

TIDINGS OF TRINITY

For some of us the dawning of a New Year is a reminder that time is passing very, very quickly. When I was six years old a year was one-sixth of my life and time passed very slowly. However, when I was sixty, a year was one-sixtieth of my life. It is practically nothing at all. Young boys and girls today think that next Christmas is a long, long way off. Those of us who are older, know better.

The book of Genesis starts with these words: "In the beginning.." The Gospel of John also starts with these words: "In the beginning..." Beginnings are a good place to start, especially when starting something new. 2010 is a new year of time, a new beginning. Beginnings are hopeful and full of promise.

At this beginning of a new year, we feel eager, we are motivated to change our life; so we make resolves. We write out lists of resolutions, promising to make a fresh start. Yes, we will lose ten pounds in 2010. Yes, we will eat more fruit and vegetables in 2010. Yes, we will begin a study of God's Word; or Yes, we will try harder to put God first in my life.

Words are powerful. A Judge says a few words, and a man's life is saved or condemned. A doctor speaks a few words, and a patient either rejoices ecstatically or gives up in despair. The words we use each day are powerful. "I love you," or "I hate you." If our simple words can carry so much power, think of the Word of God. Everything that exists came into being through God's Word.

As we begin this New Year of time, I encourage you to be hopeful and powerful. Because Jesus was present in the beginning, we can hold tightly to the promise of redemption through His death and resurrection. In the midst of all of our beginnings, there is definitely something "in the beginning" that makes us all feel hopeful: Jesus Christ. As you live in this New Year of time, please take Christ with you. May you all have an outstanding year this year!

Pastor Jaster

THE OFFICERS who will be serving as our leaders during the year 2010 are the following:

President: Alan Hoppes

Vice President: Ron Webber

Secretary: Karen Custer

Treasurer: Cookie Williams

Financial Secretary: Diana Thompson

Trustees: Mike Coonen

Gene Brunner

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Elders: Matt Custer

Jim Thompson

John Tews

INSTALLATION of these Officers will

take place on the second Sunday in January, the 10th, in our Worship Service. The first Council Meeting will also be held on this Sunday, right after our Fellowship Time.

A MEETING OF THE ELDERS will be on January 28th, a Thursday, at 7:00 in the evening. All members of the congregation will be assigned to one of the Elders. The reason we do this is so that if you are having a problem you will know which elder you can go to for help. The Elders will be writing the people who they are responsible for. If you would like to be assigned to a certain Elder, then please let Pastor know, as he will be making this list.

OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE at

Trinity for the month of December were:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
11/29	48	\$ 689.00
12/6	60	4,929.00
12/9	23	170.00
12/13	45	682.00
12/16	22	194.00
12/20	57	2,058.00
Avg. Sun. Attend: 52		Total: \$8,722.00

Last year our average Sunday attendance during the month of December was 46 each Sunday; we went up by 6 each Sunday this year. Our average special Advent Service attendance last year was 23 each Wednesday; we went down 1 each Wednesday this year. Our income during the month of December last year was \$5,163.00; our income this year was \$3,559.00 more than last year. Of course we had \$4,000.00 donation to put in a new air conditioning and heating unit. Let's improve our giving and our attendance in 2010.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available to everyone. The IRS requires that you have written proof of any donations you make. This is why we are offering you these envelopes.

You should put your name down on the list provided for this; but be sure you also put the number of your envelopes next to your name.

THE TRINITY TEA LADIES will start the New Year with an afternoon Tea at the home of Travis Hoppes at 1 :00 p.m. on Friday, January 22nd. Diana Thompson will be leading in the devotions. All women are cordially invited to attend. At this Meeting we will be finalizing plans for the Valentine Tea to be held at Trinity on Saturday, February 13th. If you need directions to Travis' home, then call her at this number: 867-6266. Hope to see you at the Valentine Tea.

A BIG 'THANK YOU!' to everyone who made our Church look so beautiful this Christmas. To those who helped decorate the Tree, to those who donated poinsettia. and to those who decorated our windows; we are just so very grateful. We will be taking down the decorations on January 8th, a Friday, at 4:00 in the afternoon. If you are willing to help with this task, then please show up to help. The more people that show up the quicker the job gets done.

A NEW AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING UNIT has been installed in our Fellowship Hall and Kitchen. Now in the summer time the ladies will be cool. We were able to do this project because of a \$4,000.00 donation made to Trinity by a family associated with our Church



Nathan is an incredibly bright student who takes accelerated courses at the Success Academy. He will graduate high school with his associate's degree. He has been noticed by his teammates and coaches for his work ethic and willingness to take on new challenges.

"Nathan is a really smart kid," coach Derek Pruitt said. He is always working hard and taking on new challenges."

THE PICTURE on the previous page is of Nathan Coonen. Nathan is an outstanding student. In addition to this award, Nathan also received the Superb Award in the German language. Nathan is talking like he might be attending Utah State next year. Let's have a BIG HURRAH for Nathan.

VOLUNTEERS are always needed at Trinity. Volunteering to serve as Greeters are:
Jan. 3rd - Penny & Ivan Condit
Jan. 10th - Liz Biller
Jan. 17th - Travis & Alan Hoppes
Jan. 24th - Vonnie & Jim Yoder
Jan. 31st - Joy & Dave Johnson

We also need people to volunteer to clean the church after our Pot-Luck Lunches. We need Ushers for the month of January. We also need volunteers to put flowers in Church on the Sundays throughout the year. If you are willing to undertake any of these jobs, then please sign up on the sheet provided for these various activities.

HERE'S THE RECIPE for the delicious French Toast served at the Tea Ladies' breakfast on December 10th at the Iron Gate Inn.

EGGNOG FRENCH TOAST

1-lb. loaf French bread
3 oz. cream cheese. softened
2-1/2 c. eggnog
6 T. butter. melted
8 eggs
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
Grease 9 x 13-inch baking dish. Arrange half of French bread into 1/2 inch thick slices to cover bottom of dish. Spread cream cheese on other slices and arrange on top of first layer of bread to form cream cheese center. Combine eggnog, melted butter and eggs in bowl and beat until well blended. Pour evenly over bread slices. With back of spoon, gently press bread into dish. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 8 hours or

overnight. Bake uncovered at 325° for 35 minutes or until center is set and edges are lightly browned. Serve, cut in squares with Cranberry Syrup and whipped cream (optional).

Cranberry Syrup:

1 c. frozen raspberry blend juice concentrate, thawed

1 c. jellied cranberry sauce

1/3 c. sugar

In small saucepan, combine all ingredients. Mix well. Cook and stir with wire whisk over medium-low heat until cranberry sauce and sugar have melted. Pour over Eggnog French toast.

~ The 1897 Iron Gate Inn

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will be resuming on Wednesday at 3:30 in the afternoon. All of the young people in the 6th Grade and up please be in attendance at this Class. Continuation will take place in the first part of June. At this time the members of this Class will present to the congregation the commitment they are making to God.

Johnny's Mother looked out the window and noticed him "playing church" with their cat. He had the cat sitting quietly and he was preaching to it. She smiled and went about her work.

A while later she heard loud meowing and hissing and ran back to the open window to see Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water.

She called out, "Johnny, stop that! The cat is afraid of water!"

Johnny looked up at her and said, "He should have thought about that before he joined my church."

A HOOTER'S CALENDAR is being given to everyone in the Church by Carl Dahlia. Please check the next page for your Hooter's Calendar.

Hooters Calendar 2010



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THE LADIES VALENTINE DAY TEA

will be held on February 13th, a Saturday, at 1:00 in the afternoon. This Tea will be featuring Mona Covington, who is a prominent authority on quilts. Mona will be the guest speaker. A number of quilts will also be on display in our Sanctuary. This sounds like a fantastic Tea. Already 40 tickets have been sold; so if you want to purchase a ticket, then please contact Dianw Molnar.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available to all people. These envelopes can be picked up in our Fellowship Hall. Please put your name on the list, and then put the number of your envelope beside your name. The IRS now requires a written statement of any donations you make to the church, that is why we are offering you these envelopes. The Financial Secretary will provide you with your written statement at the end of the year.

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR MONEY is a program being offered by Utah State University. This program is a series of six weekly workshops to be held on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. beginning on January 12th at the USU Extension Office, 585 North Main Street # 5. This program is designed to empower people to make decisions about their finances. The cost is \$35.00 which includes a workbook, handouts and refreshments.

Schedule and Presenters

Jan. 12 - Looking Forward to Retirement by Jay Decker, State Bank of Southern Utah
Jan. 19 - Managing Your Financial Risks by Dan Yardley, Insurance Consultant.
Jan, 26 - Getting Started by Kathy Riggs.
USU Extension Family & Consumer Sciences Agent of Iron County
Feb. 9 - Creating an Estate Plan - Wills & Trusts by Steve Corry an Attorney at Law
Feb. 16 - Working with Your Bank & Credit

Card Savvy - by an SUU Finance and Economics Professor

Feb. 23 - Marriage and Money by a speaker to be announced.

For more information contact Kathy Riggs at this phone number: 586-8132.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

What in the world do leaping lords, french hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

Three french hens stood for faith, hope and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the seven fold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-12.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control.

The ten lords a-leaping were the ten Commandments.

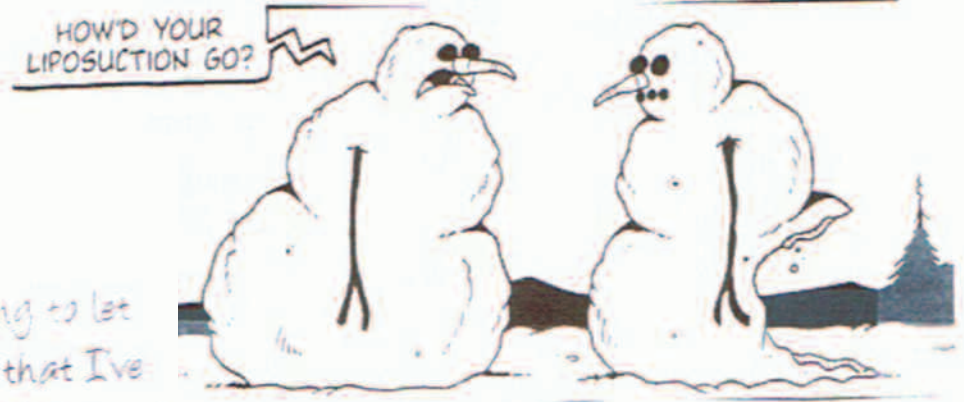
The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

SO NOW you've had your history lesson for today.



HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?



Dear Santa,
I'm writing to let you know that I've been naughty and it was worth it!