

# God's Love In Action

**GLIA: the essential element, or glue,  
which connects the tissue found in the nerve centers of the body**

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Greetings to all our GLIA newsletter readers! By the time you are reading this we will be in the middle of our efforts at Trinity to raise the awareness of next year's financial needs and to ask persons to consider what they can give to Trinity in the next calendar year. There is plenty of good information existent to assist any local church in their budget needs. However, it really comes down to this. We will prioritize our giving to whatever is really important to us. We are thankful for what you give your Trinity church. Without your commitment we simply could not function, as it does take money to operate a local church and it costs money to be involved in ministry. My personal commitment to you about money is this. As often as I might ask for your donations or emphasize money, I will also take the time to thank you for your donations and your wisdom in knowing we need finances to move forward in Trinity's future.

Here are a few thoughts about money and giving I thought were worth our while to read. Actor and comedian Bob Hope stated "If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble". The great writer Ralph Waldo Emerson stated "It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself". That is very true. Emerson's statement is one possible amplification of the words of Jesus, "whoever saves his life will lose it but whoever gives his life away will find it". Remember that in giving, we do receive blessings there is no other way to obtain.

By the way, I want to thank every person that has been involved in the testimonies about stewardship. They have all been well said and, I believe, have really added to the balance of emphasizing stewardship in this season. I trust that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday season and we look forward to seeing you in worship if you can join us.

Blessings for the journey!

Pastor Robert



The joint **Community Thanksgiving Service** with Our Saviour Lutheran Church will be held at Trinity on **Sunday, November 24**. The calendar shows the time as 6:30 p.m. but that may change. Look for additional information in the coming weeks.



Wonderful Wednesday meals will continue through November 20<sup>th</sup>. The meals start at 5:30 p.m. and the Bible Study begins at 6:15 p.m. The meals in November will be prepared by the following:

- Nov. 6 Trustees
- Nov. 13 Outreach & Nurture
- Nov. 20 Sinners Sunday School Class



"You can give without love  
but you cannot love without giving"

I would like to share two quotes I read recently that I thought you might find meaningful as you pray for our upcoming Consecration Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>.

"Stewardship is what I do after I say I believe."

"When we serve others, we are imitating Jesus. We advance from *volunteer* to *steward* when we consciously choose to dedicate a portion of our time, talent, and treasure to the Lord, as a token of our gratitude for all He has given to us."

Both of these were signed Anonymous. Both of these reflect giving intentionally. Faithful Stewardship means ....? As we talked in the Church Retreat this past weekend about our future ministry, we first talked about the one thing we thought we did the best, the thing that created the most excitement in the room, the thing that gave joy to those who participated in it – *the Back to School Splash*. We did it to help the children see God's love in action. **PRAYING, PLANNING, and PRIORITIZING** our **RESOURCES** for **GOD** will bring **JOY** and will make this Stewardship Campaign a total success because we will be doing it out of love for **GOD**. With resources there is no telling what outreach we might be able to accomplish in **Christ Jesus' name**.

Bonnie



On Saturday, November 30, we will gather in the sanctuary at 9 a.m. to decorate for Advent and Christmas. Lunch will be provided. Plan to join us as we get ready for Advent and Christmas.



**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to **Mildred Perry and family** on the death of her husband, **James**, on Saturday, September 28, 2013;

**Paul Almond and family** on the death of his wife, **Cindy**, on Thursday, October 3, 2013; and to

**Mary Brewer and family** on the death of her husband, **Bob**, on Friday, October 25, 2013



To Our Trinity Family,

Thanks to each of you who called, offered prayers, sent a card, or gave us a comforting word following the recent death of my mother. Your kind deeds and words comforted us and helped us to know we are never alone.

It's acts of kindness such as these that make Trinity the church it is and separates it from others. We feel truly blessed to be a part of the Trinity family.

Sincerely,

Cas Winkles



**Frances Frady**

Mary Kamoroff                      Bonnie Ramsey  
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting      Charles & Jackie McNeill

**Dot Wilson**

Charles & Jackie McNeill  
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting

**Stephen Muszynski**

Charles & Jackie McNeill

**James "Skeet" Perry**

Oren & Hilda Edwards              Linda Maloch  
Griff & Mary Alice Duncan        Mary Kamoroff  
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting            Bonnie Ramsey  
Francis & Gillett Hipp              George Taylor  
Charles & Jackie McNeill          Nell Cooke

**Cindy Almond**

Oren & Hilda Edwards              Linda Maloch  
Griff & Mary Alice Duncan        Mary Matthews  
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting            Bonnie Ramsey  
Francis & Gillett Hipp              George Taylor  
Charles & Jackie McNeill          Nell Cooke  
Marvin & Sara Efron                Shirley Butler  
Donnie & Carolyn Sox              Jim Miller  
John & Patsy Zeigler                Larry & Betty Almond  
Bill & Lois Faulkenberry          Chuck & Lynn Martin



Dear Trinity Family,

I am so grateful to have a loving church. Thank you for the cards and prayers sent my way at the time of surgery and during my recovery. You are the best!

Sue Ballentine



Dear Trinity Family,

I would like to express my sincere thanks for all of the prayers, cards, and food I received following the death of my wife, Cindy. I would especially like to thank Jackie McNeill, Christopher McCroskey and the Trinity Choir for the wonderful music during the service for Cindy. I am also grateful to Genie Duncan and all of those who contributed to the wonderful meal before the service. The care and concern shown by everyone helped us during this difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Paul Almond



**From the Trustees:**

If you have a small vacuum cleaner that you no longer need, please consider donating it the church. We could use a small vacuum cleaner for quick touch ups after events.

# @\_QUICK RECAP

It was a Planning Weekend hit! ... Just can't bash the  
"Back to School SPLASH"!!

It was a great weekend with Brian Rainwater. We began with things we're good at. It was noted that our website "[www.trinityumcwc.org](http://www.trinityumcwc.org)" is SUPER! Brian emphatically and often said it was one of the best he's seen. Thanks to Frank Howard - It's up to date, easy to navigate and use. (Look it up and use it!)

When we discussed the “Back to School Splash”, Brian, our facilitator, said he really felt the enthusiastic energy of the group. We talked of Trinity’s reaching out to Saluda River Academy for the Arts with a Snack Pack Program for children who need lunches or food on weekends and holidays. This has become a church-wide endeavor. The summertime “Back to School Splash” is a celebration of our school, our neighborhood and Trinity’s attempt to show God’s love. The fun of children playing on the inflated water slide while parents watch and talk with one another; the appreciation of the families and children receiving school supplies, and finally, the families with Trinity members enjoying the lunch (of hot dogs with all the trimmings) is a day to remember. Donations are received all year long from wholehearted backers. No wonder we are enthusiastic about our “Back to School SPLASH!” Let’s see how we “kick it up a notch” in 2014. (You’ll really want to be part of this! Put it on your calendar for 2014.)

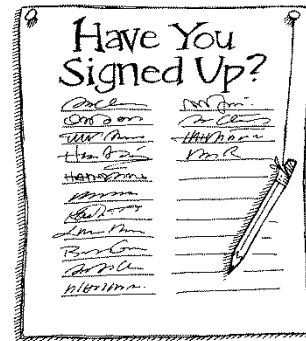
While talking about dreams, it also was noted that Trinity is eager to help others, to spend more people hours on ways to help. Lots of ideas were proposed. We noted the number of members having hospital procedures. We want to be more intentional in showing love to those that we care about- to provide a system for our visits, cards, etc. Bonnie, who is passionate about this, is creating a way for this to be addressed. (Goal # 2 for 2014)

Robert Reeves, the Pastor, and Jackie Eitel still are the persons to call first. If you are interested in being part of our Visiting Ministry, a Sign Up Sheet for Visiting, sending Cards and Praying for the Hospitalized Ministry is in the Gathering Area or call Bonnie Ramsey.

Our third Goal is our ministry to Trinity's Shut-Ins. Plans for Caroling four Times a year are in the works, (Join Us.) Visiting and more ideas will kick this up a notch, as well.

If you have ideas to help us with our final goal- which is having better and more communication between our members and Trinity, and with Trinity and the neighborhood . We want to publicize what we do at Trinity. What radio stations do you listen to? Can you Help?

If you weren't able to be with us, we missed you. We need you to be a part of what's happening and the enthusiasm. Let us know what you'd like to be involved in. You can write a note, send it to Trinity or just put it in the offering plate. Or just tell us. **JUST DO IT!!**



**M & M Trip to Jewel's Pink House  
(Mini M & M's Welcome)  
Saturday, November 16th**

The bus will leave at 10 a.m. for a trip to Jewel's Pink House for lunch and shopping. Becky Derrick will have a sign-up sheet on the Gathering Area table.

**Chonda Pierce**  
**girl talk – The Incredible Traveling Talk Show**  
**@ Riverland Hills Baptist Church**  
**Thursday, November 21**

A trip is also planned for Thursday, November 21, to see Chonda Pierce at Riverland Hills Baptist Church. The show starts at 7 p.m. The bus will leave Trinity at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$18.00. Becky will have a sign-up sheet on the Gathering Area table



## TRINITY THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE

Let us help you prepare for your Thanksgiving Celebration. The Trinity Methodist Women are planning a bake sale in time for Thanksgiving. Let us know what items you are willing to make and how many. You can call Gale Frady at 798-4809 or sign up in the Gathering Area of our church. Pies, Cakes, Homemade Bread, Pickles and Jam are some of the items which would be a great addition to a Thanksgiving dinner.

Additionally, we will have a wish list for you to indicate what item(s) you would like to purchase. This list will also be located in the Gathering Area. Items should be delivered to the church on November 24<sup>th</sup> in time for the worship service unless buyer and baker work out a different date of delivery.

Please let your friends and neighbors know about the bake sale. All proceeds from the sale will be applied to the principal balance of our mortgage.

With love from Marilyn Lloyd, Nurture Chair