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The Pastor's Pen

The Trinity

My second selection from "What The Bible Says About...The Ultimate A-Z Resource" (2001, Thomas Nelson) is on the Trinity. No, I'm not the expert, but I thought this explanation was very comforting.

One of the most important teachings of Christianity is the concept of the Trinity, the belief that God is one God, but exists in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. However, the Bible does not offer an explanation of this concept so much as a presentation of it. It assumes a triune God but does not try to "prove" the Trinity.

In 2 Thessalonians, Paul seeks to enrich his readers' understanding of their new life in Christ by telling them about works done on their behalf by all three Person of the Godhead. These same benefits are ours as believers today:

- *The Father has selected us for salvation, loves us, and gives us consolation and hope (2 Thess. 2:13, 16)*
- *The Son shares His glory with us and provides comfort and stability in the faith (2 Thess. 2:14, 16).*

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		May 13
		Session meeting time TBA
<u>May Birthdays</u>		May 17-25
Preston Lea	1	Pastor Jo out of town
Remy Kublik	7	March 24
Sarah Jones	13	Shawl / Chrismon Ministry 10 a.m.

Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture Reference (Begin Year A)

Third Sunday of Easter—May 4

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Fourth Sunday of Easter-May 11

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 18

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Sixth Sunday of Easter-May 25

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Ascension of the Lord—May 29

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Must Do List
Start on the repair
of our stained
glass windows

June Fellowship dinner hosted
by Betsy and Margaret

- *The Spirit purifies (sanctifies) us and develops our faith (2 Thess. 2:13)*

As believers, we have a powerful, caring, active God working on our behalf...

The doctrine of the Trinity may be difficult to comprehend, but as always we see in a dim mirror when it comes to ultimate truth (1 Cor. 13:12). Nevertheless, we can obediently respond to what we know clearly and not dwell on things that are cloudy. One thing we know for sure: our God is for us in every way! (pg.402-403)

The Trinity is a main part of our core beliefs as Presbyterians. We firmly believe in God as three persons. It's difficult to explain and understand, but that's where faith comes in. I encourage you to read the selection of scripture from 2 Thessalonians. Actually I encourage you to read the whole book! It's very short but so full of invaluable information. Paul was a remarkable writer and a great disciple. Blessings, Jo



Short News Items

If you would like to schedule an appointment with Pastor Jo, please call 850-902-1653 to schedule a time and location to meet with her.

Do you need a ride to church or to a special event? If so, call Linda Lade at 623-0017 and she will either drive you or get someone else who can.

Some have asked about the collection of stamps for Duval Home. If you will get them to Linda Lade, she will make sure they get there.

Happy Mother's Day



Session Highlights

First Presbyterian Church
Milton, FL

Session Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2014

Session members present members absent

Betsy Dodson

Margaret Neustaedter

Tammy Mendiola

Leslie Yandle

Jean Mourey

Guests present

Remy Kublik

Moderator

Jo Kublik

Welcome/Quorum/Call to order

A quorum was declared by Jo and the meeting was called to order with prayer given by Jo.

A discussion was held regarding the way the budget is shown. Jo requested a separate category for restoration funds. The \$10,000.00 donation from Euchee Valley Presbyterian church was brought to our attention by Leslie Yandle who noted the money was earmarked by the session for the purpose of spiritual development and community outreach but there is no accounting in the budget for these funds. It was determined the money was recognized at the February 2007 session meeting. Betsy Dodson will make an effort to determine how much has been spent on stewardship since that time.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 8, 2014 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Betsy passed copies of the February income/expense rep She reported \$20,000.00 in the checking account and \$28,000 in the savings account. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Property: Betsy Dodson reported the total amount for replacing the railings on the church porch is \$7999.30 of which \$4000.00 has been paid. The railings should be in place within two weeks. She is currently speaking with stained glass repairers to get estimates for having the church windows repaired. King Air has sent proposals for replacing the fresh air damper (\$1849) and to install a new heat strip for the

back half of the Fellowship hall (\$2663.00). Remy noted we may need to raise funds for these projects as they are considered repairs, not restoration. Jean offered to make a chart showing costs of repairs and restorations with what has been spent and what is still needed. This would be put into the Sunday bulletin as an insert. A motion was made to use \$4463.00 from the checking account to pay King Air for the repairs in the Fellowship Hall.

A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Christian Education: Tammy had nothing to report regarding Christian education. She did report she is attempting to have our web address with the Presbytery corrected. Tammy reported the Bible study group will begin studying Ruth and Esther. She reminded us of the Disability Ministry Conference being held March 29, 2014 at Marcus Pointe Baptist Church and asked for four people to go. Tammy reported that Ann Smith has requested a discourse on what is the Presbyterian Church. Jo said she will make arrangements to provide the necessary information. We agreed that we can arrange casual meetings when needed.

Worship: Margaret reported Cheryl Nugent will provide musical accompaniment for the fifth Sunday singing March 30, 2014. She noted communion will be served three times in April, April 13, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. There will be no Easter cantata. She will see to ordering lilies for the church for Easter Sunday. Jo announced the congregants from Pace Presbyterian will participate in our Maundy Thursday and Easter sunrise services. Navarre Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian will be invited also. Maundy Thursday service will be held at 6:00 PM and Easter sunrise service at 6:00 AM.

Membership/Mission: Jean had nothing to report

Personnel: Leslie had nothing to report

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried. Jo closed the meeting with prayer.

Calendar of Events

May 2014

May 3 Spring Fling

May 4 1st Sunday dinner

May 6 Bible study 10:00 AM

May 11 Mother's Day.

Holy communion served during service.

May 12 Autism Pensacola meeting

May 13 Session meeting. Time to be announced

May 14 4th day

May 18 Pastor Jo Kublik absent for daughter's wedding

May 24 Prayer shawl/Chrismon 10:00 AM

June 2014

June 1 1st Sunday dinner

June 3 Bible study 10:00 AM

June 8 Holy Communion served

June 11 4th day 6:00 PM

June 28 Prayer shawl/Chrismon 10:00 AM

June 29 5th Sunday

GRADUATION DAY!

A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted.

As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study, told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and how much he loved him. He handed him a beautifully wrapped gift box.

Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible, with his name embossed in gold. Angrily, he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all your money you give me a Bible?" He stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but realized his father was very old. He thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. But before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to him. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his

father's important documents and saw the Bible, new, just as he had left it years ago.

With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt 7:11, "And if ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father which is in Heaven, give to those who ask Him?" As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words...PAID IN FULL.

Laugh Corner

Church Ladies With Typewriters =-O

They're back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Church Gossip

Mildred, the church gossip, and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several members did not approve of her extra-curricular activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused Frank, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon.

She emphatically told Frank (and several others) that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing!

Frank, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny. He simply said nothing.

Later that evening, Frank quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house, walked home and left it there all night.

(You gotta love Frank!)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Preston Lea	2	3 Spring Fling
4 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship dinner, 11:30	5	6 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.	7 Remy Kublik	8	9	10
11 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Communion, 10:30 Session meeting, 11:30 Mother's Day	12 Autism Pensacola meeting	13 Sarah Jones	14	15	16	17
18 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Jo at Daughter's Wedding	19	20	21	22	23	24 Prayer Shawl/ Chrismon ornaments, 10:00 a.m.
25 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31



Happy Memorial Day

Spring

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a message about Spring.

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| CYCLAMENS | IRISES | SOFTBALL |
| DAFFODILS | LILIES | SPRING BREAK |
| DANDELIONS | MARCH | SPRING CLEANING |
| EASTER | MAY | TULIPS |
| EQUINOX | NEW LEAVES | WARMER |
| FLOWERS | PLANTING | WET |