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From The Desk of David Abbott

100 years is a really long time, I mean really long. Think about what has happened in the last 100 years. One hundred years ago, one world war had just ended, one was looming on the horizon. Then there was the Korean War, Vietnam War, and decades of war and struggle in the Middle East. 100 years ago Warren G. Harding was President. Inventions like the internet, color TV, and space flight were still years, decades away. I do not believe anyone who is reading this was born yet; many of our grandparents were living it up in the roaring twenties.

100 years ago, on a small plot of land, located in the heart of the city, a group of people christened a new sanctuary. The church known as Trinity UMC had been around for some time already, but our sanctuary, the one we still gather in every Sunday, was just completed. I think it would be cool to be able to travel back in time to see what those people thought of their new building, how long they thought it might last, what they expected God to do in this place. I bet they couldn't even imagine what the next 100 years would have in store.

Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, Dedications, Souls Saved, People Helped, God Glorified. It really is unbelievable. Yes, it is a building, but it is not just a building. It is God's house as well as home for many of you. Many memories, both those that bring laughter as well as those that bring tears. Many great leaders have come through these doors, each playing his or her role to get us to today. Many friends have come and gone. Many new friends have been made. I think the amount of people who have found help, both spiritual and physical here, are too numerous to count. To God be the Glory!!!

Trinity UMC has not been my "spiritual home" as long as it has been for many of you. That said, no matter what God has in store for my family in the future, 609 Putnam will always be a special place. Not because of the building, but often times, because of you, the people, the church. Isn't it amazing what God can do in and through a group of people who are obedient and believe, in faith, that God is on the move. It is that same obedience and belief that will keep Trinity bringing the kingdom of heaven to earth for years to come.

Some time during the month of October, we will have a celebration. I am still working out the details. But I think 100 years is something to celebrate. As we continue to walk the halls of this sacred place, let us cherish these last 100 years as we look forward in faith knowing this truth: no eye has seen, no ear has heard, or no mind has imagined what God has in store for us.

I am eternally grateful for what our brothers and sisters built 100 years ago. My prayer is that future generations will celebrate what we are building for them!

Grace and Peace,

david

Break Free Ministries

We are excited to announce that all of our ladies who are incarcerated have received a bible and devotional! Thank you to everyone who supports and donates to Break Free! We have received countless thanks you's from the ladies as they are all enjoying these treasured books! We placed two more ladies and next month we will celebrate the first of our ladies who we placed will graduate their programs. Please continue to pray for all of our ladies, triumphs are not without troubles and we have had some losses. A few ladies have given in and have went to back to old behaviors. We are praying God's protection around them and that he will bring them back to us, or place someone in their path that will be able to help them. Again, thank you for your continued prayers and support!
~ Break Free Team

Trinity Treasured Tykes Article Introduction to Community

Hello my new community and friends! My name is Cassandra O'Brien but you can call me Cass. I am the new director of Trinity Treasured Tykes.

I am pleased to welcome this community to Trinity Treasured Tykes. Children's happiness, security, social and cognitive development are our main objectives.

Trinity Treasured Tykes is available to children aged 6 weeks to 5 years of age. I encourage positive childhood development by providing opportunities for children to meet new friends, try out new activities and learn through play.

Our devoted, qualified staff provide individual, caring attention for each child.

Everyday the children enjoy play time, pre-reading, pre-math and pre-science activities, art, music, rest periods, outdoor fun, and exercise.

Through carefully planned games and activities the children of this great community will be exposed to situations that will stimulate their natural curiosity and love of learning, develop initiative and independence, while building their self-esteem and decision making abilities. Interaction with, and respect for others are skills that are taught and reinforced daily.

Please join us as volunteers, staff, or parents/guardians to our clients. I am extremely excited to be a part of this community and look forward to many years to come.



Love God.
Love People.
Make Disciples.



100th Anniversary of the Church Building

On March 1, 1921 ground was broken for the building of a new church structure. "How Firm a Foundation" was sung by those gathered. The program was led by the pastor-in-charge Manfred C. Wright. Divine favor on all was invoked. To end the program the pastor lifted three spadefuls of dirt to represent the Trinity. After 18 the church was completed and the structure was dedicated on October 22, 1922. Spacious rooms for church purposes, the large sanctuary, the gymnasium and the dining room were a contrast to the small building which had previously housed the congregation. The men of the church and friendly neighbors came in to volunteer time and labor to aid in the construction. A total of 100 men worked on the project. All the hardwood floors were laid by the men of the church. Toward the end of the work, the women came in and donated considerable time in interior decorating, cleaning and furnishing dinner for the crowd on dedication day. The first activity, even before beginning the building was an ice cream social. Two couples were married while the sanctuary was planks and timbers. Charles Cartwright and Hazel Casebeer were married before the pulpit and pews were placed. Erwin Hattendorf and Helen ReHorst walked on planks to the altar.

From the dedication:

Surely the Lord is in this place.

This is none other than the house of the Lord.

This is the gate of heaven.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.

On October 23, 2022 a display will be set in the Narthex for everyone to examine at their leisure. Several copies of a commemoration booklet will be available for anyone interested to take with them. If more are needed let Pat Hippensteele know so that more can be printed.

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Upcoming Events

October 5 & 19 6:30 pm Praise & Prayer
October 18 Ad Council 6pm Builder's Class
October 15th - 22nd Guatemala Missions Trip

Don't Forget!
The month of October service will
begin at 10 am!