

THE MESSENGER

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

As the weather gets cooler and vacations come to an end, both worship attendance and participation in the ministries of the church traditionally increase. Fall is a great time to invite someone to either of our Sunday worship opportunities, be a part of our children's and youth ministry on Sunday evenings, attend a Bible discussion, or any other learning or help ministry of Trinity.

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During October the sermon series at Trinity will consider how to be a follower of Jesus. Are we followers or merely fans? I hope these four sermons will allow each of us to evaluate our commitment to Jesus and how we can deepen our dependence on his grace. If you know folks that have struggled with what it means to be a believer or have become disillusioned with the "standards" that some congregations set for belief, this series may give them new insights into what it means to be a committed Christian. It may not be as easy as some of us think. On the other hand, it may not be as difficult as many have thought it to be.

Sometimes, churches give folks only a partial understanding of Jesus' message. Our tendency is to either center totally on judgment and correction or on grace and acceptance. I've come to understand that either of these approaches alone cheapens the gospel. All judgment turns folks away from the love of Jesus. All grace allows folks to think that a response based on a commitment to Jesus is unnecessary. All judgment often leads to a "who's in and who's out" mentality. All grace tells us we have no responsibility to Jesus or to his church. All judgment leaves us unwilling to adapt the presentation of the gospel to a broken and hurting world. All grace tells folks that there doesn't need to be a difference between the actions of a believer and those of the world. I hope that everyone will gain a clearer understanding of what it means to follow Jesus on the first four Sundays in October. My understanding grew as I prepared these sermons.

During the last months, a book by Adam Hamilton has also helped grow my understanding of God. The book's title is: "*Why: Making Sense of God's Will.*" I became aware of Hamilton's book just after the death of my mother. It was very helpful for me to work through the grief process and see God's grace and his will through my sadness. During four Sunday's in October, our Bible discussion will be based on this book. We will investigate why people suffer, why bad things happen to good people, why do disasters happen if God is a loving God, and other questions we probably have all (at least secretly) asked ourselves. I hope these times together will strengthen the faith of all who attend. (We will meet in the sanctuary at 5:15pm each Sunday. You don't have to buy the book to participate.)

It is my prayer that both of these topics will strengthen us at Trinity, enable us to seek God's vision for the church, and move us forward in mission and ministry in the coming year.

Grace and Peace
Wade

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Beginning Sunday, October 2nd
5:15pm in the sanctuary

“WHY: Making Sense of God’s Will” by Adam Hamilton

All are welcome to come be apart of this group discussion. (more info on front column)

ALSO...beginning Monday, October 3rd there will be a Womens Small Group Study at the home of Brenda Raynor (10009 Dauphine Drive, Charlotte, 704-399-2832) at 7pm. This will be doing a study of the Beth Moore Book “*So Long, Insecurity, you’ve been a bad friend to us*”. This is a 10 week study (they will not meet on Circle nights). You will need the book “*So Long Insecurity*” and the Study Guide for Group Experience. You can get these at most any book store (she got hers from Life Way, or you can download on your Kindles.

The first Monday will be a introduction, expectation, so that everyone will have time to get their material. Brenda will serve beverages, no snacks and no children please.

**ERT Re-Certification Class**

Saturday, October 29th in the FLC

Steve Baron will be the trainer for this re-cert class. This is for anyone who has taken the 1st Responders Class and their certification has expired during 2011. The cost is \$40.00 and includes a background check and class book. Lunch will not be served for this class. Call the church office to pre-register, there is a limited amount of space available. You must bring your ID cards to register on the 29th.

Beginning October 5th, the choir will start work on their **Christmas music**: *Mary, Did You Know?* This special musical concert will be held on Sunday morning December 4th during the 11 o’clock worship service. They will begin practicing some on Wednesday nights but they will also have some extra practices (in case Wed does not fit your schedule). ANYONE interested in helping with this Christmas music please see Cheryl Howard

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Trinity offers Children’s Church for all children ages 4 years old thru 3rd grade. We ask that you **bring your children into the sanctuary with you each Sunday**. Every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month the children will leave the sanctuary with their leader. On the 1st Sunday of each month the children will stay in the service and participate in communion with their family.

**WOOLY WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday, October 5th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm you are invited to stop by the church for dinner. The menu will be: **Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, and baked beans, rolls, and tea** (and of course Preacher Wade is always looking for some of those homemade desserts) The cost is a donation, you can eat in or get carry out.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Those who are knitting, crocheting or doing needlework will meet on Saturday, October 22nd at 10am in the FLC. There is always a need for prayer shawls...please help replenish our closet. IF you would like to learn one of these skills, come on the 22nd with your needle(s) and yarn, there will be someone who can help you get started.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA**

Trinity’s Circle #3 will host their annual Christmas Tea on Saturday, November 12th at 3:00pm. This is the perfect way to kick start your holiday season. If you have ever been to one of their Tea’s you know it is decorated to get you thinking about Christmas and into the spirit of Christmas. If you have never been to one, treat yourself this year and join them for an afternoon of tasting many different finger foods and their special tea. Tickets are \$10.00 each. See a member of Circle #3 or call the church office to get your tickets.

FISH FRY

The Trinity United Methodist Men will sponsor a Fish Fry on Saturday, October 22nd beginning at 4:00pm. Come enjoy a plate of catfish, shrimp or flounder with all the fixings for \$10.00. There will also be homemade desserts made by the United Methodist Women for sale. There is always a need for help during these Fish Fry’s, make plans to come help in the kitchen and serving area.

SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUPS...

are in full swing!!! If you are 3 years old-12th grade Trinity is the place for you each Sunday evening from 5:00—6:30pm. There is a lot happening and we want to share it with you.

There are 4 different age groups:

3 & 4 year olds—Delores Velazquez
K—3rdgraders—Holly & Shea Hartsell
4th—6th graders—Shelly Black & Sherri Barth
7th—12th grade—Lynne Bruce

Each evening they have K Motion with Cheryl Howard and Susan Ogle as well as many other planned activities for their special age group.

The 4th—6th graders will also begin a special mission project during October called “Helping Hands”. The 7th—12th graders started the year off by visiting the homeless and giving out water bottles and toiletries. They even took the city bus to downtown Charlotte. This was an eye opening experience for all.

If you have questions about what your child will be doing, see one of the leaders they will be happy to talk with you.

FEED MY SHEEP HAPPENINGS.....

Loaf Sunday: October 16th

This past month the sandwich team (*John Moore, Ed Puckett, Cheryl Howard, Erica King, Peg Hough, Curtis Buchanan, Alice Flowe and Ronna Privette*) made almost 700 SANDWICHES for Urban Ministries THANKS to your generous giving of loaf bread, Egg Salad (by the youth) and extra ham (by Ronnie & Anne Griffin)!!! Let's do it again. Please feel free to come join us at 8am, Monday, October 17th to help with this ministry.



Our partnership with **Hornets Nest School and TUMC** began this school year with breakfast being prepared for their faculty and staff on August 24th.

CROP AROUND THE CLOCK

Saturday, October 15th
8am—8pm
Trinity Family Life Center
Call Christie Pistolis to register—704-947-9180
Sponsored by the Age Level Committee!



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Needed each week to make Budget—\$4,841.28
Received (9/25/11) - \$3,115.26

SAVE THE DATE...

The St. James Male Choir will be singing at Trinity on Sunday, November 27th at 6:00pm.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Warehouse Trip will be Wednesday, November 30th working from 4pm—6pm.

Trinity's Sanctuary Choir Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 4th during the 11am Worship Service.



MORE THAN A MOVIE...

WHEN: October 21st

TIME: 7-9pm

MOVIE: Monster's Inc.

During October we are introducing, **MORE THAN A MOVIE!**

This is your box office ticket to fun Bible learning on the big screen! This movie event is built around the family-friendly film *Monsters, Inc.* to get kids thinking about what the Bible says on the topic of Go's protection! Come enjoy a great movie, delicious snacks, and fun games! It's **FREE!** Children of all ages are welcome. Parental attendance is required.

THANK YOU...A BIG thank you to Wayne Privette & David Stroupe for their work in putting up our newest outdoor sidewalk banners. These banners were given to the glory of God and in honor of the *Hough Family and Friends* by Helen Kidd and Family and in memory of *Marvin Todd* by The Chancel Choir.

A NOTE FROM THE

TRUSTEES:



The Church Trustees would like to remind everyone that if you unlock a door...please make it your responsibility to lock it back before you leave. There have been a few issues recently with unlocked doors and need everyone to be conscience of this when using the church facility.


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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

**OCTOBER WORSHIP
HELPERS**

INFANT NURSERY

Oct. 2—Darlene Sarment &
Delores Velazquez
9—Patty Wilson &
Ginny Martin
16—Laura & Chad Hunning
23—Ronna Privette &
Carolyn McLemore
30—Cynthia Gilbert &
Stephanie Hubbard

TODDLER NURSERY

Oct. 2—Margie O’Shields &
Claudia Myers
9—Mike & Kim Toarmina
16—Jennifer & Bill McLemore
23—Karen & Regis Bryer
30—Shelly & Daniel Black

**CELEBRATION SERVICE
NURSERY**

Oct. 2—Ronna Privette
9—Donna Stroupe
16—Brenda Raynor
23—Donna Stroupe
30—Ronna Privette

USHERS FOR OCTOBER

Doug Darnell
Patricia Darnell
Scott Hyatt
Logan Massey

FINANCE STEWARDS

Finance Committee &
Doug Darnell

RETIREMENT RESIDENTS

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 Laurels— James Rogers
Aldersgate—Francis Whisenant

HOMEBOUND

Betty Johnston
Melvin Kerns
J.B. Heglar

**SERMON SCRIPTURES FOR
OCTOBER**

*These are for your use in preparing
for the worship services on Sunday
mornings.*

October 2—John 6: 1- 4
October 9—Luke 9: 21-27
October 16—John 8: 1-11
October 23—John 6: 52-69

**PRAYER FOCUS FOR
OCTOBER**

Each month during 2011 the Prayer
Committee will choose one area of
the church to focus their prayers on
that month. *For the month of Octo-
ber you are asked to focus on
“Mission Teams”.*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN

PRAYER:



*Marie Chesser, Joe Fisher,
J.B. Heglar, Melvin Kerns,
Hilda Morris, Lois Puckett,
Kaye Rogers, Bill Todd, Vicki
Tucker.*

COMMUNITY IMPACT DAY—
Sat., Oct. 1st @Hornets Nest School
9:00am All are invited to come help
with this mission project. Wear red
shirts if you have them!

