HARRY ELLIOTT BIBLE CONFERENCE

Sunday, January 24
Featured Speaker:
Luke Timothy Johnson
Dr. Johnson will deliver the sermon during both traditional worship services at 8:45 & 11:00 AM

January 23
EVENING LECTURE
You are invited to join us on Saturday evening, January 23 at 6 PM in Wesley Hall for an academic lecture.

Dr. Johnson will present “How is the Bible True?”

Made possible by the Harry Elliott Foundation.

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 & program 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
HISTORY | Learn about the history of Christianity and the roots and formation 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 * Only held during months when 5 Sundays occur.

We would love for you to join us. If you have questions, please contact Shelley Brockwell at 879-1737 or sbrockwell@trinitybirmingham.com.
Jesus leaves his disciples with just a handful of instructions – even if you’re not a Bible reader, you can cover the whole list in under a minute’s time. You’ll find it at the end of Matthew’s gospel (28:18-20):

And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

That’s it.

There’s no policy and procedure manual, no list of paid vacation days, no training for committee leaders, not even a paragraph citation from the Book of Discipline. Just a handful of verbs – “Go. Make. Baptize. Teach. Remember.”

If the Church that Christ set in motion is guilty of any failure (and for the last two thousand years we have racked up a pretty solid list), it is that we have buried these world-changing verbs under a sea of less direct, less demanding words.

Instead of going into all the world, we wait for the world to come find us. Instead of making new disciples, we have made club members, who are more aware of what they need from the church than what it might mean for them to be the church. Instead of baptizing new believers, we have traded players with other teams, ignoring the shrinking size of the draft pool. Instead of teaching obedience to Christ, we have often preached a non-threatening gospel of comfort rather than cost. And rather than remembering that the Lord of heaven and earth is with us always, we have too often operated as a solo act, limited by our own authority, our own agenda(s), and our own finite resources. In a world where the Church is quickly losing influence, it’s not hard to discover why.

I write this to you today not because I believe Trinity is suffering – far from it, actually. While our sister churches struggle with stewardship, attendance, and purpose, we can count ourselves healthy by just about every meaningful marker. But we do ourselves a disservice when we check our blessings by how well the neighbors are faring. Our health, our mission – even our identity – should always be measured against those pesky action verbs Jesus left us with.

On February 14, our first “public” worship service will be held at our new West Homewood campus, and to be honest with you, I have no idea what’s going to happen. I don’t know who will show up, and what they will find when they get there. But I want all of us to understand the reason we are engaging in such a strange endeavor, why we are spending Trinity’s resources on “another church’s building,” why we would send some of our best leaders west, why the staff and clergy would be spending so many hours...
PERSONAL WORD continued

in planning, painting, and pinching pennies to see this through.

Because the final measure of who we are (and whose we are) is whether or not we were faithful to what He asked us to do. There are huge, vacant sanctuaries littering our city that never bothered to wonder what was going on outside their walls when things were going well, and when they weren’t going well, it was too late to ask.

There are hurting people in our own communities who may never experience the love of God, the love of God’s children, if we don’t show it to them. We can wait for someone else to come, or we can decide that He was looking at us when He said it.


May 2016 go down in Trinity’s history as the year we decided it was not enough to be a great church, because we wanted to be His church.

Joining with you in all that He has called us to,

Brian Erickson

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Annual Flower Arranging Workshop

Saturday, January 23
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

If you have an interest in joining Trinity’s Flower Committee for both Oxmoor and Oakmont campuses, or if you would like to learn more about the art of flower arrangements, you are invited to attend this annual workshop. It will be held on Saturday morning, January 23 in the Sanctuary and East Narthex areas.

For more details and to RSVP, contact Mayre Parr at mfparr@bellsouth.net or 822-3527.

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. There are several open dates available for 2016!

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

Consider Being an Altar Flower Donor in 2016

Trinity’s Flower Committee beautifies the altar each week. By being a flower donor, you have the opportunity to remember or honor a loved one in a special way – and your gift is noted in the worship bulletin.

For details and more information on radio sponsorship and altar flower donations, please contact Lisa Elliott at 879-1737 or email lelliott@trinitybirmingham.com.
“They will know we are Christians by our…” has been in my mind a lot lately. With Trinity West Homewood, we beautifully get to draw from a wonderful past and prepare for a challenging future by asking the question, “They will know we are Christians... how?” Well, you can answer that in a lot of ways. They will know we are Christian by our worship style. Or our t-shirts. Or our sweet building with crosses all over it. Or the community we live in. Or the cars we drive. Or who our parents were. All those things may be important, but they can be merely superficial. I think we are challenged to reach deeper and be more proactive. In John’s Gospel Jesus washes the Disciples’ feet (eww) and proceeds to instruct them on precisely what it looks like to be known as his Disciple. Disciples are known because they LOVE one another (John 13:35).

PROJECT SERVE
Trinity West Homewood will be striving to live into Jesus’ new commandment to love another with something called, “Project Serve” every week. Each Sunday at 11 AM in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity West Homewood, we will have a family-friendly, easy entry, hour of service for the community. The way we see it, Sunday is an excellent time to serve those around us. Sometimes we will hear from someone who is already invested in the community on how they do it. Sometimes we will prepare care packages for those who need them. Sometimes we may go out and be with people who need someone. Whatever the activity, Project Serve will foster community among us and our community. Like the song says, they will know we are Christians by our love. That love is going to be shared on Sundays in a way that puts feet to our faith. May we love one another better!

Blessings,

Rev. Jack Hinnen

Bundies of Hope Diaper Drive is underway!

Bundies 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 the Trinity building
- Give “Dollars for Diapers” by writing a check to Trinity UMW marked for “Bundles of Hope”
- Check donations can be dropped off the Church Office
- Collect diaper coupons to share with other church members to help with purchase.

Did you know?
- 1 in 3 families struggle with diaper needs.
- A baby needs 8-10 diaper changes a day costing $100/month.
- Diapers cannot be obtained with food stamps or through WIC.
- Most childcare centers require a day’s supply of disposable diapers.
On Tuesday, January 26 our program will feature a great jazz duet, Ray Reach and Cleveland Eaton. Most of you are familiar with Ray Reach and always look forward to hearing him play the piano and sing your old favorites. Ray is the director of the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame student programs. Joining Ray for this special program is Cleve Eaton, a bassist and Fairfield native and a member of the jazz hall. His resume includes stints with the Ramsay Lewis Trio and the Count Basie Orchestra and credits on many jazz recordings, some gold. He has also made a name for himself as a composer, producer, and arranger. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 Noon, Lunch is $6.00.

Join us on Wednesday, February 24 for a Golden Flake factory tour. After sampling all the snack foods, we will enjoy lunch together. So don’t eat too many chips! Tour is 11:00 AM. We will leave the church by 10:30 AM.

Contact Amy Lewis for reservations. 879-1737 / alewis@trinitybirmingham.com.

This Sunday, January 24, we will continue our series “The Best Year Ever” from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Haven. Kate McKnight will be speaking and sharing some pretty important steps for your student to have a great 2016. We hope you will encourage your child to come. Following our worship time, we will have Element Plus! Students need to bring $3 for dinner.

Fusion is back at it this week! The leaders are so excited to continue this journey with our students. Our newly confirmed 6th graders will be starting the week of the 24th. If you would like to be a part of any Fusion group, please email Kate McKnight at kmcknight@trinitybirmingham.com.

Element Cafe is our after school program from 3-5:30pm in the Haven and Gym at Trinity United Methodist, where all students are welcomed. For the month of January, we will be having Chick-Fil-A nuggets for $2. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Tori at TTenniswood@trinitybirmingham.com.

Middle School Discovery Weekend Registration is open! This year, Discovery will be March 4-6, 2016. Register today to get the Ultra Early Bird rate! Register your student at www.elementdiscoveryweekend.com.

While our initial deadline has ended, we still have a few more spots remaining for our high school mission trip! This summer’s dates are July 10-16, 2016. To register, please go to: http://elementstudentministry.com/sos/ to secure your student’s spot. These spots will be gone soon!

Our middle school mission trip registration is now open. This year’s trip will be June 26-July 1. This amazing mission trip is going to be different than previous years. We will be participating in Urban Ministry summer mission trips and will be staying at a local church. This trip is open to any middle school student and high school students are welcome to be leaders! The cost is $290, including a $100 registration fee. To register, go to http://elementstudentministry.com/clean/middleschoolmissiontrip/. As always, we do have scholarships because never want cost to be a deterring factor. If you have any questions, please contact Tori Tenniswood at TTenniswood@trinitybirmingham.com.

We are so excited that, in early 2016, Trinity will be opening up a new campus in West Homewood. We are currently looking for families who are willing to “seed” the new church by worshipping at that campus from Feb 14 –Easter. This entails attending the 9:30 Contemporary or the 11:00am Traditional service each week. We would love for there to be a strong youth family contingent to this campus. If you are interested or have any questions, please let me know.

As always, please let us know if there is anything that we can do to partner with you in helping to raise your student in a relationship with Christ.

David Thompson, Pastor of Youth and Family
Join our team this summer for the

PANAMA Mission Trip
July 16-24
This is a construction / dental trip.
If you have skills in either of these areas, please consider joining this team.
(15 spots available)

Team Leaders:
Martha and Jim Furio

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

Cost: $1,200-$1,500
Deposit: $200 - Due February 8
Make checks payable to TUMC, marked "Panama Team 2" - return to Julie Adams.

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

Find Help, Discover Hope, Experience Healing

DIVORCE CARE
12-week seminar and support group
New Start Date!
Begins Wednesday, February 10
6-7:30 PM

Leader: Ryane Clayton, M.MFT, MFTA Marriage and Family Therapy Associate

Deadline Extended...
Register By February 5!
www.trinitybirmingham.com
Questions? Contact Jessica Lane at 879-1737, jlane@trinitybirmingham.com

DID THE RESURRECTION REALLY HAPPEN?

Jan 29th - Southeastern Bible College
6 - 8:00pm

Is there any evidence that the Resurrection actually happened? You might be surprised to find out the answer is YES. Join world-renown Resurrection scholar Dr. Gary Habermas as he explores the very latest in the case for the Resurrection.
IN MEMORIAM

Jane Mitchell  January 12

We extend our love and sympathy:
• to the family and friends of Jane Mitchell who died on January 12.

CONGRATULATIONS
• to Jeremy and Emily Forsythe on the birth of their son, William Aaron Forsythe, on November 16.
• to Matt and Noelle Limbaugh on the birth of their son, Brody Matthew Limbaugh, on November 26.
• to Art and Hope Cox on the birth of their daughter, Siena Grace Cox, on January 8.
• to Bobby and Cissy LeMoine on the birth of their daughter, Frances Lee LeMoine, on January 14.
• to Todd and Robin Peterson on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Caroline Peterson, on January 18.
• to Hank and Mallory Weldon on the baptism of their son, Henry Howard Weldon V, on January 17.

IN THE HOSPITAL

BROOKWOOD Robin Peterson

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday - January 24
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
4:15 PM Youth Handbells - Rm. 225
5:00 PM Youth Choir - MS
6:00 PM Adult Handbells - Rm. 225
6:00 PM Invitation to John Study
6:00 PM Element - Haven

Monday - January 25
7:45 AM Yoga - Rm. 304
9:00 AM UMW Exec. Board Mtg. - FSR
10:00 AM UMW General Mtg. - FHALL
12:00 PM Senior Adult Activities
6:00 PM Isaiah 54 - SP
6:00 PM TCDC Board Mtg. - CONF

Tuesday - January 26
6:30 AM Youth Prayer B’fast - Haven
8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - various
10:00 AM Trinity Singers - MS
11:00 AM Senior Adult Lunch - SDR

Wednesday - January 27
12:00 PM Pacesetters Lunch - FHALL
3:00 PM Element Cafe - Haven & Gym
6:00 PM Young Adults (30’s) - SDR
6:30 PM Young Adults (20’s) - NAT
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 Small Group Studies - various
6:00 AM Yoga - Rm. 304
7:00 PM Contact Music Practice - WHALL
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - MS
7:15 PM Boy Scouts - Scout Room

Thursday - January 28
8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - various
9:00 AM Trinity Studio - CFT
9:15 AM Small Group Studies - various
10:00 AM MOMentum - Rm. 111
11:00 AM Senior Adult Lunch - SDR

Friday - January 29
3:30 PM Element Cafe - Youth Area
5:00 PM Investment Committee - CONF
8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - various

CFT Craft Room–143
FSR Fireside Room–145
CONF Conference Room–220
SANC Sanctuary
FHALL Fellowship Hall
LIB Library–218
NAT Not at Trinity
LP Large Parlor
SP Small Parlor–105
HAVEN Youth Auditorium

CHAPEL Mount Chapel
MS Music Suite–132
WHALL Wesley Hall
SDR Small Dining Room
FLC Family Life Center

AVAILABLE on ITUNES

Hear both Traditional and Contact sermons each week
Search: Trinity United Methodist Church - Birmingham, AL

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PLEASE NOTE: Tidings publishes each week on Tuesday (except for the week of Christmas). The deadline for submitting information to be included is on Thursday, the week prior to the publish date. Please submit info via email to Haley Smith at hsmith@trinitybirmingham.com.

Tidings is delivered to the printing company each Monday at Noon. It is printed and mailed on Tuesday afternoon. Should you not receive your copy in a timely manner, please contact your postal carrier. The online version of Tidings is available each week on Tuesday at: www.trinitybirmingham.com/news/tidings

Wednesday Supper Needs YOU!
Weekly Wednesday evening dinner is back in full swing!

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.
SUNDAYS at Trinity: Worship 8:45 & 11:00 AM • Sunday School 10:00 AM • Youth Activities 6:00 PM

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WELCOME NEW STAFF

Mia Toole
Assistant Director of Children’s Ministry
Mia Bass Toole recently joined Trinity’s staff as the Assistant Director of Children’s Ministry. Originally from Homewood, Mia grew up at Trinity before attending the University of Alabama. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English before leaving Alabama to teach with Teach for America in Kansas City, Missouri. During her time teaching, she obtained her Master’s in Secondary Education. She’s looking forward to the opportunity to serve her church family and support our children in any way she can.

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/

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