

Weekly Spotlight

A Gifted Christmas

Submitted by Scott Jordan, Business Manager

Do you know what the average American family spends on Christmas gifts? Would you be surprised if I told you that the American Research Group predicts we will spend \$929 this Christmas? That's up from the \$882 we actually spent in 2015. Of course this is an average of all income groups. Certainly some spend much less, and still some spend much more.

Why the mid-December economics lesson in the bulletin? Because as the Business Manager of Trinity Wellsprings Church, I would like to suggest a **Gifted Christmas** challenge... I want to challenge Trinity's covenant partners and regular attenders to prayerfully consider a gift to Trinity this Christmas. If 200 individuals or families are willing to give a gift of \$500 (above and beyond your regular giving), we can eliminate the deficit in the Building Mortgage Fund and recoup the surplus we started the year with in the General Fund. It will take \$100,000 to do it. I know, that's a big number. However, if 200 individuals or families give an additional \$500 it equals \$100,000! Imagine a Christmas gift that allows us to fully fund our ministry and mission commitments and our mortgage payments. Consider also what a gift it would be to our new Senior Pastor to allow them to begin their ministry at Trinity with a balanced budget.

Now maybe you're thinking \$500 is more than you can do. Pray about it. Think about it. Maybe you or your family can give a gift of less than \$500. Maybe you or your family can give a gift of more than \$500. Satellite Beach and the surrounding areas have been blessed by Trinity since our humble beginnings 54 years ago. Wouldn't it be great to bless Trinity back!

So, accepting my own challenge, the Jordans will be making an additional Christmas gift. My hope is that you will also prayerfully consider accepting this **Gifted Christmas** challenge.

Peace and Blessings this Christmas Season,
Scott

