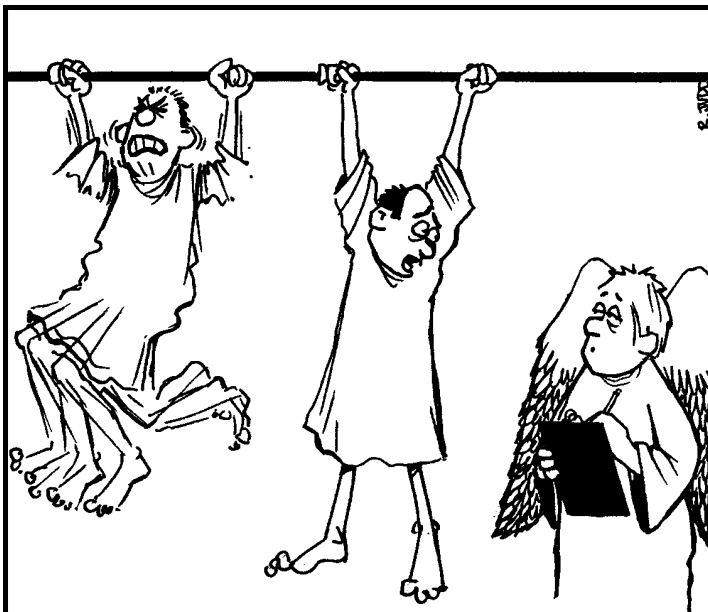


## Sunday February 10 through Sunday February 17

- Pastor Robert reflects back over the sermon series to look at how the Church can grow.
- The Administrative Board will be meeting this evening at 7 pm.
- The Parsonage Group will be canceled this week.
- UMM will be meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday.
- The Ugly Mug Study Group will meet at 11 am on Tuesday morning .
- The new Wednesday night Bible study group will be meeting this week on Wednesday at 6 pm.
- Choir will follow the Bible study at 7 pm.
- The UMYF will be having a Lock-In Friday night. Youth members can be dropped off at 10 pm. Parents, please pick up your Youth by 7 am on Saturday.
- February 17 is YOUTH SUNDAY. UMYF will lead worship and talk to the congregation about their journey with Christ.



"I kind of assumed the entrance exam would have more to do with moral issues."

## This WEEK at Trinity

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### Sunday February 10

10:00 am—10:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am—12:00 pm Morning Worship  
7:00 pm—Administrative Board

### Monday February 11

6:30 pm—UMM Meeting  
6:30 pm—Parsonage Study Group  
canceled  
7:00 pm—Boy Scouts

### Tuesday February 12

11:00 am—Ugly Mug Study Group

### Wednesday February 13

6:00 pm—Bible Study  
7:00 pm—Choir Practice

### Thursday February 14

NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

### Friday February 15

9:00 am—MEOC  
10:00 pm—UMYF Lock-In

### Saturday February 16

7:00 am—Youth need to be picked up  
from Lock-In

### YOUTH SUNDAY Sunday February 17

10:00 am—10:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am—12:00 pm Morning Worship  
5:00 pm—UMYF

## **The Church: Born to reveal the manifold wisdom of God**

Ephesians 3: 1-10

Awareness offers us a unique position to view life. Awareness gives us the ability to see polarized groups through the 'manifold wisdom' of God. The letter to the Ephesians reveals such wisdom. The following is a list of polar opposites that the human minds has difficulties holding together as One in Christ.

The Government placed Paul in Prison. Paul says he is a Prisoner in Christ who proclaims freedom.

Jews considered Gentiles dogs. Paul says Jews and Gentiles are heirs together. They are One in Christ.

Saul was a Pharisee who put Christians to death. Paul is a servant of the Gospel.

Paul is the "least of all people." God chose him to preach Grace.

God chose the "least of all people" to make One Body, the Church. The purpose of the Church is to reveal the manifold wisdom of God.

How do we apply what we know?

"Love is the power that attracts opposites."

Look at Holy Communion: The broken Bread serves as a sign of our sin. The Cup of the New Covenant is God's Grace. Notice that Sin and Grace are invited to One Table. II Corinthians 5: What could be more opposite than Sin and Grace? Holy Communion works like a magnet.

(Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Matthew 26: 41)

Look at Worship in spirit and truth. What is Truth? It is God's Grace! How do we enter God's Grace? We turn from fear of Sin to Faith in the Spirit of the New Covenant. Spirit and truth are Worship Magnets. (My God, my God, why have you forsaken me." The weakness of flesh, conscience. Matthew 27: 46;

Look at Faith: When our conscience suffers, the Spirit of God leads us not into temptation but into Christ' Body, the Church

("And when Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. Matthew 27: 50; "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Luke 23:46)

Look at Life: ***Holy Communion + Worship in Spirit and Truth + Faith = Life***

(Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me. Matthew 28:10)

Look at Peace: The Life we are created to Live is Peace with God and neighbor.

(All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me...And surely I with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:18 - 20)