



Celebration Sunday, October 26

We will consecrate our gifts and commitments during worship this Sunday.

After services, we will celebrate with a complimentary churchwide lunch.

Two seatings available: 11 AM & 12 Noon

Prayer Service

OCTOBER 25 • 6 PM • SANCTUARY

Every venture in the life of the church should begin in prayer.

As we prepare for Celebration Sunday, we invite you to join us for a 30 minute time of prayer on Saturday evening, October 25 at 6 PM.

You are invited to join us for

LUNCH

on **Celebration Sunday**

This Sunday, October 26

Two seatings available:
11 AM & 12 Noon

Served in the GYM



complimentary • Catered by Full Moon BBQ

Make a reservation @ www.trinitybirmingham.com

menu: Chopped pork, BBQ chicken (pickles, chow-chow, sauce & buns)
green beans, macaroni and cheese, famous Full Moon chocolate chip cookies,
sweet & unsweet iced tea

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"Every good
and perfect gift
is from above."

- James 1:17a





CELEBRATION SUNDAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014

8:45 & 11:00 AM • Sanctuary

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

SERMON

Dr. Andrew Wolfe

MUSIC

8:45 AM

Trinity Orchestra,
Choralier & Crusader Childrens Choirs
Seeds of Faith, Sanctuary Choir

11:00 AM

Trinity Orchestra,
Carol & Celebration Childrens Choirs,
Seeds of Faith, Cross & Flame Youth Choir

MINISTER ON CALL

Brian Erickson, 410-8583



8:45 & 11:00 AM

WESLEY HALL, Rev. Nathan Carden

OCTOBER 19 - ATTENDANCE

1,294 • Total Worship Attendance
793 • Traditional | 501 • Contact
787 • Sunday School

PERSONAL WORD

Oxford University's New College wasn't founded until 1379 (hence the distinction of being called "new"). Following the architectural style of the day, huge oak beams, roughly two feet square and forty feet long, were installed to support the roof of the dining hall. These beautiful pieces of wood stood the test of time for more than five centuries, until an Oxford student climbed up into the attic in the late 19th century and found the beams infested with beetles.

The trustees of the college were justifiably dismayed, knowing that it would be impossible to find oak beams that could match the size of those five hundred year old trunks. One of the younger members of the board suggested they talk to the college's forester. A university like Oxford owns huge tracts of woodlands, and it is the college forester's job to manage those parcels. Consequently, no one had seen or talked to the forester in recent memory.

When the forester presented himself before the board, they described their quandary to him and asked if he had any suitable oak, expecting him to shake his head and tell them it was impossible to replace those enormous timbers. Instead, he simply replied, "Well, sirs, we was wonderin' when you'd be askin'."

It seems that when the college was built, a grove of oak trees had been specifically planted so that when the day came that those beams needed repair, the trees would be ready. For five hundred years, each Oxford forester had told his replacement, "You don't cut them oaks. Them's for the College Hall."

It is difficult for me to look ahead five days, much less five hundred years, so I am overwhelmed by the ability of those 14th century Englishmen to plan for what their future descendants might need. Knowing that this building would outlast them, they thought beyond themselves to those who would come long after they were gone.

The church is no different. We worship in buildings that others built, share a faith that generations before us passed down, and carry on a legacy that reaches back to an empty cross. Trinity United Methodist Church stands as a witness to the faithfulness of those who came before us, who saw beyond themselves, and left something for the next generation. This Sunday, as we gather to make our financial commitments for 2015, let's dream about what lies ahead, and how God might use our faithfulness to transform the future.

It is our turn. It is our time. How will we be remembered?

See you Sunday.
Brian

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



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- James 1:17a

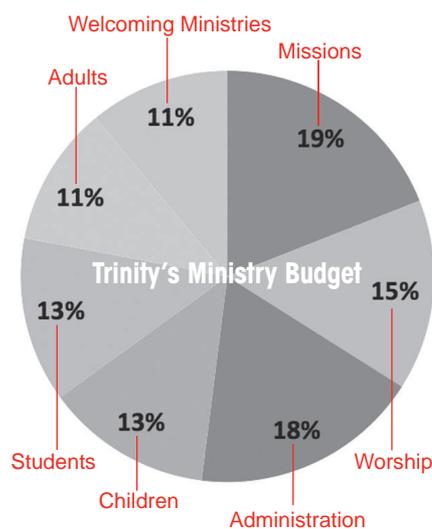
Trinity has grown because of your gifts...

- ▲ **Summer worship attendance grew by 21%**
with an average Sunday attendance of 1,188. (2013 avg: 981)
- ▲ **Contact worship has grown significantly**
with an average Sunday attendance of 459. (2013 avg: 232)
- ▲ **Children's Ministry enrollment has grown by 52%**,
from 470 to 715 children.
- ▲ **Element Student Ministry has increased by 322%**,
with an attendance of over 200 on Sunday evenings.
In a 12 month period, Trinity reached 943 individual students
(up by 150 from 2013). This ministry has grown from 2 weekly
Bible studies to 14 weekly Bible studies.
- ▲ **Small group studies have increased**, growing by 30% since 2013.
- ▲ **Participation in local & international mission trips has increased.**
Over 275 youth and adults served on mission trips in 2014.

Every gift counts because it's only together, as a church family, that we can accomplish the mission that Christ has laid before us.



Where Do My Gifts Go?



2015 Budget Goal: \$3,773,000

Your Giving Makes A Difference

- \$37** makes it possible for one child to attend VBS
- \$47** provides *Tidings* mailing/printing costs for one household per year
- \$90** provides complimentary coffee for one Sunday morning
- \$140** underwrites the cost of Confirmation for one student
- \$192** purchases one week of materials for Children's Sunday School
- \$350** provides resources needed for Children's Handbells
- \$564** provides building utility costs for one day
- \$1,557** provides nursery care for children for one week
- \$8,000** supports one child for a year in Trinity's Special Class
- \$8,800** provides resources for Youth Summer Choir Tour

 www.trinitybirmingham.com/resources/pledging

every gift counts

A Large Part Of My Life



My name is Janie Mashburn. I have been a member of Trinity for 58 years. I have been asked to share my stewardship experiences while here at Trinity...so here goes!

I married Max Mashburn in 1950. At that time, we each belonged to different churches. I was Baptist and he was Methodist. Financial

support for the church was important to us, so for a while, we supported both churches.

In 1956, we joined Trinity and decided to make this our church home. This would be where we would raise our family of two boys and make regular contributions only to Trinity.

After dental school, at the age of only 33, Max suffered a brain tumor and things changed for us. His medical problems presented many challenges, including our ability to support Trinity financially. God taught us some valuable lessons during that time in our lives.

With much prayer and support from the church, family and dear friends, Max was able to recover and return to his dental practice for 26 years! We were blessed to be able to recommit our financial support of Trinity, which was so important to us both.

Max passed away in 1996. Since that time, I have continued to support the church with my time, presence, service and pledges to the best of my ability. I have tried to increase my pledge each year and to contribute to various ministries. This church has been such a large part of my life.

Every gift is important. I encourage your prayerful consideration of your pledge this year. Financial commitment is important, but I encourage you to give of your time and talents as well. You'll be glad you did.

When each of us became members of Trinity, we promised to support our church with our prayers, gifts, service and witness. This was and is our promise. Pray about it.

Sincerely,
Janie Mashburn

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Stewardship 2015

PACESETTERS

OCTOBER 28 - PACESETTER LUNCH

This is our last Pacesetter meeting of 2014. Come hear our interesting speaker and enjoy good fellowship and food. Local business owner and regional author, Plato Papajohn will speak to us about his latest book, *The Savannah Incident*, a true unsolved mystery. Papajohn immigrated from Greece in 1948, and became a naturalized citizen within one year. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He has written many books: *Stairway to Heaven*, *Vicious Mind*, *The Avenger*, *The Unexpected*. Please make reservations if you are not on a calling list, call Amy at 879-1737.

DECEMBER 17-18 - CALLOWAY GARDENS CHRISTMAS

Make plans to join us for a Christmas trip to Callaway Gardens and Warm Springs, GA. It includes a daytime tour of the Gardens, Fantasy in Lights, buffet dinner and breakfast at Mountain Creek Inn, and admission to Little White House in Warm Springs. Our guided tour of beautiful Calloway Gardens includes the Ida Cason Calloway Memorial Chapel, the Cecil B. Day Butterfly Center, and the Virginia Hand Calloway Discovery Center. That evening we will enjoy eight million lights in the beautiful Christmas displays of Fantasy in Lights. The second day of our tour we will visit The Little White House at Warm Springs, built by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932 while he was still governor of NY. Here he found the strength to resume his political career and a positive outlet for his own personal struggle with polio through the creation of the Warm Springs Foundation. Roosevelt returned to use the therapeutic waters at Warm Springs every year, except 1942, from his first visit in 1924 until his death there in 1945. We will visit his home and museum. Join us for this special two-day Christmas trip.

SAVE THESE DATES!

- December 2: UAB Symphonic Band Christmas Concert, 2 PM
- December 11: Annual Senior Adult Christmas Tea, 2-4 PM
- December 13: Mooresville Progressive Christmas Dinner Tour

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



Trinity's Youth hosted a dance for the Senior Adults on October 2 - featuring old time cokes, orange crush and root beer to drink. The Chuck King band played old dance tunes. Young and old joined in the festivities, and a good time was had by all. Thanks to all the youth who helped make this a special event for our senior adults.

Join us Wednesday evenings
for a 3 part series:

Parents' Guide to Internet Safety

October 29
November 5
November 12



6:00 - 7:00 PM

Classroom 219 (2nd floor)

Establishing internet safety is on the
forefront of parenting
in this age of technology.

Where do you start and how do
you enforce best practices to produce
lasting rewards for you and
your children?

Trinity member Suzan Brandt,
Technology Coordinator for Mountain
Brook Junior High, will guide this se-
ries on how to work with our children
to make the internet a safer place.

Please contact Barry Smith for
nursery reservations:
bsmith@trinitybirmingham.com

Nursery Volunteers October 26

**Anne Corhern, Carrie Garrette,
Suzanne Mills, Jeff Rabren,
Alice Wideman**

To volunteer, please contact
Barry Smith at 879-1737, or
email nurseryvolunteers@trinitybirmingham.com.

Here is what is happening at Element this week:

PUMPKINFEST, 10/26 FROM 6-8 PM - This is a great chance for students to invite their friends to enjoy a great night of karaoke, bonfire/smoes, pumpkin skeeball, pumpkin carving, a magic show, and not to mention, the DUNK TANK that David Hayes will be sitting in all night (will cost an extra \$1 for 3 chances to dunk him)! Also, we will be having a costume contest for all students who dress up. Element staff will be ready to compete with our AWESOME costumes! Please bring \$3 for dinner plus extra money for the dunk tank.

ELEMENT TAILGATE, 10/24 - This Friday we will be tailgating at the Homewood v. Jackson-Olin game. We will be set up from 5-7 PM with hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks and chips for anyone and everyone! We want to have a big showing this week, so we hope that you and your family will all come and join us for this great evening.

BASKETBALL TEAMS - Basketball sign ups are going on now! If your son or daughter is interested in playing church league basketball with Trinity please let David Hayes know by emailing him at dhayes@trinitybirmingham.com. Registration will end this Thursday, October 23, so be sure to hurry.

SOS REGISTRATION IS OPEN - It is already that time of year to reserve your student's spot for SOS. Go ahead and mark your calendars for July 5 -11 and register your spot at <http://elementstudentministry.com/sos/> As always, there is limited space on this mission trip so please sign up today!

KICKBALL & KOOKOUT, 11/2 - On November 2, all parents and students are invited to join us for our second annual Kickball & Kookout Family Night from 6-8 PM at the West Homewood Park baseball fields. This will be a fun family night for our ministry that we hope everyone will attend! If you are interested in helping out this night please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49a9aa28a5fd0-kookout>. If you have questions, email Tori at ttenniswood@trinitybirmingham.com.

ELEMENT CAFÉ MEETS THIS WEEK - Element Cafe is open only on Tuesday THIS WEEK from 3-5:30 PM. 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 will be selling popcorn during the month of October with 7 different seasonings to choose from. Element Cafe is always a fun time. We hope your student will join us this week!

PRAYER BREAKFAST MEETS TUESDAY MORNINGS - 6:30 AM in the Youth Center. All middle school and high school students are invited. Prayer Breakfast is the perfect way to start a new day. The cost is \$3 for breakfast and middle school students will walk to HMS following the breakfast.

As always, if there is anything that we can do to better support your student, then please do not hesitate to ask.

In Christ,
David Thompson - dthompson@trinitybirmingham.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Austin and Melissa Cox

3882 Ross Park Drive, Hoover, AL 35226
The Cox family joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. Austin is a pharmacist at Walgreens and Melissa is the owner of Bar Method fitness studio.



Laura Jones

1307 14th Avenue, South, Birmingham, AL 35205
Laura joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. She is retired.



Lynn Dobrunz

1125 Karl Daly Trace, Birmingham, AL 35210
Lynn joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist Church. She is a scientist at UAB and has two daughters, Katie Maxfield (13) and Ellie Maxfield (10).



Christie Murchison

395 S. Montclair Road, Birmingham, AL 35213
Christie joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist Church. She works as a financial analyst for Vulcan Materials.



Matthew and Katie Elliott

2317 Empire Road, Hoover, AL 35226
The Elliott family joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist Church and by vows from another Christian denomination. Matthew is an attorney and Katie works in higher education for UAB. They have a daughter, Mary Reynolds (2).



Tom and Ree Myers

3675 Miller Hill Way, Vestavia Hills, AL 35243
The Myers family joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist Church. They are retired.



Jeremy and Emily Forsythe

14 Hollywood Blvd., Homewood, AL 35209
The Forsythe family joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. Jeremy is operations manager at U. S. Steel and Emily owns Louise's Cakes. They have a son, John Michael (2).



Sean Peters

2710 Oxmoor Way, Birmingham, AL 35211
Sean joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. He works in HR for Regions Bank.



Mary Hope Garmon

201 Moretti Circle, Apt. 366, Homewood, AL 35209
Mary Hope joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist Church. She works as a research and grants analyst for EDPA.



Will Thompson

1101 Woodmere Creek Trail, Birmingham, AL 35226
Will joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist Church. He is a student at Samford.



Chelsea Hale

1930 Mayfair Park Drive, Homewood, AL 35209
Chelsea joined Trinity by affiliate membership. She is a graduate student at UAB.



Billy and Danielle Wade

1426 Manhattan Street, Homewood, AL 35209
The Wade family joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. Billy and Danielle are realtors for LAH. They have a daughter, Abbey (8).



Tracy Harlow

324 Broadway Street, Homewood, AL 35209
Tracy joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist Church. She works in the financial area for Protective.

Joining Sunday • Trinity welcomed many new disciples into our church family last Sunday, October 12. This "Joining Sunday" allowed individuals and families who were discovering church membership together to also join into our congregation together. Any individual who is ready to make vows of membership can join the Trinity UMC Body of Christ on ANY Sunday, but we recognize that it is a celebration to also join with others! Our next "Joining Sunday" will be on Sunday, January 11, at all services.

As always, we hold Membership 101 each 2nd Sunday of every month for all considering membership at TUMC. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Laura Eanes at leanes@trinitybirmingham.com or 879-1737.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS THIS WEEK

Celebration Sunday - October 26

8:45 AM Traditional Worship - SANC
 8:45 AM Contact Worship - WHALL
 10:00 AM Sunday School - various
 11:00 AM Celebration Lunch 1 - GYM
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship - SANC
 11:00 AM Contact Worship - WHALL
 12:00 PM Celebration Lunch 2 - GYM
 4:00 PM Youth Handbells - Rm. 225
 5:00 PM Youth Choir - MS
 5:00 PM Confirmation - various
 6:00 PM Element PUMPKINFEST
 6:00 PM Adult Handbells - Rm. 225
 6:00 PM Small Group Studies - various
 8:00 PM Pick-up Basketball - GYM

Monday - October 27

6:30 AM Men's Ministry Group - SDR
 6:00 PM TCDC Board Mtg. - CONF

Tuesday - October 28

6:30 AM Element Prayer B'fast - Haven
 8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - various
 8:00 AM Sr. Exercise Class - FHALL
 10:00 AM Trinity Singers - MS

11:00 AM Trinity Singers Lunch - SDR
 12:00 PM Pacesetters Lunch - FHALL
 3:00 PM Element Cafe - Haven & GYM
 6:30 PM Young Adults (20's) - NAT
 6:30 PM Young Adults (30's) - SDR

Wednesday - October 29

9:00 AM Yoga - Rm. 315
 9:30 AM TCDC Halloween Parade - GYM
 4:30 PM Wednesday Supper - FHALL
 5:00 PM Kids Bells & Chimes - Rm. 225
 5:30 PM Music in Motion - various
 6:00 PM Children's Choirs - various
 6:00 PM Adult Studies - various
 6:00 PM Men's Bible Studies - various
 7:15 PM Boy Scouts - Scout Room
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - MS
 7:00 PM Contact Music Rehearsal - WHALL

Thursday - October 30

8:00 AM Senior Exercise Class - FHALL
 9:15 AM Adult Studies - various
 3:00 PM Element Cafe - Haven & GYM

Friday - October 31

8:00 AM Sr. Exercise Class - FHALL

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

IN MEMORIAM

Tom Mosley

September 21

Raymond Mitchell

October 7

Mike Griffin

October 7

We extend our love and sympathy:

- to **Edna Mosley** on the death of her husband, **Tom Mosley**, on September 21.
- to **Suzanne and Brad Vickers** on the death of her grandfather, Glen Powe, on October 3. He was also the great-grandfather of **Maddox, Bennett and Elliott Vickers**.
- to **Herb Griffin** on the death of his son, **Michael Patrick "Mike" Griffin**, on October 7.
- to **Jane Mitchell** on the death of her husband, **Raymond Mitchell**, on October 7.
- to **Judy and Phillip Flenniken** on the death of her mother, Freida Russell, on October 7. She was also the grandmother of **Justin Flenniken**.
- to **Sara and Jon Mann** on the death of her mother, Sandy Beauchamp, on October 7. She was also the grandmother of **Braxton, Jon Carter and Avery Mann**.
- to **Tim and Cel Bailey** on the death of his father, Max Bailey, on October 7. He was the grandfather of **Christopher and Jenna Bailey, Caroline and Rocky Fikes and Courtney and Erik Maas**. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren, **Maggie and Cooper Bailey and Eli and Harrison Fikes**.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to **Brian and Amy Mezzell** on the birth of their son, Otis James Mezzell, on October 11. Proud big sister is **Cora Mezzell** and proud grandparents are **Marshall and Joan Mezzell**.
- to **Al and Lauren Aultman** on the birth of their daughter, Eloise Grace Aultman, on October 14.
- to **Edward and Maggie Foster** on the baptism of their son, Jackson Edward Foster, on October 12.
- to **Patrick and Jennifer Jackson** on the baptism of their daughter, Charlotte Elise Jackson, on October 12.
- to **Reid and Jessica Jackson** on the baptism of their daughter, Ellis Christine Jackson, on October 12.
- to **Denny and Kathryn Bubrig** on the baptism of their son, Flynn Roberts Bubrig, on October 19.
- to **Trey and Ashley Crossno** on the baptism of their daughter, Marilyn Jones Crossno, on October 19.
- to **Jason and Catherine Rockhold** on the baptism of their son, John Warren Rockhold, on October 19.

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 at 879-1737 or mpasco@trinitybirmingham.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of October 20, 2014

Regular reporting:

GENERAL BUDGET:	MONTH
Month to Date Revenue	\$165,519
Monthly Needs to Date	\$219,182
Balance/Shortage	\$(53,663)

Capital Debt Retirement / month	\$6,034
Capital Debt Retirement / to date	\$83,595

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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The Angels are Coming! November 9 & 16

We invite you to sponsor a child this Christmas. Angels will be distributed on Sundays, November 9 & 16. Gifts will be collected on November 23 & 30. Watch *Tidings* for more details. Questions? Contact Cassie Cates at cassidy.dempsey@gmail.com.



**Enjoy
Coffee
on Sundays**

Complimentary Coffee Served
Please enjoy complimentary coffee served on the 3rd floor (in two areas) during the Sunday School hour. Additional coffee bar areas include the Fellowship Hall and the Family Life Center hallway on 1st floor. Questions? Contact Laura Eanes at 879-1737 or leanes@trinitybirmingham.com.

PARKING NOTICE:
Trinity members and guests should **NOT** park in the All Saints' lot near Oxmoor Rd. Also, please 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.