

THE MESSENGER

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FROM THE PASTORS DESK....MARCH MADNESS

It is that time of year when college basketball junkies adjust their work schedules to catch as much tournament basketball as possible. Which team will be the #1 Team in the nation when all is said and done? Last year it was the year of the TAR HEEL! Sorry UNC fans, I can put on my "Prophet" hat and say it is not going to happen this year. This is the year Coach Williams will want to erase from all the UNC historical records.

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What about having that same level of excitement around Trinity for a better cause than NCAA basketball? The cause is our Lord Jesus Christ. That's right, the one who went to the cross, gave His life for us, and then rose from the grave to show God's resurrection power. We are His greatest fans aren't we? If so, let us stand up and let our voices be heard. Let's give a big SHOUT OUT to the one who loves us with an everlasting LOVE.

ARE YOU ON FIRE FOR JESUS? A few years ago, our youth attended a gathering called "Acquire the Fire" and came back ready to show the world they were followers of Christ. What would happen if that spirit swept through this entire church? Things would "light up" and people would have to take notice. People will come from miles around to see something on fire! So in keeping with our theme "Fire Balls" will be given out in each service to remind people that we are to be on fire for our faith. In fact we want you to take some home with you to give out to others.

Here are a few suggestions:

Give one to a friend or make an acquaintance and say this symbolizes my life.

Want to be on fire for Christ?

Keep one in your pocket or pocketbook to remind you of the way your life should reflect the fire-power of God.

When you are not living for Christ remember that Hell is a lot hotter!

Unkind and unloving words that come out of your mouth are like fire that can burn others badly.

When using these words you really have **BAD BREATH!**

Allowing the Holy Spirit to guide your life can put fire back into a powerless life. Why not go out in flames instead of with just a whisper.

Put one in your mouth and realize this is what God will do with your life. That doesn't mean turn your tongue red, it will make you thirst for "Living Water" from the well that will never run dry.

Keep one in your pocket and if the sermon gets boring (which I promise not to do) pop it in your mouth to stay awake.

Let's have our own March Madness. Why should sports be the most important thing in life? Let us allow God to put some fire into us and see what He can do. After all it was John the Baptist who said; "I baptize with water, but when He comes He will baptize with fire and the Spirit! Last time I checked, He has already come and He left the Spirit with us. It is time to let it LOOSE.

A big thank you to Sabrina Kelley for donating the fireballs that will be used in March



Mystery Dinner – Who’s Coming to Dinner??

On Saturday, March 13th, Trinity Age Level will sponsor another Mystery Dinner.

Here’s how it will work...

Sign up to be a host or guest. The host will prepare the main course and drinks, guest are responsible for a side or dessert. We are going to try and have “Theme” dinners – Mexican, Italian, American, Tailgate, etc. Sign up for your favorite “Theme”.

On Friday, March 12th, guest will be called and told where they will go for dinner. The host is not called, they find out who the guest are when they arrive!! Also, guests do not know who else may be coming! That’s the mystery!

Guest will arrive at 6pm. Nursery will be available at the church from 5:30pm to 9:00pm. We are asking \$5 per child (\$10 max per family) to offset the cost of the childcare.

We think this will be a fun night! Guest and host are matched RANDOMLY! It’s a chance to get to know someone from our church family that you may not have met or know well. We have had lots of fun at our last two dinners. We hope you will join us on this fun night!

Age Level Committee

Please tear and return to the church office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

I will be a Guest Host Circle one.

How many guests can you accommodate for the Mystery Dinner? _____

Do you need childcare? Yes No Circle one. How many children? _____

CAMP TEKOA is now taking applications for their summer camp programs. This is a UM-Camp located in Hendersonville, NC. It is for all youth, elementary –high school. Go to www.CampTekoa.org for more info or see Cheryl Howard or Shelly Black.

BANNERS....

“Lift Up the Name of Jesus” banner is given to the glory of God and in memory of *Virginia & Gene Lippard and Helen & Emmett Wilson* by Joan & Barry Lippard.

“Glory to God in the Highest” January banner is given to the glory of God and in memory of *Hazel Mitchell* by Edna & Roy Knight.



Trinity UMC,

Thank you for all of the acts of kindness, phone calls, thoughts and prayers. Please continue to pray for our family as we mourn the loss of Scott.

Sincerely,
Wendy and Family

TRINITY APOSTLES

The Trinity Apostles next meeting will be Monday, March 15th @7:00pm at the home of Wayne & Ronna Privette. They will serve light refreshments, you do not need to bring anything but yourself and if you have your service cards bring them along. This is NOT a closed meeting. Spouses who may not have attended a Walk or Flight are welcome as well as anyone interested in attending a future walk or flight. This group’s purposes will be guided by an attitude of INCLUSION not EXCLUSION!!

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, April 25 Trinity and Asbury choirs will join together for a **SOUTHERN GOSPEL CONCERT**. More info coming.

CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE

On Sunday, March 7th immediately following the 11:00am Worship Service there will be a Charge Conference; concerning revised church finances.

Appalachian State Football Coach Jerry Moore Speaking at Southlake Christian Academy

Friday, March 19th - 6-9pm. Listen to Coach Moore express his thoughts about being a Christian coach and leading a successful college football team. Enjoy a great BBQ dinner, participate in a silent auction. There are fun games for the kids. This is a family event. Proceeds go to support a new Athletic Center to help the Lake Norman community participate in sports with a Christian message. Cost is \$100 per family. Contact Murrell Stubbs at 704.502.7388

MEMORIALS

Contributions have been made to the church **budget** in memory of *Mrs. Rilza Heglar* by Mike & Sonia Perry and Family and by Circle #2.

MEMORIAL TO THE CEMETARY FUND

Contributions have been made to the **Cemetery Fund** in memory of *Mrs. Rilza Heglar* by The Neisler/Friendship Class, Mr. & Mrs. Thad Reames, Sr., Jeanette Royster, Marvin & Margie Todd, Ronnie & Anne Griffin.

Contributions have been made to the **Cemetery Fund** in memory of *Marion & Chuck Kane and Todd Alexander Handschy* by Glen Handschy.

Contributions have been made to the **Cemetery Fund** in memory of *Mary Crump, Margaret Hughes and Trent and Travis Privette* by Anne & Ronnie Griffin.

Contributions have been made to the **Cemetery Fund** by Donald Caldwell and Corinne & Ted Carland.

AFTERSCHOOL ADVENTURES AND SUMMER CAMP

Afterschool Adventures is pleased to announce that we will be offering a full time Summer Camp for children Rising Kindergarten thru Rising 6th grade. Hours are Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 6:00 pm. The cost of full time care is \$90 per week. Part time rates are also available upon request. A host of exciting activities have been planned along with several field trips. Please contact Afterschool Adventures at 704-399-1684 ext 14 for more information.

Afterschool Adventures and Summer Camp is seeking donations of board games and books appropriate for children aged Kindergarten through 5th grade. If you have any games or books that you would like to donate please contact Margie O'Shields at 704-399-1684 ext 14 to arrange drop off or pick up.

Thank you.
Margie O'Shields
Assistant Director
Afterschool Adventures

TRINITY SANDWICH KITCHEN would like to thank Anne Griffin for the "extra" meat this past month. Next LOAF Sunday is March 14th. Happy 3rd Anniversary to our Sandwich Kitchen. In 3 years we have taken over 18,000 sandwiches to Urban Ministries to help feed the homeless.

MONTANA MISSION TEAM

Anyone interested in participating in this years mission trip should stay for a short informational meeting after the 11:00 service on Sunday, February 28th. If you cannot be there and want information, please contact Cynthia Gilbert 704-650-2091.



Bennie Fisher's Sandra's House Mayan Ministry and Samaritans Feet would like to thank the members of Trinity and especially the children, for the contributions you made to the Samaritans Feet Mission. Your nickels, dimes and quarters paid for 80 pairs of athletic shoes for the Mayan Children.

Each day we drove deep into the jungles, to small villages where we visited small, dirt floor, thatched roof churches. After a short children's sermon and singing songs, the children were lined up by age, with girls first. We washed their feet, (about 150 a day) gave them new socks and fitted them with new athletic shoes. These children had never had athletic shoes. I wish everyone at Trinity could have seen the beautiful smiles and joy on the children's faces. After fitting them with their shoes, we gave them a small Bible story book and candy. They were blessed, but we were blessed more.

The legacy of Samaritans Feet began when an aid worker in Lagos, Nigeria gave a pair of athletic shoes to a 9 year old boy named Emmanuel. Those shoes became a symbol of hope to "Manny" and a catalyst to his love for basketball. Over time his dreams became reality and Manny earned a scholarship to play basketball in the U.S. He graduated college. He got a job. He lived life to the fullest. However, he never forgot the children of his homeland or that one "good samaritan:", that gave hope with one pair of shoes.

Now Manny has a new dream. To date, more than 2 million pairs of shoes have been collected by Samaritan's Feet, and more than 1 million pairs have been distributed to needy children throughout the world and in the US. As the numbers grow, so does the passion to see more young people receive this message of hope and the inspiration to see their dreams become reality.

"It's not just about giving away shoes, it's about changing lives."

Freddie Fesperman

ROOM IN THE INN THANK YOU to the YOUTH, their PARENTS, the BOY SCOUTS and all of the rest of you FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS for making our 12 guest feel welcomed. We hosted 12 men (no woman this time). God surely blessed us all in so many different ways. *Mathew 25:35-40* **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**


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**MARCH WORSHIP
RESPONSIBILITIES**

INFANT NURSERY

March 7—Karen & Regis Bryer
14—Karen Kidd &
Cathy Carpenter
21—Jennifer &
Bill McLemore
28—Leslie & Mark Crane

TODDLER NURSERY

March 7—Lisa Laney &
Margie O'Shields
14—Leslie & Mark Crane
21—Laura &
Chad Hunning
28—Karen Kidd &
Cathy Carpenter

USHERS

Wayne Privette (*Head*),
Ronna Privette, Scott Hyatt,
Tom Campbell & Marlene Campbell

FINANCE STEWARDS

Finance Committee & Wayne Privette

HOMEBOUND

Betty Johnston
Melvin Kerns

RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

Regency Retirement Village —
Lawrence Duke
Shad's Landing -
Lee Almond
Olde Knox Commons at the
Village— Patsy Ward
Bill Todd
Churchill Assisted Living-
O'Neal Harpe
Maple Leaf Healthcare
Center— Hilda Morris &
Bill Todd

HOSPITAL NEWS

Presbyterian (*Main*) - Donald
Cald-



well

**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN PRAYER:**

Bobbie Almond, Peggy Byers,
Ed Butler, Donald Caldwell,
Leah Callender, Sara Forrest,
Melvin Kerns. Buddy Kidd,
Roy Knight, Peggy Lewis, Bill
Todd.

The **choir** wishes to thank Ed Puckett for the wonderful shelf he made for our choir loft!!
THANKS!!!



**BABY GIRL
PHILLIPS IS
HERE!!**

Miss Brooke Marie Phillips was born Friday, February 19th weighting 7 lbs. 9 ozs. and is 21 1/2" long. Her proud parents are Jason and Billie Anne Phillips. Charlie & Terry Phillips and Juanita Lewis are her proud grandparents and great-grandmother. We look forward to meeting Brooke.

ST. JAMES MALE CHORUS

Will be at Hopewell Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 28th at 6:00pm.

UMW JOINT MEETING

March 8th the UMW will meet at the church 7:00pm. Cheryl Howard will have the program on "**A Call to Prayer and Self Denial**". Please plan to attend.

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www.trinityumcofcharlotte.com