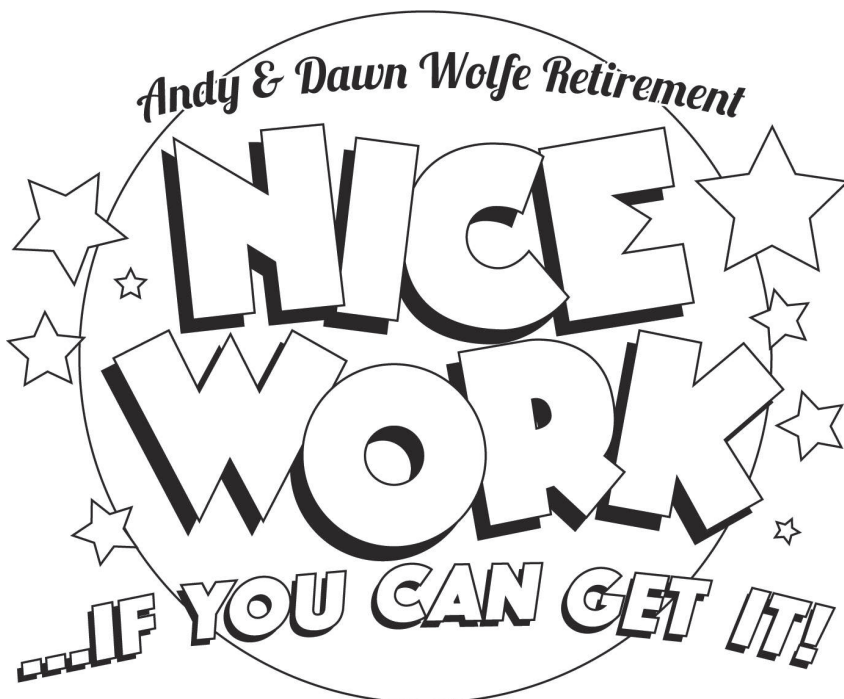




You are invited to attend an entertaining performance...



**Thursday, May 7
7-8 PM in the Sanctuary**

Join us for a fun-filled variety show in honor of Andy and Dawn Wolfe's retirements. "Andy & Dawn Wolfe Retirement: Nice Work If You Can Get It" will include original music, as well as skits in honor of Andy and Dawn. The one hour event will be followed by dessert and coffee served in the 2nd floor commons area. All are invited.

Nursery is available by reservation only for children 5 years and younger, by emailing bsmith@trinitybirmingham.com.

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Scout Troop 97 GARAGE SALE

**Pancake Breakfast
& Silent Auction**

**Saturday,
May 9
7 AM - 12 Noon
GYM**

Sale Open to the Public!

Pancakes \$7

\$7 at the door, \$6 in advance

(Kids under 5 free)

**Garage Sale & Auction
Items Needed!**

Contact Bert Allen at

540-5343 or

bertjudy@hotmail.com.

Farewell Reception

HONORING
Andy and Dawn Wolfe

SUNDAY, MAY 31
2- 4 PM in the Gym & Fellowship Hall
Light refreshments will be served

UMW Plant Sale

The UMW Plant & Bake Sale will be held in the Small Dining Room during the Garage Sale and Pancake Breakfast.

Come by and pick up a plant or fresh cut arrangement, cookies, cakes or breads just in time for Mother's Day.

*All plant sale proceeds go to missions
i.e. Weekender Backpack Program.*



SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015

FULL COMMUNION

8:45 & 11 AM • Sanctuary

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

SERMON

Rev. Brian Erickson
Sermon Series: “*Taboo*”

MUSIC

8:45 AM - Cross & Flame Youth Choir
11:00 AM - Sanctuary Choir

MINISTER ON CALL

Nathan Carden, 863-0765



8:45 & 11:00 AM

WESLEY HALL, Rev. Nathan Carden

Sermon Series: “*Taboo*”

APRIL 26 - ATTENDANCE

1,524 • Total Worship Attendance
1,010 • Traditional | 514 • Contact
810 • Sunday School Attendance

PERSONAL WORD

In the year 1608, Hans Uppershey built the first simple telescope. Magnifying lenses for eye glasses had been in use for more than 300 years by that time. But it was Uppershey who first observed the joint magnifying action of two lenses and published his findings. Shortly afterwards Galileo applied the telescope to the study of the planets and quickly discovered that the “facts” of classical philosophy were wrong. When he invited the scholars of the day to look through his telescope and see for themselves, they refused! They were too locked into the old way of seeing to see new truth.

So much of our advancement in any area of life is dependent upon our ability to see. Great athletes have learned the technique of visualization, of seeing their performance in their mind’s eye before they do it. Great artists look deeper into the nature of things before they apply brush to canvas. In a real sense, we have to see it to achieve it! And vice versa, by our refusal to see, we limit what is possible.

I have been cleaning out my desk, sorting through files, thumbing through old books over the past weeks. In 40 plus years of ministry, 18 of them here at Trinity, I have accumulated lots of stuff! I have found old seminary papers, pictures I did not remember, notes from people, old bulletins, and lots of old sermons which you can have cheap! It has been a walk down memory lane – remembering places, people, and events.

When we came to Trinity, the church was at one of those times of re-visioning. The rich history of this place through decades of faithful ministry is remarkable. But, the past alone does not sustain us. We began to think, pray, and study together about what God’s visions were for the future of Trinity. We came up with four words: Gather, Grow, Go, Glorify. Those four words mobilized our energies. Through them, we saw what the future could be, and that future began to take shape. We discovered together that God still had a vision and a mission for this church. Without some vision, life is reduced to the tyranny of what is.

But, these last weeks for me at Trinity are filled, not so much with nostalgia, but with gratitude and excitement of what lies ahead. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul prays that “the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints.” God has big dreams for this church. If I have any advice to give, it is to keep the eyes of your heart open. Allow God to teach you how to see the new possibilities. Don’t be afraid of dreaming big and risking big things for God.

INFORMATION FOR GUESTS & NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church!

Our mission is to *Gather* people to Christ, *Grow* people in Christ, *Go* to serve Christ in the world and *Glorify* Christ.

Sunday Worship Opportunities:

- 8:45 & 11:00 AM – TRADITIONAL services in the sanctuary, offering same sermon and a variety of music.
- 8:45 & 11:00 AM – CONTACT – a relaxed, informal, service in Wesley Hall featuring music from the CONTACT Band, children are encouraged to attend.

- 10:00 AM – Sunday School – Ages 2 yrs. and up.
- Nursery is provided during all services.

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,” a basic orientation prior to joining Trinity. It is offered on the second Sunday of each month. Questions? Call 879-1737.

- Andrew Wolfe - Senior Minister
- Brian Erickson - Senior Minister Designate
- Nathan Carden - Minister of Outreach, Contact
- Suzanne Pruitt - Minister of Christian Formation
- Bobby Scales - Minister of Pastoral Care
- David Thompson - Minister of Students

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

GIFTS TO GLORIFY GOD & TO REMEMBER THOSE WE LOVE

HONORARIUMS

March 27 - April 23, 2015

AHAVA SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
Graham Lamb

SCOTT BROOKS
Betty Davis' Girls

DREW BURGESS
Brian & Lynn Luckianow

CALEB WILLIAM COLLINS
Bill & Becky Hutto

SUSIE ELLIOTT
Dale Miller

JACKIE HOFFMAN
Trinity Singers

STACY HUFFMAN
Lem & Luci Stabler

ROBIN PETERSON
Graham Lamb

REV. SUZANNE PRUITT
Participants in 1,000 Gifts

CARSON THOMPSON
Trinity Singers

HADLEY KATE THOMPSON
Bill & Becky Hutto
Bert, Susan, Robert and James Gaddis

THE JOHN WESLEY CLASS
Brian & Lynn Luckianow

BECKY YOUNG
Trinity Singers

MEMORIALS

March 27 - April 23, 2015

MARY BOYCE
Bill & Gayle Arnold

GUSTA CARY
Lillian Brunson

THOMAS & GLADISE CHANDLER
Jim & Norma Rice
Bert, Susan, Robert & James Gaddis

BETTY DAVIS
Jim & Norma Rice
John Wesley Bible Class

BILL DRISKILL
Trinity UMC
Betty B. Johnson
Ann Neptune
Bill & Becky Hutto
Joe & Amy Lewis
Ted & Donna Roose
Mimi Cook

Floyd & Sue HaIr
Circle 6
Sarah Baker
David & Dale Miller
LeRoy & Jo Holt
Betty Bell
Jim & Norma Rice
Jane Mitchell
Friendship Class
Tom & Marion Wilson
Inez Honeycutt
Claire Love
Martha Click
Janie Mashburn
Iris Tillery
David Rowland
Dan & Sue Ellen Summers
The Duncan Family
Joyce Ann Spiceland
Dr. & Mrs. Richard O. Russell, Jr.

ANDY DUNCAN
Margaret D. Duncan

REV. BILL GUNN
Bill & Becky Hutto
Ken & Ann Damsgard
Tim & Jean Hayes

AARON LUCKIANOW
Duane & Terrie Shroyer
Bert, Susan, Robert & James Gaddis
Brian & Lynn Luckianow

RALPH LURIE
Donnette Lurie

BARBARA MORGAN
Lillian Brunson
Mrs. A. Gerow Hodges

POLLY STANBERRY
Trinity UMC
Connie Barnett

Mary Ross & Ross Bullwinkel
Circle 6
Bill & Becky Hutto
Betty B. Johnson
David & Dale Miller
Ted & Donna Roose
Sarah Baker
Friendship Class
Donnette Lurie
Jack & Carol Reamey
Tom & Marion Wilson
Ernie & Juliana Mills
Guy & Phella Patterson
Ann Neptune
Jerry & Sandra Liner
Lillian Brunson
Terry Bodiford
J. V. Carr, Jr.
Rip & Norma Harmon
Jim & Norma Rice
Myrnie Driskill
Mike Stanberry's Staff
Mark G. Griffin
Inez Honeycutt
Don & Norma Echols
Claire Love
Bert, Susan, Robert & James Gaddis
Greg & Melissa Vinson
Randy & Kay Brock
Scott & Mary Ruth Green

SHELBY WATTS
Jim & Debbie Fly
Bert, Susan, Robert & James Gaddis
Brian & Lynn Luckianow

PEGGY WILLIAMS
Eddie Bowden
Gene & Claire Donaldson

GENE WILLS
Bill & Becky Hutto

CHARLOTTE WILSON
Billy & Lori Higginbotham
Tim & Jean Hayes

HERSHEL WOMACK
John Wesley Bible Class

Isaiah 54

NEW! INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP

Trinity has a recently formed an Infertility Support Group for couples. The group is open to any interested members, community, and guests who are currently experiencing infertility. The group will meet next on SUNDAY MAY 31 (last Sunday of the month) at 5 PM in the Small Parlor (Seminole Drive entrance). For questions, contact Mallory & Brian Wilson at mallorywilson725@gmail.com.

Trinity Singles Ministry 40-65

Trinity Singles is a group of Trinity members and friends who get together on a monthly basis. We range in age from late thirties to mid-sixties.

Upcoming MAY Events:

- GROUP HIKE on Saturday, May 9. The hike will last approximately 2-3 hours and will be at a trail that is within 30-45 minutes of Birmingham. Questions? Contact Patti at pattirice@att.net.
- COOKOUT in Homewood in late May. Email Susan Wiedeman at wiedemans@bellsouth.net to RSVP or for more details.

Watch Tidings for other upcoming Singles events! For more info, please contact Susan Wiedeman at wiedemans@bellsouth.net.



Weekly Radio Broadcast Sponsorships Available

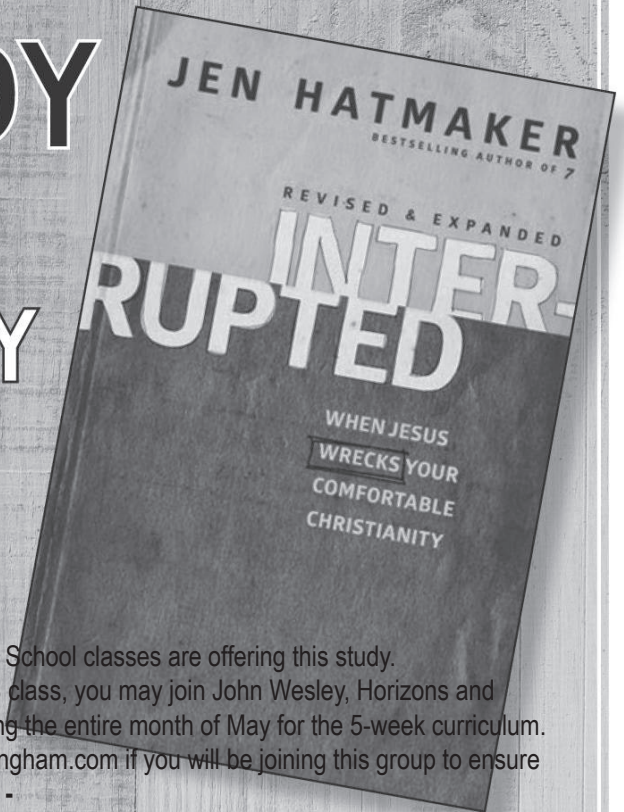
Remember or honor a loved one by sponsoring the radio broadcast of the 8:45 AM service that airs each Sunday from 9-10 AM on WAPI 1070 AM.

We need you!

The radio broadcast depends on weekly sponsors in order to keep Trinity's services on air.

For details and more information on radio sponsorship, contact Lisa Elliott at 879-1737 or email lelliott@trinitybirmingham.com.

INTERRUPTED STUDY EACH SUNDAY IN MAY 10 AM



Many of the individual Sunday School classes are offering this study. If you are not currently in a SS class, you may join John Wesley, Horizons and Journey as they combine during the entire month of May for the 5-week curriculum. Contact amezzell@trinitybirmingham.com if you will be joining this group to ensure enough seating. - ROOM 300 -

Support Trinity's United Methodist Women missions

BELK Charity Day Sale

Saturday, May 2

TICKETS ARE \$5 and available from any UMW member or in the church office.

GET THIS: Purchasing a \$5 ticket from a Trinity UMW member will save you, the buyer, \$5 on your 1st Belk purchase – and the \$5 cost of ticket is used by UMW for the charities that we are supporting this year. This means YOU get your money back at the sale AND our UMW gets to keep all the ticket sale money! Tickets may be used at any Belk store.



Here are a few things happening this week:

BIRMINGHAM BARONS GAME, 5/3 - This Sunday, May 3, Element Student Ministry will be hosting a Family Barons Night at Regions Field. We would love to see you and your family as we watch the Barons face the Tennessee Smokies at 3pm. We are asking that families meet us at Regions Field, but we will have transportation available for those needing it. Tickets are \$5, and you can get them from Tori Tenniswood at TTenniswood@TrinityBirmingham.com, or at (517) 920-1725. Please let us know if you need transportation.

ELEMENT CAFE - Element Cafe is this week on Tuesday and Thursday from 3-5:30 PM. We are selling SNO-CONES during the month of April for only 50 cents! This is a wonderful alternative to going home and being bored. Come hang out with us, grab a snack, play some games and hang out with our staff and friends. All candy, chips and drinks are only 50 cents! We hope your student will join us.

SENIOR SUNDAY, 5/17 - On Sunday, May 17, we will be honoring our high school seniors in the 8:45am service. If your student is graduating this year and you would like for them to participate in this service, we need you to RSVP ASAP. Please email Amy Mezzell at amezzell@trinitybirmingham.com with the number of folks in attendance and two pictures (one baby pic, one senior picture). Deadline to RSVP is May 6.

ARM Middle School Mission Trip - We STILL need 1 more adult volunteer for our ARM trip! If you are willing to lead email dhayes@trinitybirmingham.com

Service Over Self (SOS) - Adult leaders needed! Our high school mission trip is July 5-11 (still space available for students). If you are interested either as a student or an adult leader, please go to <http://elementstudentministry.com/sos/> or email Robert at rsturdivant@trinitybirmingham.com.

As always, if there is anything that we can do better to reach your student, please let us know. Remember, we want to partner with you in helping your student grow in their relationship with Christ.

David Thompson
dthompson@trinitybirmingham.com



VBS is July 13-16

Register online now!

www.trinitybirmingham.com/kids/summer-programs



**High School Graduation
SENIOR RECOGNITION**

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Sunday, May 17

8:45 AM Traditional Worship

10:00 AM Celebration Brunch

Student Ministries and the Committee on Higher Education will host High School Graduate Recognition Sunday on May 17. We invite High School graduates and their families to the 8:45 AM traditional service that day, where the class will sit together and be recognized during the service.

Following the service, graduates and their families are invited to a complimentary Celebration Brunch in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM.

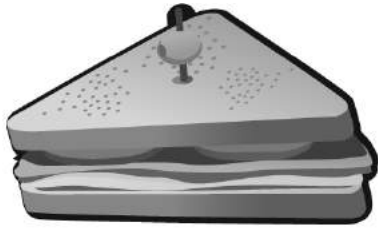
If you plan to participate, please RSVP by May 6 to Amy Mezzell at 879-1737 or amezzell@trinitybirmingham.com. Please include how many people will be attending the brunch.

ALSO! Please provide two pictures of your student. One baby picture and one of senior portrait are needed for use in the service. Email pictures by May 6 to Amy at amezzell@trinitybirmingham.com or deliver pictures to the church office.



Don't forget your name tag...

on Sunday mornings or anytime you are attending or representing Trinity! This is a great way to provide hospitality to our guests, and to help us get to know one another better. If you don't have a name tag, contact Marie Pasco at 879-1737.



A Ministry for mid 50s - late 60s

Adults
club
sandwich
GENERATION

Sandwiched some way between work, retirement, elderly parents, adult children and grandchildren?

You are invited to lunch!

Sunday, May 3
12:00 Noon
Fellowship Hall

Please join us!

Please RSVP for the 5/3 lunch ASAP.

Donna Roose / 879-1737 / droose@trinitybirmingham.com

MISSION & OUTREACH

Meals on Wheels Help Needed

Meals on Wheels of Homewood currently has a route open for the 3rd Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in joining this rewarding ministry, please call Judy Keenum, 835-4487.

New! Weekenders Backpack Ministry

Would you like to be a part of this team? Email Trinity's Director of Outreach Ministries, Kristan Walker, kwalker@trinitybirmingham.com. Please indicate the capacity of service in which you are interested. We will kick off this neighborhood-loving ministry this fall and can't wait to see what changes this brings in our community and in us.

To donate to this new ministry, you may place your check in the offering plate on Sundays, or you may return it to the church office. (Make checks payable to Trinity UMC, and marked Weekenders Backpack Program.)

For more information, please log on to:
www.trinitybirmingham.com/event/weekenders-backpack-program/

PACESETTERS

MAY 6 - Lake Martin Garden Tour

On Wednesday, May 6, we will tour the JIM SCOTT GARDEN AT LAKE MARTIN. On the banks of Lake Martin rests Jim Scott's garden. It's like none you've ever experienced. His 12 + year creation is a labyrinth of interesting trails, meandering streams, waterfalls, ponds and pools. Elevated walkways through the tree canopy provide visitors with a wider perspective on the plantings below. We will have a guided tour, a picnic lunch in this lovely setting and additional time to stroll and look some more after lunch. Cost of \$25 includes lunch and transportation. Depart Trinity at 7:30 AM. (Rest stop and snack on the return trip.)

MAY 27 - Day Trip to Tuscaloosa Museum of Art

We will enjoy a tour of the extensive Jack Warner collection of American Art, followed by lunch at The Cypress Inn restaurant. The Tuscaloosa Museum of Art displays approximately 1,000 works of fine and decorative arts. The collection was amassed by Jack Warner, over several decades, as investments for Gulf States Paper, now the Westervelt Company. Considered to be one of the greatest private collections of American Art, it is truly a treasure within the community. Featuring such artists as: John Singer Sargent; George Luks; Edward Potthast; Andrew Wyeth; Jamie Wyeth; Edward Hicks; Thomas Moran; Albert Bierstadt; Basil Ede; Duncan Phyfe and Charles Lannieur.

For more info on any Senior Adult event, contact Amy Lewis at 879-1737 or alewis@trinitybirmingham.com.



until every neighbor is fed.

PARKING NOTICE:

Do not block the dumpsters or areas that are marked as NO PARKING zones. Note that the small parking lot is reserved for handicapped, elderly and families with small children on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. **Do not park in marked handicap spaces if you do not have an official handicap permit.**

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday - May 3

8:45 AM Traditional Worship - SANC
 8:45 AM Contact Worship - WHALL
 10:00 AM Coffee With The Pastors - LP
 10:00 AM Sunday School - various
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship - SANC
 11:00 AM Contact Worship - WHALL
 3:00 PM Element @ Barons Game
 4:00 PM Youth Handbells - Rm. 225
 5:00 PM Youth Choir - MS
 6:00 PM Adult Handbells - Rm. 225
 8:00 PM Men's Pick-up Basketball - GYM

Monday - May 4

6:30 AM Trinity Men - SDR
 6:30 PM SPRC Meeting - CONF

Tuesday - May 5

6:30 AM Youth Prayer B'fast - Youth Cafe
 8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - various
 8:00 AM Sr. Exercise Class - FHALL
 9:00 AM Trinity Studio - CFT
 10:00 AM Mama & Me - Nursery
 10:00 AM Trinity Singers - MS
 11:00 AM Trinity Singers Lunch - SDR

3:00 PM Element Cafe - Haven & Gym
 5:00 PM Trustees Meeting - CONF
 6:30 PM Young Adults (20's) - NAT
 6:30 PM Young Adults (30's) - SDR

Wednesday - May 6

9:00 AM Yoga - Rm. 304
 6:00 PM Adult Studies - various
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - Scout Room
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - MS

Thursday - May 7

8:00 AM Sr. Exercise Class - FHALL
 9:15 AM Adult Studies - various
 3:00 PM Element Cafe - Haven & Gym
 6:00 PM Trinity Studio - CFT

Friday - May 8

8:00 AM Sr. Exercise Class - FHALL

Saturday - May 9

7 AM - 12 Noon Scout Garage Sale,
 Pancake Breakfast & UMW Plant Sale

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	HAVEN	Youth Auditorium	FLC	Family Life Center



HOW CAN YOU SERVE THIS WEEK?

Check out WEEKLY CONNECT for ways that you can plug in to ministry today... simple sign-ups available now.
 Log on to: <http://bit.ly/TUMCvolunteer>

IN THE HOSPITAL

PRINCETON: Martha Martin
GOLDEN LIVING: Odessa Usher
LAKESHORE: Becky Young

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our love and sympathy:

- to **Eric and Jeanne Baswell** on the death of his grandfather, Julian Baswell, on April 24. He was also the great-grandfather of **Baker and Ellen Baswell**.

- to the family of **Naomi Humber**, former Trinity employee kitchen/church hostess from 1982-1988, who passed away on March 26.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to **Bill and Lauren Jones** on the birth of their daughter, Mary Boykin Jones, on April 16.
- to **Danny and Leah Collins** on the birth of their grandson, Caleb William Collins, on April 18. Proud parents are Brian and Katie Collins.
- to **Tim and Belinda Lacey** on the birth of their granddaughter, Harper Christine Lacey, on April 25. Proud parents are Matt and Katie Gilbert Lacey.
- to **Courtney Hutto and Tucker Raspberry** on their marriage on April 25.
- to **Michael and Meg Fant** on the baptism of their daughter, Charlotte Mackenzie Fant, on April 26.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of April 26, 2015

Regular reporting:

GENERAL BUDGET:	MONTH
Month to Date Revenue	\$246,171
Monthly Needs to Date	\$305,510
Balance/Shortage	\$(59,339)

Capital Debt Retirement / month	\$5,729
Capital Debt Retirement / to date	\$40,993

Building Debt Balance	\$58,500
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Note from the Treasurer:

Questions about church finances, income or expenses? If you wonder how funds are received or expensed, the financial books of Trinity are open to any member. Contact Ann Neptune at 879-1737 or aneptune@trinitybirmingham.com.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Jim and Krystal Torcivia
1814 Old Orchard Road, Vestavia Hills 35216
The Torcivias joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. Jim is a program manager for Bhate. They have two sons, Sully (4) and Sam (9 mo.).



Marie Demedicis
2422 Park Lane South, Birmingham 35213
Marie joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. She is a student.
Adam Wilson
3507 Kingshill Road, Birmingham 35223
Adam joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. He is a student.

(not pictured)

Madison Windham 315 East Magnolia Avenue, Auburn 36830
Madison joined Trinity by Profession of Faith. She is a nursing student at Auburn University.

Courtney Windham 313 Reed Street, Tuscaloosa 35401
Courtney joined Trinity by Profession of Faith. She is a student at the University of Alabama.

Ben Raleigh 4171 49th Court North, Birmingham 35217
Ben joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist Church. He is a manager.

Interested in joining Trinity? Join us...



Coffee with the Pastors
Sunday, May 3
10 AM • LARGE PARLOR

This is a casual time for guests to meet the pastoral staff. During this hour, you will learn about the mission statement of the church as well as Trinity's core values. This is also an excellent time to ask general questions and learn more about the church family. CWP is held the first Sunday of the month at 10 AM in the Parlor.

membership 101
Sunday, May 10
10 AM • LARGE PARLOR

This class is strongly suggested for visitors who are considering membership at Trinity. During this hour, prospective members and those interested will review the membership covenant one makes when joining the Trinity Family. Ask a Greeter to direct you!