

Deacons' Report to the Congregation of Trinity Baptist Church
December 2, 2009

This has been an exciting, but challenging year for our church and for your deacons. After our pastor of 11 years left us for Jefferson, Georgia, the deacons have been working to make our family ministry efforts help fill the gap. Each of us has made a concerted effort to ensure that our members are contacted and supported in times of need.

The deacon chair and the leadership council worked together and kept the pulpit filled in the absence of the pastor and nominated a representative Pastor Search Committee (PSC) for your approval. We believe we have an outstanding, Spirit-led committee searching for our new pastor. Your deacons have also worked to help with the transition to our Interim Pastor's ministry.

Your deacon chair meets with the ministerial and administrative staff weekly in an effort to assist the staff as they keep the church running smoothly while the PSC seeks our new pastor.

The deacons hosted a deacon family night supper earlier this year and it was a great success. We plan to make this a tradition.

At the recommendation of one of our deacons, the deacons read the book, *Who Stole My Church?*, which will be the subject of a Wednesday evening book study in 2010. This book brings to the reader's attention the importance of church unity as we face the future and deal with change as a church. We hope you will join us in this book study on Wednesday nights early next year.

The deacons have remained active in prayer for our church and for the individual members of our congregation. We promise to continue that prayer ministry role and covet your prayers for us.

The deacons co-hosted a luncheon honoring our ministerial staff for the outstanding job they have been doing without the leadership of a pastor. The luncheon was a very unifying and encouraging event for the church.

We thank all of you for your continued prayers and support for us as deacons, for our Interim Pastor, for the PSC, the new Pastor that will be coming to lead us, and most of all for a spirit of unity of purpose as we serve in this community as the hands and feet of Jesus.

Don Callaway
Deacon Chair, 2009