

# TRINITY

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PRESBYTERIAN (PCA) • MURFREESBORO

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## MINISTRY REPORT 2017

Honor God.

Welcome All.

Embody Christ's Reign.

## LETTER FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR



Dear TPC Members,

It is amazing to look back over the last several years and reflect on the growth and change Trinity has undergone. Growth and change in terms of new members, new officers, new leaders, new ministries, new staff, and a new building! Yet amidst all of this change and growth, one thing has remained constant and that is our Lord's faithfulness. For the life and ministry of Trinity is utterly dependent on him who has called us out of darkness and into his marvelous and transforming light (1 Peter 2:10), for as a church, we exist from God and we're called to live unto God as we offer our lives to him as a living sacrifice in and through his Son and by his Spirit (Romans 12:1-2).

I trust that as you make your way through this annual report, you will see that 2017 was truly a year of great blessing! We welcomed many new members into our family, even as we saw old friends and family be sent out into new fields in Jesus' Kingdom. We witnessed growth in our worship attendance as well as increased participation in many of our ministries. Through your generosity, we exceeded our budget for the fifth year in a row and with all of this, we finally occupied our new building which is being used consistently and thoroughly throughout the week and every Lord's Day. Again, our God has been faithful and in and through his faithfulness he has been at work among us for our good and for his glory.

As a result of his work, much has changed and is changing but our God remains the same. And since he remains the same, so does our goal of honoring him as we seek to extend his welcome to all and as we strive, by his grace, to embody Jesus' reign in Murfreesboro, Middle Tennessee and beyond. So, whether you are new or you have been here for years, we hope you have found Trinity to be a home where you are finding your place and playing your part in the story of God's grace. May the Lord bless and keep you, and cause his face to shine upon you for Jesus' sake.

Blessings,  
Brandon

*In response to God's gift of Jesus, we desire to be a church who:  
GRATEFULLY HONORS THE ONE TRIUNE GOD,  
PEACEFULLY EXTENDS THE WELCOME OF THE GOSPEL TO ALL  
and INTENTIONALLY EMBODIES CHRIST'S HEALING PRESENCE in  
Murfreesboro, Middle Tennessee and beyond.*

# WORSHIPPING THE ONE TRIUNE GOD

## **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Worship is the heart of who we are in Christ and it is the engine that drives everything we do as a Church. At Trinity, worship is our response to the grace God has shown us in Jesus. At the same time, worship is the primary place God continues to shape us more and more into his people. It is our joy to host over 180 worshipers every Lord's Day.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Our church membership has grown 8% from last year. We expect this growth to continue with the renovation and construction of our Church home and as we continue to reach out into our community with the good news of Jesus's healing and transforming reign.

- **239 Total Members**

In 2017, Trinity grew to 239 total members. We ended the year with 201 communing and 38 non-communing members.

- **82 Children & Youth**

From infants to youth, our covenant children are growing in their trust of Jesus through the ministries of Trinity.

- **23 New Members**

In 2017, 23 people became members of Trinity in the hope of calling this community home.

- **Sacrament of Baptism**

We baptized 4 children in 2017.

# GROWING IN THE LIFE OF THE GOSPEL

## OUR MINISTRIES

**Music** - On the Lord's Day, and also for special services and events, the Music Ministry leads the congregation in corporate song and present offerings of special music.

**Community Groups** - It is our desire that Community Groups are the primary place our people turn to find community and to apply the gospel to their lives.

**Community Events** -The Church Life Ministries Team exists for the purpose of helping our church host key community events in the life of the congregation. Annual events include Family Fun Day and the Thanksgiving Dinner.

**Welcome and Hospitality** - The Welcome and Hospitality Team exists to equip our church to be a welcoming presence to the visitors among us so that they might experience the love of Jesus and become aware of the ways they can get connected to Trinity.

**Children** - The purpose of children's ministry at TPC is to give specific thought and attention to the way children grow in their understanding of Christ's Kingdom and what membership in that Kingdom entails.

**Student** - The Student Ministries Team seeks to honor God by leading our church family to help students come to know God and his truth, grow together in God's grace and show God's love to our city and the world through Sunday morning worship, Sunday night gatherings, youth events, retreats, and small groups.

**Women** -The Women's Ministries Team exists to equip the women of our church to pursue the mission of TPC through teaching, promoting relationships and equipping women to embody Christ's reign.

**Men** -Trinity's men's ministry desires to disciple men in a God-centered, welcoming environment that enables men to grow in the gospel and to glorify God in the areas of worship, family, work and friendship.

**College** -Trinity supports Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), which is a ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America. RUF is consistent with the God-given role of the Church on campus to reach and equip students to love and serve Jesus Christ and his Church.

**Missions** -The Missions Ministries Team at Trinity exists to help our church bear witness to the transforming reign of Jesus in our city and beyond.

*(For more information please see our Ministry brochures in the narthex.)*

# OUR LEADERSHIP

## **ELDERS**

Brandon Eggar, Moderator  
Jim Harris, Clerk  
Rick Malone  
Paul Pasarilla  
Peter Robertson  
Paul Shearer  
Pleun Troost

## **DEACONS**

Andy Englehart, Chairman  
Dean Cardel  
Monty Lee  
Charles McGaughy  
Allen Pfingsten  
John Pipes  
Jeff Straka  
Paul Vitolins

## **MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS**

Nursery - Dawn Pfingsten  
Children's Team - NeeCIA Eggar  
Student's Team - Monty Hershberger  
College (MTSU—RUF) - Matt Alexander  
Men's Team - Pleun Troost  
Women's Team - Karyn Hershberger  
Mission's Team - Mary Beth Kappel  
Finance Committee - Kim Sokoya  
Worship Team - Kimberly Robertson  
Church Life - Monty Hershberger  
Audio/Video Team - Keith Moyers  
Welcome Team - Rick and Lisa Malone  
Hospitality Team - Myra Oliver

## **TREASURER**

Paul Shearer

# OUR STAFF

Rev. Brandon Eggar, Senior Pastor  
Monty Hershberger, Directory of Community & Youth  
Kimberly Robertson, Music Team Coordinator  
NeeCIA Eggar, Children's Director  
Dawn Pfingsten, Nursery Coordinator  
Keith Moyers, Technology Coordinator  
April Lafrenz, Church Administrator  
Penny Youngblood, Bookkeeper  
Myra Oliver, Hospitality, Kitchen  
Vladimir & Lidiya Shkuropat, Custodians

## EMBODYING CHRIST'S REIGN LOCALLY

### **SNAPSHOT OF 2017**

In 2017, Trinity supported with prayer, volunteering, and finances four local, full-time outreach ministries in Murfreesboro: Special Kids, Greenhouse Ministries, Portico, and Doors of Hope.

### **SERVE MURFREESBORO**

Last Spring, we came together on a Saturday morning for a workday starting with breakfast at the church, and then divided up into work teams to seek to meet the needs in both our city, and among our congregation. Our Serve Murfreesboro Day will take place on April 14th.

### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES**

In August of 2016, Trinity launched an English Language outreach to Murfreesboro residents for whom English is not their primary language. For the first two weeks of August, we met at church each evening for a 2 hour class, and served an average of 15 students each session. The response of the students was so positive that we elected to continue offering classes throughout the 2016-2017 school year. At this point, we are blessed to serve around 30-40 students each Wednesday evening, who have come to Murfreesboro from such countries as Mexico, Honduras, Ukraine, Japan, Thailand, Guatemala, Laos, and the Ivory Coast. Classes are taught by trained teachers who have a desire to help anyone whose first language is not English. These classes are offered at no charge.

### **DRAMA CAMP**

Last summer, we again hosted our 5th annual Drama Camp which serves our city in Christ's name by offering children and teens the opportunity to hear and consider God's Word through drama and song.

### **CORNELIUS CHRISTMAS**

In the month of December our church facility is used by Special Kids to stage and distribute Christmas gifts to families with special needs children.

### **REFORMED UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP (RUF)**

RUF teaches the Bible and encourages students to get plugged into fellowship with a growing group of college students and a local church.

## EMBODYING CHRIST'S REIGN GLOBALLY



### **WORLD MISSIONS**

Trinity supported 7 missionary families across 8 cities in 6 countries around the globe.

Missionaries we support:

- Robin & Claudia Holmes - World Witness, Chad/Greenville, SC
- Bethany Ferguson - Serge (formerly World Harvest Mission), East Africa
- Pete & Ruth Mitchell - Mission to the World, France
- Tom & Claudia Nachtergaele - Mission to the World, Belgium
- Nate & Nikki Bonham - Mission to the World, Peru
- Dan Wilson - Harvest USA
- Ross & Aislynn Meyer - London

# FINANCES

## ASSETS

OPERATING ACCOUNT	\$ 80,795
RESERVES	\$115,070
BUILDING FUND	\$ 36,885
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$525,193
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	\$ 13,355
TOTAL ASSETS*	\$771,297

## LIABILITIES

OTHER PAYABLES	\$3,570
BANK LOAN	\$374,027
TOTAL	\$377,597
EQUITY	\$393,700

\*DOES NOT REFLECT THE MARKET VALUE OF THE EXISTING CHURCH BUILDING AND LAND.

# FINANCES

## OPERATING BUDGET COMPARISON\*

EXPENSES	Actual 2017	Budget 2018
<b>Worship</b>		
Music Ministries	\$1,935	\$3,801
Technology	\$553	\$700
Music Ministries Staff	\$33,925	\$36,280
<b>Congregational Life</b>		
Children's Ministry	\$5,747	\$8,425
Youth Ministry	\$6,635	\$7,000
Women's Ministry	\$1,636	\$4,200
Men's Ministry	\$1,608	\$1,800
Christian Education	\$1,067	\$450
Kitchen	\$1,919	\$3,000
Hospitality	\$1,780	\$3,800
Community Events	\$4,935	\$5,250
Congregational Life Salaries	\$134,686	\$152,030
Pastoral Ministry	\$6,347	\$10,390
<b>Missions</b>		
Missions	\$45,684	\$52,108
Mercy/Benevolence	\$6,869	\$6,000
Mission Staff	\$28,542	\$29,627
<b>Operations</b>		
Office Expense	\$20,749	\$25,942
Denominational Askings	\$5,568	\$5,500
Operations Staff	\$82,787	\$87,646
<b>Facilities</b>		
Building/Grounds	\$53,131	\$45,250
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$446,102</b>	<b>\$489,198</b>

\*The Senior Pastor's salary is distributed across each salary line item for each section.

# OUR FOCUS FOR 2018

## **We are seeking to live into our vision and values**

Last year, the Session completed a comprehensive reassessment of our church's vision and values. The result of this reassessment was a statement that we believe best articulates the kind of community Jesus is calling us to be. Yet it is not enough to simply have words on a page. More than that, we need words that will be embodied in and through this community. For this reason, our hope in 2018 is to begin to live into and out of our vision and values.

## **We are serving in the world**

In July, a group from TPC will be traveling to Peru to serve on a mission trip. The task of this trip will be to partner with our supported missionaries in the region for the purpose of teaching English to local Peruvians. This will be our first mission trip since 2012, so this is truly a great opportunity. If you would like to support this trip prayerfully or financially, please see Mary Beth Kappel or Charles McGaughy.

## **We are increasing participation in our ELC Program**

Our God is at work in our English Language Classes (ELC). On a weekly basis, we have 30-40 students from various countries coming to TPC to learn English. Their presence is a tremendous God-send bringing with it vital opportunities for the ministry of hospitality and care. In 2018, we hope to see the number of volunteers in this ministry double. So if you are looking for a place to serve, then please consider ELC, for here you will find an array of ministry options ranging from teaching to serving, to welcoming.

## **We are planning for the future**

In 2018, the Session will be developing a long-range planning committee to address the question: *What will TPC look like in 2020?* The purpose of this committee will be to develop a comprehensive study of the strengths, weaknesses, needs, plans, and goals of TPC. As is evident, we're growing and with this growth comes the responsibility to prayerfully and dependently steward our calling for the glory of Jesus and the good of others.