

Trinity UMC Playschool



Newsletter
March 2008



Happy Birthday



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar. 6th - Trinity's 49th Annual BarBQue
- Mar. 3rd - Cookie Fundraiser Begins
- Mar. 15th - Trinity Easter Egg Hunt/Party
- Mar. 17th - St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 20th - Cookie Fundraiser Ends -
(Last day to turn in Orders and Money)
- Mar. 20th - Spring Begins
- Mar. 21st - 25th - Playschool Closed
- Mar. 23rd - Easter Sunday

LOOKING AHEAD

- April 7th - April 11th - Spring Break
- April 19th - Parents Night Out 5pm-10pm

Two years old

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| Angela Smith | March 6 th |
| Kyla Callahan | March 7 th |
| Aidan Alvey | March 8 th |
| Elizabeth Tran | March 23 rd |
| Brody Tucker | March 27 th |

Three years old

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| Isabelle Szymura | March 11 th |
| Nicholas Szymura | March 11 th |
| Sophia Szymura | March 11 th |
| Lucy Furry | March 12 th |

Four years old

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| Patrick Royster | March 17 th |
| Lon Callis | March 19 th |
| Zachary Kinley | March 19 th |
| Emily Neulinger | March 23 rd |

Five Years old

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| Emily Anderson | March 5 th |
| Rachel McGrady | March 15 th |
| Peyton Mincey | March 15 th |
| Elizabeth Lohbauer | March 17 th |



We now have a new calendar outside the playschool office. On it, we will keep you updated with playschool and wide church events. Please take some time weekly to check it out and see what's going on at Trinity!



Lunch Bunch Reminder

We would like to remind everyone that if you would like for your child to drop in for lunch bunch, please come by the office that morning to sign your child in. There are drop in forms located on Miss Claudia's bulletin board as well as the bulletin board next to the playschool office. This will help keep us informed and ensure that your child is properly supervised after playschool is over that day. Thank you so much for your support!

Every Sunday:

Open Hearts.
Open Minds.
Open Doors.



We invite you to bring your family and be a part of our family each Sunday.

Celebration Service: 9:00AM
Sunday School: 10:00AM (For all ages!)
Worship Service: 11:00AM

Trinity Church also offers Youth Programs for Kindergarten through 12th grade on Sunday afternoons. Feel free to stop by Sunday afternoon and see what Trinity's Youth Program has to offer your family!



K-2nd Led by Shea and Holly Hartsell 5:00 - 6:30
3rd-5th Led by Margie O' Shields and Mike Taormina 5:00 - 6:30
6th-8th Led by Shelly Swaringen and Danny Barth 5:00 - 6:30
9th-12th Led by David and Donna Stroupe 7:00 - 8:30

Talk to Claudia or call the church office 704-399-1684 for more information!

Life in the Classroom



Good Morning,

Welcome to Miss Debbie's 4 year old class. We are very busy this morning with all of our centers, but come on in and take a look. The first thing you see are all the centers we have set up at the tables. At the first table we have puzzles, we have a math center, and there's a tub of beads that we love to string (that helps w/ our small motor skills.) We're not sure what that is, but Miss Debbie says it makes us have strong fingers. On the second table, we have lots of paper with markers, crayons, and colored pencils. Sometimes we have color sheets too.

Today we have stencils. We love to trace different stencils then color them any way that we want to. We also have a great Lego table with thousands of Legos. Some of us sit at this center the whole morning. We can build the neatest buildings and towers.

If you keep walking you'll come to our block area. Here we have different size blocks. We build great towers here as well. We have some bigger Legos here too. Sometimes Miss Debbie gets on us because we like to build guns. She tells us that guns are dangerous, so we can't build those at school. We also have cars & rescue heroes in the block area.

Our last place is the kitchen area, all the way at the end of the room. We have so many babies, dishes and clothes, we don't know where to start, so we just dump it all out. We have a ball in this area until Miss Debbie rings the bell, and what took 1 minute to dump out, takes us 15 to clean up (and that's with Miss Debbie's help!).

She keeps saying that one day we're going to walk in and half of it will be gone. (We don't think that will happen; she says it everyday!) During our hour of free play, we also do our art work.

After clean up, we have circle time. This is when we do our calendar, weather, our letters, Bible verses, etc. When we're through, we go down stairs and sing with Miss Susan's class. Some days we even have Spanish and story time with Mr. Charlie.

After that we have snack and go outside. When we come in we read books and have show and tell (on Tues. and Fri.).

Well this is a day in the life of Miss Debbie's classroom. We are so exhausted, aren't you?



Love,
The kids from "Miss"
Debbie's class



Easter Egg Hunt



Come join us on Saturday, March 15th in the Family Life Center from 10 am until Noon to have an Easter Egg Hunt and Party. We will have games, tattoos, snow cones, cookie decorating, egg dying and much, much more. Please bring 6 hard boiled eggs to dye and 12 plastic candy filled eggs for the egg hunt. There will be three age groups for the hunt, 0-3 year olds, 4 & 5 year olds and 6 year olds and up. We hope to see you there and remember to bring your cameras!

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Registration Report

Registration for the new school year has taken place over the month of February. Over 110 children have enrolled. If you know anyone that has shown an interest in Trinity, be sure to let them know that classes are filling up fast for the fall and summer sessions. Come by and see Claudia or stop in at the Playschool Office for forms and availability.



With Love from Claudia

Last Friday after the children had finished their lunch at Lunch Bunch, they were playing happily oblivious to "Miss" Susan even being in the room. We sat down on the table and chatted while we watched them play. Susan was telling me how excited she was about starting the Transitional Kindergarten class next year. She had started numerous lists of things that needed to be purchased for the classroom and lists of ideas that she was going to work into the curriculum. She talked about having one day each week where the daily plan would revolve around math and science. She also told me that she was considering each Wednesday having a "Question of the Day". She has learned from years of teaching that 4 and 5 year old children love learning about new and exciting things like; nocturnal animals, eclipses and just recently in her room; how the heart pumped blood through our bodies. She said sometimes they got their facts mixed up but that they loved it and it was great fun. She had tried it that day on her fours. The question, "What is a bridge?" brought an array of answers and led to a very interesting discussion.

As I made my way home after school, I had my grandson Ty in the back seat. Since my move to Denver, we have to come up with ways to pass the time on the trip home. I began asking him questions. Like his father, Ty is going to be a man of few words. His answer to, "What is a bridge?" was simply, "Cars drive on it." I asked a few more questions and finally ended with, "What is a planet?" He was quiet for a minute or two as I thought, "He doesn't have a clue." He then asked, "A people planet or a plant planet?" "People planet", I said. He told me it was a place with people, houses and water. I was thrilled and asked him, "Where are planets?" Boy, this was going

to be good! I was already thinking I'll tell him about how they orbit around the sun, held on their path by the sun's gravitational pull. His answer totally stopped me in my tracks. "Where are planets?"..."God holds them in His hands." After that, we rode the last few miles in silence as I remembered a time that I served on a committee evaluating a new Bible Story series for preschoolers. My comment was while the text was beautiful; I felt the illustrator had fallen short of the mark. Some of the pictures I found hard to understand, so I was sure the children would too. The majority of the members agreed. A few weeks later I was reading from one of the books. It was the story where Jesus tells the disciples to let the children come to Him. On the page where it said "He put His arms around them and loved them," there was a picture of hundreds of circles, and stretched across the circles were two simply drawn long arms and hands. A little boy spoke out and asked, "Miss Claudia", does that mean that Jesus can touch us all at the same time?" At that instant the prayer I prayed was, "Dear Jesus, why do we always make things so complicated?"

So friends the next time your mind becomes filled with complicated data as you ponder one of life's perplexing questions, find a child to talk to. You may very well find God's simple truth.

Parent's Night Out - at Trinity United Methodist Church!

Saturday, April 19 from 5pm to 10pm - \$20 per child with a \$40 family maximum

Enjoy a night out while the kids have fun! The five hours will include pizza, games, playtime, crafts and a video. This event is sponsored by the Trinity Age Level Committee. Pre registration is required. Registration forms will be on the vestibule table and in the playschool offices. Please return them with your check to the church office. If you have any questions please call or email Christie Pistolis at 704-947-9180 / christiepistolis@earthlink.net



Again this Month, we would like to share with you some Fairy Tales that “Miss” Susan’s Fours have created. We hope that you enjoy these Trinity Originals!

“Once Upon a Time.....There was a princess and she was riding a horse. The prince came to ride his horse too. They went to find Snow White.”
By: Hope

“Once Upon a Time.....The princess and the queen became good people. They played together and they played on the playground.”
By: Rachel

“Once Upon a Time.....There was a dragon and the dragon could not see the fairy cause the fairy was so small. The dragon put some hot lava on the ground. The king and queen said, “Help!” and the knight came and saved them!”
By: Ryan

“Once Upon a Time.....There was a princess. She was falling and she got hurt. Alena caught her. Alena has pink all over herself. She is a fairy. The king and the queen were so sad cause she flyed away.”

"Once Upon a Time.....There was Alena and the prince could not see her. The prince could not see the dragon. The fairy came and found the princess. The king and the queen were there."

By: Emma

"Once Upon a Time.....There was a king and a princess and a knight and a volcano. The dragon put the king and the princess in the hot lava. The knight saved them!"

By: Owen

And We

All Lived



Happily Ever

After!

"Once Upon a Time.....There was a dragon, a really big dragon! Me and Jackson Shore are fighting the dragon. We have swords to fight with."

By: Brock

Trinity's 49th Annual BBQ

Parents don't forget that Thursday, March 6th Trinity will host its famous Barbeque. It will run from 11:00am - until. We have tickets in the playschool office for anyone who would like to purchase them in advance. Prices are as follow: \$8.00 for One plate or 3 Sandwiches and for \$7.00 you may purchase a pound. Also that day, pick up will be a little different. Instructions have been sent out, but if you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Special Easter Services



Palm Sunday- March 16th
Children's Palm Parade during 11:00am worship; any child who wants to participate can meet in front of the Sanctuary steps at about 10:50. "Miss" Doris from Trinity's Choir will be out there to instruct the children on how to enter waving their palm branches.

Easter Sunday- March 23rd @ 7:00am sunrise service (sanctuary), 8:00am full breakfast by the Emmett Wilson SS class, 9:00am Celebration Worship (sanctuary), 10:00am Sunday School, 11:00am Resurrection Service

Parent Exchange:



Younger Child Care:

Sami Adkins is a playschool parent here at Trinity who has also been a substitute teacher for us. She is offering to keep children at her home that are too young to enroll at playschool. She lives nearby at Avery Glenn and would be willing to pick up children at your convenience. Sami can give you more info and can be reached at 704-820-6455



DOG Behaviorist Needed?!?!?!?

One of our playschool parents would like to help you out with another "little one" that you may have terrorizing your home. Julie Andrews is a dog behavior specialist that can get your pooch listening to you like he/she were your own child. (Hope that sounds appealing! ☺) If you are interested you can contact her at 704-271-3305.



Diaper Cake!

If you noticed a couple weeks ago, there was a beautiful work of art sitting at the table by the main entrance. It looked like a cake, but as you got closer, I'm sure that you noticed it was no ordinary cake. The cake you were looking at was in fact a diaper cake. The diaper cake was constructed by Isabell Shrader. She is a playschool parent and her business operates under the name "Stylish Creations LLC." You can reach her by email at diapercakegiftshop@gmail.com or by phone at 704-728-9162. Visit the website too it's www.diapercakegiftshop.com.