



This month in all Traditional and Contact services, Brian, Nathan and Jack will be preaching a sermon series called “New Year’s Revolution.” We will look to what the Gospels teach week in January to see how Christ offers all of us the chance to make changes that matter. See Brian’s *Personal Word* inside on page 2 for more...

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Please join us for
Trinity’s
Confirmation Service

This Sunday, January 10
4:00 PM
Sanctuary

This special and meaningful service is for anyone who would like to attend.

Trinity has 48 youth who will be confirmed.

Join us for a special evening of worship.

Spring Study Registration is in *Full Bloom*

Studies will begin late January 2016!

There is something for everyone.

**A full listing of courses
and a registration form is located inside.**

Deadline to register is January 15!

HARRY ELLOITT
BIBLE CONFERENCE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24
TRADITIONAL SERVICES

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SPEAKER:
LUKE T. JOHNSON



SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015

8:45 & 11:00 AM • Sanctuary

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Confirmation Service, 4:00 PM

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

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MINISTER ON CALL

Rev. Reid Crotty, 305-1591



**8:45 & 11:00 AM
WESLEY HALL
Rev. Nathan Carden**

JANUARY 3 - ATTENDANCE

1,533 • Total Worship Attendance
868 • Traditional | 554 • Contact
111 • Nursery
767 • Sunday School Attendance

PERSONAL WORD

The last gift of the Christmas season is the chance to start over with a brand new year.

I am always grateful for the opportunity to reflect back on the year that has been and set some goals for myself for the twelve months to come. The first day of January is like a giant eraser, wiping out whatever came before and opening up all sorts of possibilities for what the future might hold.

There is no other time of year when people are so confident in their ability to change. Even if they haven't exercised in the last decade, they will commit themselves to jogging half-marathons by March. Folks whose 2015 diet was roughly 70% chocolate will go cold-turkey in the new year, attempting to dramatically change their lifestyle in one fell swoop.

Of course, many of our boldest resolutions will fade sometime around mid-January. What began as an earnest effort to recreate ourselves will often end in guilt and frustration, and a resumption of bad habits. The jogging shoes will go back in the closet, chocolate bars will suddenly repopulate the kitchen cabinet, and we will convince ourselves that we don't have the capacity to change.

I'm convinced one of the reasons we so often fail at following through with those New Year's hopes and dreams is that we go it alone. We become so convinced we can change ourselves from the inside out that we try and do it all without any help, only to end up at a dead end. The simple truth is that we need one another, and we need the sanctifying grace of God. We need others to hold us accountable, to encourage us, and to support

us when we stumble. We need the Holy Spirit to give us a nudge when our own strength falls short.

This January, Nathan, Jack, and I will be preaching a sermon series we're calling "**New Year's Revolution**," where we will look to the Gospels to see how Christ offers all of us the chance to make changes that matter.

While the church doesn't make New Year's resolutions, I am confident that this year will see some powerful and positive changes in the life of our congregation. Working together, we can make such a tremendous impact on the families in our community, and leave a magnificent legacy of ministry for those who come after us.

As we enter this new year together, let's not just make resolutions – instead, let us pray for the genuine resolve required to change the world. The resolve to be the church Christ has called us to be, the resolve to support one another in the changes we will all have to make to carry out his calling on our lives, and the resolve to let our community and our world know about God's unfailing love.

In 2016, let's start a revolution.

Blessings,

Brian

WELCOME TO TRINITY

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 sermons, a special moment for children and a variety of music.
• 8:45 & 11:00 AM – CONTACT relaxed, informal, services in Wesley Hall featuring music from the CONTACT Band, children are encouraged to attend.

Sunday School & Nursery:

• 10:00 AM – Sunday School – Ages 2 yrs. +
• Nursery provided during all services

Contact Us:

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

www.trinitybirmingham.com

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Reid Crotty	Minister of Pastoral Care
David Thompson	Minister of Family & Youth
Robert Sturdivant	Minister of Students

**SPRING
STUDIES
NOW IN**

Full Bloom

Register today...classes begin soon!

■ **Invitation to John: A Short-Term Disciple Bible Study**

Gospel Study – 12 Sessions, Led by Nick Balikes
• Sundays 6-7:30 P.M., Begins 1/17/16 Cost: \$11
Experience the magnificent passages in John including the “I Am” statements (“I am the truth, the life and the way,” “I am the living water” and more). Revisit stories only told in John’s gospel including Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene and the raising of Lazarus.

■ **Covenant: Trusting the Covenant**

Bible Study/Discipleship – 8 Sessions, Led by Al Berst and Carolyn Johnson with assistance by class members
• Thursdays 9:15 - 11 A.M., Begins 2/18/16 Cost: \$18
The compelling story of Job, the stirring prophetic oracles during the Hebrew exile, and the imaginative symbolism of the apocalyptic all challenge and encourage us to faithful living.

■ **A Disciple’s Path: Deepening Your Relationship with Christ and the Church** By: James A. Harnish

Discipleship – 7 Sessions, Led by Bruce Gilliland
• Wednesdays 6-7 P.M., Begins 1/20/16 Cost: \$16
1. Followers of Christ are in an ongoing process of transformation made possible by God’s grace.
2. Following practical disciplines help us grow in the love of God. This study uses the Methodist/Wesleyan tradition to disciple new and existing members to be active, engaged, and dynamic followers of Christ.

■ **Love to Stay: Sex, Grace and Commitment** By: Adam Hamilton

Marriage – 7 Sessions, Led by Kelvin & Vivian Terry
• Wednesdays 6-7 P.M., Begins 1/20/16 Cost: \$12
Adam Hamilton draws from: the latest research, personal experiences of thousands of couples, advice of marriage therapists, and biblical wisdom to help couples learn the lifelong dance of marriage.

■ **For the Love: Fighting for Grace in a World of Impossible Standards** By: Jen Hatmaker

Women’s Study – 5 Sessions Cost: \$12
• Wednesdays 6-7 P.M., Begins 1/20/16,
Led by Allis Forrestall & Margaret DiNella
• Thursdays 9:15-10:15 A.M., Begins 1/21/16,
Led by Martha Shaw & Susan Rohrer
Learn to engage our culture’s controversial issues with a grace-first approach, be liberated to love and release the burden of always being right and develop real-life, all-in, know-my-junk-but-love-me-anyway friendships.

■ **Simplify: 10 Practices to Unclutter Your Soul** By: Bill Hybels

Transformation – Spring Cleaning for Your Soul during Lent!
8 Sessions, Led by Danette Banish
• Wednesdays 6-7 P.M., Begins 1/20/16 Cost: \$8
Simplified living requires uncluttering your soul. By eradicating the stuff that leaves your spirit drained, you can stop doing what doesn’t matter—and start doing what does.

■ **Ask: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age**

By: Scott J. Jones, Arthur Dyatt Jones
Basics of the Faith/Seekers/Skeptics – 8 Sessions,
Led by Rev. Jack Hinnen
• Wednesdays 6-7 P.M., Begins 1/20/16 Cost: \$11
*Held off-site @ the home of Rev. Jack Hinnen
Engage your doubt, and you may find you are closer to God on the other side. Questions include: Can only one religion be true? Why is there suffering and evil? How can I believe in science and creation? How can I believe in a God I can’t prove? Can I trust the Old Testament?

■ **Faith of a Mockingbird: A Small Group Study Connecting Christ and Culture** By: Matt Rawle (Sponsored by Trinity UMW)

Pop Culture, – 5 Sessions, Led by Jessica Lane
• Wednesdays 6-7 P.M., Begins 1/20/16 Cost: \$11
The author uses Harper Lee’s beloved characters to explore Christian faith, theology, and ethics. Join Scout, Atticus Finch, Boo Radley, and Tom Robinson in this insightful, humorous & inspirational study considering God’s world and what it all means.

■ **Islam: A Short History** By: Karen Armstrong *An expansion, requested by the debut class – Open to new and previous participants

Comparative Religion – 8 Sessions, Led by Karim Shamshi-Basha
• Wednesdays 6-7 P.M., Begins 1/20/16 Cost: \$13
This study will cover: an overview of Islam, its misconceptions & the fears associated with it, common ancestors of Muslims, Jews & Christians, similarities & differences between Jesus & Muhammad and the history of Jihad.

■ **DivorceCare: Find help, Discover Hope, Experience Healing**

Led by: Ryane Clayton M.MFT, MFTA
Marriage & Family Therapy Associate
• Wednesdays 6-7 P.M., NEW Series Begins 1/20/16 – 12 Sessions
Cost: \$16
Join us in a caring community of people gathering to encourage each other in a faith-filled environment as you experience the journey of divorce. Topics to include: The Road to Healing, Facing Different Emotions, New Relationships, Forgiveness, Financial Survival and more.

■ **Namaste: Yoga for the Soul**

• Wednesdays 6-7 P.M., Begins 1/20/16, Led by Mollie Erickson
Located in the Fireside Room, Ongoing Cost: FREE
Resident Yogi, Mollie Erickson (RYT 200 Hour Yoga Instructor) will continue her mid-week mantra of Faith-based intention Yoga to decompress and revitalize. Come as you are. Yoga mats provided if you do not have one.

■ **Rev. Brian Erickson’s Bible Study**

• Wednesdays 6-7 P.M., Begins 1/20/16, Led by Rev. Brian Erickson
Located in Wesley Hall, On-Going Cost: FREE
A great class for visitors and those who are able and unable to commit to every Wednesday night, but desire to be spiritually fed mid-week when their schedules allow.

See next page for a registration form. You may also register online at www.trinitybirmingham.com/adults/studies-small-groups-2/

Adult Small Group Studies Registration

Class	Day(s) Offered	
For the Love Begin Dates: Jan. 20 & 21	Wednesdays, 6 PM Check to register: _____	Thursdays, 9:15 AM Check to register: _____
A Disciple's Path Begin Date: Jan. 20	Wednesdays, 6 PM	Please check here to register: _____
Love to Stay Begin Date: Jan. 20	Wednesdays, 6 PM	Please check here to register: _____
Simplify Begin Date: Jan. 20	Wednesdays, 6 PM	Please check here to register: _____
Ask: Faith Questions Begin Date: Jan. 20	Wednesdays, 6 PM	Please check here to register: _____
DivorceCare Begin Date: Jan. 20	Wednesdays, 6 PM	Please check here to register: _____
Faith of a Mockinbird Begin Date: Jan. 20	Wednesdays, 6 PM	Please check here to register: _____
Islam: A Short History Begin Date: Jan. 20	Wednesdays, 6 PM	Please check here to register: _____
Rev. Brian Erickson's Bible Study Begin Date: Jan. 20	Wednesdays, 6 PM	Please check here to register: _____
Namaste: Yoga for the Soul Begin Date: Jan. 20	Wednesdays, 6 PM	Please check here to register: _____
Invitation to John Begin Date: Jan. 17	Sundays, 6 PM	Please check here to register: _____
Covenant Begin Date: Feb. 18	Thursdays, 9:15 AM	Please check here to register: _____

***Please honor the registration deadline of January 15th for these studies.**

You will get an email with class information such as room number and leader name before your class starts.

Childcare is available during your study. Complete the form below and our Nursery Director, Barry Smith, will contact you to confirm your childcare request.

Name _____
Address _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email _____
Childcare - names/ages : _____

or register online at <http://www.trinitybirmingham.com/adults/studies-small-groups-2/>

For more information on any study, contact Jessica Lane at 879-1737 or jlane@trinitybirmingham.com

NEXT STEPS

A new track for our guests and new members held every Sunday at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us!

EVERY 1ST SUNDAY of the Month

Meet | Enjoy breakfast in a casual setting with the pastoral staff.

10 AM, Fellowship Hall

EVERY 2ND SUNDAY of the Month

Belief | Enjoy a discussion to remember your baptism, learn about infant baptism, or explore adult profession of faith. We will also discuss communion and the sacraments of our faith.

10 AM, Fellowship Hall

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY of the Month

Methodism | Learn about the history, theology, and practices of the United Methodist Church.

10 AM, Fellowship Hall

EVERY 4TH SUNDAY of the Month

Belong | Hear from staff and lay ministers on the membership vows and how to find your very own place of ministry at Trinity.

10 AM, Fellowship Hall

EVERY 5TH SUNDAY of the Month

Tour | Join a Trinity member and others for an informational tour around the church campus.

10 AM, Fellowship Hall

We would love for you to join us. if you have questions, please contact Shelley Brockwell at 879-1737 or sbrockwell@trinitybirmingham.com.



OAKMONT UPDATE TRINITY WEST HOMEWOOD

Have you ever heard someone say time flies when you are having fun? Or that a watched pot never boils? What about, “time will tell” when faced with a tough decision. People have told me over and over to enjoy my daughter in her infancy because “blink and you’ll miss it.” Time is a funny

thing to nail down, so we have all kinds of ways to describe how we feel about it.

Yogi Berra was a master at one liners and has one I appreciate: “It is tough to make predictions, especially about the future.” No joke Yogi. Now that Christmas is here (it never passes, it only arrives), that means God is moving in our world to bring Christ’s mission to fullness. Sometimes it feels like this will take forever. Other times it feels like God is moving too fast. Psalm 90:4 reminds us that God’s concept of time is not our own. It says, “A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.” Indeed, much of the Bible is made up of stories of people waiting on God or being harried because God is moving too quickly. I can relate! If there is one place in my life that I wrestle with time it is at Oakmont.

Renovations are going well. We’ve made a spectacular mess. Been doing some painting, woodwork, moved some walls, and generally putting action to the prayers that have fueled the Kingdom of God at this church for so long. Everything we are doing is to welcome those who have no church or relationship with Christ. And in that preparation and expectation I find a great tension.

We can’t get back in that place fast enough. But we also need time we don’t have to prepare and get things right. What are we to do? Well, here is another and better well known quote of Yogi Berra that subtly critiques our hang ups about time: “When you come to a fork in the road, take it.” I’m feel like I’m taking it. We really should not wait until launch to get down to the business of action. Trinity West Homewood needs you to act, now. Let’s do it together. Invite every human you meet. Pray for those who are laying electrical cable. Let us have a new imagination about what the Kingdom of God will look like in our church. Join the SEED TEAM and worship with us from launch until Easter.

We are planning to launch on February 14th. Sign up for the SEED TEAM online today at <http://bit.ly/seedingtwh> and get started.

I’m having the time of my life with some of the most amazing people. Isn’t it about time you join us?

Blessings!

Rev. Jack Hinnen

MISSION & OUTREACH

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING

JANUARY 23 AT TRINITY

Trinity will host an Emergency Response Training Class on Saturday, January 23. We will offer both a recertification (4 hours) and certification class (8 hours) that day. Deadline to sign up is Monday January 18. There are limited spots and a small registration fee. Lunch will be provided for those receiving the full day certification. To sign up or for more info, please contact Julie Adams at 879-1737 or jadams@trinitybirmingham.com.

ALABAMA POSSIBLE - CASH FOR COLLEGE

Alabama Possible's Cash for College program encourages Alabama high schools to rally around FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Application) completion. The FAFSA is required for any student seeking federal and state financial aid, including grants and loans in all colleges. According to the US Department of Education, 9 out of 10 students who complete a FAFSA attend college the following fall. Trinity will be hosting a training on how to help students apply for FAFSA. Alabama Possible will be providing the training at Trinity on Wednesday January 27 from 6-8 pm. There is no fee. Those who receive the training will go into Birmingham City Schools with Alabama Possible during the school week in February and help students apply for FAFSA. Deadline for sign up is Friday January 22. To sign up or for more info, please contact Kristan Walker at 879-1737 or kwalker@trinitybirmingham.com.

UMW Update...

Bundles of Hope Diaper Drive is underway!



Trinity's United Methodist Women is hosting a Diaper Drive for Bundles of Hope Diaper Bank January 1 -31 at both Trinity Oxmoor and Oakmont campuses.

Did you know?

- 1 in 3 families struggle with diaper need
- A baby needs 8-10 diapers changes a day costing \$100/month
- Diapers cannot be obtained with food stamps or through WIC
- Most childcare's centers require a day's supply of disposable diapers

Bundles of Hope Diaper Bank seeks to provide an adequate and reliable source of diapers to families experiencing diaper need in the Birmingham area.

Here are some ways you can help:

- Donate Disposable Diapers size newborn - 6 (new and outgrown opened packages of diapers accepted)
- Diaper Donation Bins located throughout Trinity Oxmoor and Oakmont campus
- Give "Dollars for Diapers" by writing a check to Trinity UMW marked for "Bundles of Hope"
- Check donations can be dropped off by the Church Office
- Collect diaper coupons to share with other church members to help with donation purchases.



"Sharing HOPE one bundle of diapers at a time"

food & fellowship

Wednesday Supper



4:30-6:15 pm
fellowship hall

\$20.00 Family Maximum (or)

- \$6.00 per adult
- \$3.00 per child (9 and under)
- \$5.00 per senior adult
- \$5.00 Salad Bar option

Please let us know you are coming!

Make a reservation online at

www.trinitybirmingham.com

RETURNS *january 13!*

Parents' Day Out Registration

Parents' Day Out registration for Trinity members opens Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at 8 a.m. Registration will be online again this year at www.trinitybirmingham.com/parents-day-out.

The PDO program is for children 6 months to 2 years of age, and we meet MWF from 9-1. Community registration will begin the following Wednesday, January 13.

Please visit trinitybirmingham.com/kids/weekday-programs for more information on the PDO program, or contact Barry Smith, PDO Director, at 879-1731 x. 343.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday - January 10

8:45 AM Traditional Worship - SANC
 8:45 AM Contact Worship - WHALL
 10:00 AM Sunday School - various
 10:00 AM Next Steps - FHALL
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship - SANC
 11:00 AM Contact Worship - WHALL
 4:00 PM Confirmation Service
 4:15 PM Youth Handbells - Rm. 225
 5:00 PM Youth Choir - MS
 6:00 PM Adult Handbells - Rm. 225
 6:00 PM Element - Haven
 8:00 PM Men Pick-up Basketball - GYM

Monday - January 11

7:45 AM Yoga - Rm. 304
 12:00 PM Senior Adult Activities

Tuesday - January 12

6:30 AM Youth Prayer B'fast - Haven
 8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - various
 9:00 AM Trinity Studio - CFT
 10:00 AM Trinity Singers - MS
 11:00 AM Senior Adult Lunch - SDR
 3:00 P M Element Cafe - Haven & Gym

6:00 PM Young Adults (30's) - SDR
 6:30 PM Young Adults (20's) - NAT

Wednesday - January 13

8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - various
 9:00 AM Yoga - Rm. 304
 4:15 PM Wednesday Supper - FHALL
 5:00 PM Children's Music - various
 6:00 PM Men's Study - Rm. 310
 6:00 PM Small Group Studies - various
 7:00 PM Contact Music Practice - WHALL
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - MS
 7:15 PM Boy Scouts - Scout Room

Thursday - January 14

8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - various
 9:00 AM Trinity Studio - CFT
 11:00 AM Senior Adult Lunch - SDR
 3:30 PM Element Cafe - Youth Area

Friday - January 15

8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - various
 9:00 AM Trinity Studio - CFT

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

Wednesday Supper Needs YOU!

Weekly Wednesday evening dinner returns on January 13!

Volunteers are needed to serve dinner. If you would like to fellowship with your church family while helping to make our traditional Wednesday evening dinners a success, please email Sara Boehme at sara8464@yahoo.com or call 205-305-8721.

Panama Mission Trip, July 16-24, 2016

Team Leaders: Martha and Jim Furio

Construction/Dental Trip / 15 spots available

Ages: 14 years and up (parents must participate if youth is under 18 years of age)

Cost: \$1,200-\$1,500

For more information, contact Julie Adams at jadams@trinitybirmingham.com or Martha Furio at marthajimfurio@gmail.com



LISTEN TO SERMONS ONLINE

Weekly sermons from both traditional and Contact worship services are available on the church website at:

www.trinitybirmingham.com/worship/sermons/

IN THE HOSPITAL

UAB

Bill McCracken

GRANDVIEW

Danny Brechin

IN MEMORIAM

Pearl Thrash

December 25

Imogene White

December 31

We extend our love and sympathy:

- to **Karen Self Colley** on the death of her mother, Christine Self, on December 20.
- to **Steve and Mindi Perlis** on the death of his father, Alan Pervis, on December 22. He was the grandfather of **Luke Edward Perlis** and **Benjamin Henry Perlis**.
- to **Herman Thrash** and family on the death of his wife, **Pearl Thrash**, on December 25.
- to **Jane Deagon** on the death of her husband, Larry Deagon, on December 28.
- to the family and friends of **Imogene White** who died on December 31.
- to **Ted and Donna Roose** on the death of his brother, Allyn Roose, on January 1.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to **Brent and Maureen Kelley** on the baptism of their daughter, Mary Catherine Kelley, on December 27.
- to **John and Sarah Marvin** on the baptism of their daughter, Hannah Jane Marvin, on December 27.
- to **David and Meredith Ann Verhine** on the baptism of their son, Charles Everett Verhine, on December 27.

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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>