



The Spirit of Holy Trinity

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New Hope Missions Church

Pray for Revival



Duke has made national news many times already this year, and not always for positive reasons. Early in January, there was drama over the Muslim Call to Prayer. In March, a black student reported that she was taunted by a group of white men with the racist SAE chant. Later in April, a noose was found hanging on campus. The men's basketball team won the NCAA tournament, and students went crazy in celebration.

Let me share some things with you that the news skipped over. The light of Christ shines brightest in the darkness. In the midst of the Muslim Call to Prayer controversy, one of my friends prayed over Duke's Imam. She was in the Bryan Center when a very stressed man approached her and asked for prayer. She said, "Okay, but I'm going to pray in Jesus' name." He obliged. She later found out it was the Imam who had been receiving emails from CNN and garnering all kinds of national media attention. The night before we had spent a few hours in worship and prayer. Rice Brooks, the author of *God's Not Dead*, came to Duke and gave a speech in March. Later in March I attended a conference called Campus Harvest. Over 800 college students in the region came together for the weekend to worship, pray, and learn together.

At the end of the event 70 students were baptized.

In April, in light of all the racial hatred, a group of believers felt led to have a time of prayer on Saturday nights. Generally, we came together at 9 and prayed and worshipped until we felt finished. It was not unusual for us to stay in the room together past midnight. We were on the second floor of a building near the chapel. A few times people heard us as they walked by and came upstairs to join in. I have lots more stories I could share, but I wanted to remind all of you that things are not always as they seem. The church can look at a place like Duke and hang their heads in disappointment that a once Methodist institution has begun to walk away from its founding beliefs; or, the church can recognize the opportunity for Christ's love to transform the community and be the start of an amazing revival. My friends and I in Every Nation Campus (the campus ministry I joined) are praying for revival. Will you join us?

Written by,

Joseph Cobb



The Upper Room is a non-profit ministry. We are supported by donations of money and time. All donations are tax deductible and helps this ministry move forward.

Holy Trinity Staffing Night
at the UR
Friday, June 12th
6:30 pm

Music Events
 Fri. & Sat. nights – 7-11 pm
 \$2 at the door or 5 min. conversation
 \$1 re-entry fee

June 19
 Never Forsaken
 Christian Rock/Rock

June 26
 Von Strantz/Indie/Indie Soul
 Singer/Songwriter

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Bible Studies
 Monday nights– 7-9 pm
 Women’s Bible Study

Thursday nights– 7-9 pm
 Bible Study Group

Worship
 Sunday– 3 pm
 The Lighthouse Group

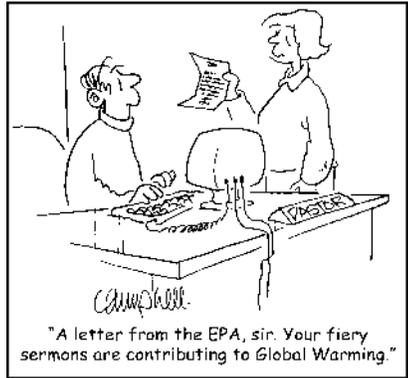
CONGRATULATIONS
 - TO OUR -
GRADUATE!



*Join us for a
 luncheon honoring*

Hannah Arsensault

Sunday, June 14, 2015
(Immediately after worship)



MISSION TRIP update **OFF TO PERU SOON!**

The time to go to Peru is drawing closer. We’ve raised enough money to purchase our airline tickets. Any additional money raised will go to provide meals and housing as we work on the site of the orphanage and to Sean & Crissy Heath’s mission.

On **June 7th**, the Black sails, Bloodline Severed, Arms of Mercy Curios, and Mountains and the Seas will have a show starting at 3:00 pm at the Upper Room. All proceeds go to support the mission trip. And n Saturday, June 13th, the Iredell Home School chorus will perform at Holy Trinity and we will sell spaghetti dinners.

Come on out to these events and show your support for the Peru mission trip!

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

HELP is needed for the
 the month of June. If you can
 help, please see Alison Pickrell.

FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE

<u>2015 Through April:</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget Plan</u>	<u>(Shortage) / Surplus</u>
Offerings (January):	\$ 9,246	\$ 11,400(2850X4)	\$(2,154)
Offerings(February)	\$ 9,164	\$11,400	\$(2,236)
Offerings(March)	\$11,841	\$14,250(5 Sund)	\$(2,409)
Offerings(April)	\$ 8,866	\$11,400	\$(2,534)
Offerings, YTD (thru Apr)	\$ 39,117	\$ 48,450	\$(9,333)
<i>Per week average GF(Apr):</i>	<i>2,217</i>		
Rental Income, YTD (thru Apr):	\$ 5,820	\$ 5,780	\$ 40
<i>Per week average w/outsd income</i>	<i>2,577</i>	<i>3,185</i>	

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**Holy Trinity Council Meeting-Tuesday-
April 14,2015**

Attendees: Pastor Robert Dovenmuehle, Bob McRee, Sandra Overcash, Sandie Thompson, Karen Beikirch, Laurie Nichols, Steven Cobb
Absent: Colleen Pasquarella, Ronda Dellinger

Devotions: Steven – We focus on Christ’s death and resurrection during Easter. Death affects us all but as Christians we don’t grieve as others. We too shall rise, Christ has overcome death. 1st Cor:15 Where is thy sting O’ death? We have the victory, so stand firm, our labor in the Lord is not in vain. We need to share this hope we have by going out and telling others.

Council Minutes: *The Council meeting minutes from March 10, 2015 were read and approved.* Bob made note that Finance Committee Meeting notes from April 13th 2015 to be attached.

Pastor’s Report:
 Good News Club had 20 children in attendance this week. He is very encouraged by the attendance and enthusiasm of our kids. They know they are loved by God and us. Last GNC meeting for this year is next Monday. A Five day Club will be scheduled potentially for July 13-17th . GNC usually staffs those. Helen Haberern wants to do a Vendor Fair to benefit the Peru Mission trip on July 18 th . Council agrees to allow this.

District wants to conduct a Treasurer’s Workshop at Holy Trinity Sept. 25th or 26th. Our mailbox was hit by a car and destroyed. The city will not allow us to do another brick one. Counsel finds the new one that was put up is sufficient and a motion was made we will put the insurance reimbursement of \$550.00 in the general fund. *Motion seconded and approved.*

Letters on the church sign are in terrible shape. Ross Haberern found some newer letters at a shop. He will check through them to see if we need to replace anymore.

Kyle Ketsdever wants to use the Fellowship Hall on April 26th, at 1:00 pm for his Eagle Scout Award ceremony. Council agrees to this. New Hope’s 5th Anniversary is April 26th they will have a Potluck following worship

on the Sunday. It is our hope that some members will attend the celebration.

There are grants available from Missouri Synod for congregations who want to reach out in their community in ministry. “Stand with your Community” applications will be accepted from August 1 st through Nov. 16th. Grant amounts will be from \$1000 to \$25000. The purpose of the grants is to inspire and empower Laity to engage in local witness and mercy outreach events. It was suggested we bring a committee together to discuss ways we could use this grant in local ministry. Pastor will write a newsletter article to inform the congregation.

Elder’s Report: George reports the Committee to find a music director met today to interview a candidate.

He presented dates Gideon’s will use facility: Tuesdays on April 28th, June 16th, Aug 18th, Sept. 15th.

Judy Erickson will be leaving and we would like to do a small reception on April 26th right after service.

Treasurer’s Report:
 Giving was better this month but still down. A New account was made just for the Peru Mission trip. There is presently \$6000 in it. *Motion made, and seconded to approve report as presented.*

Old Business: Finance Committee met last night. At the May Voter’s meeting the Committee will present financial findings and ask members to consider with prayer whether we want to keep or sell our rental properties. See also the insert of recommendations for repairs to be made to rentals. *Motion was made and seconded and approved to proceed with repairs.* Steven Cobb met with the Nomination Committee see insert:

New council will be installed 1st Sunday in July.

No New Business
 Karen Beikirch has devotions for May 12th meeting.

*Motion made and approved to adjourn
 George closes with prayer.*

Respectfully Submitted by- Ronda Dellinger



JUNE

ACTAR CARE

Need Volunteer

LECTOR

Brenda Henderson

USHERS

- 07 A. McKinney & B. Chapman
- 14 D. Nichols/G. Wilson
- 21 L. Overcash & P. Thompson
- 28 B. McRee/D. Nichols

COUNTNERS

J. Byrd/S. Thompson

CLEANERS

- TEAM 5- (5/23-6/13)**
Ldrs: L & S Overcash
- Team 6- (6/20-7/11)**
Ldrs. B. & S. McRee

BULLETIN FOLDING

- 06 Laurie
- 13 Joyce
- 20 Cassy
- 27 Alyson

NURSERY

- 07 Melissa
- 14 Karen
- 21 Shawn
- 28 Heather

SOUND VIDEO

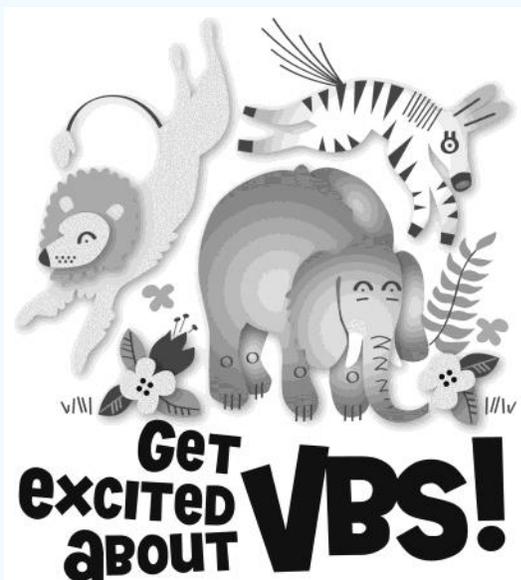
- 07 Daryl Karen
- 14 David Art
- 21 Bob Sharon
- 28 David Aaron



JUNE MEMORY VERSE

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

2 Corinthians 4:7



Join us for a
"Savannah Safari"
July 27-29
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**For rising Kindergarten
thru 6th grade**

*Learn about Africa and how
God wants us to treat others!*

Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 pm

Potluck Supper—6:30 pm

*Bring a dish to share and an
open heart to hear the Lord!*



Your prayers are needed
for the following:

Those who are in need of healing—

Richard & Phyllis Lester

Brian Beikirch Tyler Dunlap

Clarence Bailey

Cindy Henderson

Rick Mohler

Our College Students—

Aaron Chapman Sarah Cobb

Emily Pasquarella Steve Hatley

Madison McKinney Ben McKinney





HTLC

Lutheran Women's Ministry League

(to benefit the Peru Mission Trip)



Volunteers are needed for:

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2015

Greeters

Set up on Friday & clean up on Saturday

Baked Goods

Crafts for Church Table

A person to be in charge of breakfast and/or lunch

Church members can display or sell their talents and crafts. There is limited space left for members. If you know of any crafters, ones that make their own arts, crafts, designs, etc., please let Helen know.

NEXT MEETING IS Sunday, June 7th after worship service.

*If you are interested in becoming part of Holy Trinity's LWML, please contact
Helen Haberern- 704-380-2149*

Miter Boxes

Anyone you took miter boxes need to turn their money in by June 15th to Helen Haberern. All monies will be sent to the District. There are more boxes on the glass table in the foyer if you wish to continue to fill them.

Money will be collected quarterly.

Overcoming Pride

In his book *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis wrote the following about pride: "Pride is the one vice of which no man in the world is free; which everyone in the world loathes when he sees it in someone else; and of which hardly any people, except Christians, ever imagine they are guilty of themselves." We demonstrate pride when go our own way and do our own thing. It is "my will be done" not "thy will be done."

Pride is sinful and destructive. It destroys gratitude to God for all His kindness to us. It destroys our desire and ability to serve others. It destroys contentment for it feeds our competitive nature so that we are not satisfied with just being wealthy or intelligent, but we want to be wealthier and more intelligent than anyone else.

Through faith, we are changed by God from being self-serving, proud people into people who are humble and seek the welfare of others before ourselves. God changes us from being people who always want to be in control into people who desire to be controlled by God. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth*" (Matthew 5:5). In Rick Warren's book *The Purpose Driven Life*, he wrote, "Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less." Through faith, we understand our need for humility. We become more humble as God molds and transforms us by the renewing of our mind (Romans 12:2).

Pride has no place in our lives as Christians and stewards. First Peter 5:6 reads, "*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand that He may lift you up in due time.*" It is God alone Who can exalt us (Psalm 75:7). If Christ Himself, God's only begotten Son, humbled Himself, should we not follow His example and humble ourselves? Because Christ humbled Himself, God exalted Him (Philippians 2:9)

David, the shepherd-king, put our situation in proper perspective: "*When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, the son of man that You care for him?*" (Psalm 8:3-4). The inference is that, although we are insignificant, God has exalted us: "*You made [us] ruler over the works of Your hands; You put everything under [our] feet.*"

Humility allows us to accept our smallness and God's goodness. In the words of Martin Luther, humility is the decision to "let God be God." We are stewards through humility. We are to honor Him with what we have, what we are, and what He will make of us.

**Sermon *videos* are now available on the Holy Trinity Homepage-
holytrinitylc.org.**

**Sermon *audios* for IPODS are also
available on the Homepage.**