



We are having a great time in the Children’s Ministry Department. We have so many new and exciting programs planned as well as service projects and special events. The Gap and Blast schedules listed below will give you an idea of many of the happenings for our children. Please join us on Sunday evenings as we gather as God’s people to Praise, Worship and Fellowship.

**GaP schedule for February**

Come join us! There’s Lots to do in the short month of February. Just look at the fun we’ll be having in Gap:  
**Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Friday Fun Night - 6-8 p.m. Supper included. Meet in the CLC.

**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** - Souper Bowl of Caring - bring in canned food items to the CLC. Items collected will be given to local food banks. This is our Service project for the month.  
 No afternoon activities. Enjoy the super bowl with your family and friends.

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** - Valentines Arts and Crafts

**Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** - Mardi Gras Break. No Afternoon Activities.

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** - Bring a friend on Sunday for Sundaes

**5:00 -6:30 p.m.** - GAP is for children Kindergarten thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

**BLAST schedule for February**

What a BLAST we are having on Sunday evenings. Come join us for food, fun and fellowship. YOU will love it!

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 No afternoon activities. Enjoy the super bowl with your family and friends.

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** - Friendship Dinner

**Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** - Mardi Gras Break. No Afternoon Activities.

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** - Destination Unknown Trip

**5:00 -6:30 p.m.** - BLAST is for students that 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We meet upstairs in the Serendipity Room from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Supper is provided.

<p><b><u>Puppet Team</u></b>          The Puppet team has been working really hard on several special programs. They will have a very busy day on Sunday, Feb.12<sup>th</sup> They will be doing a skit, songs and balloons for the children at the Tiny Tots Valentines Party. And they will be performing a Signing of “Jesus, Loves Me” at the Compass service on this day. Puppets meet on Wednesday afternoons 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. upstairs in the Serendipity Room. Mrs. Dawn Huey with the assistance of Aimee Hester and Ms Andi.</p>	<p><b><u>Dance Team</u></b>          Mrs. Karen Meyers has several Dance groups rehearsing for special services and holidays that are upcoming in the church. Mrs. Karen leads the following groups upstairs in the Serendipity Room:  <b>Sunday Rehearsals are:</b>  <b>3:00-4:00 p.m.</b> New Beginnings  <b>4:00-5:00 p.m.</b> Liturgical Dance Team  <b>Thursday Rehearsals are:</b>  <b>2:30-3:30 p.m.</b> Little Angels - This is a new class for little girls ages 3 to 5 years old.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Acolytes for February</u></b></p> <p>5th Haleigh O’Neil &amp; Brandon Palfreyman          12th Lizzy Pringle &amp; Ashley McGhee          19th Sarah Kathryn Sellers &amp; Katie Ayers          26th Bramlett Kendricks &amp; Jack Wood</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Children’s Church Disciples for February</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">12th Dawn Huey/Puppets          19th Allison Alexander          26th Natalie Kaigler</p>



## NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM



Ever since the season of Advent, we have had some extraordinary worship services! We have had great preaching and great music that has blended together to form a very meaningful worship service. You don't want to miss a single service here at Trinity, because you might be missing something very special. Last week was a prime example. We had a guest singer by the name of Elder Sanchez join us for worship. He was amazing. At both services the applause was warm and sincere. Since that Sunday, there has been discussion of applause or clapping during a worship service. I will try to explain my thoughts on the subject. Feel free to agree or disagree with me. I would welcome feedback.

"Clap your hands, all you people."

Psalm 47

The Psalm tells us to clap and sing for joy. Does this mean we should clap in church? First we must define the difference between clapping and applause. Clapping is usually used in a rhythmic or musical sense. We clap along to the beat of a song. Applause is a positive expression of appreciation or approval.

There are times when applause in church is an appropriate expression of appreciation for an action completed. For instance; when Sunday school teachers, choir members or acolytes are put in front of the congregation to be thanked for their service. The Pastor might ask for applause. It might be appropriate to applaud for a newly married couple.

There might be moments filled with highly charged emotion like we experienced last Sunday, when applause spontaneously erupts from the congregation because there is just no other possible response. Hopefully this was a response to the Spirit that was in our midst. Applause in worship, if it does occur, should be directed to God, not the musician.

We should be consistent in our use of applause. If a congregation applauds following a children's choir anthem, are the children and parents really clear that the applause is directed to God and not just because the children made the effort to get to church and sing, or they look so cute? We have a habit of applauding performances in our culture. We live in an age of entertainment. There comes a time when a children's choir member grows up and the applause stops. Then what? Was the offering of music to God any less than when that person was a child? No! In our children's music program, I am trying to teach the children that everything we do in life is an offering to God. When we sing we are offering our talents to God and sharing our music with our church family at Trinity.

Singers of all ages, all church musicians, must be reminded that their role in worship is to offer praise to God, not to entertain God's people in worship. Those who preach are proclaiming the Gospel, not entertaining. Worshippers too, should be reminded that they gather to worship, not be entertained.

Don't be compelled to applaud in church out of a sense of duty or obligation.

In conclusion, if there is a musical offering done in church that is so wonderful that you feel the Spirit of God urging you to respond by applauding, go ahead!

Sincerely,

Kim Hanson



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