

TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Making God's Love Visible.

2015 Annual Report

OUR MISSION

We are called to serve God with joy and to bear witness to God's transforming love made known in Jesus Christ.
As a community led by the Spirit, we seek to Make God's Love Visible.

THE LORD HAS DONE ALL THIS, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES...LET US REJOICE TODAY AND BE GLAD.

—PSALM 118:23-24

This year's annual report has a new format: infographics that communicate vividly the vitality and scope of Trinity's ministry.

The first thing to notice is the many ways Trinity continues to bear witness to God's love because of your generosity.

A second thing to notice is that all we do at Trinity—in worship, education, mission, and every other activity—comes with an invitation to participate.

A third thing to notice is the numbers. Actually, they are hard to miss. There are plenty of numbers about things like baptisms, meals served, and mission trips. These are important and stand out; they help us see what we have done well and give us an idea of where we can improve.

The essence of our mission goes beyond the numbers. That is why the infographics are paired with quotations from fellow Trinity members involved in each ministry: their words bring life to the numbers, showing how

lives are transformed by the Holy Spirit through the relationships that make up our ministries.

I encourage you to look through the numbers and testimonies to get the full picture of how we are Making God's Love Visible.

As you do that, please think about where you participate in the life of the church and where you would like to connect and be actively involved in our work together. I also encourage you to consider where you might invite a friend or neighbor to get to know Trinity.

Let's apply what we learn from this report, working to strengthen and enliven our ministry, so that we ever more fully answer the call to be God's people in the world.



Pam Driesell | Senior Pastor



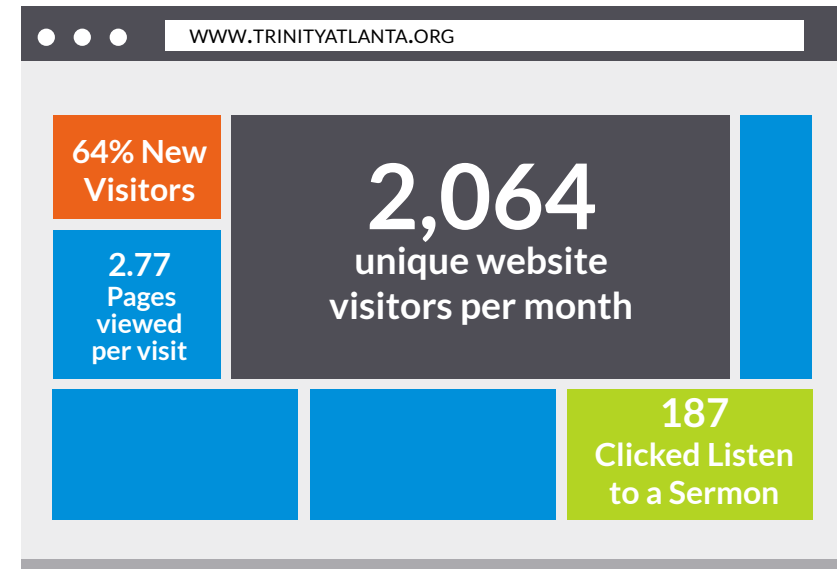
WORSHIP & MUSIC

ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP SERVICES



591
BAPTIZED CHILDREN



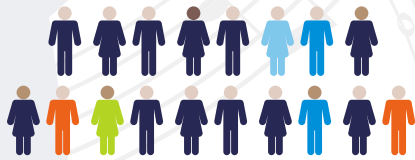
We believe **WORSHIP IS THE HEART** of our life together. Through word, sacrament, and music we seek to challenge the mind, nourish the spirit, honor tradition, open us to the Spirit, and address the needs of all ages, individuals, and families, sending every worshipper out to serve God's purposes in the world.

WORSHIP & MUSIC
95
USHERS,
GREETERS,
ACOLYTES,
CHOIR,
SOUND, MEMORIALS, WEDDINGS

**TOTAL PEOPLE SERVING ON
THE WORSHIP & MUSIC
COMMITTEES**

(upfront & behind the scenes)

83



**AVERAGE NUMBER OF
WORSHIP & MUSIC VOLUNTEERS
SERVING PER SUNDAY**



184

CHOIR MEMBERS
CHILDREN - YOUTH - ADULT

The music, the preaching, the order of service, and the shared experience of Christian fellowship with friends is central to our church life. When Patti Heinz asked us to lend a hand, Roxanna and I were pleased to become regular ushers at 8:45. This service continues to require just a small commitment of time and, an even smaller change to the rhythm of our Sunday mornings. But this small commitment has opened the door to new friends and to a more enriching experience at Trinity.

—Alex Erwin



THE BUILDINGS OF
TRINITY CHURCH
CONTAIN

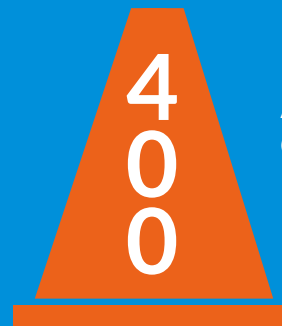
156,000
SQUARE FEET ON

25 ACRES
AT THE CORNER OF
HOWELL MILL AND
MOORES MILL ROADS



APPROX.
2,600

CUPS OF COFFEE SERVED
EACH WEEK



AVERAGE NUMBER
OF CARS PARKED ON
EACH SUNDAY



IN MEMORIAM

Robert William Gundeck	1/10/2015
George Evans Goodwin, Jr.	1/21/2015
G.G. Gunter	1/27/2015
Gwendolyn Michael Cleghorn	2/2/2015
James B. Pilcher	2/6/2015
Neal L. Williams	2/14/2015
Frances Breitenbucher Allen	2/27/2015
C. Michael York	3/7/2015
Thomas Lee Peace	3/13/2015
Karen Opalach Tsinikas	3/29/2015
Sandra Sherman Mackey	4/19/2015
John J. Ritsema	4/25/2015
Hanna Johnson Burleigh	5/7/2015
Frederick Aloise Leser	5/18/2015
Helen E. Miller	5/22/2015
Julia V. Jamieson	6/7/2015
Julia McQueen Slack Hunter	6/21/2015
Ann Burgess Siegenthaler	7/3/2015
LaVerte Harris Withers	7/17/2015
Grace Klaus Donald	8/28/2015
William Henry Daugherty	9/15/2015
Frances Hoyt Shropshire	11/4/2015
Frances Young	12/22/2015
Robert H. Forry	12/24/2015
Jack Porter Turner	12/26/2015
Marguerite Hagler "Peggy" Lynch	12/30/2015



71

Bibles presented to children

26
Adults in CFM-led
Spiritual Formation
groups

THIS YEAR...

2,500
Easter eggs were
hidden at 2 hunts



55

Reminder and Faith
Thought Texts sent

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

CFM Programming | Trinity Presbyterian Preschool | Children's Basketball



23

Born

15

Baptized

220

Participated at
Vacation Ventures
Bible School

20,615

Meals, Produce Bags, Hygiene
Kits assembled and donated



CHILDREN & FAMILY
MINISTRIES PROVIDES
PROGRAMMING FOR
1,086 PEOPLE, 277
FAMILIES, 465 CHILDREN.
90% OF THE CHILDREN
ON CHURCH ROLLS
PARTICIPATE IN CFM.



67

Children attend Trinity
Presbyterian Preschool

25%
church
members

110

Children attend Trinity Early
Learning Center (TELC)

10
teachers in
a continuing
education
program

\$41,029

given in scholarship at TELC

think church is a place that God built to bring people
together.

— Mason Maynard, age 10
reflecting upon his TPC basketball season



30 Games
per week



627

Children participated in
the basketball program

10%
church
members



60

Teams of children ages 5 to 15



100%

Coaches with Child Protection
Training and background checks



85

AVERAGE
WEEKLY
ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY
MORNING

13

VOLUNTEER
LEADERS

55

AVERAGE
WEEKLY
ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY
NIGHT

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

We believe that spiritual growth and the abundant Christian life are experienced in **COMMUNITY**, not in isolation.

Until recently going to youth group was something my parents tried to get me to go to on Sunday nights, and some of my friends were in the same boat. My friends and I now find a reason to be there as much as we can. We view youth group as something to take advantage of in order to grow in our faith.

-Alex Gracey

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MISSION/
FELLOWSHIP TRIPS

46

CONFIRMANDS

161

MISSION/
FELLOWSHIP
TRIP
PARTICIPANTS

“WORKING WITH THE YOUTH AT TRINITY HAS ENRICHED MY LIFE TREMENDOUSLY. EACH OF THESE STUDENTS HAS A UNIQUE STORY TO TELL THAT IS INSPIRING, AND THEY JUST AMAZE ME. THE LEADERS IN THE CHURCH THAT I GREW UP IN WERE A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF MY FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, AND I WANT MORE THAN ANYTHING FOR THE YOUTH AT TRINITY TO EXPERIENCE THAT AS WELL.”

-CAROLINE SANDERS

We believe that we are called to **CULTIVATE SERVANT LEADERS** to serve in the church, the community, and the world.



\$31,466

RAISED AT THE TRI-ANNUAL YOUTH BENEFIT FOR MISSION

OUR MISSION is to nurture youth and their families, to engage their hearts and minds, and to equip them for a lifelong faith that embodies God's transforming love through Jesus Christ.

MISSION TRIPS



CENTRAL APPALACHIA
14 Participants



NORTH CAROLINA
19 Participants

“Last summer we took a mission trip to Raleigh, NC. It was an incredible experience where we developed new relationships with those from Trinity, as well as those we served in Raleigh. We learned about each other by getting to listen to each others stories.”

-Virginia French

YOUNG ADULTS

For anyone in their 20's and 30's, regardless of marital status. Through fellowship, spiritual formation, and service, we seek to offer our generations' gifts to God and the world.

ADULT EDUCATION

is committed to nurturing the whole person – mind, heart, and soul; providing continuing opportunities for the development of faith, character, and intellect of all our members throughout their lives.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

provides support for members in need

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

refers to the growth and development of an individual listening for God by intentional observance of spiritual practices—such as prayer, reading scripture, confession, and service.

ADULTS

SENIOR ADULTS

seeks to foster the spiritual, intellectual, and social needs of older members and provide resources that will enrich their lives through opportunities for learning, worship, fellowship, travel, and service to others.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

fosters fellowship through seasonal events for all ages

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

offer a way to connect people to the church and each other.



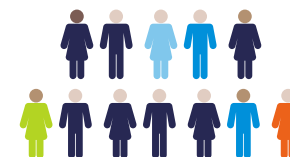
I'M INVOLVED IN **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY** SO I CAN CONNECT WITH OTHER PEOPLE AT A SIMILAR PHASE OF LIFE AS MYSELF WHO ARE INTERESTED IN GROWING THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND OTHERS. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIND FRIENDS AND A SUPPORT SYSTEM IN A RATHER LARGE CONGREGATION.

-CAROLINE BROWN



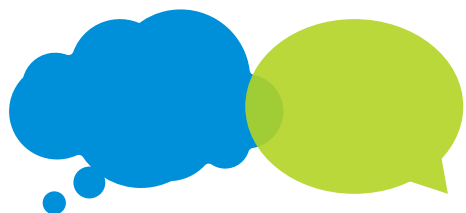
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Young Adults participate in the life of Trinity Church



As a member of the YA ministry I am presented with the opportunity to serve those in need, while also enjoying the fellowship that we are immersed in with one another. Here, I am able to be supported and uplifted with other people my age who love Jesus the way that I do.

-Caroline Sanders



ADULT EDUCATION



55

Speakers led an adult church school class or Trinity Explores course

105

Average attendance in Adult Church School classes



When I moved to the Atlanta area I looked for a church that had strong preaching, a sense of mission, good music, and a stimulating Adult Education program. I found all these at Trinity. The church school classes that I have attended in the last five years have helped me to continue to grow and mature in my faith. They called upon me to use my mind to think deeply and to ask important questions. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity I have to attend such classes.

-Juanita Watson



SPIRITUAL FORMATION

A graphic showing a circle of stylized human figures in various colors (blue, orange, green, black). Inside the circle, the text 'NEW GROUPS ARE FORMING' is written. A green speech bubble above the circle contains the text '25 GROUPS'.

We believe that learning is holistic, and so we are purposeful about exploring spiritual practices that connect us to God and one another so that we may more faithfully follow in the ways of Jesus.



27 MEMBERS

WROTE FOR THE 2015 ADVENT
DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

1,500+ MEALS

SERVED AT CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHESES
FOLLOWING WORSHIP



16,380 COOKIES

CONSUMED AT FELLOWSHIP HOUR

60 PEOPLE

ATTENDED THE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR
MEMBERS 90 YEARS AND OLDER



146 BIRTHDAY CARDS

SENT TO MEMBERS OVER THE AGE OF 80

The Bible tells us that we should bear one another's burdens. I participate in Trinity's caring ministries because it's a joyful thing to build relationships and care for one another with compassion and mutual support.

—Betty Layng

15

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Provide one-on-one Christian care to those who are experiencing difficult life circumstances

210

VISITS

made by the Visitation Ministry

WE SHARE AND BECOME THE BODY OF CHRIST

Trinity is a big place, full of interesting, accomplished though somewhat inaccessible people. Spiritual Formation seeks to create places where the Holy Spirit can work to build community. We gather, we listen, we share and we become the body of Christ. It's where we get knit together. It's where the gravy soaks in and Grace shines through. That's spiritual formation for me.

—Walter Hall

A grayscale background photograph showing a group of people at a community event. In the foreground, a woman with glasses and a white shirt is smiling. Behind her, a woman in a clerical collar is operating a vintage Singer sewing machine. Other people are visible in the background, some looking at the camera and others engaged in conversation.

420

MEALS SERVED
AT JOURNEY SHELTER

BY
40 VOLUNTEERS

35

VOLUNTEER BUILDERS
FOR HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY



42

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS
FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

DELIVERING
22,000 MEALS

MISSION

Local | Global | Denominational | Sustainability | Justice, Advocacy & Public Policy

The Mission Ministries program is committed to investing both our time and our talents in organizations that help address systemic issues of food and water security, education, earth care, healthcare, homelessness and poverty

15

INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS

HOSTED AT THE ANNUAL
AMIS CHRISTMAS
DINNER

10

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS
FOR LIFESPAN'S
MEDICAL ESCORT
TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM

2

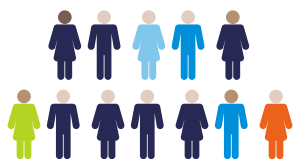
FOOD DRIVES
HELD TO SUPPORT
BUCKHEAD CHRISTIAN
MINISTRY



20 PARTICIPANTS
ON TWO TRIPS TO
CUBA AND HAITI

GLOBAL OUTREACH

Trinity's annual Christmas Market raises funds that directly benefit our global partners.



100

**CHRISTMAS MARKET
VOLUNTEERS**

\$10,000

RAISED FOR GIFTS FOR GOOD

which directly supports specific projects in our various global mission communities



17

MEMBERS DONATED ITEMS

to sell at the Market, raising \$4,000 for our global partners

HOW A SEWING CENTER IN CUBA MAKES GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE

Trinity's new Mission engagement model of deepening relationships with key mission partners played out in amazing ways on our recent trip to Cuba. Our partners in Cuba are the Seminario Evangelico de Teologia, (SET) or the Matanzas Evangelical (Protestant) Theological Seminary and the La Playa Presbyterian Church, also in Matanzas. This trip, we were able to take eight sewing machines and just as many bags filled with fabric and sewing supplies to help set up a "sewing center" in the rear corner of the sanctuary at La Playa Presbyterian, where weekly community clothing mending days will be held and open sewing lessons given.

The day before our entire group of 18 arrived for worship, two Trinity members and two La Playa members sat around a table marveling at the beauty of one of the Trinity-donated machines which I had carried through Cuban Customs. I asked (through an interpreter) what the ladies thought they might make with the machines, fully expecting to hear an answer other than the one that was given. The reply by our Cuban sisters was

this: Nowhere in Cuba are current pastors or newly-graduated seminary students, who are heading off to serve their churches, able to purchase pastoral stoles or liturgical paraments.

There are no stores that carry these goods and no way of ordering such items. The sewing ladies of La Playa saw a need and had an idea. They wanted to design and produce stoles, to make liturgically appropriate communion table cloths and banners that could be given to seminary graduates or purchased by congregations anywhere in Cuba. But there were no means. Fabric there is scarce and very expensive. Sewing machines are few and far between. They had no idea what awaited them on our group's bus! The next day, as we opened boxes and set up each machine, there was no language barrier between us, no translation necessary. The joy in our eyes and the delight on all our faces spoke for itself. During all the preparations for this trip, I never imagined that our gifts would make God's love visible in this way.

-Janet Edwards

The children at Agape are much like your own grandchildren whom you may not see as frequently as you would wish. Tutoring at Agape gives us an opportunity to help a child beyond our family, to extend our family care to an outsider in need. Not always a bed of roses (as with grandchildren) but Agape's staff manage order and discipline well. And (as with grandchildren), you will receive far more than you give.

—Nancy Purdon

WE BELIEVE IN SERVING THE COMMON GOOD BY REACHING OUT BEYOND OURSELVES TO CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION, AND TO BOLDLY ADDRESS HUMAN NEEDS THROUGH SOCIAL ACTION AND ADVOCACY. **WE SERVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY** AS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR FAITH, REMEMBERING THAT JESUS "CAME NOT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE."

25

BACKPACKS
provided in support
of Agape's great
backpack giveaway
in the fall

AGAPE CENTER

Agape was founded in 1997 by Trinity Presbyterian Church to meet the needs of the surrounding under-served neighborhoods. Agape is fully enrolled and operating at capacity with 220 students K-12 in after-school programs and 80 students in the summer enrichment programs in a

high-crime service area of over 2,000 low-income families. RAGTime (Recreation, Activities and Games) is a day program offered to senior citizens and disabled adults in the community. Currently, there are 61 local residents enrolled.

60

MEALS
provided at each
Thursday Night
Supper

100

GIVING TREE
GIFTS
DONATED
TO AGAPE CHILDREN &
SENIORS

36



MENTORS/TUTORS

+

50



HOURS WEEKLY

=

1,406

**TOTAL
HOURS
SPENT WITH
STUDENTS**

Worship Creatively.

We believe worship is the heart of our life together. We seek to be a community of theological integrity and depth that glorifies God and proclaims the Good News with creative expressions of worship. Through word, sacrament, and music we seek to challenge the mind, nourish the spirit, honor tradition, open us to the Spirit, and address the needs of all ages, individuals, and families, sending every worshipper out to serve God's purposes in the world.

Welcome Intentionally.

We believe the Gospel is Good News for all people. We practice an evangelism of intentional welcome and hospitality, inviting all into an inclusive fellowship characterized by authentic relationships and mutual respect.

Care Compassionately.

We believe that to bear one another's burdens is to fulfill the law of Christ. We seek to build meaningful relationships with one another, caring for one another with grace, compassion, and mutual support, loving one another as Christ loves us.

Gather Joyfully.

We believe that spiritual growth and the abundant Christian life are experienced in community, not in isolation. The psalmist reminds us that fellowship with one another is a "very good and pleasant" blessing, and the book of Acts teaches us that the first believers "spent much time together with glad and generous hearts." And so we gather, not only for worship, education, and service, but also for sharing life and for celebrating.

Learn Purposefully.

We believe that lifelong learning is at the very heart of the Christian life; to be a disciple is to be a student. We encourage intellectual inquiry and spiritual curiosity at every age, knowing that Christian unity does not require uniformity. We believe that learning is holistic, and so we are purposefully about exploring spiritual practices that connect us to God and one another so that we may more faithfully follow in the ways of Jesus.

Serve Wholeheartedly.

We believe in serving the common good by reaching out beyond ourselves to care for God's creation, and to boldly address human needs through social action and advocacy. We serve wholeheartedly as an expression of our faith, remembering that Jesus "came not to be served but to serve."

Lead Humbly.

We believe that we are called to cultivate servant leaders to serve in the church, the community, and the world. We seek to lend a voice to conversations related to the most pressing local, national, and global issues of our time. With humility, we seek to be a catalyst for renewal in the larger church and in ecumenical and interfaith partnerships that renew the world in God's love.

Give Generously.

We believe that generosity is the only antidote to fear and scarcity. As stewards seeking to love God and our neighbors, we give generously of ourselves, our time, and our resources in response to God's generosity toward us. We recognize that we are called to be responsible stewards of all God's gifts, including our financial and natural resources, our facilities, and the gifts of our staff and members.



COMMITMENT

BUDGET

Budget Expenses

Personnel	\$2,229,002	54%
Mission	647,108	16%
Property	615,486	15%
Finance & Admin	393,846	10%
Worship & Music	74,648	2%
Children & Family	60,044	1%
Youth & Family	73,588	2%
Congregational	11,069	0.3%
Adult Education & Spiritual Formation	17,058	0.4%
Commitment	4,560	0.1%
Basketball & Activities	26,078	0.6%
Operating Reserve	(47,966)	-1%

Total Expenses 4,104,523

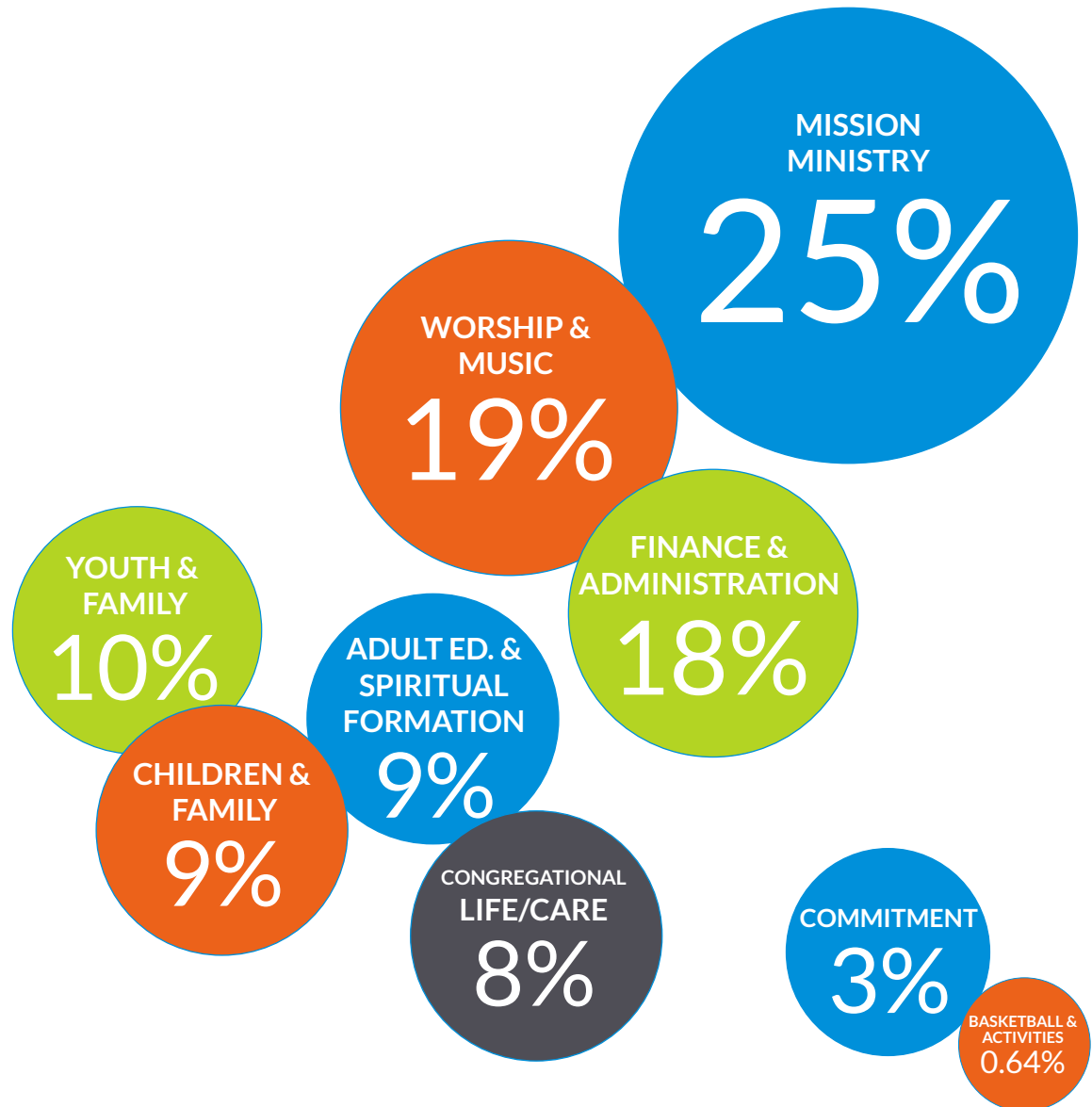
Allocated Expenses

Mission	\$1,032,683	25%
Finance & Admin	735,992	18%
Worship & Music	759,804	19%
Children & Family*	382,478	9%
Youth & Family	396,793	10%
Congregational	312,745	8%
Adult Education & Spiritual Formation	374,655	9%
Commitment	131,260	3%
Basketball & Activities	26,078	0.64%
Operating Reserve	(47,966)	-1%

Total Expenses 4,104,523

*includes child care

ALLOCATED EXPENSES



WE BELIEVE THAT
 GENEROSITY IS THE
 ONLY ANTIDOTE TO
 FEAR AND SCARCITY.
 AS STEWARDS SEEKING
 TO LOVE GOD AND
 OUR NEIGHBORS, **WE
 GIVE GENEROUSLY OF
 OURSELVES, OUR TIME,
 AND OUR RESOURCES
 IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S
 GENEROSITY TOWARD
 US.** WE RECOGNIZE
 THAT WE ARE CALLED
 TO BE RESPONSIBLE
 STEWARDS OF ALL GOD'S
 GIFTS, INCLUDING
 OUR FINANCIAL AND
 NATURAL RESOURCES,
 OUR FACILITIES, AND THE
 GIFTS OF OUR STAFF AND
 MEMBERS.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Unaudited – Operating Fund Only

Receipts & Income

Pledged Income	
Current Year Pledges	\$ 3,530,488
One Time Pledges	62,000
Prior Year Pledges	119,678
New Member Contributions	3,240
TOTAL PLEDGED INCOME	3,715,406
 Non-Pledged Income	 126,292
Trust Fund Income	81,346
Other Income	78,725
Stock Gain/Loss	(503)
TOTAL RECEIPTS & INCOME	\$4,104,523

Expenses

Ministry to the Congregation	\$11,069
Ministry to Children and Their Families	27,108
Ministry to Youth and Their Families	73,588
Ministry to Adults	17,058
Ministry of Worship and Music	74,648
Ministry of Mission	647,108
Ministry of Commitment	4,560
Finance, Administration, Food Service	393,846
Property	615,486
Personnel	2,229,002
Child Care	32,937
Basketball & Activities	26,078
Operating Reserve-net 2015 shortfall	(47,965)
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,104,523

NET RESULTS	\$ -
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Unaudited – All Funds

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,470,247
Investments	4,363,269
Receivables and Prepaid Expense	264,233
Property and Equipment (Net)	20,190,350
TOTAL ASSETS	\$27,288,099

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities

Pledge Pre-Payments	\$503,445
Other Liabilities	45,236
TOTAL LIABILITIES	548,681

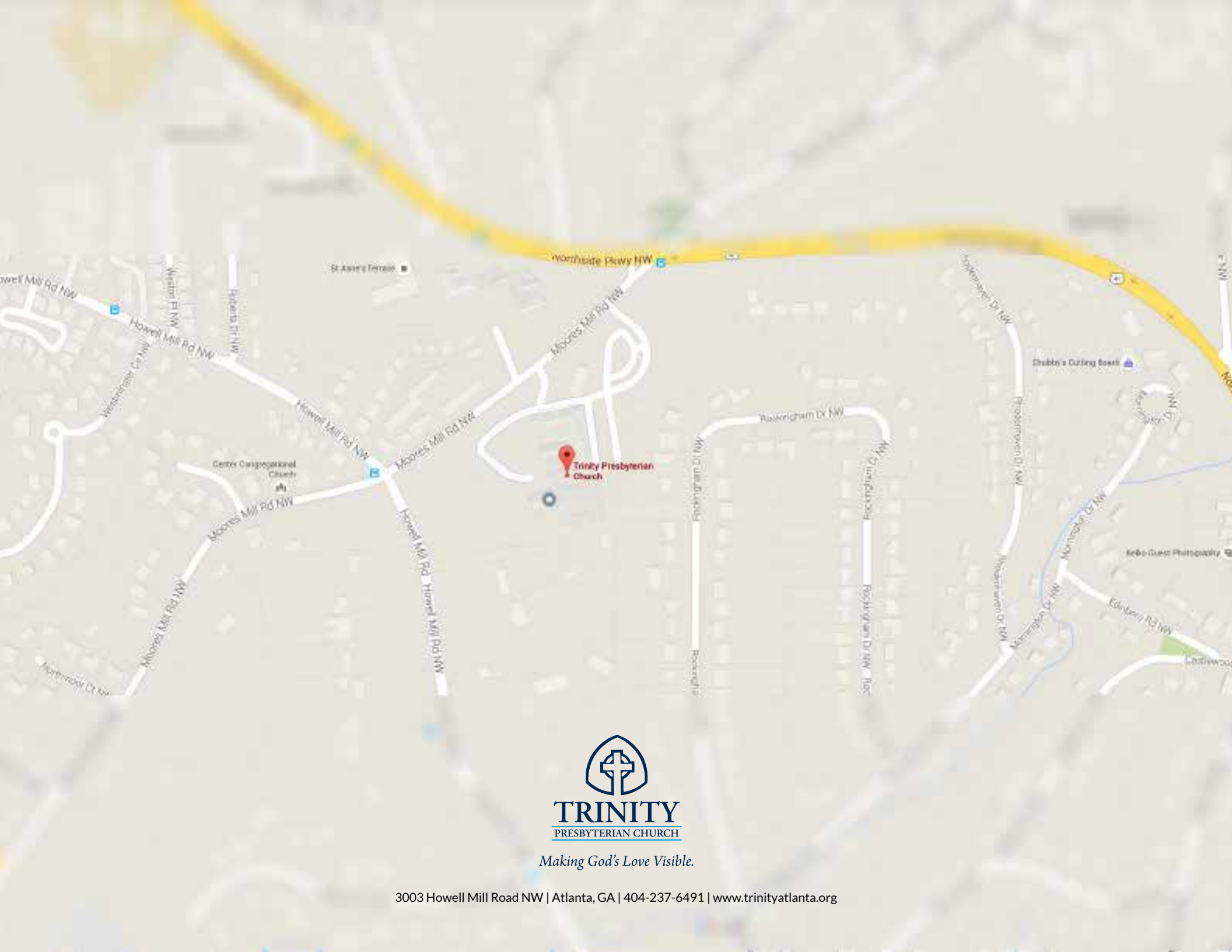
Net Assets

Unrestricted Assets	24,630,162
Permanently Restricted Assets	300,000
Temporarily Restricted Assets	1,809,256
TOTAL NET ASSETS	26,739,418

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$27,288,099
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TRINITY TRUST

Fund	BALANCE 12/31/2014	NET MARKET GAIN/(LOSS)	PROCEEDS OR GIFTS	OTHER	DISTRIBUTIONS	BALANCE 12/31/2015
Agape Community Center Support Agape operations and capital improvements	\$ 55,739	(1,518)		10,000		\$ 64,211
Brumley-Love-Morrell Memorial Ameliorate poverty in Atlanta by supporting education, child care, and recreation for disadvantaged children	380,183	(8,086)		(10,000)	(19,910)	342,187
Building and Grounds Reserve for unanticipated or large capital needs beyond the annual operating budget	303,468	(7,005)				296,463
Counseling and Enrichment Provide financial aid to Trinity community in need of pastoral counseling	216,087	(4,933)			(2,380)	208,774
Fund for Mission Support Trinity and PCUSA benevolences and charities	51,194	(1,132)			(2,176)	47,886
General Fund Unrestricted endowment and repository for undesignated memorial gifts	2,005,441	(53,224)	379,483		(79,170)	2,252,530
Love Memorial Support Trinity's special benevolence projects as requested by the Session	467,671	(10,472)			(14,000)	443,199
Minister's Housing Assist Trinity pastoral staff in purchasing primary residences nearer the Trinity campus	178,805	(5,339)		52,470		225,936
New Church Development Aid in funding and early development of new Presbyterian churches	166,349	(3,840)				162,509
Trinity Early Learning Center Fund teacher training, curriculum development, scholarship, capital improvements, training of unemployed and under-employed for entry into child care profession, or parent education	548,017	(12,650)				535,367
Trinity Fellows in Ministry Fund 2-year post-graduate internships at Trinity once the fund is sufficient to support one to two Fellows	300,078	(6,927)				293,151
	\$ 4,673,032	(115,126)	379,483	52,470	(117,636)	\$ 4,872,223



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