

***Tenth Sunday After Pentecost***  
**August 17, 2014**

Welcome and Announcements  
Prayer  
Prelude

*(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)*

*Acolyte		
Call to Worship	<i>“Come! Come! Everybody Worship”</i>	Choir
*Hymn	<i>“God Will Take Care of You”</i>	130

*(Please register your attendance on the pew pads provided)*

“Let the Children Come!”  
*(Those 3 years of age through 5 years of age may go to Children’s Nursery.)*

First Lesson	Genesis 45:1-15	Page 42 (O.T.)
*Psalter	Psalms 133	850
Affirmation of Faith	<i>“Apostles’ Creed”</i>	881
*Gloria Patri	<i>“Glory Be to the Father”</i>	70

Sharing of the Joys & Concerns of the Church		
*Hymn	<i>“Here I Am, Lord”</i>	593
Prayers of Confession & Intercession		
The Lord’s Prayer <i>(Unison)</i>		895

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology	<i>“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	95

Solo	<i>“Thank You, Lord”</i>	Laurie Knapp
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Second Lesson	Matthew 25:1-13	Page 31 (N.T.)
Sermon		Rev. Robert Reeves
	<i>“Too Many Bridesmaids and No Bride Don’t Make a Wedding”</i>	

Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
*(You are invited to come to the altar during the singing of the hymn to signify your commitment or re-commitment to Christ, or for prayer, confession, or comfort, in response to God’s Word)*

*Hymn	<i>“Brightly Beams Our Father’s Mercy”</i>	Screen
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*Acolyte		
*Dismissal With Benediction		
*Benediction Response		Choir

May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep you forever,  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and see God’s face, and God’s grace forever.  
May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and keep you forever. Amen.

\*Postlude  
  
\*The Congregation May Stand

***Leading in Worship Today***

Pastor:	<i>Robert D. B. Reeves</i>	Nursery:	<i>Annette Watson</i>
Pianist :	<i>Christopher McCroskey</i>	Tellers:	<i>Ted Frady; Patsy Boggs</i>
Music Director:	<i>Jackie McNeill</i>	A/V Assistants:	<i>Jim Miller; John Ballentine</i>
Lay Reader:	<i>Tom Geddens</i>	Time Together:	<i>Mary Louise Robinson</i>
Ushers:	<i>Tom Geddens</i>		

**VISITORS ARE WELCOME** in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor’s tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers. An **INFANT AND TODDLER NURSERY** is provided during the worship hour. Parents: please ask an usher for assistance.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

**TODAY’S LOVELY FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, **Eva J. Stamps**, by **Irvin and Dale Wells**.

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS...

Cristen Hipp	Patsy Shuler	Oren Edwards	Bill Hornsby	Tommy Johnson
Carolyn Hardee	Miriam Simpson	Carolyn Sox	Sara Efron	Bonnie Ramsey
Arnold Heiting	Donnie Sox	Melton Martin	Tom Lloyd	Christopher McCroskey
Roland Morgan	Rusty Poole	Thomas Risinger	Marian Risinger	Latson Lewis
Jim Miller				

**Shut-Ins:** Mary Brewer; Mary Comolander; Nellie Hipp; Doris Ivey; LaCrecia Taylor; Terry Pitts; Claudia Sineath; Jean Raynor

**Family and Friends:** **Famiy of Trevor Hudson** (*friend of Emily Reeves*); **Darwin Hatheway & Dan McGowan** (*friends of Arnold Heiting*); **Ernest Westbury** (*friend of English & Jewel Percy*); **Harold Miller** (*brother of Jim Miller*); **Cathy Hendrix** (*cousin of Billy Pearson*); **Jane Bryant** (*sister of Patsy Zeigler*); **Laura Goldstein** (*friend of Christopher McCroskey*); **Carlton Mathews** (*coworker of Kathy White*); **Randy Hodge** (*friend of Ray Frady*); **Serge Ratkovic** (*friend of Genie Duncan*); **Ralph & Garland Pearson** (*brothers of Bill Pearson*); **Beth Earles** (*coworker of Erin Derrick*); **Susan Jones** (*wife of Stuart Jones*); **Mitch Anderson** (*son of Ray Frady’s friend*); **Bruce Williamson** (*father of coworker of Kathy White*); **Jimmy & Nancy Friedrich** (*Shirley Butler’s niece and her husband*); **Bob Bryant** (*brother-in-law of Patsy Zeigler*); **Mary Baggott** (*Kathy White’s coworker’s mom*); **Ruby Brown** (*cousin of Patsy Zeigler*); **Yvonne Kirkman** (*Kathy White’s coworker’s sister*); **Carole Daly** (*friend of Marie Stiles*); **Mary Thompson** (*coworker of Christopher McCroskey*); **Winslow Jumper** (*brother of Nell Cooke*); **Lewie Harrell** (*nephew of Nell Cooke*); **Kitty Sellers** (*friend of John & Patsy Zeigler*); **Beth Ann Feimster** (*sister of Christopher McCroskey*); **Matt Owen** (*husband of Nell Cooke’s granddaughter*); **Michael Carter** (*son of Esther Carter*); **Jon Kirby** (*grandson of Nell Cooke*); **Narcie McClendon Jeter** (*daughter of Tim McClendon*); **John Glaze** (*brother-in-law of Shirley Butler*); **Jeanne Crone** (*neighbor of Jo Ann & Arnold Heiting*); **Adam Lavender** (*son of Phil Lavender*); **Vickie Bright** (*friend of Kaye Floyd*); **Mike Rentz** (*brother of Marty Johnson*); **Walt Beck** (*friend of Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting*); **Linda Boatwright** (*sister of George & Morris Taylor*); **Vera Von Glahn** (*sister-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting*)

**OUR PRESENCE ...**  
Attendance 08/10   Sunday School   26   Morning Worship:   41  
**OUR GIFTS ...**  
General Fund 08/10   \$ 3,886.00  
**OUR SERVICE.”**

Church Calendar

**TODAY** Finance Committee, 5:30 p.m.  
Church Council, 6:30 p.m.  
**8/18** Lay Leadership, 4 p.m.  
**8/20** Prayer Group 7 a.m.

Serving in August

<b>Serving On:</b>	<u><b>August 24</b></u>	<u><b>August 31</b></u>
Ushers:	Tom Geddens	<b>Needed</b>
Tellers:	Pam Turner, Bonnie Ramsey	Marie Stiles, Jo Ann Heiting
Flowers:	Bonnie Ramsey	Charlie Hooker
Acolyte:	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>
Lay Reader:	Tom Geddens	<b>Needed</b>
Time Together:	UMW	UMW
AV Assistants:	Jim Miller; Trey Howard	Jim Miller; Marie Stiles



<b>Ministers</b>	<b>The Congregation</b>
<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Robert D. B. Reeves</b>
<b>Resident Bishop</b>	<b>Jonathan Holston</b>
<b>District Superintendent</b>	<b>Rev. Catherine Jamieson-Ogg</b>

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

*Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform*



How good and  
pleasant it is  
when brothers  
live together  
in unity!

Psalm 133:1

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Good Morning Church of the Living GOD!!! I trust your week has gone well and that you have stayed out of the heat! In the last two weeks we have looked at the subject matter of how important the concept is to our GOD regarding weddings. Jesus liked weddings for many reasons. One of his thoughts at every wedding he ever attended was "my turn is coming one day!"

Of course, for some of us this is a challenging notion for several reasons. One, many of us didn't know that weddings necessarily meant that much to JESUS. We might have thoughts like "well, JESUS cannot get married. So what is that important about weddings to him?". This is a very good question. It is correct that JESUS will not get married in the sense that human beings get married. JESUS is not going to pick out one woman over the hundreds of millions HE has known throughout history and marry that blessed female in eternity. No, JESUS is going to take a bride, the church, consisting of the entire lot of believers throughout history and will walk in a relationship with that bride that is beyond our definition of relationship and marriage. In Ephesians, Paul calls this a mystery. It is a union that supersedes anything of comparison on earth.

Another issue some persons have with the wedding, bride and marriage analogy is this. They cannot get past the sexual connotations of such words. This is understandable. We are not suggesting that human sexuality has anything to do with this heavenly concept of wedding bliss between CHRIST and His church. Although I want to make it perfectly clear there is absolutely nothing wrong with human sexuality expressed in GOD's way in the confines of fidelity in marriage between men and women. The greatest intelligence and the greatest faith in the world cannot fully comprehend and explain what awaits the believers in eternity.

A third issue for some persons with the marriage, bride and wedding analogy from scripture has to do with the failure of the state of marriages in our society. Today, more than half of marriages end up in divorce. Many persons have been deeply devastated by broken marriages including the children that go through divorce along with their parents. So, for some persons marriage has not been pleasant and any emphasis on wedding and marriage bliss in heaven sounds too good to believe. The great news for the church is this. No matter what has happened in our world regarding the marriage relationship those mishaps will not exist in heaven.

One thing that GOD greatly desires to do for HIS church is to breathe HIS hope into us about this life and the next life both. We are in preparation for the next world. It could be said that this life is the rehearsal dinner for the next life. As this hope rises in us then it creates within us the ability and the desire to make this world a better place while we are here. We will begin looking into that initiative today.

Blessings for the journey!

Pastor Robert

**1** Brightly beams our Father's mercy  
From His lighthouse evermore,  
But to us He gives the keeping  
Of the lights along the shore.

### **Chorus:**

Let the lower lights be burning!  
Send a gleam across the wave!  
Some poor fainting, struggling seaman  
You may rescue, you may save.

**2** Dark the night of sin has settled,  
Loud the angry billows roar;  
Eager eyes are watching, longing,  
For the lights along the shore. (Chorus)

**3** Trim your feeble lamp, my brother;  
Some poor sailor, tempest-tossed,  
Trying now to make the harbor,  
In the darkness may be lost. (Chorus)



On Sunday, September 7, **District Superintendent Rev. Cathy Jamieson-Ogg** will be our guest speaker. Following the service, there will be a church-wide covered dish lunch. It's a wonderful chance to get to know Rev. Jamieson-Ogg and join in fellowship with the congregation.



Beginning in September, at the request and approval of the members present, the **morning UMW** will meet at **11:00 a.m. on Wednesday**, the **second week of the month**. We hope this will be a time that more members will be able to attend.

On **September 10**, we'll be planning for an exciting new year of meetings and activities. See you then!!

### **WOMEN'S AFTERNOON GROUP** **Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** **4 p.m.**

Save the date! Even if you are not able to normally join us, please join us in August for this important meeting and fun time. We will be making plans for the next six months, enjoying some homemade pizza (pizza will be provided) and watching a movie. If you have any questions, please call Gale Frady (794-4809) or Ruth Frady (796-1592).



### **Casual Sunday Month**

August is Casual Sunday Month. Plan to dress comfortably and stay cool as we gather for worship.

## **NEWS** *& Notes*

The **Finance Committee** will meet **today at 5:30 p.m.** Please make every effort to attend. We will discuss our financial status and the upcoming Stewardship Campaign. Finance Committee consists of Mary Kamoroff, Chairperson, Pastor Reeves, Bonnie Ramsey, Becky Derrick, Chuck Martin, Ted Frady, Marilyn Lloyd, Patsy Boggs, Marie Stiles, Linda Maloch, Rhett Hook and Francis Hipp.

The **Church Council** meets **today at 6:30 p.m.**

The **Lay Leadership Committee** will meet on **Monday, August 18**, at **4 p.m.**

The **2014 Directory** with updated policies and addresses is available on the Gathering Room table.



You are invited to join a weekly Bible Study of the Book of Psalms at the home of Nell Cooke beginning on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. Her address is 313 Sweet Birch Lane in West Columbia. If you have any questions, please call her at 794-1869.



### **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS**

Beginning September 17 continuing each Wednesday through November 19, will give us ten weeks of Wonderful Wednesdays. Family-style meals will be served at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study will begin at 6:15, to end at 7:00. We encourage you to be with us for both. This is a time to share your enthusiasm and to enjoy being with one another.

The price of the meals is \$5.00 for adults and children 12 and over. Children 6 to 12 are \$3.00 each. Children ages 2 to 5 are \$1.00.