

**ANNUAL PASTOR'S REPORT
TO TRINITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
ROCK HILL, SC**

YEAR OF ENGAGING THE WORD

Members and Friends of the Trinity Church of the Nazarene, it is with great joy and much gratitude that I bring this my 13th report to you. The scripture that comes to my mind is First Corinthians 3 where Paul discusses God's Kingdom building. It reminds me that each of us have had a part in what God has done through Trinity this past year, and what He is going to do this coming year. Some have watered, and planted and cared for the body of Christ, and God has given in accordance to our labors.

I sense an obligation today to spend most of my time on two themes. **First**, I want to celebrate the contributions made by others to get us to where we are today. **Second**, I want to dream with you about what God has for the future of Trinity.

Wow, how is it possible to list all the contributions? It really isn't, so at the risk of missing some I want to make an effort to celebrate those ministries who have brought us to where we are today.

Of course I must begin by **THANKING GOD** for all the wonderful resources He has put in our hands. He has been the one that has, and will give all the increase. He is all any of us have and He is enough. Thank God for His power and resources.

I want to thank our **WORSHIP TEAM**.

Trinity is one of the most talented churches I know. We utilize Children, Youth, and Adults in leading us in worship to the God of our salvation. This includes singing, playing the musical instruments and testimonies. It is a good thing when people share, "that they feel the presence of the Lord when they come into His house."

Thank you for your **STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES**

Thanks to **Marie Cockerham** our church Treasurer who has done a great job in keeping the books and reports the following:

Balance Brought Forward as of 6/1/2014 (South State Bank)	16,938.74
Total Income for 2014-2015 church year (all purposes)	264,872.00
Total Expenditures (Local, General, Educational, District)	258,895.22
Reserve Balance Brought Forward 6/14/2014 (PNC Bank)	72,044.38
Balance as of May 31, 2015 (South State Bank)	27,867.12
Our reserve balance at (PNC Bank) is	\$ 66,212.75
Total on hand as of 5-31-2015	\$ 94,079.87

All financial obligations are paid to date. Plus we were able to pay **\$1,885.00** additional principle, over and above our regular mortgage payments.

A thank you is in order for the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** under the direction of Chairperson Brian Miller, the Committee has audited monthly the financial records and found everything to be in order. They also reported monthly to the Church Board. Job well done, and thank you for your service.

They also proposed a budget for this coming year, and the church board has approved the budget, and it is posted on the church bulletin board.

Thanks to **NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY**

Who has worked diligently to propagate the Gospel around the world through their praying, learning and giving. Annette Wiggins our Missionary Chairperson reports that we have given **\$26,892.00** for world missions ministries. This amount includes **\$21,815.00** to World Evangelism Fund, **\$5,077**. Approved 10% specials). For 56 consecutive years we have been a 10% church for world Mission Giving. Praise the Lord!

This year we have learned about mission through our Mission Study Lessons, Reading Books and guest speaker. Each one who shared in teaching us about our mission to the nations have done an excellent job.

THANKS TO THE **SUNDAY SCHOOL AND DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES**

Thanks to **David Dease**, Chairperson and his council we have averaged 90 in our Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries. We have a lot of work to do through our Sunday School. Currently, we have eight (Nine if you count the hall huggers) Sunday School classes, And a Thursday night Bible Study.

The Children's department is active under the leadership of Michelle Brown. Thank you for all that you do for the Children's ministry. Michelle is a motivated young lady and puts her heart into the children.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead in our Sunday School.

Thanks to our **YOUTH DEPARTMENT**.

As you know last November our youth pastor resigned and we have been in the search mode for a new youth pastor since then. However, several have stepped up to the plate to work with the youth in the interim period. Lest I leave out a name I just want to thank all of you who are serving in this vital ministry.

Thanks to our **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**.

TRINITY CREATIONS MINISTRIES: Diane Black approached me about a ministry of outreach through the talent of quilting. What she did not know was that Marie Cockerham had approached me with the idea as well. The two ladies were paired together, and this group of ladies have made 85 quilts, little girls dresses, and hats for the underprivileged in the community, and distributed them to the nursing homes, hospital, and homeless.

They also provide meals for the Haven Men's shelter. Thanks ladies for a great ministry. This is a prime example of being Jesus to others.

The **TRINITY FOOD PANTRY** ministry under the fine leadership of David Faile has ministered to person within our own church family and those in the community. This is scriptural and it helps us to be more like Jesus who fed the hungry.

BACK TO CLASS under the leadership of Chrissy Hinson, and Hope Vinson was a great success in ministering to school children. Many of you helped with this outreach ministry, either by working and/or financial support to help supply the needs of school Children. We are already gearing up for the Back to Class ministry for this year.

I also want to thank **EACH OF YOU**.

Because of your faithfulness we have averaged 120 in morning worship, 75 on Sunday evening and 55 in our midweek services. You are important and your faithfulness to worship with the body of Christ is important to all.

Because of your faithfulness this year we have raised funds to meet the budget and even gone beyond that in helping others who were in need at various times. Your continued financial support is much needed, and greatly appreciated.

NOW LETS LOOK AT THE FUTURE:

I believe we all realize that the greatest event this world will ever know is quickly approaching. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ will bring to close this world as we know it. Since the speed of this event has accelerated it so important that we be ready for the world to come. We do this by letting God mold us from within and transforming our lives both in our relationship to Him and to others.

We want to make this year, and the rest of our lives to reflect the Word of God. In order to do that we must do three things:

1. We must be sure of our relationship with God. "We must love him with all of our heart, mind and strength." (The parable of the 10 virgin's in the book of Matthew shows us just how important this is, only 50% of the church was ready when the Bridegroom returned).

2. We must “Study the Word of God.” 2 Timothy 2:15 tells us to “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

3. We must engage the Word of God in our lives. James 1:22-25 instructs to

“²² But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror

²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

²⁵ But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it — he will be blessed in what he does.

Engage: transferring raw energy and resources into real action and focused (intentional) activity.

This means that we let the Word of God transform us in relationship to Him, in speech and conduct. We need to reject the morals of the world and embrace God’s love for us.

We have to reach out beyond our group of believers and make disciples and teach them to be productive followers of Jesus Christ. We are beginning to do this. However, we have much work to do.

I have goals for this church year. However, today I share only one with you. The goal is **LIVING THE WORD OF GOD**. If we will put into practice living God’s Word we will see God giving the increase. When we rise in the morning, live the Word of God. When we go to work or school, live the Word of God. When we are at Church, live the Word of God. When we are with family, live the Word of God, when we are shopping or whatever we are doing live the Word of God.

If we accomplish this goal then we will be a healthy growing New Testament Church.

Respectfully,
Dr. Phillip Jones
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