 10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion Service
 7:00 p.m. - Trinity Rocks Practice in Sanctuary
 7:15 p.m. - Trinity Management Board Mtg., Upper Room

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. - Sr. Choir Practice in Sanctuary
 6:30 p.m. - Venturers in Aud.

SATURDAY

9:15 a.m. - Trinity Leaders' Retreat in Upper Rm.

SUNDAY - January 17th "Epiphany 2"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
 10:00 a.m. - Family Communion
 Children in Aud., Jr. Youth in Upper Room
 Nursery in Undercroft (ages 0-4yr.)

BITS AND PIECES

*Congregation attending Trinity last Week, January 3, was: 8:00 a.m.= 29 , 10:00 a.m. = 113, for a total of 142, including 5 children & teachers.

***Annual Vestry Report:** Reports may be emailed to: churchoffice@rogers.com in WordPerfect, or Rich Text format, as an attachment. Reports due Tuesday, Jan.12th.

Those groups who handle money within their activities are requested to submit financial information for their group.

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING:

Sun., January 31st

Anyone who is a member of the Anglican Church and has attended Trinity for at least 3 months, and is of the full age of 16 years is eligible to vote.

PRAYER LIST:

Please keep Mary Caldwell or Clergy updated about the progress of your loved ones, 728-2691. We update the list every 2 weeks and need to be notified if continued prayers are necessary.

MEALS ON WHEELS:

The Barrie Red Cross takes on new clients every day. We are currently serving 360 meals per week or approx. 1300 meals a month. This service allows people to remain in their homes, rather than enter a nursing home. It allows a Senior to remain independent longer. We use 13 volunteers a night for 5 days a week (meals to cover Sat. & Sun. are delivered on Fri.). Trinity delivers meals to Seniors once every six weeks on a Wednesday. (Either being the 'driver' or 'runner'). We'd love to have more volunteers from Trinity on our 'spare list' Please call Mary Caldwell, 728-2691, if you are interested in this cause.

HOSPITALIZED:

Please notify the Clergy or Mary Caldwell if you know of anyone who is in Hospital. We are not able to see lists of patients anymore and so do not know who has been admitted. This would help us greatly with visitation.

SIDESPERSIONS:

Have you ever noticed the sidespersons in the Narthex, greeting you and handing you a bulletin for the Service? Have you ever noticed the sidespersons passing the collection plates from row to row during the singing of the "Offertory Hymn"? Have you ever noticed the sidespersons assisting the flow of people to the altars for Holy Communion?If you have watched these people and wished you could be one of them...now's your chance! All you have to do is contact Keith Caldwell, 721-0737, and offer your help.

SHUT-INS:

If you, or someone you know, needs a ride to Church, please leave a message in the Office. We will endeavour to find transportation for you. Also if you're able to drive people, please call the Office at 728-2691.

Flu Season: Hand sanitizer will be available at the High Altar and the Lady Altar for those who would like to clean their hands before receiving Communion.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to put flowers on the Altars or Lectern for a special occasion or memorial, please contact Judy Craig at 737-2669 or the Church Office at 728-2691.

HOME GROUPS & COURSES

In the first weekend edition of the year, the National Post ran a feature article called "When all Hope is Lost, Pray". The article documents a remarkable healing from cancer. As we enter into 2010 how equipped are we to pray for a friend with cancer? How equipped are we to share hope from the scriptures? The world is looking for those who are able to pray and able to share from God's word! Are we that kind of people?? Our Home Groups and Courses are designed to build friendships, assist in strengthening prayer and assist in understanding the Bible.

For the winter we have a wonderful variety of topics and time slots. It is our hope that all members of the congregation will be part of a Home Group. Please pick the topic or time that best suits you. Your friends and neighbours are most welcome.

If you need a ride please let us know and we will assist. If another topic or time slot would work better for you and there is a cluster of friends we will endeavor to provide the material and a leader. If you would like to host a group in your home we will assist. See the special Home Group flyer for all the details; the following is a summary. Register with the church office or with the leader.

** **"Life Worth Living"** by Nicky Gumbel (Monday evenings)

This is the official follow-up to the ALPHA course. Begins Monday Jan. 18th at 6:30 pm for refreshments & 7:00 pm for the program. Cost is \$20 per person.

** **"Challenging Lifestyle"** by Nicky Gumbel & Charles Price (Monday evenings)

Begins Monday Jan. 18th at 6:30 pm for refreshments & 7:00 pm for the program. Cost is \$20 per person.

** **"The Truth Project"** by Focus on the Family (Monday evenings)

Begins Monday Jan. 18th at 6:30 pm for refreshments & 7:00 pm for the program. Cost is \$20 per person.

** **"The Psalms"** by Beth Moore (Tuesday afternoon and evening)

There will be two groups of this woman's Bible study beginning Tuesday February 2nd at 12:45 pm and then at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$30.

** **"Men in Focus breakfast"** (Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m.)

A weekly men's study over breakfast at 7:30 a.m. meeting at the Candyland restaurant located at the bottom of Bayfield street.

** **"The Book of Revelation"** (Wednesday noon and evening)

There will be two groups beginning Wed. Jan. 20th at 12:00 noon and then again at 7:00 pm.

** **"Nooma"** video clips & discussion (Friday mornings)

Begins Friday January 15th at 10:30 a.m. Cost \$20.

** **"Family Life & Parenting"** (Sundays at noon; details pending)

A group designed for young parents meeting once a month with a focus on family life & marriage. Details are pending.

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Friday Evening Adult Singles Bible Study

Starting Friday January 8th 2010

At Bethel Community Church, 128 St Vincent Street, Barrie

LUKE: New Hope, New Joy

- 7:15 Coffee with Meet & Greet
- 7:30 Songs of Praise
- 7:45 Break up into smaller groups for Bible Study
- 9:00 Small group prayer
- 9:15 Large group Wrap-up til 9:30

Directions: Take 400 to Barrie, exit south onto Bayfield. Turn left onto Grove then right onto St. Vincent. Bethel is on the right, #128

For more Info:

Call Scott at 705 321-0863 or email at sgpearson@auracom.com

Check out our blog @ <http://singlesalliance.wordpress.com>

Or visit <http://singlesalliance.tripod.com>

Books are \$10 and available Friday nights.

To connect with our Ladies Singles Study in Newmarket, currently studying Beth Moore's "Get Out of That Pit", contact Joanne at jyhook@hotmail.com

NEW YEAR'S REFLECTION

"Blessed are the self-confident and self-reliant". You will look in vain to find that verse in the Bible because it is not there. Jesus does say, "Blessed are the poor in spirit" and "Blessed are those who mourn" (Matt 5:3). In contrast to what Jesus says we would much prefer to be self-confident, self-reliant and self-assured. Those who don't exhibit these traits we view as being weak.

The radical message of the gospel is that we are dependent, more dependent than we realize. In writing to the seven churches in Revelation we read: *"For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing; not knowing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, that you may be rich, and white garments to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and chasten; so be zealous and repent."* (Rev. 3:17) These are difficult words to accept.

First of all we don't think that we are "rich" despite all the evidence to the contrary for anyone living in Canada. Secondly, we would never say "I need nothing" for we always have a mental list of stuff that we would like to have. Thirdly, we would never admit that we are "wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked". But what do we need from God? That is not a front-of-mind list and is not what we focus on. Perhaps this passage is saying that we have been distracted by the stuff that glitters, but it has left us soul-poor in the things that have real value and meaning.

Perhaps the best first step in entering a new year (and a new decade) is to realize that we are dependent on the Lord and that we are desperately in need of the things of the Lord. We need the Lord's guidance, strength, peace, wisdom and perhaps most of all, the perspective of the Lord.

The lesson of the wisemen is that they recognized true worth. While many in Bethlehem thought nothing of this new born babe, the wisemen recognized the value and importance of this child. Their gifts were an expression of their assessment of worth.

This is a year to go deeper in prayer, deeper in the word of the Lord, deeper in obedience to the Lord, and more attentive to the voice of the Lord. This is a year to place value on what has real worth and to try to avoid being distracted by things that merely glitter.