

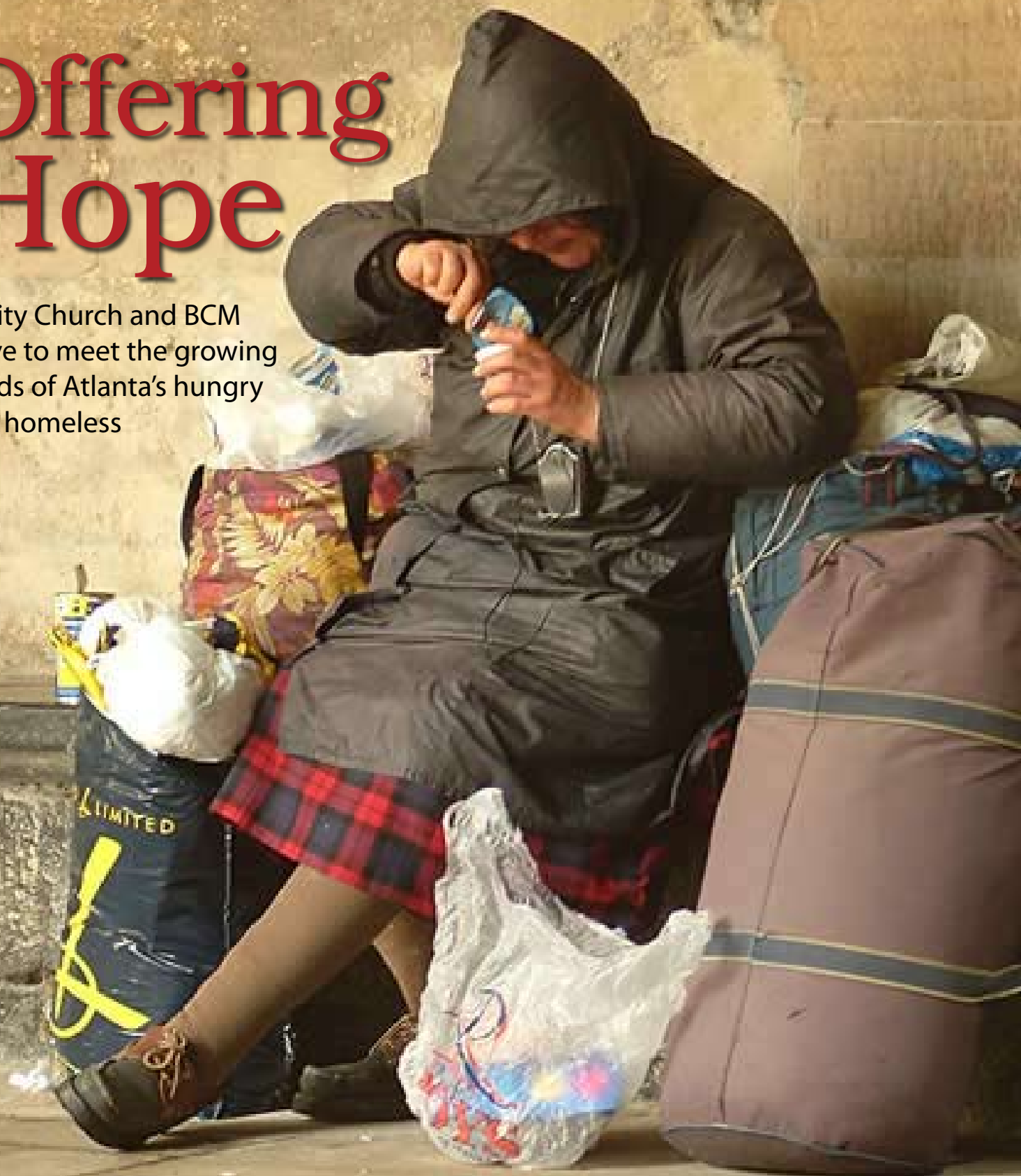
The Trinity Times

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Offering Hope

Trinity Church and BCM
strive to meet the growing
needs of Atlanta's hungry
and homeless



Offering Hope

"I have never had to ask for help, but things are so expensive, I just can't seem to cover the basics." "They are going to evict me if I can't come up with my rent by Friday." "God bless you all for being here for us." These are examples of the type of comments that clients of Buckhead Christian Ministry (BCM) make on a daily basis. Trinity Presbyterian Church is one of the eleven sponsoring churches helping BCM provide emergency assistance, including food, clothing, and financial support, to families and individuals experiencing hardship. Although BCM serves 15 zip codes, almost 40% of those served are from Agape Community Center's neighborhood, the 30318 zip code.

In 2007 BCM helped over 9000 of our neighbors, giving over 3000 people assistance with rent and utilities and almost 23,000 bags of food. In the first half of 2008 there has been more than a 16% increase in the number of people served, compared to 2007. This is occurring at a time when BCM's expenses are up because of rising food costs, and donations are down. BCM has had to cut back services. In the past most of those assisted were low-wage earners, such as janitors and waitresses, who often live paycheck to paycheck. Lately, many more individuals who are middle-income wage-earners, such as teachers, realtors and firefighters, are seeking assistance.

The Agape Community Center staff identified a family to be sponsored by Trinity to enter The 70/30 Project, BCM's long-term homeless prevention program. This program is designed to help working families with children stay in their homes while they develop the skills to manage their money and become financially stable and independent. This single mother of three presently holds two jobs to make ends meet, working in a day care center and at a church. She has never asked for or received any assistance from charitable or government agencies. At present her debts are overwhelming her, making it impossible for her to reenroll in college and continue to try to improve her situation. For four months, BCM, with Trinity's support, will pay her rent and utilities while she covers other

expenses and uses at least 30% of her income to reduce debt or increase savings. Money management and budgeting classes are mandatory. With this compassionate emergency assistance and guidance, it is hoped that she will achieve financial independence.

BCM also sponsors the Transitional Housing Program, which assists homeless working families with children achieve financial stability by providing an apartment, money management education, and support for 18 to 24 months.

The Emergency Assistance Program assists families and individuals with groceries, clothing, and, in the case of a life-changing emergency such as job loss or illness, financial support. The New Worker Support Program helps to provide uniforms, tools, and transportation needed for a new job. As school began, school supplies were provided for school-age children, and, as the holiday season approaches, families with children will be able to make appointments to select toys for their children. Over 900 children had special Christmas gifts last year!

BCM is one of Trinity's partners in ministry, and BCM needs your help. We need your gifts of time, items, and money!!! The shelves have been bare many times this year at BCM, and the need is great. Here are some ways you can get involved.

- Bring coats and canned food in October as Trinity sponsors a coat drive in addition to our annual food drive.
- Bring new toys in November to be given to children through Joyous Toys.
- Donate food, household and hygiene products, sample-size hygiene products for the homeless, diapers, and clothing.
- Volunteer. Work with clients or behind the scenes. You can make a difference!

Please watch for Trinity's announcements, or contact Lacy Kerkhof, BCM Volunteer Coordinator, at 404-239-0058, ext. 111.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:45 a.m., Dobbs Chapel • 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 21

II Peter 1:1-5

"Break the Bonds of Ignorance"

Rev. P.C. Ennis

SEPTEMBER 28

Luke 10: 38-42

"The One Thing"

Guest preacher: Dr. Anna Carter Florence

Make a Joyful noise

PSALM 100:1

COMMITMENT 2009

The theme of Trinity's 2009 Commitment season, which officially begins October 12, is "Make a Joyful Noise," taken from Psalm 100. In the September and October issues of *Trinity Times*, we are highlighting some of our congregation's members' thoughts on what Trinity means to them.

Bill Jones and Virginia Williams,
2009 Commitment Co-chairs

Paula and Jim McInerney

Members since 1989 and 2005, respectively

When we were asked to write a testimonial about our feelings for Trinity Presbyterian Church, we thought it would be an easy job. We have such wonderful feelings for Trinity's worship and music. We feel challenged and encouraged from the pulpit on a continuing basis. We feel the constant care and support of the staff and the member volunteers and enjoy the many educational and fellowship opportunities. Finally, however, this exercise has made us realize that there is much more than we can express in words. It is about being a part of a living body of faith and sharing this journey with a congregation that cares for one another, the surrounding community, and the world.



Church School for All Ages

Session I: September 7 - October 26

Church school classes meet at 9:45 a.m. For a complete class description, see the fall education course catalog or visit the church's website at www.trinityatlanta.org.

Bible

The Prophets of the Old Testament

Teacher: The Rev. Jim Newsome, Trinity member
(class will not meet October 5)
Room B 112

Contemporary Issues and Christian Action in the Church and the World

National Election Issues 2008

Coordinators: Bert Broadfoot and Bill Jordan, Trinity members
(class will not meet October 5)
Williams Hall C

September 21: "An Election in a Divided US: Race, Religion, Class, and Income," Merle Black, Professor of Politics, Emory University

September 28: "Iraq and the Middle East," Sandra Mackey, Trinity member

Christian Living and Spiritual Practices

Common Ground

Teachers: The Rev. David Burns and Jeannie DuBose, Coordinator of Hospitality and Connection
(class will continue in Session II)
Room B 108

Perspectives on Literature, Art, Science, and Faith

Spirituality in the Visual Arts

Coordinators: Kay Summers and Angelyn Chandler, Trinity members
(class will not meet October 5)
Room B 104-106

September 21: "Spirituality in Islamic Art and Architecture," Zamila Karima, architect and artist

September 28: "Spirituality in the Art and Architecture of Greek Orthodox," Dr. Victor Polizos, pediatrician

SPECIAL CLASSES

New Member Class

September 28 - October 25
Chapel Parlor

If you are interested in learning more about Trinity Church or in becoming a member, you are encouraged to attend the New Member class, held for four Sundays, September 28 through October 25. Classes

are held in the Chapel Parlor during the church school hour (9:45 to 10:45 a.m.). Child care is available.

Trinity Explores! "Your Turn Now" Discussion Group

Coordinators: Sylvia and Blaine Kelley, Joe Brown, Trinity members
Class begins September 14
(will not meet October 5)
Room B 100

OCTOBER 5

Church Retreat Weekend

Room B 104-106

On October 5 Trinity will be holding an all-church retreat at Simpsonwood. We anticipate a large turnout for that event and therefore will suspend ongoing adult classes for that day. For those who are unable to attend the retreat, we will offer one adult class in B104-106. We will show two films that offer some insight into what the PC(USA) is doing in mission here and around the world.

The first film will be "General Assembly Council Overview...Offering the World a Visible Witness of Jesus Christ." This overview shares stories about some of the ministries in which the denomination is engaged around the world. This program also demonstrates how the General Assembly Council focuses its work around its mission statement and goals, and shares how the GAC staff works in partnership with synods, presbyteries, and congregations to offer the world a visible witness of Jesus Christ.

The second will be a video produced by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the arm of our church that engages in disaster relief here and across the world.

ON-GOING CLASS

NEW!

Drop Everything and Drop In – A New Class for Young Parents and Couples

Room A 116

YOUTH**Sixth Grade**

We Learn About Others
Room D214

Seventh Grade

We Learn About Ourselves/Confirmation Class
Room D202

Eighth Grade

Faith into Action
Room D210

Senior High (9th - 12th Grade)

This year we will begin offering for our senior high students tracks and choices modeled after the adult education program at Trinity! All church school classes will fall into these broad categories: Bible, History and Doctrine, and Christian Living. Most sessions will run six to eight weeks.

Session I:
September 7 - October 26

World Changers 101: Modern Day Priests and Prophets
Teacher: Lauren Scharstein
Room D223

Faith and Film

Teacher: Bonnie Harris
Room D221

The Battle for the Soul of a Nation

Teachers: Susan Yow and Richard DuBose
Room D208

CHILDREN**Infants and Wobblers**

Rooms A30, A32, A31

One-year-olds

Rooms A23, A110

2's and 3's (years old)

God Loves Me
Building A

Pre-K/4's, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grades

Walk with Me
Building A and D

4th and 5th Grades

ROAD TRIP (Riding On the Avenues of Discipleship)!
Building D

“Most Important Coach in America”

Joe Ehrmann, a man *Parade Magazine* called the “Most Important Coach in America,” will speak at Trinity Church on Sunday, October 5, at 7 p.m. A 13-year All Pro veteran of the National Football League and a former All-American at Syracuse University, Ehrmann will share his philosophies of life and sports. The event is open to the public.

Adult Education Volunteers Needed

The Adult Education Committee needs help with a new “host” project planned to begin this fall. Hosts/hostesses will attend Sunday morning classes each week and participate in the mission of hospitality during the church school hour. The fall classes are scheduled from September 7 through October 26. Hosts are also needed during the Trinity Explores! sessions from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, September 11 through October 30. Responsibilities for all classes and events will be shared with other host volunteers. If you feel you could help Trinity create a welcoming climate in our educational offerings, please contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428 or bcampbell@trinityatlanta.org.

Urgent Need – Rides to Doctor Appointments for Senior Adults

Your commitment of 2 – 4 hours, one day a month, for transportation and an initial two-hour training session will help us say “yes” instead of “no” to several requests each week for rides to medical appointments. LIFESPAN staff and MET volunteers are willing to come to your congregation to bring you the details on this important service volunteers provide to seniors in this area

MEDICAL ESCORT TRANSPORTATION volunteers are desperately needed to give rides to individuals who can no longer drive themselves. The program is managed by LIFESPAN Resources, Inc., and staffed by volunteers from several area churches.

This service provides rides to anyone 55 or older inside 285 in the north and northwest Atlanta area. This is not just a transportation program. The volunteer driver will escort the rider to the appointment and remain until he/she is finished, and then take him/her home. We offer the service on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. We do carry liability insurance coverage for anyone who drives for LIFESPAN Resources.

If you are interested, contact LIFESPAN Resources at 404-237-7307.

Book Fair – October 19-24

Once again Trinity is hosting a book fair, courtesy of Barnes & Noble. The book fair will be held from Sunday, October 19, through Friday, October 24, in the TELC media center (Building A, lower floor).

The book fair will feature a range of books for infants, toddlers, and children of all ages, as well as a selection of books on spirituality, parenting, and families.

Between 10 and 20 percent of all proceeds from the book fair will come back to Trinity. These funds will be used to support children’s arts programming, specifically to bring in performances by Young Audiences to the Parents’ Morning Out program and the Trinity Early Learning Center.

In addition to shopping the book fair at Trinity, this year we will also offer vouchers that can be used at any Barnes & Noble Bookseller. Simply e-mail or hand out the vouchers to your friends and family, and they can support Trinity’s children by shopping at a Barnes & Noble convenient to them!

So, shop for the holidays early, and support reading and TELC at the same time. For more information, contact Trinity Early Learning Center parents Julie Giese at jogginjuli@aol.com or Kim Blass at kbllass@lovet.org.

TELC Class Openings

Trinity Early Learning Center has two openings for younger two-year-olds and four openings for younger three-year-olds. For more information, contact TELC Director Anne Hoffman at 404-237-7307.

It’s Time for Parents’ Morning Out... While Children Play

If you are new to Trinity or if you are still considering having your little one join the “social set”, Trinity’s Parents’ Morning Out program has a limited number of places available for the 2008-2009 year.

Children from ages six months to two years (by September 1, 2008) are eligible. Parents’ Morning Out offers Monday, Wednesday, Tuesday/Thursday, and Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Trinity’s youngest members. A year’s tuition is \$2320 for the two-day program and \$2980 for the three-day program. There is a \$75 non-refundable registration fee.

For additional information and registration forms, contact PMO Director Cecilia Garner at 404-495-8457 or cgarner@trinityatlanta.org.

And the Nominees Are...

The Nominating Committee has the task of filling a slate of nominees for the Pastor Search Committee, and we need your help. We are asking everyone in the congregation to nominate individuals who will best represent our church as we move forward in search of our next Senior Pastor. Please participate by using a nomination card found in the pew racks in the sanctuary or at Five Points and outside Williams Hall, where boxes marked PNC are located. You may also e-mail your nominations to pnc@trinityatlanta.org. All nominations received by September 21 will be carefully considered, and we will present our recommendation to you at a called congregational meeting in October.

Your participation and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Most Sincerely,

Paula McInerney, chair

Scott Calhoun

Walt Gillikin

Frances Swensson

Gwen Cleghorn

Allen Moseley

Groups and Gatherings

Disciple II Bible Study

Disciple II teaches Bible study skills that allow participants to delve deeper into scripture. The class is open to those who have completed Disciple I or an equivalent in-depth Bible overview class. Contact Bede Campbell for more information, 404-495-8428 or bcampbell@trinityatlanta.org. The class will meet from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays.

Faces of Wisdom

Faces of Wisdom: Women's Gathering meets at 7 a.m. on Wednesdays for breakfast and study. All women are invited to join the "Faces" for breakfast and discussion.

Footloose

This high-spirited group of folks targets singles over 40 for opportunities to gather. In general, the group meets for dinner once per quarter at someone's home. The next event is a dinner scheduled for Sunday, September 28. Additional, spur-of-the-moment, events are organized via e-mail. Movies, plays, concerts, IMAX, walks in the park are some of the ideas for in-between, shorter-notice gatherings. If you want to be included on this mailing list, please notify Jean Schick (jean@schicks.net, 770-801-9967) and provide your e-mail or other contact information. This is a fun and diverse group; join us if you have not already done so!

Men of Trinity

Join the Men of Trinity at their weekly breakfast in Williams Hall at 7:27 a.m. each Friday. Cost is \$5; reservations are not necessary.

Novel Ideas

Novel Ideas will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 2, in the Chapel Parlor. The group will discuss John Irving's *A Prayer for Owen Meany*.

Round Robins

Come join the active empty-nesters' supper gathering for a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 21, at Lorene and Jim Pilcher's home, 1195 W. Wesley Rd. Round Robins rotate around the groups' homes, providing some time to get to know other Trinity members. Please plan to bring a salad, veggie dish, dessert and/or beverages to share. Contact Lorene at 404-352-3440 to say you'll attend and what you'll be bringing.

Young Fathers' Group

All men with young children ages birth to 8th grade are invited to come for a time of food and fellowship beginning at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23. RSVP to Peter Faser at Peter@SecurityBank.net by Friday, September 19.

Expanding Young Men's Small Group -- Interested?

Another young men's small group is starting in October. The small group will meet twice a month on a day and time selected by the group for fellowship, Bible study and connection. Any 20- or 30-something man interested in joining, please contact Katie Givens Kime for more details.

Activities and Recreation

Kids' Night Out

Parents, do you need a night out without paying a fortune for a babysitter? Would your children like a chance to play with friends at church, enjoy a nice dinner, and participate in some fun and exciting activities? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, mark your calendar for **Kids' Night Out**.

Our first Kids' Night Out scheduled for Friday, September 19, for children ages birth to 5 years, has filled up. Our second Kids' Night Out on Friday, October 17, for children ages 6 to 12 years, has a few spots remaining. Parents can drop off their children as early as 6 p.m. and pick them up any time before 10 p.m. The cost is \$10 per child (maximum of \$20 per family), which includes dinner, snacks, and activities. Space is limited on October 17 to 40 children, so don't delay in registering.

To register, please contact Amy Patterson at 404-495-8427 or apatterson@trinityatlanta.org with the names and ages of your children. More information about where to drop off and pick up your children will be provided.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with Kids' Night Out, please contact Amy Patterson.

Yoga at Trinity

Yoga @ Trinity meets on Monday evenings from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM and on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM in the Play Place (old gym). Both classes are open to new participants, and you will need to bring your own yoga/pilates mat. For more information or to register, please contact Amy Patterson at apatterson@trinityatlanta.org or 404-495-8427.

Love of Art Classes - Mixed Media

On Thursdays in October, Trinity Member Debbie Overby will be teaching a Love of Art class from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Trinity Open Studio. Photos will be provided for reference, as well as a realistic still-life setting as an alternative choice. There is no charge for this program, but you will need to bring your own art supplies and a color wheel. The class will open on October 2 with a narrative instruction in theory. Individual drawing instruction will begin the series, followed by special painting classes. Classes will meet in room D226, located above the Chapel Parlor. For more information, please contact Debbie Overby 404-895-8778 or Amy Patterson 404-495-8427.

Tai Chi

Tai chi classes are held every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Classes last for one hour. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Amy Patterson at 404-495-8427 or apatterson@trinityatlanta.org.

Dance-A-Thon Volunteers Needed

For many years Trinity has supported the Adopt-A-Grandparent agency. For 30 years, this Atlanta organization has been pairing lonely senior citizens with volunteers who connect every week to lend mutual support and build strong bonds of friendship. The Annual Dance-A-Thon, which benefits the wellness program, is the major fund-raising event.

Volunteers are needed at Trinity on Saturday, September 27, from 12:45pm until 5:00pm to assist in making Adopt-A-Grandparent's annual Dance-A-Thon another huge success. Come join in a fun afternoon that includes dancing exhibitions and dancing lessons, great food, a bake-off, and a 50/50 raffle.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas: registration, greeters, drivers, bake-off and 50/50 assistants, and parking attendants.

For more information, please contact Staci Bruce at (404) 380-1177, or email her at sbruce72@yahoo.com.

Family Night Supper

Family Night Supper begins at 5:45 each Thursday. Cost is \$7 per adult, \$4 per child; the maximum cost per family is \$20.

Volunteer cashiers are needed from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, contact Veronica Ridenhour at 404-495-8440 or vridenhour@trinityatlanta.org

September 25

spaghetti • vegetable lasagna • green beans • fruit • salad • brownies • ice cream

October 2

baked chicken • rice • brussels sprouts • fruit • salad • cookies • ice cream

Reservations:

404-237-6491 or
nireland@trinityatlanta.org

Pastoral Care

To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, contact Veronica Ridenhour, Assistant to the Executive Pastor, at 404-495-8440 or veronr@trinityatlanta.org

Keep in your prayers

John Cochran
Bob Cole
Paul Hawkins
John Head
Tommy Hiles
Brent Karasick
Chris LeDuc
Rose Oglesby
Donna Sellen
Ray Suh (Chris Suh's father)
Dick Wilkinson

Rehabilitation

Jack Turner
Ralph Williams

Long-term care

Betty Ambrose
Mildred Blaine
Vivian T. Jones
Ruth Liller
Wilma Redfearn
Frances Tanksley

Serving in Iraq

Chris Beauchamp, nephew of Jan Beauchamp Wurz
Matt Jordan, cousin of Ann Evans
Brian N. Scullion, nephew of D.J. Feather

Death

Sympathy to:

Lucinda Gibson and family on the death of her mother, Anne Gibson

Birth

September 10, 2008

Anna Lyle Graves
Parents: Jen and Bill Graves, Jr.
Grandparents: Frannie and Bill Graves, Sr.

Wedding

September 6, 2008

Laura Ellen Smith and Arturo Vladimir Prado

Military personnel

During its weekly meeting, the Trinity staff offers prayers for Trinity members. As this practice continues, the staff would like to add to the prayer list members who are serving in the military, particularly those in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you would like to add a name to the list, contact Veronica Ridenhour at 404-495-8440 or veronr@trinityatlanta.org.

Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who provide one-to-one Christian care to those facing a crisis or life challenge. Stephen

Ministers are available upon request and on Sunday mornings in the church parlor. To meet with a Stephen Minister, contact Calico Perry at 404-355-1201 or candtperry@aol.com.

Counseling

Dr. Bill Carr, an independent, licensed pastoral counselor; Marriage and Family Therapist, and a Fellow of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, is available for individual, couple, family, and group counseling here at Trinity Church. Appointments can be made through Bill's direct line, 404-495-8426. His office is located in D134C.

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To submit an item for publication,
 contact Esther Patrick, Director of Communications,
 at epatrick@trinityatlanta.org

For a complete list of events, visit www.trinityatlanta.org

EVENT CALENDAR							September 21-October 4								
Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday			
21		22		23		24		25		26		27			
		10:00 a.m. Pastors' Aid Committee 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee		5:45 p.m. Young Men's dinner 6:00 p.m. Mission Long-range Planning 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee		9:30 a.m. The Tent 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee		7:00 p.m. Trinity Explores!				12:00 p.m. Adopt-A-Grandparent Dance-A-Thon			
28		29		30		1		2		3		4			
12:00 p.m. RHINO trip meeting		5:30 p.m. Poverty Initiative		6:00 p.m. Stewards' training dinner		8:00 a.m. Property Committee 9:30 a.m. Children's Ministry Committee 12:00 p.m. Trinity Men's lunch		9:00 a.m. Love of Art class 2:00 p.m. Flu shots 7:00 p.m. Trinity Explores! 7:00 p.m. Novel Ideas				9:00 a.m. Church-wide Retreat			
RECURRING EVENTS															
8:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Church school 11:00 a.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir 6:00 p.m. Youth Supper 6:30 p.m. PYC		9:00 a.m. Parents' Morning Out 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 304 6:30 p.m. Yoga		9:00 a.m. Parents' Morning Out 10:30 a.m. Tai chi 11:30 a.m. Tai chi 3:00 p.m. Starting from Scratch soccer		6:45 a.m. Common Ground – Sr. High Bible Study 7:00 a.m. Faces of Wisdom 9:00 a.m. Parents' Morning Out 3:00 p.m. Starting from Scratch soccer 6:00 p.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir		8:30 a.m. Disciple II 9:00 a.m. Parents' Morning Out 4:00 p.m. Primary Choir 4:45 p.m. Cherub Choir I 5:00 p.m. Junior Choir 5:15 p.m. Cherub Choir II 7:30 p.m. AA meeting		7:30 a.m. Men's breakfast 9:00 a.m. Parents' Morning Out					