



## ***The Trinity Spirit***

***August/September, 2010***

As I write these words to you, I am truly overwhelmed at all the good things God has done in our presence just in the last few months. Just think about it – we have welcomed a new associate pastor, we have experienced a wonderful Vacation Bible School, we have now filled 3 Disciple Bible Study classes, our Youth have experienced a deeply meaningful camping experience and mission trip, many have said our 4<sup>th</sup> of July services were among the best they have ever seen here, our Camp Meeting Sundays have been well attended ..... and that's just in the last couple of months. Wow! **I just want to thank you for your faithfulness. It is because of you that these things are successful in the life of our church. Indeed, thank you.**

Let me share some things on the immediate horizon that are of concern to me. First, on **Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, our entire church family will begin worshipping in the Memorial Fellowship Hall.** This is due to the long anticipated renovation of our sanctuary. I am so grateful to Sandi Sears, Christina Hale and others who have done so much to prepare for these days. Please remember: **We will worship at 8:15, 9:40 and 11:00 during this temporary period.** The change of times is necessary to accommodate transitioning from one worship service to the next. The word I keep using with everyone is flexibility. It may take us a couple of weeks to get adjusted, but it will work out fine. During this time, the extensive renovation work in our sanctuary will be underway. Our goal is to be back in the sanctuary for the first time on **Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, when our Bishop, Paul Leeland will be with us to consecrate this newly renovated space.**

I also feel a strong need to thank you for your **financial faithfulness**. The summer is always a challenge in every church, Trinity included. And while we are keeping expenses to a minimum, you have been so regular to support the ongoing ministry of the church. We have been affected some by the launch of the Building Fund and persons giving to it – but, by in large, we have stayed strong. May I ask you to remember that during this renovation time, the operating expenses of the church continue? Please remain as faithful as you can financially as we navigate the summer and accommodate paying for the renovations. I said to you when we began the renovation project that the only way we would borrow money would be if we had the anticipated pledges to

cover what we borrow. That is absolutely still the case – we will not over – extend ourselves financially, no matter what. **Thank you. You are a faithful people.**

Finally, let me share a growing concern I have for Trinity. **I remain deeply concerned about what our church will look like 5 and 10 years from now.** The face of Trinity is slowly changing before our eyes. Over the last 50 years, God has been faithful to raise up men and women who are committed to Him and His church. Where will the next generation come from? We stand on the shoulders of so many who have gone before us – who will God send to lead us for the next 50 years and beyond? I ask you to join me in praying for clarity of vision as we go forward into the future together. Remember, God is good – all the time.

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