



# Annual Report

## Trinity Church of the Nazarene 2008-2009

We are praising God for all He has done through Trinity this year. We saw many people touched by God's love and power during our worship times and through our various groups. New ministries this year include our Grief Share groups, English as a Second Language class in our neighboring apartment building, Spanish translation available for Sunday morning services, a Men's Ministry rebirth, helping launch a Falcon New Start, and iPray emphasis. These join very effective ongoing ministries to Children, Youth, Women, Primetimers, Addictions Victorious, Single Sisters, Sunday Groups, Connection Groups, and Angel Food Ministry. We are blessed with wonderful people who love God, care for each other and share God's love with their world. I hope you will enjoy this different format for our Annual Report. It is offered as praise to God who is the Head and Builder of His Church, Trinity Church of the Nazarene.

- Submitted by Pastor Alan Scott, Senior Pastor

### Children's Ministry Is About Connecting Children to Christ

This is accomplished through Sunday School, Quizzing, Children's Church, WARTS, the *Kidz Passport to Missions*, Vacation Bible School, Buddy Basketball, Nursery Ministries, our Fall Festival, and the Seder on Good Friday. We celebrated our families at the Christmas, Lenten, Alabaster, and Promotion Sunday luncheons. Stewardship is learned through our outreach projects as we personalized 350 bottles of water for Gathering Stones Community Church, collected donations for the nursery at True Life Church of the Nazarene, and gave our offerings to *Walk for Life*, Alabaster, and *Operation Proclamation*. Our children shared their gifts through Christmas Carols in the Sanctuary Foyer, ushering on Family Worship Sundays, and serving up hot Wassail to our church family during the holiday season. To all who give your time, share your gifts of leadership, extend your support through prayer for our ministry leaders and the children, and keep our ministry going through faithful giving to the church we say THANK YOU!!

- Submitted by Pastor Enola Leonard

### Ironmen: A New Start

Men's Ministry started with planning committee breakfast (Nov 08) with nine men in attendance. Prayer was offered; a purpose statement was developed; and events planned. Our purpose statement is: With God's help and guidance, the Men's Ministry of Trinity Church of the Nazarene exists to: 1) introduce men to Jesus Christ; 2) develop Godly character through a deeper relationship with Jesus and other men; 3) develop Godly leaders of families; 4) develop Godly leaders in the Church; and 5) equip men to serve as the Holy Spirit leads. Every men's event at Trinity must fit within this purpose statement. Men's ministry takes significant time and effort to get started and keep it going—it is never easy. We've got a great start at Trinity and, Lord willing, it will continue and grow. We need the support of the Pastor, the Church Board, and the men of Trinity for it to have any chance. The Lord wants to bless this ministry in a powerful way and use the men of Trinity to make a powerful impact on other men in the church, at work, at home and in the community. By the grace and power of God, this ministry will continue to grow and make a difference at Trinity. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17).

- Submitted By Douglas Kendall

### English as Second Language (ESL) Begins with Double Digits

The Spring Session of Trinity's ESL Ministry began January 11 and concluded May 26 with a total of 16 Hispanic sessions taught and 15 Korean one-on-one tutoring sessions taught. Thirteen volunteers helped with the Hispanic sessions providing everything from childcare to snack set-up to actual English/Spanish involvement. The Spanish Emmanuel Nazarene Church also contributed greatly by providing a music team, devotionals in Spanish, stories for the children, and Spanish prayer times. Many thanks to all the volunteers who took part in making the first Spring Session successful. We hope to move to a room in the church building for the upcoming Fall Session. Thirteen Spanish/English NIV Bibles were distributed. God's Word will not return void! A total of 18 different adult students attended at least one or more of the sessions, and a

total of 10 different children accompanied the parents. As a result, we thank the Lord for one Hispanic family who was the most faithful in attendance and whose son is now attending our Sunday School and Children's Church on a fairly regular basis. Please continue to pray for the ESL Ministry and the mission field right in Trinity's neighborhood. Be sure to sign up to volunteer next Fall!

- Submitted by Dave and Paula Church

### Connection Groups: Still Making Connections Happen

The Connection Group ministry brings people together into Christian fellowship through various means. We have fellowshipped through Bible studies, sewing groups, hikes, parenting classes and grief workshops. The possibilities are endless and we are always open to how God may be calling our people to assemble together in order to encourage each other through prayer, good deeds, and supportive words (Heb 10:23-25). Each quarter new groups are formed and leaders are only committed to lead their groups for three months at a time. Therefore our Connection Group list is always changing! If you feel God is calling you to lead a group, please give Mary Spaulding a call at 590-9338.

- Submitted by Mary Spaulding

### A Year of Worship

This has been a wonderful year in worship at TNC. We have had great worship services with the choir, praise team and band along with some very special themed services throughout the year. From the Christmas musical where 82 voices along with a nativity cast of 20 presented the music of Michael W. Smith at the United States Air Force Academy and here at our facility to the Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion service, to the Good Friday Passion Service, to Easter Glory and a very special Pentecost time the year has been full of opportunities to share the good news of Christ and deepen our walk as well. I look forward to this year as we continue to follow God's powerful hand.

- Submitted by Pastor John Wilson, Worship Pastor

### What Happens When We Bring All the Tithes to the Storehouse

Praise the Lord for His great blessing in the past year! We closed the 2008/2009 church year within budget and with all expenses paid in full. We fulfilled our assigned budgets for the support of the District, World Missions, Education (NNU), and Pensions & Benefits for our pastors. We strongly believe that God has faithfully honored His promise in Malachi 3:8-12 as we, as a church body, have been obedient to the Lord in storehouse tithing. For the past two years we have actively obeyed God by tithing 10% of your weekly offerings to meet needs outside our fellowship. God did indeed "throw open the floodgates of heaven" and blessed His Kingdom through Trinity Church. God never fails to keep His promises! This section cannot contain all the details of the church finances but they are open and available to anyone who is interested. A copy of the annual denominational financial report is posted outside the Church Office. If you have any questions, or would like more detailed information, please contact the Business Administrator's office.

- Submitted by Terry Nelson, Finance Committee Chairman

**Women to Women: Energized!**

Women to Women has had a very exciting year of ministry to our women and friends of Trinity. Our planning council of seven have a heart of ministry for women and are continually praying for God's leading to fill the needs of women today. We are amazed at how God leads and brings leaders with the desire for the particular ministries. Our current active small ministry groups are the Classical Book Club directed by Nell Houser, Volleyball girls led by Nikki Steiber, Scrapbook and Hobby night led by Bonnie Smith, Chick Flick Fellowship directed by Nashonna Windsor, Mom's and Mom's to Be group directed by Amy Skeen, and the Single Sisters directed by Ruth Crawford and Myrtie Stoltzfus. We have watched God bless these small groups abundantly and it is exciting!! We had great times of fellowship at our main events, the Christmas party, Glen Eyrie Tea, and Mothers and Others Day event. Our greatest thrill is studying God's word together in our fall and spring women's Bible studies. We studied "A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent with Beth Moore in the fall and Discerning the Voice of God with Priscilla Shirer this spring. These were DVD/workbook studies and were a wonderful blessing to all. The council watches expectantly as God directs us in prayer in this great ministry that we feel so privileged to be a part of. We are excited for the coming year at Trinity!!!

- Submitted by Ramona Jerred, Women's Ministries Coordinator

**Pastor Denny Reports on PrimeTimers and Hymn Services**

We have had several various monthly activities that allow senior adults to attend where they can minister to each other, socialize, invite friends and neighbors. Our goal is to be involved in something outside of the regular church services with other folk of similar ages. We often say we have food, friends and fellowship! I also reach out regularly to the Prime Timers whenever they are in the hospital, confined to a nursing home, assisted care facility or hospice. I also follow up on all of our first time visitors to our morning church services. Our visitors receive in the mail a letter from Pastor Alan, a phone call from Barbara Smith and another phone call from me. Starting back in the beginning of 2008 we began having a series of hymn services, where on the last Sunday night of many of the months we would program a service where many of the old hymns and gospel songs would be sung. Along with that we offer different varieties of instruments and vocal special music. This has turned out to be very successful and will continue in August.

- Submitted by Denny Hage, Assistant Pastor

**Property Committee Report**

The Lord has given Trinity Church of the Nazarene a wonderful facility in which to worship and fellowship. The varied ministries represented in the Annual Report, weddings, funerals, all-church dinners, receptions, concerts, athletic events, etc. add outreach opportunities to the regular ministry schedule. With a large, multi-use building, improvements and repairs are always needed. Thanks for contributing to the Nehemiah Projects which make improvements possible. Thanks also to those who have volunteered their time to work on the building and the grounds. Additional projects and upgrades are on the list, as God provides funds and workers.

- Submitted by Gary Masters, Property Committee Chairman

**NMI: How Trinity is Reaching the Nations**

The 2008 Church Year began with planning of a Work and Witness trip to Nicaragua. 16 team members ranging in age from 15 to 74 boarded a church bus for a ten day adventure in Esteli, Nicaragua. Our mission was to help build a second church in that town of 90,000 people. Team members' lives were changed as the experiences of the trip made an impact physically, emotionally and spiritually. We were involved again with the Navajo Nation ministry in December, collecting and delivering packages to the reservation in New Mexico. Huge thanks to Erica Lawrence and Pam Edmonds for coordinating this effort. Our Nazarene Missions International membership rose 1.5% for a total of 422. We once again are a Mission Priority One church, meeting all the goals for 2008-2009 in giving, praying, discipling and reading. Praise God for His goodness to us! We're looking forward to another year of church participation in Missions, with a second trip to Nicaragua in 2010.

- Submitted by Judy Gilpatrick, NMI President

**Fire Ministries: Spreading!**

The last year has been amazing! We have had many teens accept Jesus as their personal Savior, and our youth group has really grown. We have doubled in size over the last twelve months. This year could be summarized as being led by God. Even in the short twelve months there have been seasons of growth numerically and then seasons of growth individually. God has been bringing many teens to our group over a short period then slowing the growth down to allow for discipleship. Then another season of growth comes followed by a season of discipleship once again. One highlight of the year was on Mothers Day. We had planned a regular service with a game, music and preaching; but God had something else in mind. At the beginning of the service, God checked our hearts and we just entered into prayer. We prayed for about forty minutes and then the worship team started to play underneath of the prayer. In those moments, God came and worship erupted from the group. Half way through God laid a special message of repentance on my heart and I started to preach. God changed lives that night. After the message, almost everyone had repented of his or her sins and we just continued in worship. Once the worship slowed down, we spent the remaining time in testimonies of what God had just done. The service started at 6:00 PM and we did not leave the church until almost 9:00 PM. Our amazing Mothers Day service also was the first week of our Sunday night prayer meeting.

- Submitted by Pastor Travis Clifton

**Financial Highlights  
(June 1, 2008-May 31, 2008)**

Total Income	\$769,728
Total Expenses	\$767,048
Total Missions Income	\$48,311
Total Paid to Nazarene Missions	\$52,954
Total Paid for Utilities	\$49,134
Total Paid for Health Insurance	\$44,666
Total Paid for Colorado District Ministries	\$23,864
Total Paid for Northwest Nazarene University	\$23,864
Total Paid for World Evangelism Fund (Missions)	\$51,136
Total Paid for General Church Pension & Benefits	\$13,636
Mortgage Balance at 6/1/08	\$952,813
Mortgage Balance at 5/31/09	\$886,621
(10 years remaining on a 15-year mortgage.)	

**Attendance and Membership Information**

AM Worship Average	
2008-2009	365
2007-2008	367
Sunday School Average	
2008-2009	200
2007-2008	206
Membership	
2008-2009	413
2007-2008	407



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