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Baby Recognition Sunday



Trinity was blessed with an abundance of new life in 2008, and God's goodness was celebrated on Sunday, April 26. Pictured above is the group of families and new babies that participated in the special day. All babies born in 2008 were recognized during a special time in the 11:00 AM worship service and lunch followed in the Fellowship Hall.

 **Convergence** may 29-31
young adult retreat

it's time to

live

create

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dream...

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awake

camp sumatanga retreat center • \$89 per person • \$20 deposit due may 1
for information, contact tim tatum at ttatum@trinity-umc.org



Sunday, May 3

10 AM • LARGE PARLOR

All visitors are welcome!

Join us 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, May 3

Full Communion

8:45 & 11:00 AM

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

Sermon

Dr. Andrew Wolfe

Music

(8:45) Sanctuary Choir

(11:00) Praise Alliance

On Call

Dr. Andrew Wolfe • Phone: 871-1309

Van Drivers

Richard Sturm



**Who Goes To Hell?
Sermon Series**

Wesley Hall

11:15 AM

Dr. Dave Barnhart

A Look at April 26:

Worship Attendance1,141

Sunday School Attendance748

A PERSONAL WORD

On Sunday, I preached on hospitality as a central theme of the gospel. The chief charge against Jesus was that he was just too hospitable. "He eats with sinners and tax-collectors" was the accusation. And it was true. He did. In fact, he still does. And we can be glad he does. Every time we gather at the Lord's Table, he invites and welcomes us.

The word hospitality comes from the word hospital. During the time when traveling was hard, particularly outside one's own country, Christians established guest houses beginning in the 5th century. They were called 'hospice' from hospes, Latin for guests. During the middle ages, pilgrims and other travelers found Christian hospices to be the only reputable guests houses. They were often run by religious orders. Over time, they began to specialize in the care of the poor, sick, aged and crippled. From about the 15th century, these hospices began to be taken over by secular interests so that hospitals became restricted to the care of the sick. But originally, it meant a 'haven for guests.'

In a way, the church is a hospital, a place of healing for all of us, and it is a 'haven for guests.' We are not here for ourselves. We are here to be a part of God's hospitality to the world – to invite, receive and welcome all so they can find that place of healing and hope.

Our vision at Trinity is to be a church with open doors and open hearts – to practice the same radical hospitality that Jesus practiced. This is at the heart of what it means to be the church. This won't happen unless we are intentional about it. All of us need to think of ourselves as hosts at Trinity and look for ways and opportunities when we can extend the welcome of Christ.

Wear your names tags, look out for people who may be guests, go out of your way to show them around and make them feel comfortable.

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

High School Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 17

Student Ministries and the Committee on Higher Education are planning High School Graduate Recognition Sunday for May 17. We invite you and your family to the 8:45 AM service that day where your class will sit together and be recognized during the service. Following the service, graduates and their families are invited to a Celebration Brunch in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM.

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If you plan to participate in High School Graduate Recognition Sunday, please RSVP to Amy Mezzell at 879-1737 by **Tuesday, May 5** with your name and the number attending the brunch.

Please provide two pictures of yourself from an early age and your senior portrait for use in the service no later than **Wednesday, May 6** by noon. Deliver your pictures to Haley Smith by dropping them by the church office or email to hsmith@trinity-umc.org.

Student Congratulations

Please submit any honors or special congratulations that may be in order for graduating high school seniors or college graduates to Haley Smith for publication in *Tidings*. You may email these to hsmith@trinity-umc.org by Thursday, May 14. All congrats submitted will be listed in a special section in *Tidings* on May 19.

Remember to include parents names and full details!



We Love Homewood Day

Saturday, May 2 at Patriot Park

Rides, inflatables, arts & crafts, business expo, entertainment and Bar-B-Q!

Each year, Trinity has a presence at this wonderful celebration of everything Homewood. If you are planning to be there...can you spare some time to help us be a presence in our community? We can use your help at Trinity's booth to hand out prizes. The event hours are 10 AM - 4 PM. Shifts at Trinity's tent are from 9:30-11:30 AM and 11:30-1:30 PM. Any amount of time you can volunteer would be appreciated! Email or call Robert Click with questions about helping, robertdclick@gmail.com or 803-3210.

FRESH FOOD, GREAT CAUSE!

JOIN TRINITY'S VEGETABLE CO-OP

partnering with East Lake UMC's Farmers Market Basket Program



Pictured above is a group of youth from last summer taking produce to local senior citizens.

Get a basket of the freshest produce around for an 18-week season (June 13- October 10). Boxes will contain a variety of seasonal, local produce, recipes, preparation tips, as well as occasional specialty items such as honey or pastries. GO LOCAL!!!

Boxes will feed a family of two-four for a week.
\$400 for an 18 week season (approx. \$22/week)

The fee for the baskets can be paid in installments.

- First payment upon registration, \$150
- Second payment due July 25, \$150
- Third payment due September 5, \$150

ALL CHECKS MADE OUT TO: P.E.E.R.

Commitment is to pick up Trinity's boxes on TWO of the Saturday mornings during the season. Boxes will be delivered to the church for a convenient Sunday morning pickup. This money goes to support a great inner-city market program that provides fresh produce to a diverse community. Additional donations are given to neighborhood seniors and to area feeding agencies. Purchasers may choose to donate baskets on weeks where you are unable to pick up your market basket.

For more information or to join the co-op, contact Laura Eanes at LEanes@trinity-umc.org or 879-1737.

Vacation Bible School '09

July 20-23



Register online now!

www.trinitybirmingham.com

Ages: Completed 3K - 2nd Grade



Camp Sumatanga Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, May 11, 2009

GRAYSON VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

Hosted by Trussville FUMC

There is still time to sign up for our 3rd Annual Camp Golf Tournament. Any Emmaus pilgrim who has used the rest-rooms at the Lodge breezeway can tell you how much those facilities needed upgrading. For some time now, volunteers have been replacing floor tiles and fixtures and repairing walls. Soon the project will be complete. All the money used to renovate those bathrooms came from funds raised through Trussville FUMC's annual golf tournament!

Tee times are still available. You could be a great help by playing, individually sponsoring a hole, making a donation, or suggesting your church, Sunday School class or study group be hole sponsors. All proceeds go directly to projects like the one described above.

Sumatanga thanks everyone at Trussville FUMC for their love and support and hopes you will join them for a great day on the links. For more information, please call Jim Morton at 205-655-0824 or Dr. Bill Brunson at 205-655-3259.

PACESETTERS NEWS

• May 4-6 - Senior Celebration at Camp Sumatanga

May is Older Americans Month. Join us at Sumatanga for a Celebration! \$100 includes lodging for 3 days/2 nights and 6 meals plus LOTS of activities...call Amy Lewis for more info.

Pacesetters



Trinity United Methodist Church

For more information on any older adult event, please contact Amy Lewis on Tues. - Wed. - Thurs. at 879-1737 or email alewis@trinity-umc.org.

Summer Study Opportunity

Are you looking for a closer, more vibrant relationship with your Heavenly Father? God is closer than you think, and connecting with Him is meant for all of us – most importantly, it's for you.

Join our 6-week summer study based on John Ortberg's book, *God is Closer Than You Think*. Classes begin the week of June 7 and will be offered on Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 6 PM and Thursday mornings at 9:15 AM. Each session is 1 hour 15 minutes. Cost is \$10.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is MAY 17!

Class preparation is minimal, as most things are done during class. Don't worry if you have to miss a week due to vacation plans! Each lesson is independent. To register, contact Amy Mezzell at 879-1737 or email amezzell@trinity-umc.org.

GIFTS TO GLORIFY GOD AND TO REMEMBER THOSE WE LOVE

HONORARIUMS

March 30 - April 26, 2009

LISA ELLIOTT (Beth Moore Study Facilitator)
Daphne Legg

TRENT, NOLA, CADEN, ANDON ERNEST
Patricia E. Gleason

BERT GADDIS
Becky and Bill Hutto

HERB AND JOANN GRIFFIN'S
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Dr. John Harris
Becky and Bill Hutto
Susan and Bert Gaddis
Susie Elliott
Mary Ross Bullwinkel
Amy Lewis
Jim and Norma Rice

MARY HARRIS
Norma and Don Echols

JOAN MEZZELL
"Invitation to John" Bible Study Class
Members

NANCY SMITH
Norma and Don Echols

OLIVIA WELLS
Pauline Campbell

MEMORIALS

March 30 - April 26, 2009

ALLEN CHILDS
Isabel L. McCormack
Mrs. Susie Elliott
Paige and Franklin Jordan
Priscilla and Raymond Griffin

EDNA DANIELS
Trinity United Methodist Church

EDDIE FARRELL
Martha and George Patridge
Pat's Lunch Bunch
Martha Ann and Billy Ware

BELIN HIGGINBOTHAM
Geri and Billy Beers
Lynn and Brian Luckianow

REV. JOHN LANE
Anne and Jim Summers

JO LIGHTFOOT
Trinity United Methodist Church
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith
Anonymous
Barbara and Perry Morgan
Mrs. Susie Elliott
Mary Ross Bullwinkel
Mrs. Betty B. Johnson
Maurice Neptune
John L. Sims

UMW Circle 2
Trinity Fellowship Class
Ann Morris Smith
Belinda and Tim Lacey
Donna and Tom Himes
Lynn and Brian Luckianow
Martha Ann and Billy Ware
Anonymous
Myrnie and Bill Driskill
Nelldene Price
Claire and Louie Love
Ann and Ken Damsgard
Marion and Tom Wilson
Eleanor Berry
Susan and Don Hatcher
Joan and Marshall Mezzell
Noelle and John Cadden

FRANCES MANNING
Trinity United Methodist Church

BILL MORGAN
Mrs. Susie Elliott
Martha Ann and Billy Ware
Eleanor Berry

THELMA PRESCOTT
Susan, Bert, Robert, James Gaddis
The Fly Family
Ann and Ken Damsgard

LOIS TRUSS
Mrs. Susie Elliott

Be a Nursery Volunteer!

If you attended worship at 11:00 AM on Sunday, you witnessed a procession of our babies born last year!

And if you wonder who takes care of them during Sunday School and worship...

Then you will want to join the nursery staff and other volunteers for an hour on a Sunday!

It takes lots of loving arms each and every Sunday to care for our children. You may volunteer by stopping by the nursery on the first floor to sign up, or email Kim Skelton at nurseryvolunteers@trinity-umc.org, or call 879-1737.

Strengths!

3-week class on Sundays
May 3, 10 & 17
6-8 PM • \$12 book fee

Are you interested in discovering the strengths that God has given you? Come and learn about yourself and how God has gifted you with talent for ministry. Several spots still available!

Email LEanes@trinity-umc.org

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Sunday - May 3 *Full Communion*

- 8:45 AM Traditional Worship
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Coffee With The Pastors - LP
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 11:15 AM CONTACT Worship
- 3:30 PM Acolyte Training - SANC
- 4:15 PM Youth Handbells - Rm. 225
- 5:00 PM Adult Bible Study - SP
- 5:00 PM Cross & Flame Youth Choir - MS
- 6:00 PM ELEMENT - Haven
- 6:30 PM Adult Handbells - MS

Monday - May 4

- 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
- 6:30 PM SPRC Meeting - CONF
- 7:00 PM Outreach Meeting - FSR

Tuesday - May 5

- 6:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group - FSR
- 6:30 AM Middle School Prayer B'fast - FHALL
- 8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - Various
- 8:00 AM Exercise Class - FHALL

Tuesday - May 5 (continued)

- 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
- 10:00 AM Trinity Singers - MS
- 10:30 AM Mama & Me - Rm. 114, Nursery
- 11:00 AM Soup & Salad - FHALL
- 5:30 PM Trustees Meeting - CONF

Wednesday - May 6

- 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
- 6:00 PM Adult Studies - Various
- 6:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - MS

Thursday - May 7

- 8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - Various
- 8:00 AM Exercise Class - FHALL
- 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
- 9:15 AM Adult Studies - Various
- 11:00 AM Soup & Salad - FHALL

Friday - May 8

- 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer

Saturday - May 9

- 7:00 AM Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast & Garage Sale - FHALL & GYM

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

United Methodist Committee on Relief

Some people are asking how we can help those who have been affected by the floods in North Dakota. We give our support to the work of UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, who are often the first on the scene of a disaster and the last to leave. If you would like to help financially with the relief effort in North Dakota, you can make out your check to Trinity UMC, and put UMCOR Advance #901670 in the memo line, or visit www.umcor.org.



Tuesdays at 10:30 AM • 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

IN MEMORIAM

The Trinity Family extends love and sympathy:

- to **Kathy Daily** and family on the death of her mother and to **TJ and Katie Bryan** on the death of their grandmother, Collette Smith, on April 20.
- to the family of **Dr. Frances Manning**, who died on April 21.
- to the family of **Mary Lou Cain** who died on April 24. Mother of **Martha Martin** and grandmother of Andrea Martin Von Herrmann.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to **Kennedy and Edward Walker** on the birth of their son, John Edward Walker IV (Jack) on March 31.
- to **Joanna and Bert Newton** on the birth of their son, Owen Ward Newton, on April 18. Big sister is Reese and proud grandmother is **Connie Barnett**.
- The following members of the Cross & Flame Youth Choir were selected for the Alabama All-State Red Band and Alabama All-State Junior High Band: **Maggie Williams**, Flute, 3rd chair, Junior High All-State; **Genevieve Gillis**, String Bass, 1st Chair, Junior High All-State; **Sam Griffin**, Tuba, 6th Chair, High School Red Band. Congratulations to these three for this very fine musical accomplishment.

TREASURER'S REPORT

* As of April 26, 2009

General Budget:	4/2009
Given Month to Date	\$193,243
Needs Month to Date	\$227,280
Balance/(Shortage)	\$(34,037)



BEYOND OURSELVES

Gifts this month	\$54,570
Gifts to date	\$4,002,328
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Lenten Offering to Date:	\$46,358

Boy Scout Troop 97
GARAGE SALE

Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction

Saturday, May 9

7 AM - 1 PM • TUMC

Sale Open to the Public

Pancakes \$5 (Kids under 5 free)

Auction and Garage Sale items are needed!
For donation pickup, call Julie White at 945-9561.



Attention Trinity Camping Enthusiasts!

Are you looking for a nice spot, close by, for a spring getaway? Look no further than our own Camp Sumatanga! There are ample tent spaces, as well as RV sites with electricity and water. Bathhouse with showers, covered picnic pavilion, and dump station are also available. Be sure to take a stroll on the beautiful new walking trail around the lake while you are there! Call the camp office at (256) 538-9860 or visit www.sumatanga.org for more information.

Called to Pray

The Mouat Chapel will be open for prayer on weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Prayer request forms can be found on the last pew. Enter silently, pray quietly and stay as long as you like.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. – Mark 1:35

Nursery Volunteers

SUNDAY, May 3

Julie Mizerany, Steve Mizerany, Sara Turner, Suzanne Mills, Tanya McCain, Meg Bashinsky, Brad Hilsmier, Mary Michael Neese, Kelley Winslett, Lorrie Hargrove

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.

TIDINGS is online!

For this week's issue, visit

www.trinitybirmingham.com/news/tidings

If you would like to stop receiving your mailed copy, please contact Lisa Elliott at

879-1737 or email lelliott@trinity-umc.org.

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.

PARKING NOTICE:

Please do not block the TUMC dumpster areas or any areas that are marked as NO Parking zones. Also, please note that the small parking lot is reserved for Handicap, elderly and families with small children on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Andrea Weems

1912 Chateau Circle #206

Birmingham, AL 35209

Andrea joined our church family by vows from another Christian denomination.

She is an RN.



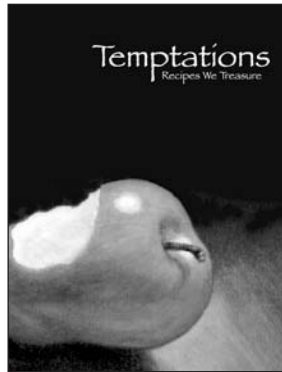
NEW
CONTACT SERMON SERIES
MAY 3-10-17
Starts this Sunday!

WHO GOES TO HELL?

WWW.CONTACTWORSHIP.COM

Cookbooks for Sale!

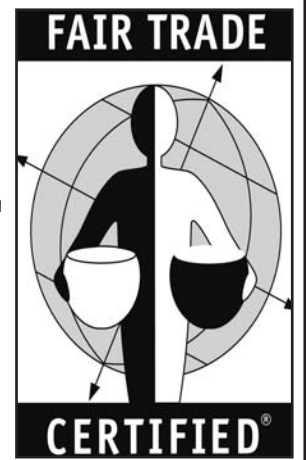
In the church office. *Temptations* cookbooks make great gifts! They are gift wrapped and are only \$20. All money goes to Trinity. Cash or checks only. Make checks payable to the Asbury Class Cookbook.



Wireless Internet is available on Trinity's first floor for your use.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE AVAILABLE!

A **Fair Trade Coffee Table** with information about our upcoming mission trips will be set up in the 2nd floor common area after the 8:45 worship service. Proceeds from coffee sales will go to our mission trips. Come learn more about fair trade and support our outreach efforts!



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

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