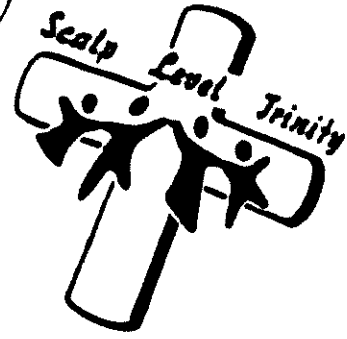


Scalp Level Trinity Tidings



July/August 2007

“A FEW FINAL THOUGHTS”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I praise God for the awesome privilege of serving Him, through the Holy Spirit, here at Christ's Lighthouse on the Hill for these 12 years.

“Jesus is Lord” is the great theme of the New Testament. Hopefully, I have not failed Him in making that wisdom abundantly clear in my pastorate here.

How grateful to God I am to see so many faithful servants in ministry among the church family. These are not just “workers” but people enlarging the Kingdom, nurturing the Kingdom of God within the family, and doing real servant-hood work that carries out the latest purpose (mission) that the Holy Spirit has given to each.

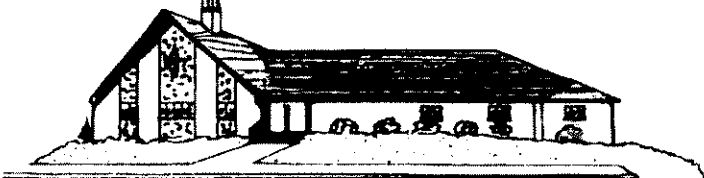
Within just a year's time, I probably asked 160 different people to carry out some ministry area for God. Some are for a day. Some are for several years. Do you know how many times the Lord gets turned down by all of these people? Less than a handful. Praise God!!

Among all the many miracles (hundreds of healings, the tower, the new people and families, the additional land, the need for additional building space for all ages), Scalp Level Trinity is not an easy church to serve as a pastor. There is a constant background of murmurings and workings by a few to take the church back to a time that no longer exists (whether it be 5 years ago, 10 years ago or longer), which would destroy what God, not us, has been building upon. You must resist those. The Holy Spirit must do the leading. When we lead, God leaves.

Pastor Ernie Perry knows the Holy Spirit. And he understands God's vision and how to arrive there. Be strong in prayer for that man of God and his family. Welcome his wife and children as well as him. He has become a good friend to me. I thank God for him and his family.

Being a pastor's kid in a new church and town can be a brutal experience for them. You must be intentional at making them feel part of the family. Invite them places. Send them notes. Send them a buck for ice cream sometime.

You have as good a staff, church leadership, and worship team as I see in any church anywhere. I thank each of them for answering God's call and for blessing me as you have. You have ministered to me more than I ever could have to you. My heart is filled with joy every time that I think of any of you.



Thank you Lord,

Art

July Greeters

- 1 – Darlene & Douglas Lough
- 8 – John, Nancy, Nicole, Amber & Jacob Wozny
- 15 – Dave, Michele and Abbigale Parks
- 22 – Kevin, Lucie, Anna, Jesse & Jordan Hershberger
- 29 – Tracy, Athena and Kristina Ashbrook

August Greeters

- 5 – Richard Harden
- 12 – Alma Ling and Elaine Novak
- 19 – Lew & Peg Clark
- 26 – Jim, Tammy, Annie and Gabby Fiffick

July Acolyte

Kaylee Davis

August Acolyte

Nick D'Ambrosia

June Attendance

3	205
10	163
17	198
24	257

June average: 206

Men's Prayer Breakfast

All men are invited to the Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Corner Coffee Shop on Saturday, July 21st and Saturday, August 18th, both at 7:30 a.m. Come and bring a friend.

Meeting Notices

The Trustees will meet on Monday, July 16th and Monday August 20th at 7:00 p.m.

The next **COPA** meeting will be on Monday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Deadline for the **September** issue of *Scalp Level Trinity Tidings* is **Sunday, August 26th**

Hospital Patients in June

(2 or more days stay)

In Windber: Freda McCreary
 Lonetta Rasko
 Emory Wissinger

NOTE: Freda McCreary has moved to the Church of the Brethren home.

Please remember these people in your prayers each day.

Also, please pray for the following people who are taking various treatments or who are in recovery:

- John Brumbaugh
- Rick Cover

Baptism

We praise God for the baptism of Denver Joseph Lee. Denver is the son of Dave & Jennifer Lee.

We also praise God for the baptism of Baylee Lynn Roxby, daughter of Randy and Shelley Roxby.

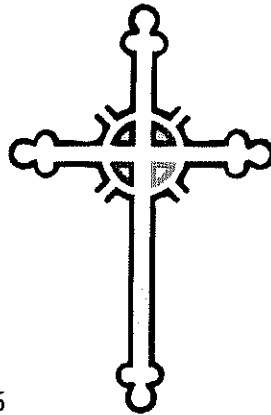
We also praise God for the baptism of Garrett Gene Kirkwood. Garrett is the son of Jason & Dawn Kirkwood.

Marriage

We thank God for bringing Anthony Grillo and Tara Ries together in Christian marriage on June 2nd. Our prayers for a wonderful life together.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR – Rev. Dr. Ernie Perry
 CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST – Judy Custer
 CUSTODIAN – Dave Wright
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WELCOME
to the
PERRY FAMILY!

*Pastor Ernie
Kirsten
Jonathan
Josiah
Leah*

Thank you for coming to Scalp Level Trinity.

We have been in prayer for you and many have
also been fasting and praying for you.

Church Picnic

The church picnic will be Sunday, August 26th beginning around 11:45 a.m.

Please bring your favorite covered dish and table serving (plates, silverware, etc.) The drinks will be provided for you.

Jill will have great games for the kids; plus, bocce ball, volley ball, soccer, walks around the prayer path, etc.

For worship, you can be as casually dressed as you are comfortable, so come dressed for the picnic.

If picnics are not for you, be sure to still worship the Lord that Sunday. "Honor the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

Jamaican Mission Trip

We have six going to Jamaica on a mission trip to take Bible School to a very poor church.

Karen Weinzierl is the team leader. The youth are: Athena Ashbrook, Jenelle Feather, Brea Neri, Ashley Weinzierl and Amber Wozny.

They will be teaching Bible School to all ages of children. For the past weeks Karen has had the mission team working on the Bible School projects that they will transport to Jamaica.

The dates of the mission are July 7-17. This mission trip is another way of The Lighthouse to send the light of Jesus Christ out into the world to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Wrapped in Prayer Ministry

The Wrapped in Prayer ministry will meet on Tuesday, July 10th and Tuesday, August 14th. Both meetings will be at 6:30 p.m. at the church. For more information, please contact Norma Miller at 410-2718.

Vacation Bible School

Hey Kids, come to AVALANCHE RANCH, "A WILD RIDE THROUGH GOD'S WORD."

Get ready for an exciting celebration of God's love filled with stampeding cattle, yapping cattle dogs, soaring eagles, and a whole herd of friends.

You'll enjoy Bible crafts, exciting games, thrilling Bible stories, sample tasty snacks and hear unforgettable music.

It will be held August 13-17 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Sign up sheets are on the Narthex table.

For more information, call the church office at 467-9051 or Patty Lee at 467-8999.

Pioneers Class

The Pioneers will be going to LaMonica's Restaurant on Friday, July 27th. They will also have a picnic at the church on Friday, August 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Angel Food Ministries

The Angel Food Ministries June menu is available on the table in the Narthex. This ministry offers \$50 in food for \$25. There is no income requirement so everyone is eligible. There are also "specials" that vary each month.

You can place and pick up your order at Calvary UMC, 1800 Stockholm Avenue, Windber, or Franklin Street UMC, in Johnstown.

Altar Flowers

Altar flower sponsors for July are:

July 1: Allison family
July 8: Bob Feather
July 15: Lynn Thomas
July 22: Arthur Jacobs family
July 29: The Orners

Thank You from Pastor Art and Carol

Carol and I thank the church family for the beautiful and Holy Spirit inspired retirement evening. It is the most inspiring and fun filled night that we have ever spent and with such special people.

We thank each of you who took time out from your all too busy schedules to bless us with your presence. And we thank those who did the planning (that took days to put together), the MC, Tim, who kept it so light but filled with real joy and real LIGHT. Thank you, too, for the testimonies which filled our hearts (I kept wondering who they were talking about!)

The music, *Wayne and the Forgiveness Gang* – gracious! That is a million seller video. I kept wondering who “the old people” **were** Wayne was singing about in his first song.

Kurt’s power point show was such a gift and a blessing. Each card and each gift was precious and each had a deep significance.

And all that food! Fit for heaven. Everyone’s extra and everyone’s best.

Patty, thank you for the “Happy Retirement” banner. I like it that I still have The Bible in my hand even in that hammock. Peggy’s retirement cake was not only beautiful but delicious. And thank you, Brother Sease, for your ending words of encouragement and your prayer. Your beautiful words captured the depth of how I have loved having the privilege of serving The Lighthouse in The Kingdom of God with Jesus my Savior as Lord of the Kingdom and with The Holy Spirit as my guide. Thank you for the great honor of being able to do this with loving disciples and witnessing brothers and sisters – The Family of God at Scalp Level Trinity.

Thank you Jesus, and thank you, the church, at Christ’s Lighthouse on the Hill.

Our love (that’s AGAPE love, the highest and greatest),
Pastor Art & Carol

United Churches

The annual sub/pizza fund raiser is now on until September 30th at Pomroy’s. The cost is \$6.50 for either a sub or pizza. Get your tickets from Marilyn Varner or Eleanor Mock. You can buy one or more, since they are good until the end of September.

Once again the United Churches is sponsoring the CROP Walk for the hungry, through Church World Service. This is our 10th year, so if you have never walked in the CROP Walk, this is the year to do it. You will be glad you did it. It will be held either September 23rd or 30th. More info will be available in September.

*Eleanor Mock,
Church representative*

Encouragement

Psalm 55:22 tells us, “Leave your troubles with the Lord, and He’ll defend you; He never lets honest men be defeated.” (Good News Bible)

There’s a phrase that says something like, “If you can’t sleep take your problems to God. He’ll be up all night anyway.” He gives us protection at all times. Psalm 91:4 says, “He will cover you with His wings, you will be safe in His care.” (Good News Bible) That is very comforting to know in today’s world.

Linda Singer

Do You Know?

Invest your life in what pays eternal dividends.

-- Dave Masters

Books of the Bible Puzzle

Can you find thirty books of the bible in this paragraph?

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fundraising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus; there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.

Drinking from My Saucer

I've never made a fortune and it's probably too late now,
But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow.
And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough,
But I've got loving ones around me, and that makes me rich enough.
I thank God for his blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

O, remember times when things went wrong, my faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the dark clouds broke and sun peeped through again.
So Lord, help me not to gripe about the tough rows that I've hoed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage, when the way grows steep and rough,
I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.
And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads.
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.