

# 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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The mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is to:  
**To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

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## *John's Jottings* *Being an Evangelist*

Lately, I have noticed several houses for sale in the neighborhood. Out Of curiosity, I looked on Zillow to see how many homes were for sale in our area. Zillow showed five homes for sale. Not all of these were ones I had noticed. Between Zillow and my observations, at least ten homes are for sale in the area bordered by I-26 and US 378.

You are probably asking why I bring this up. We are a church, not a real estate agency. We are in the business of bringing people into the Kingdom of God, not selling property.

But if we look beyond the house for sale, we can see that each sale represents an opportunity for us to evangelize. By evangelize, I mean bringing people into the Kingdom of God. People buy houses. People live in houses. While our friends may have moved out of these houses, new people are moving into the neighborhood. These are new people, new families that we may bring into Trinity and, more importantly, into the Kingdom of God.

We evangelize by being a good neighbor. When we see new people moving into a house, we introduce ourselves. Maybe take a little housewarming gift, like baked goods, vegetables from the garden, a gift certificate for a local restaurant, something to make a connection with them. Ask if there is anything they would like to know about the neighborhood. If they mention church, invite them to Trinity. If they say they prefer another denomination, tell them about churches of that denomination in the area. If they do not mention church, do not bring it up, but leave your number to call if they need further information about the neighborhood.

After they have some time to get settled in, invite them over to get to know them. Do something informal like having coffee one Saturday morning or refreshments one afternoon. Take time to get to know them and build a relationship. Once you create a connection, they may be amenable to hearing about the church. You may discover some common interests you share, which may be an activity we may do here, like when we had the quilting group.

When they express interest in the church, you may suggest they watch the "Visit to Trinity" video on Facebook, Youtube, and the Website. Offer to bring them to church with you or follow you to church. This way, new people come with someone they know who will introduce them and show them the ropes. If they are not comfortable coming to Sunday Morning worship, they may come to a small group activity such as the exercise group or Bible study.

You notice that the main point of this is building a relationship and being a good neighbor. Evangelism is building relationships so people can see our relationship with Christ, so they want that same relationship. Evangelism is not asking people if they know Jesus but building a relationship, so they see Jesus in us.

I have noticed two houses for sale on Whippoorwill as you turn by Rush's. Also, two places on McSwain Drive were listed on Zillow. I saw homes for sale on Robin Crest, Goldfinch, Riviera, Saluda River Drive, and Cardinal. Zillow also listed a house on Fontana. If you live near these places, keep an eye on them for the sold sign, then moving trucks. Welcome these new people into the neighborhood. Build a relationship with them so the door may open for an invitation to Trinity and the Kingdom of God.

Shalom,  
John



Each month we will highlight the birthdays of those who are turning 85 or older. Those celebrating in October are:

### 10/08

Shirley Padgett  
779 Hope Ferry Road  
Lexington, SC 29072

### 10/11

Pauline Wenner  
410 Monarch Lane  
West Columbia, SC 29169

### 10/13

Morris Taylor  
1200 Tarrytown Lane  
West Columbia, SC 29170

### 10/14

Charles Sox  
1827 Shull Avenue  
Gilbert, SC 29054

### 10/24

Claudia Sineath  
1620 Goldfinch Lane  
West Columbia, SC 29169



A Memorial Service for **Maurice Robinson** will be held on Friday, October 8, at 12 p.m. at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, 4170 Percival Road, Columbia, SC. Face masks will be required.

The family will be gathering at the Cayce Riverwalk Pavilion after the service at Fort Jackson and would love for you to drop by and share this time with them. The Trinity Ladies are hosting this time together. The Cayce Riverwalk Pavilion is located at 201 Naples Avenue.

**Charge Conference**  
**Sunday, October 10**

Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 10, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.



**Charles Von Glahn**

George Taylor, Sr.  
George Taylor, Jr.

**Grover Shuler**

David & Debbie Whetsell  
George Taylor, Sr.  
George Taylor, Jr.

**Maurice Robinson**

George Taylor, Sr.  
George Taylor, Jr.

**Sara Efron**

George Taylor, Sr.  
George Taylor, Jr.

**Dean Frve**

George Taylor, Sr.  
George Taylor, Jr.

**Billy Newton**

George Taylor, Sr.  
George Taylor, Jr.

**Margaret Pike**

Wayne & Charlie Hooker

**Leslie White**

Wayne & Charlie Hooker

**Francis Hipp**

Chuck & Lynn Martin  
Wayne & Charlie Hooker  
Wayne & Kay Johnston  
John & Patsy Zeigler  
George Taylor, Sr.  
George Taylor, Jr.  
Ray & Gale Frady  
Bonnie Ramsey  
Mary Kamoroff  
Jo Ann Heiting  
JOY SS Class  
English & Jewel Pearcy  
Preston & Betty Cantrell  
Fletcher & Joanne Carter  
Oren & Hilda Edwards

**Clovis Carpenter**

Bonnie Ramsey  
Mary Kamoroff  
Jo Ann Heiting

**Elon Maffett**

English & Jewel Pearcy  
Wayne & Charlie Hooker

**Lisa Taylor Ooten**

George Taylor, Sr.  
George Taylor, Jr.



**Sunday, October 3**

Lunch Bunch meets the first Sunday of every month immediately following the service. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and join this time of food and fellowship.



Wonderful Wednesday  
October 13  
5:30 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesdays will meet on the second Wednesday of each month through December. The first Wonderful Wednesday will take place on Wednesday, October 13. The meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. and a devotional will begin at 6:15 p.m. **Dee Senn** and **Gale Frady** will prepare the meal:

Chicken Parmesan with Pasta  
Salad  
Dessert

Reservations will be in the bulletin on Sunday, October 10, or you can call the Church Office by noon on Monday, October 11.



**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to:**

***Gillett Hipp and family*** on the death of her husband, ***Francis Hipp***, on September 21, 2021.

***Kelsey Tolliver and family*** on the death of her grandfather, ***Clovis Carpenter***, on September 23, 2021.



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