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From the Pastor's Desk

When you go to park your car, what kind of space do you look for? There are those who park "defensively." That is they try to find a space next to the curbing and then squeeze over real close to the curbed edge so that anyone parking beside them shouldn't get so close that their doors bump when opened.

It seems everyone looks for a space close to the door of wherever it is they are going. Parking for persons with physical disabilities is arranged this way and it should be. Some folks park so close to the door that stores sometimes have to put up cones to keep the storefront clear for shoppers walking in and out of the store. This happened at the Bi-Lo where I often shop in Kannapolis. I was just before inquiring about how to get a parking pass for the fire lane.

Of course Trinity is very familiar with folks who park wherever they choose. A few weeks ago during the week of our Vacation Bible School, another area church was having a week-long regional event for which they needed a lot of parking. So they spilled over. I know it is frustrating when others don't seem to care that they may be taking up needed space in Trinity's parking lot.

I think the whole idea behind this frustration is that we like to be noticed. We would like for others to recognize that this space belongs to

Trinity United Church of Christ. We would like for folks to know that we are here. And beyond that, we'd like folks to know that we are distinct from others. We are the welcoming ones. We are the ones who say, "Come in and make yourself at home." And we mean it.

Anyway, when I look for a parking space, I look for shade. I don't care if it's five blocks away, when I get back to my car, I'd like it not to be so hot inside!

There is a psalm that says the Lord is the shade on my right hand. A little shade makes a big difference. Shade means things are a little cooler, a little more relaxing and refreshing. Shade from God is spiritual rest and rejuvenation.

So, wherever else you park during the week, arrive early on Sundays and park yourself at Trinity. Come in and make yourself at home.

Peace,
Nathan

First Sunday Fellowship

First Sunday Fellowship will be this Sunday, August 1st in the fellowship hall following worship. Remember to take a friend with you to the 10:55am worship service and then to go downstairs to the fellowship hall after worship. There will be light wholesome snacks for our fellowship.



**Think of this as hors d'oeuvres
before your Sunday lunch!**

Circles

The Morning Circle will meet on Monday, August 2 at 10:00am in the church parlor.

The Mildred Suther Circle will meet on Monday, August 2 at the home of Juanita Hathcock at 7:00pm. Lorna Colson is the hostess.

The Sisters in Christ Circle will have a dinner meeting on 7pm on Tuesday, August 10. Contact your circle chair for the location and time.

Churchmen's Fellowship

The Churchmen's Fellowship will meet on Sunday, August 1st at 8am for their regularly scheduled first Sunday breakfast meeting. The annual Captain's Choice Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 21 beginning at 1:00pm at the Kannapolis Country Club. If you have not registered, contact Lex Graham TODAY. The tournament is open to lady golfers. Any spouse wanting to join the group for supper (\$5) may do so by contacting Lex or Betsy Graham at 704.932-2236.

Free Electronics Recycling

Office Depot, in conjunction with Hewlett Packard, will be offering FREE electronics recycling now through September 6, 2004. Read the details and terms and conditions on the Office Depot website at www.officedepot.com.

This is a great step towards Product Stewardship - when the manufacturer and/or retailer takes back the materials they sell (especially at no additional cost). It is also a good opportunity to take advantage of this free recycling.

Cabarrus County will continue to accept electronics year-round at the HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) facility on HHW collection days (1st Wednesdays & 3rd Saturdays each month). There is no limit on quantities and the site takes a wide range of items. There is a \$5 charge per unit on monitors and TVs and a charge for copiers (depending on size).

Our Gifts, Attendance & Service

2004 Budget	\$164,310.02
Needed to Date	94,794.00
Offering to Date (as of 7/25)	77,852.00
Average Attendance	70

Children's Message

Pam King

Sound System

Ray Monks

Acolyte

Mike Monks

Maintenance

Brian Cranford & Keith Eagle

Liturgists

8/1	Gina Pell
8/8	Pearl Kobylarz
8/15	Kris Monks
8/22	Eugenia Holste
8/29	Ray Monks

Nursery

8/1	Kris & Ray Monks
8/8	Gina & Michael Pell
8/15	Katherine Barrier
8/22	Pearl Kobylarz & Dana Etherton
8/29	Lorna Colson & JoAnna Cupp

Videographer Needed

Trinity is looking for someone who will video the contents of the church building. The video will be used as a record for property insurance. If you can help, contact Nathan King or Debbie Johnson.

Address Change

As of July 1, Trinity began receiving all of its mail at 38 Church St. NE 28025-4756, not at the post office. If you mail anything to the church, please make this change in your records.

Side Splitter

One Monday morning, Johnny refused to get up for school. His mom banged on his door, but Johnny didn't answer. So she entered the room and hollered, "Get up and go to school!"

Johnny replied, "No! I am not going to school."

Johnny's mother then said, "Give me two good reasons why you should not go to school."

Johnny answered, "First, the teachers all hate me, and secondly the students don't like me either." He then said, "Now you give me two good reasons why I should go to school."

Johnny's mother responded firmly, "First you're over 50 years old and second, you're the principal!"

Second Sunday Pancake Breakfast

The first "Second Saturday Pancake Breakfast" will be Sunday, August 14 at Trinity UCC. Everyone is invited to enjoy pancakes and sausage in the fellowship hall. Details are being formulated. We will probably begin serving at 7am. Look for more information in the bulletin soon or call the church office.

Captain's Choice Golf Tournament

The Churchmen's Fellowship is sponsoring its annual "**Captain's Choice**" golf tournament on Saturday, August 14 at 1:00pm at the Kannapolis County Club. The cost is \$50.00 per person and includes golf, bust-outs, supper and a contribution to Nazareth Children's Home. There will also be an auction of merchandise to benefit the Children's Home, so take your checkbook! Friends and lady golfers are invited to participate and have fun too.

For any spouse or Churchmen's Fellowship member wanting to join the group for supper only, the cost is \$5.00 per meal, pre-registered. The meal will be at the home of Lex & Betsy Graham at 6:00pm. The Grahams live directly across the street from Kannapolis Country Club.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex and you may pick up your form on any Sunday. Please return your completed form by this Tuesday, August 3 and give it to Lex Graham.

Seven Wonders of the World

A group of students was asked to list what they thought were the "Seven Wonders of the World." Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

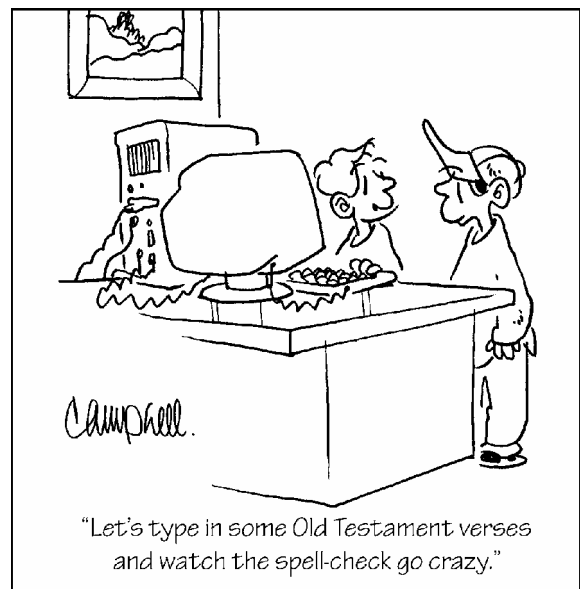
While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help."

The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. To See
2. To Hear
3. To Touch
4. To Taste
5. To Feel
6. To Laugh
7. And to Love"

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.



July Consistory Notes

- Present for the July 18 meeting were Nathan King, Debbie Johnson, David Bowles, Dan Barrier, Phil Rollins, Robin Drake, Sheila Mahaffey, Kris Monks and George Smith. Absent were David Puckett, Lex Graham, Dawn McHale and Pearl Kobylarz.
- Minutes of the June 13, 2004 meeting were approved with an amendment. The members were interested in getting more information on the "UCC Coffee Project". It was not approved.
- The Deacons reported they had met on June 14 and have the following proposals relative to monetary issues for Consistory consideration:
 - Sell Food Lion and DuPont stocks, putting the money into the Money Market Account. This action was approved by the Consistory
 - Tap into the Money Market Account on an as needed basis. This will happen only in some portions of the account. Assets will NOT be depleted. This action was approved by the Consistory on an as needed basis.
 - The Deacons will use the 2004 revenue (not budgeting for an increase in revenue) in the budget planning for 2005.
 - The Deacons will look into alternate health care coverage for the pastor.
 - Suggested supplementing general funds with fundraisers. The first one is proposed as a breakfast on Saturday, August 14, 2004 from 6:30am until 11:00am. This will be a monthly event on the second Saturday of each month until further notice. The initial breakfast will include pancakes and sausage.
- In addition to the June written report from Pastor King, the following was given:
 - On Sunday, July 11, there were 97 people who are on the church roll who were not in church. This excludes individuals who are not returning.
 - The pastor and Elders will call when members miss church to let them know they were missed and to ask them to return the next Sunday.
 - "God is Still Speaking" – Nathan will get flyers made which will include a map to Trinity. It will also include the website. He will begin passing these out as soon as they are printed.
- The Missions Committee reported an Interfaith meeting will be held at Trinity on July 9 at 7pm. Nothing had been heard from Habitat.
- The Worship Committee had no report.
- The Spiritual Development Committee will meet on July 19 and had no report at this time.
- The Newcomers Committee continues to work on the front sign, website and "God is Still Speaking".
- The Property & Administration Committee reported that lawn mowing efforts were going OK.
- Under Old Business, Debbie Johnson had been in touch with Betty Kluttz regarding insurance. A request will be sent to the congregation asking for a volunteer to handle videotaping of the church and contents for insurance purposes. The bulk mail permit will end in December 2004 and will not be renewed.
- Under New Business, Nathan King asked Dan Barrier to compile a list of the top 50 giving units (No names appear on the list.) At the next Consistory meeting, the discussion will continue to how to effectively share this information with the congregation.

A.A.A.D.D.

Recently, I was diagnosed with A. A. A. D. D., Age-Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests itself:

I decide to wash my car.

As I start toward the garage, I notice that there is mail on the hall table.

I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the trashcan under the table, and notice that the trashcan is full.

So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the trash first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the trash anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my checkbook off the table and see that there is only one check left.

My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go to my desk, where I find the can of Coke that I had been drinking.

I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over.

I see that the Coke is getting warm, and I decide I should put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye--they need to be watered.

I set the Coke down on the counter, and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.

I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly I spot the TV remote.

Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight, when we go to watch TV, I will be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I splash some water on the flowers, but most of it spills on the floor.

So, I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day: the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter, the flowers aren't watered, there is still only one check in my checkbook, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day long, and I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail.

Do me a favor, will you? Forward this message to everyone you know, because I don't remember to whom it has been sent.

Don't laugh -- if this isn't you yet, your day is coming!

GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY.
GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL.
LAUGHING AT YOURSELF IS THERAPEUTIC!

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August Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Jeff & Susan* Woodward †
- 2 Coleen Eagle, Eugenia Holste
- 3 Lex Graham, Lex & Betsy Graham †
- 4 Wayne Bridges, Randy & Jan Drake †
Houston & Glenda* Smith †
- 12 Jonathan Linker
- 13 Laura Carpenter, Susan Woodward*
- 13 Meg Seaford
- 16 Meredith Hucks
- 17 Blanche Moose, Jay Rhodes
Michael & Gina Pell †
- 19 Nathan King
- 20 John William Suther
- 23 Sharon Eddings
- 24 Kenneth & Joellyn Padgett †
- 31 Ron * & Kristen Evans †

Teaching Children to Pray

Have your child place his/her hand on the table or bed and illustrate the following:

1. Your thumb is close to you so it will represent those who are close to you. It reminds you to pray for your family members, relatives and friends.
2. Next comes your pointer finger. This finger reminds you to pray for people you want to point to God.
3. Your third finger represents those who are in authority. It is the biggest finger and the strongest one. It stands for leaders, pastors, missionaries, teachers and "big people for whom you want to pray.
4. The fourth finger is your weakest finger. It reminds you of people who are weak, sick or going through difficult times.
5. The smallest finger reminds you to pray for yourself.

*~ from "Teaching Children to Pray"
by Keith Wooden*

! 80 (or 80+) !!! 90 (or 90+) † Anniversaries * Non Member