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Vacation Bible School July 20-23

9:00 AM - 12 Noon



Calling all Campers!

CAMP E.D.G.E. Vacation Bible School will take your children to an extreme adventure camp where they will Experience and Discover God Everywhere!

CAMP E.D.G.E. is not your typical stroll through the woods. It's an action-packed, adrenaline-filled expedition that teaches kids that their strength and might come from God. Through rockin' contemporary music, larger-than-life recreation games, mind-boggling science activities, extreme sports videos, and cool, challenging crafts, kids will learn how to live on the E.D.G.E. in their faith.

Ages: Completed 3K - 2nd Grade

Register online now!
www.trinitybirmingham.com

*Must be 3 years of age by September 1, 2008.

*Must register by July 1 to be guaranteed a T-shirt and to request friends to be placed in the same class.



Day Camp 2009

During the month of June, Trinity's day campers enjoyed a fun filled week at Camp Fletcher – canoeing, swimming, making cool crafts and new friends. Group time focused on a different Bible story each day. Youth counselors included Sarah Cox, Sarah Alyce Hartley, Margaret Anne Ketabi, Caroline Myers, Kathryn Shewmake and Marlena McConville. The adult counselors, Thermon Jones, Elizabeth Myers, Bert Allen, Jeanne Baswell and Linda Whatley agreed that the week was a fantastic experience.

Invisible Children

Film Screening

Sunday, July 12

10 AM • Fellowship Hall

Invisible Children is a service-based organization committed to ending the longest running war in Africa. They tour the country presenting films that promote awareness, education, service, and love for people all over the world. This summer they have a team of four "roadies" touring the southeast region of the United States and they are coming to Trinity to screen one of their documentaries.

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Sunday, July 5

8:45 & 11:00 AM

Full Communion

*The 8:45 AM service is broadcast via 15-minute delay
from 9–10 AM Sundays on WAPI-AM 1070.*

Sermon

Dr. Dave Barnhart

Sermon Series: Honest To God

Scripture: Romans 8:14-17

Music

(8:45 & 11:00 AM)

Mixed Quartet

Theresa McKibben, Directing

On Call

Dr. Dave Barnhart • Phone: 335-7352



Wesley Hall • 11:15 AM

Rev. Tim Tatum

A Look at June 28:

Worship Attendance970

Sunday School Attendance550

A PERSONAL WORD

As we have watched the demonstrations in Iran this past week protesting the recent election, it has served to remind us of some of our own history as a nation when it comes to church/state relations. Iran officially declares itself a theocracy – a system in which religious faith and secular power are wedded. The “Supreme Leader” of Iran is a cleric, a minister. It is he who must certify who wins elections. In fact, the religious authorities decide ahead of time who can run in an election. No governmental decision is made in Iran without consultation with religious authorities.

At the founding of our nation, there was much debate over the role religious faith would play in this new democracy. Many of the founders were men of deep faith. In some areas of the country, there was an official state “church.” Some were in favor of some form of Christian commonwealth. The final verdict, however, came in the First Amendment: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...” America would never sanction a state church. But neither would we be a nation that forbids religious expression.

This has served our nation well by allowing religious faith to serve as a counter voice to prevailing ideologies and thus preventing the establishment of a totalitarian state which demands ultimate allegiance. In his book, *The Culture of Disbelief*, Stephen Carter argues that religious autonomy is essential to preserve a tension between the efforts by states to impose its own meaning upon the world and that of faith to offer a very different set of meaning. He reminds us that from early on in our nation, many faith communities challenged the status quo called for by the state. Most notably, the abolition movement was largely born out of the faith community, as was the civil rights movement.

Carter argues for a vital tension between the voice of faith and the voice of the state. Freedom of religion does not mean “freedom from religion.” Those who call for religious communities to keep it private and stay out of public issues are as wrong as those who call for religion to be wedded to secular power. Our role as Christians is to be the yeast in the dough. A light set upon a hill. The values and meanings provided by faith are an essential part of what has made our nation great.

INFORMATION FOR GUESTS & NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church!

Our Mission is to Gather people to Christ, Grow people in Christ, Go in Christ and Glorify Christ.

Sunday Worship Opportunities:

- **8:45 & 11:00 AM** – Traditional services in the sanctuary, offering same sermon and music at each service.
- **11:15 AM** – CONTACT – a relaxed, informal, service in Wesley Hall featuring upbeat praise music from the CONTACT Band, children are encouraged to attend.
- **10:00 AM** – Sunday School – Ages 2 years and up.

• **NURSERY** is provided during all services and during Sunday School hours. Please see an usher for information and directions.

Interested in Membership?

Please join us the first Sunday of every month in the large parlor for “Coffee with the Pastor.” This is a time to meet the pastoral staff, ask questions and learn more about the core values and mission of Trinity. We also encourage you to attend “Membership 101” orientation prior to joining Trinity. It is offered on the second Sunday of each month. Contact Rev. Tim Tatum at ttatum@trinity-umc.org with questions.

- Andrew R. Wolfe – *Senior Minister*
- Suzanne Pruitt – *Minister of Christian Formation*
- David Barnhart – *Minister of Membership Care*
- Tim Tatum – *Minister of Evangelism & Young Adults*
- David Thompson – *Minister of Students*
- Buzz Barrett – *Minister of Visitation*
- Mack Chapman – *Minister of Administration*

Church: 205-879-1737
 Fax: 868-9714
 Care Line: 868-9709
 Child Development Center: 879-1749

Honest to God

*A Summer
with the Psalms*

Sermon Series

Continues through July

The book of Psalms is about the stuff of life. Pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote: "Through the Psalms we find the way to God and to speak with him, whether the heart is full or empty." John Calvin, the reformer, called the Psalms "an anatomy of all the parts of the soul."

We will spend the summer at Trinity allowing some of these Psalms to speak for us and to us.

Baby Love

SEAMTRESSES, KNITTERS, CROCHETERS!

Can you cut material out? Can you surge blankets?

Can you sew bib shirts?

Can you knit or crochet hats and booties?

If so, we really could use your help in our mission for Baby Love. We deliver approximately 200 items monthly to UAB and Cooper Green Neonatal units. The babies are so tiny that their parents cannot find clothing for them. The neonatal units have 125 babies daily. Each package of items contains a prayer card from Trinity.

Material and patterns are provided.

Please call or email Donna Himes if you would like to help.
(902-4840 or 945-8349; donna_himes@bellsouth.net)

Please join us for the
**8th Annual
Host Celebration
Reception and Silent Auction**

to benefit the
Birmingham Hospitality Network

Thursday JULY 23, 2009

HOST



B&A Warehouse
1530 1st Avenue South

Doors open at 6:00pm - Live Auction begins 7:15
\$25.00 DONATION

FOR TICKETS : CALL 918-0246

LIVE MUSIC, FOOD & DRINK

4 levels of sponsorship for this event are also available!

Bronze	\$125.00 - includes 2 tickets
Silver	\$250.00 - includes 4 tickets
Gold	\$500.00 - includes 6 tickets
Platinum	\$1000.00 - includes 8 tickets



Birmingham Hospitality Network

A community response for homeless families

Contact Suzanne Mills for tickets, donations, or sponsor forms. 943-9234 or kirkandsu@bellsouth.net

TRINITY MEN

TRINITY MEN @ THE BIRMINGHAM BARONS
Saturday, August 8 • Game Time: 7:05 PM

Pyro-Palooza fireworks immediately following the game
Cost: \$17 per adult; \$11 per child; kids 2 and younger free.

Join the Trinity Men for a night at the Birmingham Barons.
Cost includes a box seat, full catered meal, The Left Field Berm picnic area, and Pyro-Palooza.

Dads! What a great way to close out summer with your kids.
This event is for men and children only (boys and girls).

GIFTS TO GLORIFY GOD AND TO REMEMBER THOSE WE LOVE

HONORARIUMS

May 21 - June 25, 2009

DAVE BARNHART

Joan and Marshall Mezzell
AIMS Sunday School Class

PAUL BOEHME

Sue, Emily and Erin Frazier

DEBBIE FLY

Becky and Bill Hutto

DAN HERMANY

Cross & Flame Youth Choir

KEN JOHNSON

Sue, Emily, and Erin Frazier

MARIETTA, TIM AND JON LUNCEFORD

Cross & Flame Youth Choir
Nancy and Nathan Smith

MEMORIALS

May 21 - June 25, 2009

GRACE MOUAT ALMON

Trinity United Methodist Church

HOLLY BACON

Trinity United Methodist Church
Norma and Riley Harmon

LYNDA BAGWELL

Trinity United Methodist Church
Bettie Jackson

MARY LOU CAIN

Trinity United Methodist Women
Anne and Jim Summers
Joyce T. McCollum
Alma Self

ROBERT CARLISLE

John Wesley Bible Class
Phella and Guy Patterson

EDNA DANIELS

Joyce A. Neighbors

BELIN HIGGINBOTHAM

John Wesley Bible Class

CLARA B. HORTON

Bettie Jackson

MONTEZ KINDIG

Betty B. Johnson
Becky and Bill Hutto
Phella and Guy Patterson
Perry and Barbara Morgan
Ann and Ken Damsgard

JO LIGHTFOOT

Trinity United Methodist Women
Alma Self
Betty O'Berry

ROBERT MILLSAP

Trinity United Methodist Church
Dr. John Harris
Cindy and Terry Crane
Norma and Jim Rice
Floyd M. Hendrix

Merry Lynne and Brooks Johnston
Bettie Jackson
Suzy and Don Banks
Joyce Jones and Daughters
Betty O'Berry
Frances McCrary
Evelyn T. Jones
Arthur C. Jones
Barbara and Daniel Cook
Carol Schlichter
Corinne and Bob Hart
Phella and Guy Patterson
Irene Hobbs
Peggy Miner
Mrs. Terry McNeel
Martha Ann and Billy Ware
Trinity Singers

GRACE CURRIE PARKER

Trinity United Methodist Church

MARY JO PRICE

Becky and Bill Hutto

PEGGY SULLIVAN

Becky and Bill Hutto
Marion and Tom Wilson

CHARLES TERRY

Becky and Bill Hutto
Bettie Jackson
Ann Morris Smith

MRS. EVELYN ZIEGLER

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Nolen

Author Matthew Sleeth • Coming to Trinity, August 23

Serve God, Save the Planet by former emergency room doctor Dr. J. Matthew Sleeth is a deeply personal book with far-reaching ramifications for Christians and all those who take their devotion to God seriously. The book presents a gripping account of Dr. Sleeth's personal and spiritual journey to environmental stewardship. It lays out sobering rationale for life changes and a "how-to" guide for lifestyle changes that will help care for others and protect the earth.

Five years ago, Dr. J. Matthew Sleeth and his family lived in a big house on the coast, had two luxury cars and many material possessions. As chief of the medical staff at a large hospital, Sleeth was living the American dream – until he realized that something was terribly wrong. As he saw patient after patient suffering from cancer and other chronic diseases, he began to understand that the earth and its inhabitants were in trouble. Feeling helpless, he turned to his faith for guidance. He discovered how the Scriptural lessons of personal responsibility, simplicity, and stewardship could be applied to modern life. The Sleeths have since sold their big home and given away more than half of what they once owned.

In *Serve God, Save the Planet*, Dr. Sleeth shares the joy of adopting a less materialistic lifestyle, and reveals what was easy and what was hard about the changes his family has made. He shares how material downscaling led his family to healthier lifestyles, stronger relationships, and richer spiritual lives.



Your Votes Are In!

Did you know that on the Trinity Program Survey taken last February, 1 out of 5 Trinity members voted that Disciple Bible Study was the study they would most recommend to others?

Disciple Bible Study will be coming your way in the Fall. Registration for Disciple and other Fall offerings will begin mid-July.

VBS - Camp E.D.G.E. volunteers needed!

JULY 20-23 from 9 AM-12Noon

Help with classes, crafts, gym time, music, refreshments, or prayer team.

If you can help, please contact Allis Forrestall: 879-4308; adforrestall@bellsouth.net or

Tara Williams: 879-4167; tarabwilliams@bellsouth.net

Invisible Children Screening

(Continued from front page) The war in northern Uganda has been called the most neglected humanitarian emergency in the world today. For the past 23 years, the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and the Government of Uganda (GoU) have been waging a war that has left nearly two million innocent civilians caught in the middle. The GoU's attempt to protect its citizens from this rebel militia has largely failed, resulting in an entire generation of youth that has never known peace. **Invisible Children** is working to end this war and help the people of Uganda.

The film screening will take place on Sunday, July 12 in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (10-10:45 AM). Don't miss it.



For more information visit: www.invisiblechildren.com

Imagine That!

**Wednesday, July 8
9:00-11:30 AM**

Room 111

Completed 4K, 5K, 1st grade

\$15.00 per child

Register in the Children's Ministry Office.

Come join the fun!

We'll mix and measure, make a yummy snack, ooey goey slime, and bouncing bubbles!

Great opportunity to be creative and explore with hands on science experiments.

JULY @element student ministry

- Sunday, July 5 - SOS Commissioning Service 8:45 service
- July 5 - 11 - SOS Summer Mission Trip
- Sunday, July 5 - NO ELEMENT (SOS)
- Sunday, July 12 - Element goes bowling
- Tuesday, July 14 - Girls Walk 9:30-11:00am
- Tuesday, July 14 - Lunch Club 11:00-2:00pm
- July 17-19 - High School Boys Retreat - Lake Tuscaloosa
- Sunday, July 19 - Element at the Park



M-POWER

Literacy Training Workshop

July 7, 14, 21

5:30 - 9:30 PM at M-POWER Ministries

If you can read, you can help...

Cost: \$45, includes teaching materials and the first student book.

For more info, contact: Jeannine Wartenburg or Beverly Shannon at 595-5959.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Sunday - July 5

8:45 AM Traditional Worship
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
 11:15 AM CONTACT Worship
 5:00 PM Adult Bible Study - SP
 6:00 PM Summer Study - Rm. 219
 NO ELEMENT

Monday - July 6

8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
 6:30 PM SPRC Meeting - CONF

Tuesday - July 7

8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - Various
 8:00 AM Exercise Class - FHALL
 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
 10:00 AM Mama & Me - Rm. 114, Nursery

Wednesday - July 8

8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
 6:00 PM Summer Study - Rm. 315

Thursday - July 9

8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - Various
 8:00 AM Exercise Class - FHALL
 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
 9:15 AM Summer Study - Rm. 219
 9:15 AM Senior Summer Study - Rm. 301

Friday - July 10

8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer

July 2009						
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Note: Kitchen Closed in July

CFT	Craft Room-143	LIB	Library-218	CHAPEL	Mouat Chapel
FSR	Fireside Room-145	NAT	Not at Trinity	MS	Music Suite-132
CONF	Conference Room-220	LP	Large Parlor	WHALL	Wesley Hall
SANC	Sanctuary	SP	Small Parlor-105	SDR	Small Dining Room
FHALL	Fellowship Hall	The Haven	Youth Auditorium	FLC	Family Life Center

**Reminder! Administrative Board and Finance Committee will meet July 13.
 Dinner will not be served. Finance meets at 5:30 PM and Board meets at 7:00 PM.**

PACESETTERS NEWS

TEMPO Exercise Class

"Life is a Dance...choose your own Tempo." This exercise class for active older adults meets Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8-9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. To sign up or for more details, contact Amy Lewis.

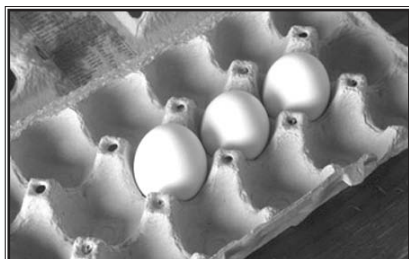
Mah-Jongg in the Small Parlor every Monday from 12:30 PM till 3 PM

We will continue to teach anyone interested in learning this fascinating game. Call Merry Lynne Johnston or Amy Lewis for more information.

Senior Adult Ball - Save the Date! July 30

The Youth are planning a BALL for our Senior Adults, Thursday, July 30 from 6-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for your invitation!

For more information on any event, contact Amy Lewis, Director of Older Adult Ministry, on Tues. - Wed. - Thurs. at 879-1737 or email alewis@trinity-umc.org.



Egg Cartons Needed!

3K Sunday School classes need your empty egg cartons! Any color or style will do.

Please leave them in Linda Whatley's office during the week or in room A103 on Sunday mornings.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Brookwood:

Lillie T. Smith

Lakeshore:

Caroline Alford

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our love and sympathy:

- to **Billie Lindsey** on the death of her sister, Mary Jo Price, who died on June 22.
- to **Donna and Ken Johnson** and family on the death of her uncle, Bert Bank, who died on June 23.
- to **Tina Thompson** on the death of her cousin and to **David Thompson** and **Casey Patton** on the death of their good friend, Chris Anders, who died on June 23.
- to **Leo Bashinsky** and family on the death of his grandmother, Betty Bashinsky, who died June 24.
- to **Phil Gargis** and family on the recent death of his brother, Harry Gargis.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to **Dave and Beth Ellis** on the birth of their daughter, Anderson Jane Ellis, on June 23. Big sister is Mollie and big brother is Mac.
- to **Jason and Molly Heathcock** on the baptism of their son, Travis Kyle Heathcock, on June 28.
- to **Haleigh Stidham and Austin Blackwell** on their marriage on June 27.
- to **Martha Thompson** on receiving the John W. Stewart Distinguished Service Award from the Alabama Baptist Children's Home. She received this award at a recent Alumni Reunion in Troy, AL.

TREASURER'S REPORT

** As of June 28 2009*

General Budget:	6/2009
Given Month to Date	\$175,125
Needs Month to Date	\$227,280
Balance/(Shortage)	\$(52,155)



BEYOND OURSELVES

Gifts this month	\$58,052
Gifts to date	\$4,143,887



No CWP in July

Due to the July 4th Holiday.

Join us in August for a casual hour to learn about the mission and core values of our church family. Ask the pastors questions, meet Trinity members and take a tour of the church facilities.
Sunday, August 2 at 10 AM in the Large Parlor.

CRAFT NIGHT!

When? Wednesday, July 15

Where? Trinity Craft Room

Time? 6-8 PM

We will be making nursery/diaper bags for all of the children 1 year and older that are in our nursery on Sunday morning. This will help space issues on AND provide a nice gift for young families in the church! These bags will be handed out on Grow Sunday.

No sewing experience necessary! If you can glue and do basic arts and crafts, you are qualified!

Interested? Contact Carrie Thayer at carriethayer@gmail.com to reserve a spot or to reserve the nursery! **nursery provided with reservation!**



Save the date! December 13!

Nursery Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 5

Lyndsay Mooney, Marena Swaika

You may volunteer by stopping by the nursery on first floor to sign up or email Kim Skelton at nurseryvolunteers@trinity-umc.org, or 879-1737.

Hannah's Friends

Are you hurting because you want a baby or have lost one? Have you traveled this path and now have a child and are willing to share your insights? Are you a friend or a loved one of someone who struggles with faith as she longs for a child?

If your answer to any of these questions is yes, we invite you to join us. Hannah's Friends is a group of women who struggle as Hannah did in the Bible with issues of infertility. We share fellowship, prayer and Bible study as we try to discern the unique path God has for each of us. We strive to turn our pain into praise of God who made us, loves us and knows what is best for us.

This group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month in the Small Parlor from 5:30-7:00 PM. For more information, contact Adair Laney at adairlaney@gmail.com.



**Tuesdays at 10:00 AM (note new time!)
2-year-old room in the Nursery**

- For Moms and Dads! Very casual Bible Study group designed for stay-at-home caregivers and their children (ages newborn-school age).
- NO NURSERY, as this will be an informal study where children can play with others while watching Mom (or Dad) spend time in prayer.
- Contact: Kelley Winslett at kellywin@yahoo.com



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SUNDAYS AT TRINITY: WORSHIP 8:45, 11:00 & 11:15 AM • SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM • YOUTH ACTIVITIES 6:00 PM

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Paul and Jennifer Hogan

1025 Castlemaine Trail
 Birmingham, Al 35226
 The Hogans joined our church family by transfer from another United Methodist Church and by vows from another Christian denomination. Paul is a coach at Samford University and Jennifer is an academic advisor at Samford University.



Jeremy and Tiffany Slocum

16 Edgehill Road
 Homewood, Al 35209
 The Slocums joined our church family by transfer from another United Methodist Church and by vows from another Christian denomination. Jeremy works in medical sales for Medtronic and Tiffany is a teacher at Pinson Elementary.



Calling all college students!
 Are you at home for the summer and tired of going to Sunday school with your parents? Are you in town over the summer and looking for a place to connect? A college Sunday morning group is now meeting at 10 AM in Room 219. Join us!

All Adults Youth and Children!
GROW SUNDAY
Is coming August 16!
Mark you calendar
and watch for more details.

The Kitchen will be closed during the month of July!