



theporchlife

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2010

Making disciples like Jesus did. [Matthew 28:18-20](#)

NOTES FROM PASTOR PAUL

The Two Hour Challenge

There are 168 hours in one week. If you are getting 8 hours of sleep a night, you are spending 56 of those hours in bed, which is good! That leaves you with 112 hours where you are awake and hopefully functioning. Work and related responsibilities consume an additional 40 to 45 hours a week (depending on the season). This leaves you with around 67 hours.

Now I realize that number changes for everyone but I think we can safely assume we have approximately 60 to 67 hours that are not wrapped up in work or sleep. If I could be so bold, I would like to offer you a challenge for two of your 67 remaining hours. Plan on spending one of them worshipping the Lord on Sunday in either one of our worship services and use the second hour to invest in one of our Adult Bible Fellowships (a.k.a. Sunday school class).

Spiritual growth requires investing time in God's word with God's people. The early church modeled this in Acts 2 and the results were substantial and I believe the impact will be great in your own spiritual growth as well.

This coming quarter we are offering three different options at three different hours. Below is a summary of each class as well as the teacher. Keep in mind that during the 9:30 a.m. hour only we will have a Sun-

day school program from Kindergarten through sixth grade where your children will be taught the word of God as well. I hope you will commit to taking the two-hour challenge as the classes start up on Sunday, September 12th.

8:30 A.M. ABF: "Mere Christianity"

Nate DeWald

C.S. Lewis provides in his masterpiece "Mere Christianity" a rational basis for the beliefs common to all Christians at all times. Outside of the gospels themselves, it is difficult to find a writing that more eloquently and simply captures the core of our Faith than this book. Originally a series of radio broadcasts aired during World War II, Lewis aimed his words at the masses of unbelievers. His vivid dialogue has been "blamed" for the conversion of many, and a great deal of recent Christian authorship can be traced back to him. Come find out why. Meets in the gym.

9:30 A.M. ABF: "Renewing the Mind: The Fundamentals of the Faith"

Merle Anderson

This class will cover the broad spectrum of basic doctrinal categories using the short and accessible book "Know the Truth: A Handbook of Christian Belief" by Bruce Milne. This class will serve as an excellent doorway into the discipline of systematic theology or a ready refresher for those already introduced.

If you desire to gain a deeper understanding of the doctrines of our Christian faith, this class is for you. Meeting in the gym.

10:45 A.M. ABF: "The Truth Project" Video Series

Facilitated by Matt Allmand

The Truth Project is a DVD-based small group curriculum comprised of 12 one-hour lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett. This study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life. The lesson topics include answering such questions as – Who is God? What is truth? and other issues such as authority and the purpose of work. This class will meet in the Sr. High youth room during the second service.

Ground Breaking Ceremony

We will be doing a simple ground breaking ceremony on Sunday, September 12th for our new addition. In order to involve everyone from both services we are going to meet outside where the addition is planned, at 10:40 a.m. for a 10-minute ground breaking ceremony. Please plan to join us that day. If it is raining, we will postpone the ceremony to the following week.

Δ Α Θ delta alpha theta

by Jeremy George

There are three words that come to mind as I think about preparing teenagers for life on a college campus. They are didache, apologia and Theos. They are Greek words which is probably why you are now scratching your heads. I can't impress **anyone** with my knowledge of the ancient Greek language, but these words have great significance for us. The first word, didache is the Greek word for doctrine. The second word, apologia, is the Greek word for defense. The third and final word is Theos, which is the Greek word for God. The significance of these words is the three-pronged approach we will be taking beginning this fall in order to prepare our teens for college. We must clearly present what we believe, why we believe it and most importantly the nature and character of the One in whom we believe if we hope to be faithful in making disciples of our teens. We must do this if we also hope to graduate high school students who have the tools and training to survive a college campus with their faith intact, let alone have a lasting impact.

FOR THIS REASON...

We are excited to announce a new fraternity / sorority for 11th and 12th grade students designed for two purposes. The first is to train and equip high school students for making disciples on college campuses. The second is to train and equip parents to gain greater influence in the disciple-making process of their teenager. This 13-week study of doctrine, apologetics and worldview will be called DELTA ALPHA THETA which is a three-letter Greek acronym for our three-pronged approach.

We will accomplish our goal by exposing teens and parents in an open, relational environment to the 13 essential doctrines a follower of Jesus should believe using Mark Driscoll and Gerry Breshear's book, "[Doctrine: What a Christian Should Believe](#)." We will also do this by promoting and encouraging spiritual conversations in the home by providing small group formatted questions to be discussed and answered by the parents **WITH** their teenager. Our teachers for this course will be Pastor Paul and Jeremy. We will be meeting in the NEW Sr. High room from 6 to 7PM on Sunday nights. Hope to see you there!!!

This course is open to incoming juniors, seniors, and their parents **ONLY**. Please sign up September 12th—September 26th in the church foyer!!!

Children's Ministries

by Sarah DeWald

I remember when I was a kid and it seemed that summer was never ending. My days were spent with the neighbor kids riding our bikes in the street, or playing ball in someone's yard. A six year old thinks that she is going to be six for the rest of her life. Now that I am a "grown up" and have children of my own, I am reminded how fast time goes by and that every moment I spend with my family I should cherish. I hope you and your families were able to create some memories together this summer.

I would like to invite all preschoolers through sixth graders back to Sunday school on September 12th! Sunday school will look a bit different from what it has been in years past. This year Kindergartners through Sixth Graders will be learning the same Bible stories each Sunday. Children will get to experience Small Group (within their respective grades) and Large Group (all children Kindergarten through Sixth Grade) activities. Special guests as well as praise and worship will be incorporated too. I would encourage parents to drop off children downstairs, as there may be short activities that we would do together as families before church begins. This is also a great way to see all of our new renovations.

Our leaders are all excited to kick-off the year! We all look forward to serving your families.

T4C

Wednesday, September 15th is our T4C Kick-Off! We hope to see all 5th and 6th graders from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Trinity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 12th Back to Church Sunday; Sunday school (9:30 a.m.) and ABF resume; groundbreaking at 10:40 a.m.
- September 15th T4C, Jr Hi Asylum and Sr Hi Asylum begin regular meetings
- September 25th Livin' Light Conference in Cozad with Judy Brower
- October 3rd discoveringlife@trinity at 12:15 p.m.
- October 17th Panel discussion on "Caring for Aging Parents" from 12:15 -2:00 p.m.
- October 23rd Car Care Saturday
- October 24th Doug Dworak of Tiny Hands in 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. ABFs
- October 31st..... Pastor Dave Dickinson, Hope EFC, Kearney, will preach in both services
- November 7th Daylight Saving Time ends

Watch your bulletin for more details!

Small Groups Kick Off the Week of September 12th

by Doug Reed

Small groups are a very important part of the DNA of Trinity Church. God did not intend for us to live in isolation, and relationships with other believers are very important.

We have three goals to our small groups and they are: 1) Community— a place where people can be real with one another and be encouraged and prayed for. 2) Serving— we believe that as we serve other people they are blessed and so are we. 3) Biblical instruction and training on how to live a life that honors God.

If you are in a small group you should be hearing from your leader very soon about starting this fall. If you are not in a small group please contact the church office or tear off the slip on the bulletin, mark the small group box and put it in the offering plate. I am always looking for more leaders but I will do all I can to get you into a group.

Tiny Hands International

Mission Statement: Tiny Hands is a Christian non-profit organization dedicated to empowering the church in the developing world to help the poor overcome poverty and become lights of the world.... We are particularly called to orphans, street children, and victims of the sex-trafficking industry. We want to find those who are already doing the work, who are called and faithful, and help them do it in greater ways and with more efficiency. We do it all in obedience to and for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Doug Dworak of Tiny Hands will be sharing with us on Sunday, October 24th in the gym for the 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Fellowships (ABF). Please plan on joining us for one of these. You can get more information about Tiny Hands at TinyHandsInternational.org. To view their current newsletter go to [Aug10 Fingerprints](#)

Building/Remodeling Update

by Murray Jones

The renovations in the basement are really beginning to take shape. Both volunteers and paid professionals have been busy this summer working to complete these projects so that rooms can be used this fall.

Several rooms are being remodeled for better usage of space. The old junior high room is being converted into daycare offices and a daycare lobby. A new entrance is also being completed.

The Enrichment classroom is nearly completed. A wall in the old nursery was demolished to provide more classroom space and direct access to a bathroom. The other half of the old nursery is being converted to a break room for daycare staff.

The new Senior High room is nearing completion. It will be a much more open area for the youth to hang out and meet.

All of the hallways in the basement are in the process of being painted. New cupboards have also been built for daycare children to store their items.

We encourage you to check out the exciting changes that are taking shape at Trinity Church.

Trinity Church

308.995.6588

613 18th Avenue

theporchlife@gmail.com

Hol drege, NE 68949

www.theporchlife.org

