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Congratulations Graduates



Trinity's graduating Senior Class of 2009 was recognized at the 8:45 AM traditional worship service on Sunday, May 17. Following the service, the graduates attended a brunch with their families in the Fellowship Hall.

Front Row: Wesley Johnson, Lake Hubbard, Porter McCain, Kevin Fly, Sam Hutto, William de Shazo, Brandon Shewmake

Back Row: Nathan Collins, Carmen Lozano, Meg Schneider, Melanie Smith, Kirby Robbins, Sarah Grauel, Alex Alford, Sarah Cox, Drew Cook

Summer Study Opportunity Begins June 7

God is Closer Than You Think

The 6-week summer study based on John Ortberg's book *"God is Closer Than You Think"* begins June 7.

It will be offered on Sunday evening at 6 PM (led by Tim Tatum),

Wednesday evening at 6 PM (led by Lisa Elliott) and Thursday morning at 9:15 AM (led by Gail Youngblood).

Each session is 1 hour and 15 minutes. Cost is \$10.00, to be paid at the first meeting.

There are a few spots left, so register now!

Contact Amy Mezzell at 879-1731 or email amezzell@trinity-umc.org.



Sunday, May 24

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

Andrew Wolfe

Music

8:45 & 11:00 AM

William A. Gardner Handbell Choir

Praise Alliance

On Call

Rev. Tim Tatum • Phone: 470-2771

Van Driver

David Young



Wesley Hall • 11:15 AM

Dr. Dave Barnhart

A Look at May 17:

Worship Attendance1,071

Sunday School Attendance657

A PERSONAL WORD

In these uncertain times, it is good to take a step back from our fears and consider our blessings. Bro. David Steindl-Rast, a member of a Roman Catholic community, has written what he calls *A Pledge For Grateful Living*:

In thanksgiving for life, I Pledge
To overcome the illusion of ENTITLEMENT
By reminding myself that everything is a gift
And, thus, to love GRATEFULLY.

In thanksgiving for life, I Pledge
To overcome GREED
That confuses wants with needs,
By trusting that enough for all of our needs is given to us
And to share GENEROUSLY
What I so generously receive.

In thanksgiving for life, I Pledge
To overcome APATHY
By waking up to the opportunities
That a given moment offers me
And so to respond CREATIVELY to every situation.

In thanksgiving for life, I Pledge
To overcome FEAR which is the root of violence
By looking at whatever I fear as an opportunity
And, thus, COURAGEOUSLY to lay the foundation
For a peaceful future.

The MOUAT CHAPEL is 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.

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

Convergence may 29-31

young adult retreat

it's time to

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camp sumatanga retreat center • \$89 per person

for information, contact tim tatum at ttatum@trinity-umc.org

What are you doing the weekend after Memorial Day?

Have you been looking for a way to get more connected with other young adults at Trinity? This is one of the best opportunities you'll ever have. So far, we have 26 young adults going, space is limited. Won't you join us?

Contact Tim Tatum to register!
879-1737 or email
ttatum@trinity-umc.org.

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 Handicapped, elderly and families with small children on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Thank you!

FRESH FOOD, GREAT CAUSE!

JOIN TRINITY'S VEGETABLE CO-OP

partnering with East Lake UMC's
Farmers Market Basket Program

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.

Boxes will feed a family of two-four for a week.

\$400 for an 18 week season.

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, \$100

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 call 879-1737.

Special Fund-Raising Month for BHN

As a member of the Birmingham Hospitality Network (BHN), Trinity opens its doors to welcome homeless families. Along with 15 other congregations, Trinity has many volunteers who bring meals, wash linens, spend the night at the church and come to the church to visit with the families while they are housed within the walls of our church home. Jerry Smith has worked as a Saturday morning breakfast cook since the program's inception and describes his volunteer experience this way.

"It has been a blessing to work with the guests who have passed through the program over the ten plus years Trinity has been involved with BHN. These families have been through a lot before they arrived in the program and helping provide breakfast with the men in the Agape Sunday School class one day during their stay is a good way I can help show them hospitality. Twice, I have been stopped in public places by former guests who have asked me to express thanks for everyone who helped

them during their time of need."



**Birmingham
Hospitality
Network**

The month of May is designated as a time of special fund-raising for the Birmingham Hospitality Network. All monies collected go directly to fund the program which is based out of Southside Baptist Church. If you would like to contribute, please make your check to "Greater Birmingham United Appeal Fund."

Vacation Bible School • July 20-23



For Ages: Completed 3K - 2nd Grade

Register online: www.trinitybirmingham.com

**Record number of children expected!
Record number of adults needed!**

There's a spot for anyone with a heart for children.
Help with classes, crafts, gym time, music, refreshments, or prayer team.
Please contact Allis Forrestall: 879-4308; adforrestall@bellsouth.net
or Tara Williams: 879-4167; tarawilliams@bellsouth.net

M-POWER

Upcoming Literacy Training Workshops



Save these dates....

JULY 7, 14, 21

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

OCTOBER 15, 22, 29

5:30 - 9:30 PM at [Trinity UMC](#)

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

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

PACESETTERS NEWS

SENIOR ADULT RECOGNITION DAY

Sunday, May 24 at the 8:45 AM Worship Service

PACESETTERS LUNCH - Tuesday, May 26 at 12:00 Noon

Program will be Ms. Senior Alabama, Edwina Chappell. Join us!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME...MAY 27!

Wednesday, May 27 - Rickwood Classic at Rickwood Field

The Barons play the Mississippi Braves in their annual classic. See what vintage uniforms the home team will wear. There will be a celebrity there to make the occasion even more festive! Admission is \$9.00. Lunch is on your own: Peanuts, popcorn, hotdogs...The van leaves the church at 11 AM.

HELPING HANDS!

Did you change your batteries in your smoke detector when you changed your clocks for daylight saving time? Do you need some help with things like this, minor home repairs, or other chores that are difficult to do now? We would like to help. Call Amy Lewis in the church office. 879-1737.

SAVE THE DATE! DAY TRIP TO JASPER, AL - Thursday, June 4

Tour the First United Methodist Church of Jasper. This is a beautiful church. It is built of white marble and all of the windows are stained glass, and the stained glass dome is magnificent. There is a lot of history connected with the church and with Jasper. Franklin Roosevelt visited the church when he was president, and for 100 years, Jasper had either a U. S. Senator or Congressman. We will visit the Carl Elliott Museum and see other historic sites. We will have lunch at "Jean's on the River." Make plans to explore with us!



Trinity United Methodist Church

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

Congratulations

Fred Harrigan Clay, III graduated from the University of Alabama with a Masters in Business Administration. He is the son of **Fred and Ruth Ann Clay**.

Sara Katherine Clay graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science degree in Math, Summa Cum Laude, a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics, Summa Cum Laude, and a Masters degree in Economics with Honors. She is the daughter of **Fred and Ruth Ann Clay**.

Glenn Elliott graduated from Auburn University, Cum Laude. He has been accepted to graduate school at Auburn. He is the son of **Mark and Lisa Elliott** and the grandson of **Susie Elliott**.

Johnny Holloway graduated from Washington University in St. Louis. He received the Academic Achievement Award for the Department of Anthropology. He is the son of **John and Janet Holloway**.

Amy Rebecca Jones graduated from UAB in December 2008, Summa Cum Laude, with a degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. She received Presidential Honors. She is the daughter of **Beverly and Thermon Jones**.

Jennifer McFee Jones graduated from UAB School of Nursing, Magna Cum Laude, with Honors in Nursing. She is the daughter of **Beverly and Thermon Jones**.

Kristin Latulipe graduated from Auburn University, Summa Cum Laude. She was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She is the daughter of **Michelle Latulipe**.

Ryan Dale McKibben graduated from the University of Mississippi with a degree in Accounting. He is the son of **Rob and Theresa McKibben**.

Dean B. Shroyer graduated from Rhodes College with a Bachelor of Science degree, Cum Laude, Chemistry. He was the Scholar Athlete of the Year for Men's Basketball, and on the Academic Honor Roll. He is the son of **Duane and Terrie Shroyer**.

Kendall Smith graduated from the University of Alabama with a double major in Economics and Spanish, and graduated with University Honors and International Honors. She has been accepted to graduate school at UAB and is the daughter of **Jamie Smith Fitzwater**.

Morgan Smith graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in Finance, Summa Cum Laude, and has been accepted into the University of Alabama MBA program. He is the son of **Jamie Smith Fitzwater**.

Anna Underwood graduated from Birmingham-Southern College, Cum Laude. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music with a concentration in Piano Performance, and a minor in Spanish. She received the MANIL Award for Outstanding Achievement in Piano and is a member of Mortar Board, Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Lambda Delta, and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies. She is the daughter of **Jeff and Melinda Underwood**.

Katherine Ware, a junior at Auburn University, was inducted into Mortar Board and Phi Kappa Phi. She is the daughter of Kathy and William Ware (Dothan, AL), granddaughter of **Billy and Martha Ann Ware** and niece of **Ginger Trawick**.

Matthew Wolfe received his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Alabama and will be doing a residency in Emergency Medicine at the University of West Virginia. He is the son of **Andy and Dawn Wolfe** and the grandson of **Jackie Thompson**.

Meredith Wolfe graduated from Birmingham-Southern College. She received a full tuition and stipend scholarship to attend The University of Alabama School of Law. She also received the Edward Chase Tolman Outstanding Psychology Student Award, the Christopher T. Morgan Service Learning Scholarship, was inducted into Mortar Board, Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Lambda Delta and Who's Who Among American College Students. She is the daughter of **Andy and Dawn Wolfe** and the granddaughter of **Jackie Thompson**.

Alexandria Alford Homewood High School Honor Graduate, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Honor Thespian (International Thespian Society), received the Batten Scholarship (largest amount awarded) from Hollins University. She is the daughter of **Alan and Kathy Alford** and the granddaughter of **Caroline Alford**.

Kevin Fly received the Homewood High School Senior Class Scholarship and received the Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award. He is the son of **Jim and Debbie Fly**.

Wesley Johnson Homewood High School Honor Graduate, son of **Ken and Donna Johnson**.

Sam Hutto received the Spirit of Auburn University Academic Honors Scholarship. He is the son of **Porter and Kathy Hutto** and the grandson of **Bill and Becky Hutto**.

Porter McCain received a Presidential Scholarship to Auburn University. He is the son of **Allen and Laura McCain**.

Kirby Robbins Homewood High School Honor Graduate, Miss Heritage 2009, Varsity Volleyball – Team Captain, All State - Track and Field - 6A State Championship, Silver Medalist - Discus, Beta Club – Executive Treasurer, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, ABC 33/40 First Class Student, Bryant Jordan Award Winner – Homewood, Wendy's High School Heisman Winner – Homewood. Kirby will attend the University of South Carolina on an academic scholarship and was selected to participate in their Honors College. She is the daughter of **Mark and Laura Robbins**.

Meg Schneider Homewood High School Honor Graduate. She will attend the University of Alabama, Honors College, School of Engineering in the fall. She was the recipient of: the Presidential Scholarship from the University of Alabama, the Leadership Scholarship from the School of Engineering, and the Alumni Scholar Award from the University of Alabama Alumni Association. She is the daughter of **Shelley and Jeff Schneider** and the granddaughter of **John and Margaret Duncan**.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Sunday - May 24

Senior Adult Recognition Sunday

- 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 ELEMENT - Haven

Monday - May 25 *Memorial Day Holiday*

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 6:45 PM Youth Handbells - Rm. 225
- 7:30 PM Cross & Flame Youth Choir - MS

Tuesday - May 26

- 6:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group - FSR
- 8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - Various
- 8:00 AM Exercise Class - FHALL
- 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 - SDR
- 12:00 PM Pacesetters Lunch - FHALL
- 5:30 PM Hannah's Friends - SP

Wednesday - May 27

- 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
- 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - MS

Thursday - May 28

- 8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - Various
- 8:00 AM Exercise Class - FHALL
- 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
- 11:00 AM Soup & Salad - FHALL
- 3:15 PM Youth Handbells - Rm. 225
- 4:00 PM Cross & Flame Youth Choir - MS

Friday - May 29

- 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
- 3:15 PM Youth Handbells - Rm. 225
- 4:00 PM Cross & Flame Youth Choir - MS

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Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.

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

Trinity's Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministries announce the recipients of the following scholarships:

Wesley Johnson - Birmingham Southern United Methodist Church & College Partnership

Lydia Smith - The Edith Bowles Huffstutler Scholarship

Miriam Smith and **David Thompson** - Ministry Scholarships

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our love and sympathy:

- to **Kim Hobbs** and family on the death of her grandmother, Flora T. Skipper, on May 12.
- to **Lisa Copeland** and family on the death of her father, Judson Copeland, on May 15.
- to **Pat Farrell** and family on the death of her sister, Grace Mouat Almon, who died May 16.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to **Grant and Kristin Coppock**, on the birth of their daughter, Eva Grace Coppock, on May 5.
- to **Elliot and Jason Boehm** on the birth of their daughter, Ella Catherine Boehm, on May 11.

TREASURER'S REPORT

** As of May 17, 2009*

General Budget:	5/2009
Given Month to Date	\$126,766
Needs Month to Date	\$136,368
Balance/(Shortage)	\$(9,602)



BEYOND OURSELVES

Gifts this month	\$64,723
Gifts to date	\$4,068,035

Plan a getaway...to Sumatanga!

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.

The Lake Cabin at Sumatanga is now available!

This beautiful log home features three bedrooms with two bathrooms, a wood burning fireplace, full kitchen with utensils and appliances, washer and dryer, a screened in back porch and a front porch with a swing for enjoying those quiet country evenings. Located directly across Sumatanga Road from the entrance to our lakefront, The Lake Cabin at Sumatanga is an ideal getaway for couples, families, small staff retreats or writers and artists in need of rest and vision. Rates begin at \$150 per night. Contact our Reservations Coordinator at:
256-538-9860 ext. 151
or email reservations@sumatanga.org.

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.

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Nursery Volunteers

SUNDAY, May 24

Meg Bashinsky, Beth Ryan, Kallie Jackson

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.

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Will meet **Wednesday, May 20** in the Small Parlor at 6 PM to plan next year's book selections. Bring your suggestions for books for us to read and review. All readers welcome! We like new faces!

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.



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The Cross & Flame Youth Choir requests your thoughts and prayers during their singing and mission tour to Colorado. They will depart on May 30 and will return to Trinity on June 7 to perform a Homecoming Concert at the 8:45 traditional service and the 11:15 Contact service.

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!



FAIR TRADE CERTIFIED®

Remember to wear your nametag... any time you are at Trinity or representing our church in the community!
 If you need a nametag, please contact Lisa Elliott in the church office at 879-1737 or email lelliott@trinity-umc.org.