

THE MESSENGER

T R I N I T Y U N I T E D M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H



FROM THE PASTORS DESK....

It seems like yesterday. I was driving from Thomasville to Charlotte to meet with the Pastor Parish Relations Committee of Trinity UMC. Years ago I had played against their softball team and all I could remember was their tall pitcher. Anyway, I had been appointed to Trinity and I was coming back to my hometown for the interview. There were so many questions going through my head. What were the people like? Would they accept me for being me? Who has already decided they liked me and who had already decided they didn't?

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The faces I remember around the table that night were friendly and supportive. I remember C.W. Kidd, Donna Stroupe and Tommy Brumley being there along with the rest of the committee. During the conversations, three things stood out as goals for their church. The first was to bring children back into the church. There was a deficiency of babies crying and boys and girls running up the front steps. You may not agree with me, but there are two great sounds that come out of a worship service. The first is the sound of victory when a person makes a decision to follow Jesus Christ and the second is the sweet sound of a baby. These are sign of LIFE! The second goal was to build a new fellowship hall. The third was to bring new life and contemporary music and worship into the life of Trinity.

The first goal has been met. There are babies crying, children running up and down the stairs, and it seems like we always have one or two on the way at anytime. It has been a blessing to have been able to watch many of those children grow up into strong young Christians who love the Lord.

The second goal was harder. After revisiting the plans, we decided we needed a fresh start. Under the great leadership of Paul Merritt and the building committee, we met with the entire church, voted to build, we built, we moved in, and it was paid for in four years. That was a \$1.4 million miracle. Today I do not know how we would do Christ's ministry without this addition.

The third goal was even harder. I remember the gossip that went around, "THEY are going to take the hymnals out of the church!" "I hate that 7/11 music, you sing eleven words, seven times." To reach this new generation, the music has to change. Worship has to change. Leadership has to change. The new contemporary service was launched and through the years has brought many new members into the fellowship of Trinity. My goal was not to take anything away, but add a new way for God to work through the Holy Spirit.

At the end of that first meeting with the PPRC, CW Kidd stood up and said that Trinity was the "Best Little Church in America." After prayer and shaking every hand, CW invited me to come and visit with his family for a while. We had a wonderful visit and I felt in some ways like I was truly coming home. On the way back to Thomasville I kept hearing those words over and over again, the Best Little Church in America. I hope and pray that my coming this way has helped CW's vision to stay alive.

BRIDAL SHOWER

You are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring *Krystal Alexander* **THIS Saturday, May 1st** from 2:00pm—4:00pm in the Family Life Center. Krystal and Donnie are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond, Target and Lowes (gift cards).

*Please wrap gifts in shades of blue & cream and wear something blue to add to the theme “Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue”. This is hosted by: Stephanie Hubbard, Chelsea Campolongo, & The Bridesmaids.

**ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES!**

We would like to include you in our annual Graduation Sunday celebration! If you will be graduating from Preschool, High School, or College this year, please send us the details including your full name, the school you're graduating from, your degree (if college), a brief summary of your future plans and anywhere between 1—4 personal photos...including a graduation photo if possible. You can leave your info at the Church Office or email it to Sherri Barth @ ssbarth@carolina.rr.com by Friday, May 14th. Thanks & and CONGRATULATIONS Graduation Sunday is May 23rd.

2010 LAITY AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to Lisa Roberts and Laura Miller on winning the Laity Award from Trinity this year. Lisa is in the Adult Division and Laura in the Youth Division. Lisa and Laura will be honored by the District on Thursday, May 6th at a banquet at Denver UMC.



Trinity UMC invites all children 3 years to 5th grade to **GALACTIC BLAST: A COSMIC ADVENTURE PRAISING GOD!**

Vacation Bible School.

Board the starship Galactic Praise to see our awesome universe—and our awesome God—in a whole new way. The fun begins **Monday, June 21 and ends Friday, June 25 from 6:30 to 8:30pm.**

Each galactic mission includes a Bible story in the Good News Galaxy, music at Moons & Tunes, art projects at Cosmic Crafts, games at Rocket Rec, and a snack at the Astro Bistro. We have several other special things planned - including the star lab from Discovery Place and a fun finale on Friday for all our cadets and their families!

To be a part of all the excitement at **GALACTIC BLAST: A COSMIC ADVENTURE PRAISING GOD!** Call Christie Pistolis at 704-947-9180 or visit the church's website at www.trinityumcofcharlotte.com. Registration forms on the website and at the church.



I want to personally thank the big crowd who came out from Trinity Sunday evening for the joint choirs Spring Gospel Concert at Asbury UMC. A good time was had by all, even the North Mecklenburg Rescue Squad who arrived too late to hear us sing. Let's do it again sometime.....how about this summer? OK? At Trinity.....we will announce the date later. *Cheryl Howard*

THANK YOU CHOIR AND CHERYL...job well done, we look forward to your Summer Concert!

NEW MAY BANNERS: We have two beautiful May banners available if anyone would like to purchase one in memory or honor of someone. Price \$100 each. See Cheryl Howard

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 such as Knights baseball, CPCC Play, Latta Plantation, Swimming, and much more has been planned. Please contact Afterschool Adventures at 704-399-1684 ext 14 for more information.

*Thank you.
Margie O'Shields
Assistant Director
Afterschool Adventures*

BOOK FAIR

Trinity Playschool will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair April 26th- April 30th. We will also open the fair up to church members after the 11:00 Sunday service on May 2nd. The fair will be held in Hucks Parlor. There will be a variety of reasonably priced books for you to look at and purchase. Books on display will include hardcovers and paperbacks, Christian interest books, cookbooks, books for grownups, and of course books for children of all ages. All of the profit made from the sale of this book fair will go toward buying new books for the playschool. We hope to see you visit!
Playschool Office Staff

ONE SERVICE

Looking Forward.....**May 30** is a fifth Sunday and we will have the **ONE** Service.

**Sunday School at 9:15am
Worship at 10:30am**

CEMETERY FUND

A contribution has been made to the **Cemetery Fund** by Paul & Pat Bolick

A contribution was made in memory of *Mr. Scott Penninger* to the **Cemetery Fund** by Jim & Betty Wicker.

THANKS LOAFers!!! Good job Trinity on feeding the hungry in April. We made about 550 sandwiches (we being Ed, Curtis, Willie McManus, Kate and Alice). A special thanks to Doug and Trish Darnell for their 36 loaves of bread!!! Next LOAF Sunday will be May 16th. Bring a loaf of bread.....it's an easy way to "feed my sheep."

WANTED: Sunday School Teachers for the summer. We are in desperate need of SS teachers for our children's department for the summer. Babies through high school. If you can help PLEASE see Cheryl Howard (Sunday School Superintendent) or Sandra Duggins (Age Levels Chairperson). Even if you can only help us for just one month, that would be great!



SQUARE!!!! Who you calling square??? The Trinity Prayer Shawl Ministry ladies (we are still looking for some MEN to join us), that's who. Ladies get those 8x8 crocheted or knitted squares ready by Saturday, May 8 so that we can complete our project. This ministry team will meet that day, at 10 am in the conference room. We will discuss our plans for the summer.


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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

**MAY WORSHIP
RESPONSIBILITIES**

INFANT NURSERY

May 2—Sherri & Danny Barth
9—Susan & Lee Owings
16—Tami McLemore &
Michael Thuemmel
23—Von Haverlah &
Ronna Privette
30—Mike & Kim Taormina

TODDLER NURSERY

May 2—Elizabeth & Scott Hyatt
9—Crystal Figaro &
Claudia Myers
16—Christie & Gus Pistoris
23—Cheryl & Peter Putukian
30—Carolyn McLemore &
Cynthia Gilbert

USHERS

Willie Ross (*Head*), Chuck Barton,
Donna Barton, Brent Bradford, and
Patty Wilson

FINANCE STEWARDS

Finance Committee & Willie Ross

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
The Oaks—David Todd
Bain Sharar

HOSPITAL NEWS

University CMC—
Marie Chesser

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
PRAYER:**

Lee Almond, Donald Caldwell, Leah
Callender, Marie Chesser, Von Haver-
lah, Isaiah Joseph, Melvin Kerns,
Buddy Kidd, Roy Knight, Peggy
Lewis, Don Mottern, James O'Brien,
Bain Sharar, Bill Todd, David Todd,
Frances Whisenant

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pleasant Grove UMC will host a
Hot Dog meal on Friday, May
7th from 11:30am—6:30pm.
You can either “Grab and Go or
Sit and Eat”. Hot Dogs are
\$1.50, drinks \$1.00, Chips \$.50
and desserts (donation).

**NORTH MECKLENBURG
COMMUNITY CHORUS**

PROUDLY PRESENTS:

Made In America
May 29, 2010 at 8:00pm and
May 30, 2010 at 3:00pm
Duke Family Performance Hall
at Davidson College
Tickets: \$15.00 On-line at
crown TICKETS.com
Group discounts available. Call
704-875-1471 for info.

**Immediate need for Infant-
Toddler Caregiver** at Christ
UMC Sunday 9:45—12:30pm.
Interested applicants please sub-
mit resume to: Teresa Smith
tsmith@knauffins.com or to
8020 Belhaven Blvd., Charlotte
28216 Attention: Teresa Smith

