

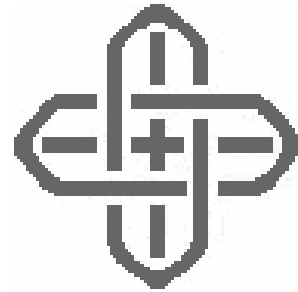
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## The Minister's Word

### 140 Characters or less...

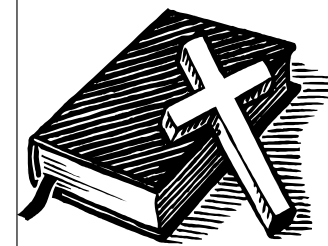
If you don't know about "Twitter", it is the latest form of electronic communication. From what I understand, "Twittering" is a way of letting your friends know what you're doing or thinking. With 140 characters or less, you can update your friends that you're watching a basketball game, shopping for tires or getting flea medicine for your dog. Believe it or not, this kind of information has proved to be interesting and popular with a lot of folks.

I guess I've been reading too much of John's Gospel lately. John portrays Jesus as one who tries to lift our day to day conversation up and out of the mundane. We see, for example, Nicodemus trying to chew the fat with Jesus only to have Jesus move the conversation to "being born from above". The woman at the well was just talking about well water, but Jesus moves the conversation to living water. The Gospel of John wants us to move our conversation to a higher level.

So here's the challenge, in the days ahead I want you to provide an answer in 140 characters or less to some questions. What does your faith mean to you? What does your church community mean to you? What does grace mean to you? How do you live out your faith?

Answer one question or all of them. We'd like to post your answers at the church or hear some of them at worship. Give it some thought!

Peace, Donovan



### Holy Week services at TAPC

- ☉ Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday (9:00am & 11:00am)
- ☉ Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: Maundy Thursday, service of remembrance of the night of Jesus' arrest and crucifixion, includes communion (7:00pm) Please also join us for dinner at 5:30pm (same format as Wednesday Night Lite, except this time it will be on a Thursday!).
- ☉ Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>: Good Friday service in the cloister garden (12:00pm)
- ☉ Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>: Easter (9:00am, 10:00am & 11:00am)

### Choral Music for Holy Week

The TAPC choirs will be presenting a wide variety of choral music for the various Holy Week Services:

- ☉ On **Palm Sunday**, April 5<sup>th</sup>, all three choirs (Trinity Chancel Choir, Trinity Singers & the Chapel Choir) will be singing during the 11:00am **Palm Sunday** service. The Chapel Choir will also lead in the palm processional that morning!
- ☉ On **Maundy Thursday** the Trinity Chancel Choir will be singing for the v 7:00pm service, presenting music by Anton Bruckner, Maurice Durufle & F. Melius Christiansen.
- ☉ **Easter Sunday** will have three morning services (at 9:00am, 10:00am, and 11:00am), with the Trinity Chancel Choir and Trinity Chamber Orchestra presenting solos & choruses from **Pt. III** of Handel's *Messiah* as part of the 11:00am service in the Sanctuary. Included will be the "Hallelujah Chorus"!

Plan to attend the services throughout Holy Week, so as not to miss any of the great music of this important time in the church year!

### Third Easter Service Added

TAPC will have an extra Easter worship service at 10:00am in the Chapel. on April 12th. The early service on Easter last year was a little crowded, so we're hoping that an extra chapel service on Easter will enable everyone to worship more comfortably.



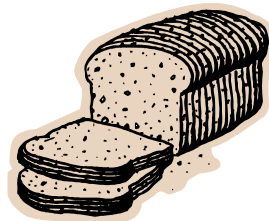
### TAPC Easter Egg Hunt

Hippity, Hoppety....Easter's on its way, along with our TAPC Easter Egg Hunt. Join us on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am for a fun time! We will have egg hunts for the young children and games and activities for older children (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders.) Everyone will have the opportunity to find the special egg! Bring a sweet or salty treat to share (drinks will be provided). Don't forget your Easter basket and your camera. Please also bring items for the Easter baskets we will be preparing for donation to the Head Start Center....we want to fill the baskets with outside play items and/or craft materials (e.g. bubbles, jump-ropes, sidewalk chalk, construction paper (any color), child scissors, glue sticks, magic markers, crayons, etc.). See you on the 4<sup>th</sup>!

Newsletter items should be sent to [newsletter@trinityave.org](mailto:newsletter@trinityave.org)

### PRIMETIMERS

Primetimers will meet on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am in the Sloan Fellowship Hall. Our Parish Associate, Graham McChesney, will be our featured speaker. He'll be sharing Chapter 4 of sixty-five years of rich pastoral experiences (Winston Salem and Charlotte). All are invited. Please sign up on the friendship pad or call the church office (682-3865). Lunch will follow the program. Please note that a donation of \$4 is suggested. Plan to come and bring your friends for this entertaining time together.



Do you love to bake? We're looking for a member – or a few members – who would be willing to bake a loaf of bread regularly for communion services. If you're interested, please let Elizabeth know ([emichael@trinityave.org](mailto:emichael@trinityave.org), 682-3865).

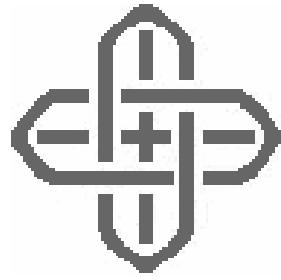
### Spring Golf Tournament



The annual spring golf tournament will be Saturday, May 2nd, at Umstead Pines at Willowhaven. This is a "best ball" ("captain's choice") tournament, and all skill levels are welcome. Registration will begin around the first of April. If you have any questions or want to be added to the "interest list", please contact Joe Beavers at [jbeavers@nc.rr.com](mailto:jbeavers@nc.rr.com).

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### Children's Ministry News

Interested in spending time teaching our young people about God??? We're interested in you! Please prayerfully consider teaching Sunday school next year to our children. It does not require any prior teaching experience! The curriculum we use is easy to follow. This is a wonderful way to get to know some of our church children. Feel free to speak with our current teachers about their experiences. We usually get several teachers for each age-level, so you are not required to be here each Sunday. You can participate in Adult Christian Education on the Sundays that you aren't teaching. See Sloan with questions or for more information.



Preschool VBS is coming to TAPC the week of July 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a morning vacation bible school and is done by church volunteers. Please see Sloan or Caroline Armacost if you are interested in being a part of this fun week!

### Youth News

**Middle School Lock-In**  
Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> (6:00pm) through Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> (11:00am)  
Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church

The Middle School youth will be locked in at TAPC!! We'll be seeking and searching all weekend long! That means late night Sardines, a scavenger hunt, prayer, and creative crafts. Plus, we will help setup and lead the Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday morning!! There's no cost, there's no official registration! Let Nathan know if you and a friend can attend!!

**Samuel Retreat for High School Youth**  
Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm) through Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> (11:00am)  
Camp Rockfish in Fayetteville, NC

This is our 2nd Annual Samuel Retreat for High School Youth. We will return to Camp Rockfish for community building activities, vocational discernment, fellowship, and prayer! Please register by Sunday, March 29th!!! Registration forms are at the end of the Sunday School Hallway.

**Vacation Church School at New Hope Camp**

Youth currently in grades 6-12 are needed to help with Vacation Church School this summer. VCS will start on Monday, June 15th and end on Friday, June 19th. There is no fee for youth volunteers; in fact, we throw them a party on Thursday night to say thank you! Adults volunteers are also needed. A registration form is attached to this email. Forms are also available at the end of the Sunday school hallway. Please contact Nathan with any questions.

### Join us for 8 x 8 Dinners

The 8 x 8 is back! Are you interested in meeting new people? Hosting new (or old) friends for a night? Going out for an interesting evening?

If so, please sign up for the next 8 X 8! 8x8 dinners are a fellowship event of our congregation: some of our members will volunteer to host a small group for dinner in their home, and then everyone contributes part of the meal. You are invited to participate as either a host or a guest. There will be two options this year, either on Saturday night, May 2, or Sunday night, May 3.

More details are coming soon! Have questions? Please contact Frederique Yova via e-mail at fyova@nc.rr.com or via phone at 919 471 8882.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

01Apr	Wednesday Night Lite: Worship
03Apr	Middle School Lock-In
04Apr	TAPC Easter Egg Hunt
05Apr	Palm Sunday – Special Music
09Apr	Maundy Thursday Service
10Apr	Good Friday Services in garden
12Apr	EASTER! Special Music
16Aor	Primetimers Lunch at TAPC
17Aor	Samuel Retreat for HS Youth
02May	TAPC Golf Tournament 8 x 8 dinners
03May	8 x 8 dinners



#### TAPC Blood Drive

Congratulations to TAPC! We donated 60 units of blood during our Blood Drive on March 1<sup>st</sup>. This was 120% of our goal and helped 180 lives. Thank you to all the donors and members who helped with registration, snacks and the canteen.

#### Wednesday Night Lite

Join us on April 1<sup>st</sup> for Wednesday Night Lite to enjoy food, fun, fellowship, and worship! This will be the last WNL for the spring, and we will bring them back in the fall. Dinner is \$5 for ages 11 to adult, \$2 for ages 4 to 10, and free for ages 3 and under (with maximum of \$15 per family). Sign up on the friendship pad or call the church office at 682-3865 if you plan to attend.

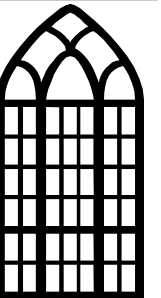
### Schedule of Congregant Leadership for Sunday Worship Services

Date	Communion	Counters	Closing	Acolyte Parent	Ushers/Greeters
05Apr	9:00am Chris & Cathy Perry	Jim Petrea (Lead) Susan Peak Arthur Rogers	Mandy Barringer (620-0331)	Stockburger	9:00am Volunteers needed!
12Apr	9:00am Carol & Chris Leach	Jim Petrea (Lead) Jim VanderWeide Gail VanderWeide	David Thaxton (477-5241)	Lockwood (477-6883)	11:00am Jeff Williams Lynette Williams Angela Parham Gerald Belton Jim Kinney Cindy Kinney
19Apr	9:00am Suzy Ward	Len Stockburger (Lead) Wendy Hoffman Bobby Stockburger	Judy May (383-2342)	Rogers (493-9586)	
26Apr	9:00am Edith Boon	Chris Perry (Lead) Noell Tillett Cathy Perry	Jo Deckard (471-4598)	Drummond (477-9818)	
03May	9:00am Chris & Cathy Perry  11:00am Bob Yowell is elder in charge of communion	Jeff Reedy (Lead) Suzanne Freeman Dan Morgan	Martha Aitken (479-1290)	TBA	9:00am Volunteers needed!
10May	9:00am Carol & Chris Leach	Bill Waddell (Lead) Greg Cates Bill Drummond	Nancy Carstens (493-2266)	TBA	11:00am Marion Wright Joe Rusnak Beth Rusnak David Wilcox and 2 volunteers needed
17May	9:00am Suzy Ward	Bill Ross (Lead) Marshall Clements Phyllis Clements	Kathy Ferguson (489-9460)	TBA	
24May	9:00am Edith Boon	Richard Arnold (Lead) Greg Dale Mark Ahrendsen	Cindy Kinney (477-4229)	TBA	
31May	9:00am Marie Grauerholz	Bill Telford (Lead) Al Joyner Marie Grauerholz	Kirsten Berlin (383-2828)	TBA	

### SANCTUARY GUILD

If you are interested in serving on the Sanctuary Guild or if you are interested in placing flowers in the chapel and sanctuary in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please call Gerda Medley at 383-7621.

April volunteer: Victoria Herring May volunteers: Suzy Ward and Carol Shepard.  
Thanks to March volunteers Ann Kirkland and Debbie Blaylock.



### TAPC Weekday School

It's time to register for the 2009-2010 school year at TAPC Weekday School. The Weekday School is a half-day preschool with classes for two year olds through five year olds. Registration information and applications are available on the TAPC website. For more information, please contact Weekday School director Lori Hardin at 919-530-8163 or at lhardin@trinityave.org.

### Prayer Ministry

The TAPC prayer chain ministry currently has 50 active members, with a vision of growing to 100. Each member is notified about a congregational prayer concern through a phone call or an email, prays for the person, and then passes the prayer request on to two others on the chain. Prayer requests for all church members and for family and friends of members are welcome! If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain ministries, or if you have a request for which you would like prayer, please contact Marian Wright (at mwright32@aol.com or at 321-2624) or the church office.