



## 2015 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



On December 10, Melinda Reed and all the children of Trinity Academy opened the school to the surrounding communities to present the Christmas gospel message in song and recitation. It was a great time of fellowship with family and friends of Trinity Academy.

What an absolute joy to hear young voices lifted in harmony, acknowledging the humble origins of the greatest gift in all of creation and for all time ... the coming of the Christ child!!

I can say with great assurance that there will be a reprise at year's end. Make special plans to attend!

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

In Ecclesiastes 3 King Solomon puts life in perspective for us. "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." As Christians, we can see God's hand guiding these times in our lives; to be born and to die, to plant or uproot, to weep or laugh, to mourn or dance, to embrace or refrain from embracing, to search or give up, to keep or throw away, to be silent or to speak, and to love or to hate. These "times" pertain to Trinity Academy as well. Christ-centered, classical education at Trinity is being birthed in this 2015-2016 school year. Our many "firsts" remind us of our infancy as a school. These firsts include our September Dedication Service, report cards, parent-teacher conferences, co-teacher training, the Dirty Bird mud run, an open house, caroling in the community, and most recently, our Christmas program (which, was remarkable!) Each day is a "first" as teachers delve into new curricula, new concepts, and different styles of teaching.

As a school family, we've also been led through these "times" through laughter brought on by student antics and entertaining performances such as "The Spider and the Fly." An embrace and weeping as one of our family's homes was destroyed by fire and as cancer's return brought fear to a board member. We as a family have also made purposeful times of silence in a desire to hear God's voice and times to speak words of encouragement to those in our family and community.

God reveals to us daily that it is not time to uproot, but to put down roots. Trinity continues to be blessed with new supporters both in finances and in prayer. We are grateful for our faithful donors, many whom have given sacrificially. Donations in consumable materials and use of people's skills and talents are regularly given to the mission God has established at Trinity! We are humbled and grateful for God's provisions through those that have been called to walk beside us on our journey. May you be blessed in whatever "times" you may be experiencing while remembering that God is good, all the time!

## TEACHER FEATURE

She makes music!! Introducing our K-5 music teacher – Melinda Reed.

*Melinda is a graduate of Western Illinois University and lives in Rushville with her husband and 2 children. She's taught music in the public school system for the past 14 years including band, orchestra,*



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*choir, and elementary general music. She is also an active musician conducting or performing in the Rushville Community Band in the summer as well as playing her clarinet for church or for area school musicals. Melinda is very glad to be teaching music to students at Trinity. She feels music is an important part in all of our lives. Melinda is very active in her church, Rushville First Christian Church, serving on various committees, teaching children's church on Sunday mornings, playing hand bells, and directing the Senior Choir.*

### **SCHOOL NEEDS**

**Mission Liaison!** We continue to need volunteer with a heart for our mission in the greater Macomb area. Please contact Paul at [mission@trinityeagles.org](mailto:mission@trinityeagles.org) if you sense the Spirit moving you in this direction

**Permanent Records Storage Cabinet (Still an open need!!)** We seriously need a fire-rated, 4-drawer file cabinet! If there is anyone that can assist with this, we would be very grateful.

### **FUNDRAISING**

Stayed tuned for information concerning our Spring trap shoot. We are getting plans together for the schedule and location. Make an inquiry, and we will get you on our information mailing list for regular updates.

### **FINANCES**

God is great! Year-end giving has lifted us to the point where we only remain a projected \$5,000.00 short for the fiscal year ending in June 2016. We are excited as we begin to prayerfully expand our student body and plan for the financial needs for the upcoming school year beginning July 2016. Come and be a part of this mission! We would love to have an opportunity to share in the work for the Kingdom!

### **Proverbs 8:1-5 (ESV)**

*Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: "To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. O simple ones, learn prudence; O fools, learn sense.*