

Trinity Times

CCNA FALL FESTIVAL

A community celebration
with food, games, and
neighborhood resources

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Pam's Ponderings

Have you read the Trinity Mission Statement lately? In part it reads, "We are committed as a spiritual community to nurture the whole person—mind, heart and soul—throughout their lives, encouraging that continual exploration and insight which keeps us open to the new world God is always creating." This commitment is certainly one of the core values of Trinity Church and there are two vital components to it: attending to the WHOLE person throughout their WHOLE life!

Faith communities are one place in our culture where the generations connect and it is a great joy to me every week in worship to look out and to see the young and the old and those in the middle years lifting hearts and voices to God. One of my greatest challenges is to deliver sermons that engage the minds and hearts of those from 6 to 106! Not long ago I preached a sermon about worry. Later that week a young father came to my office bearing a bulletin from the previous Sunday. He showed me a message scribbled in the margins.... "that is exactly what I worry about!" His nine year old daughter had written it during worship. I consider that note one of the greatest affirmations of my ministry. A nine year old was responding to the Good News and sharing her response with her father! My hope and dream is that some version of that would happen every Sunday—that worship would not only inspire each worshipper but give people of all ages a common language to share their lives and their faith with one another. Worship, the fellowship time in Williams Hall following worship, and congregational lunches are some of the opportunities for us to gather together across the generations. I encourage you to reach out to those older and younger than you during these gatherings and to get to know one another beyond generational divides. I feel confident that you will be blessed as well as be a blessing!

This month the Trinity Early Learning Center (TELC) turns 25 and Lifespan Resources turns 30—thanks be to God! These two dynamic ministries are based here in the Trinity building and are tangible expressions of our mission. During the week, the Trinity halls are filled with the life and laughter of the young and the older as TELC nurtures the hearts, minds and bodies of pre-schoolers and Lifespan does the same for people over age 55. Before I began my ordained ministry, I spent many years in youth ministry. Actually, I like to say that I am still a youth minister, I just do youth ministry with people of all ages now. I was thinking about that yesterday morning when the LifeSpan participants were gathering for their celebration; it felt just like a youth group gathering. People were telling stories, offering one another comfort and encouragement, laughing and joking, sharing life and faith. The room was alive with energy and love. I was also thinking about it when I met this morning with the Chapter 3B spiritual formation group for women about my age. This group describes themselves as "a trusting group that shares stories, reflections, confusion, delights, and difficulties." I was reminded again that peer connections provide healing, courage, and hope as we walk through life's peaks and valleys. The transformative power of a peer group is something that we never outgrow! We know this is true for children and youth, and so we value children and youth ministries and the various programs that nurture them as a group. It is easy to forget how true it can be regardless of our age or stage in life. As we launch an array of programs, groups and classes at Trinity this fall, I encourage you to find a way to connect with your peers here, regardless of your age-group.

Trinity friends, as we start another school year, I pray you will be intentional about building bridges with one another inter-generationally as well as seeking out friendships within your own demographic. When you do that, you are helping to fulfill Trinity's commitment to nurture the whole person throughout their whole life so that we are all open to the new world God is creating! Together, we ARE Trinity Church!

Joyfully yours,



Happening This Month

Sunday, September 25

- 8:45 am Worship*
- 9:45 am Church School*
- 11:00 am Worship*
- 12:00 pm TELC 25th Anniversary
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir*
- 6:00 pm POTS
- 6:00 pm Youth Supper*
- 6:30 pm PYC*

Monday, September 26

- 10:00 am Pastors' Aid Committee

Tuesday, September 27

- 12:30 pm Chapter 3A
- 7:00 pm Men in Transition

Wednesday, September 28

- 7:00 am Faces of Wisdom*
- 12:00 pm Disciple II*
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir*
- 8:00 pm AA meeting*

Thursday, September 29

- 8:15 am Chapter 3B
- 9:00 am Disciple IV*
- 4:00 pm Hosanna Ringers*
- 4:00 pm Primary Choir*
- 4:45 pm Cherub I Choir *
- 5:00 pm Junior Choir*
- 5:15 pm Cherub II Choir*
- 5:45 pm Thursday Night Supper*
- 6:00 pm MOMS Group
- 7:00 pm Trinity Explores

Friday, September 30

- 7:27 am Trinity Men's Breakfast*
- 4:00 pm 6th Grade Mission Trip

Sunday, October 2

- 12:00 pm First Sunday Lunch

Monday, October 3

- 9:00 am BHOP
- 1:00 pm Heritage Committee
- 5:45 pm Mission Night
- 6:30 pm CFM Renovation Team

Tuesday, October 4

- 4:30 pm Women's Link Wine & Cheese
- 5:00 pm Adult Education Committee

Wednesday, October 5

- 10:00 am The Tent
- 12:00 pm Trinity Men's Lunch

Thursday, October 6

- 6:30 pm Middle Moms
- 7:00 pm Novel Ideas

Friday, October 7

- 9:30 am CFM Committee
- 7:00 pm Kids' Night Out

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

* Weekly recurring event



TRINITYEXPLORES

Reasonable Doubt: Intention and Sin in the Old Testament and Its World

Dr. Brent Strawn

September 29, October 13, October 27, November 10

B104-106

Fee: \$20 per person, \$30 per couple

These four lectures will explore the problem of intention when it comes to sin and the way the biblical authors understood it. Did the devil make you do it? Did your neurons make you do it? Did you mean to do it? And does it matter when it comes to sin? Come explore what kind of doubt is reasonable in terms of intention and “falling short of the glory of God.”

BRENT A. STRAWN is Associate Professor of Old Testament, Candler School of Theology and Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University; Associate Professor in the Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory College.

Registration: Trinity Explores is open to Trinity members and the community. Registration is required and must be accompanied by the applicable fees. Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. You may register online at www.trinityatlanta.org and on site. A nominal fee of \$20 is required for the course. The class fee per couple is \$30. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428 or bcampbell@trinityatlanta.org.

Church School

Bible

Paul as Problem or Solution? Exploring First Corinthians

Teacher: Dr. Carl Holladay

Dates: September 11 – October 23

B104-106

Contemporary Issues and Action Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery: Local and Global Perspectives

Teacher: Letitia Campbell, M.Div.

September 11 – October 23

B110

Christian and Religious History

The Legacy of the Reformation in Worship, Music, and Culture

Coordinator: Trinity member Mac Irvin

September 11 – October 23

Williams Hall C

Perspectives

Seven Koans (Riddles) from Jesus That Can Take One to God

Teachers: Jack Graham, M.Div., Th.M.,
LPC, and Hector Ramos

September 11 – October 23

B112

Common Ground

Teacher: Matthew Ruffner, Designated
Associate Pastor

September 11—October 23

B108

Roots

Living Your Faith with Purpose

Teacher: Rev. Cader Howard, Interim
Associate Pastor

September 11 – October 23

A116

Senior High (9-12th Grade)

Heaven and Hell

D221

Cultivating Compassion

D223

8th Grade

We Learn About Ourselves/ Confirmation

D212

8th Grade

Re:form

D202

7th Grade

We Learn About Others

D212

6th Grade

Faithfully Asking Questions

D210

4th and 5th Grades

ROAD Trip

D109, D106, D104, D102

3rd Grade

SBC

D110

Pre-K, Kindergarten, Pre-1st, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade

Spark

A28, D118, D116, D112

Ages 2 and 3

God Loves Me

A132, A24

MISSION

CCNA Fall Festival

Join the Trinity Presbyterian Church Bolton Hollowell Outreach Project (BHOP); City Council members Felicia Moore, Aaron Watson, Caesar Mitchell, and Lamar Willis; County Commissioner Emma Darnell; State Senator Elly Dobbs; the Emory University Office of Community Partnerships; Word of God Ministries; Springfield Missionary Baptist Church; Mother Hubbard Day Care; The Northwest Business Association; West End Medical Centers; and Northwest Youth Power for the 3rd Annual CCNA Fall Festival, "Let's Move." This is an opportunity to reach our neighbors in need.

When: October 8, 2011, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Springfield Missionary Baptist Church

Address: 1730 Hollywood Road, NW, Atlanta 30318

What: We need you to share yourself.



As Christians we are charged to "go ye therefore and make disciples of ALL men." In today's time it presents us with a new opportunity. Unlike days of old, when we reached out to new neighbors with home-baked bread or a cake or went next door to borrow an egg or a cup of sugar, distrust, fear, disinterest, overwhelm us, and our own issues often prevent reaching out and connecting to the people in our own communities. However, we do need each other, and we have to consciously bridge those relationships in creative and innovative settings. The CCNA Fall Festival is a way Trinity members, young and old, can help. A community festival is a place to connect, share joy, practice neighborliness, and, most of all, share resources that will improve the quality of life in our community for one day.

How can you help? Share yourself. Bake a cake, brownies, or lemon bars; make 10 healthy sandwiches; provide a basket of bananas, apples, or grapes; buy a case of water; come paint the faces of children hungry for the love of God; dab on tattoos; man the games; serve food; take registrations; share giving a child his first book; distribute medical resources; bring your children or grandchildren to enjoy the festival; but, most of all, be there to reach out and meet our neighbors in need. What you might find is that you get more than you give. My friends in Christ, "go ye, therefore" and contact Michelle Uchiyama at 404-274-2406, and let us know how you will share yourself on October 8.

PARENTS OF TEENAGERS

Your Relationship with Your Teenager: Communicating in Tricky Times

Sunday, September 25

6:00 to 7:30 pm

Speaker: Dr. Mary Lisa Henry

The adolescent journey, spanning the ages from 10 to 22, brings to mind the often quoted line from Charles Dickens' Tale of Two Cities, "It was the best of times and the worst of times, it was an age of wisdom, it was an age of foolishness ..." and I would add, not only for kids but for their parents!

Adolescents can feel at once impossible to live with and a joy to have around. Join Mary Lisa Henry, Ph.D., for a discussion of the developmental changes that occur in early, middle, and late adolescence and how those changes can make parenting with confidence a real challenge. Special attention will be given to ideas about how to increase our effectiveness in communicating with our adolescent children, and to the obstacles that can get in the way. Sharing of parenting wisdom through trial and error is

most welcome!

Mary Lisa Henry is the Counselor in Residence at Trinity Church. In addition, she is a psychotherapist and has a private practice in which she serves individuals, couples and groups. Dr. Henry practiced and supervised at the Emory University Counseling Center for 13 years and remains on the clinical faculty in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavior Medicine at Emory University.

Dinner will be served. Cost is \$5 per person. To make a reservation, contact Nancy Ireland at 404-237-6491 or nireland@trinityatlanta.org.

Save the dates: October 30 – "When is Enough Enough? Your Possessions, Your Time, Your Family" with Dr. John Brueggeman; November 13 – "How Do We Talk About Sexuality at Church?" with Dr. Erika Pluhar; December 18 – Congregational Carol Sing with Norman Mackenzie



MISSION

Volunteer Opportunities

Bolton Academy

Trinity has been successful over the last few years in providing volunteer readers and tutors for students at Bolton Academy, an elementary school within the Atlanta Public Schools system, located about 10 minutes from the church. Many thanks to the volunteers who have participated in the program in prior years. We would like to continue the program again this year!

Volunteers are needed as readers or tutors throughout the school year (September through May). Volunteers are asked to commit 30 minutes to 1 hour, one time a week, to read to students in either a kindergarten or first-grade class. Also, the school has opportunities for tutoring in any subject for 30 minutes to 1 hour, one time a week.

If you are interested, please contact Mary-Elizabeth Jackson at 404-355-8574 or jacksmarye@yahoo.com.

Habitat for Humanity

As part of Mission Ministry's focused efforts in the Bolton Road/Hollowell Parkway community, Trinity and Atlanta Habitat are joining together again to make a difference in the area. Like last year, Trinity's 2011 Habitat for Humanity home build will be on a lot purchased with Trinity-provided funding. This year's home build will take place at 2371 Arno Court (30318).

As part of a Northwest Interfaith Partnership, parishioners from Northside Drive Baptist, St. Anne's Episcopal, All Saints CCU, and Greater Springfield Baptist will join with Trinity members on several Saturday build dates: September 24, October 1, October 22, October 29, and November 5. Please come be a part of this special interfaith project, and get to know members of other area churches.

Be sure to reserve a space soon ... as they go quickly! Don't worry if you lack building experience. There's a need for volunteers of all skill levels to help with a variety of tasks, including supplying lunch to the volunteers. Sign up online, or on the sign-up sheet posted on the Mission News bulletin board, or contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428, bcampbell@trinityatlanta.org.

Druid Hills Night Shelter

For the past 29 years at Druid Hills Night Shelter, hospitality in the form of dinner, a shower, a night's safe sleep, and breakfast has been offered to 24 men who have just secured work or who are actively seeking work. Guests are referred by Samaritan House, Crossroads, and Intown Community Assistance. This past summer they moved to a year-round schedule. Trinity has supported the Shelter for many years and continues to be responsible for the evening meal on the 4th Thursday and 5th Monday of each month. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the meal for the 24 guests. The volunteers arrive at 6:30 pm and are finished by 8 pm. The next volunteer opportunities are Thursday, September 22, Thursday, October 27, Monday, October 31, and Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving). Contact Bede Campbell (404-495-8428 or bcampbell@trinityatlanta.org) for more information.

Agape Community Center

The Agape Community Center is looking for volunteers to provide and serve meals on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. If you are looking for an easy and fun-filled project, this is just for you! These meals are provided for the children who are involved in the after-school program throughout the academic year. This is to ensure that each and every elementary-aged child goes home after a warm and nutritious meal. This is a great opportunity for families to give back to the community. So bring the whole gang, and be a part of the Agape Community Center. For more information, contact Sarah Williams at 404-257-1958 or sarwilliamsjr@comcast.net.

Children's Books

Donations of children's books are needed for the annual Bolton Road community festival. There is a special need for chapter books for 4th-6th-grade age levels. Books must be in good condition. Books may be brought to Trinity in boxes marked "Sis Newsome" and placed on the table next to the receptionist's desk before September 30. If you have any questions, contact Sis Newsome at 404-329-9152 or jimsis@bellsouth.net.



GROUPS & GATHERINGS

First Sunday Lunch

Join us for First Sunday Lunch following 11 a.m. worship on October 2, in Williams Hall. Cost is \$4 per child, \$7 per adult; the family maximum cost is \$20. Reservations requested, 404-237-6491 or nireland@trinityatlanta.org.

Faces of Wisdom

All women are invited to join us at 7 a.m. on Wednesdays for breakfast, study, and discussion.

Men of Trinity Breakfast

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.

The Tent

Our intergenerational group meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Our theme this year is "living deeply," which invites us to dive below surface appearances of life and plumb the depths of our shared humanity and spirituality.

Honoring Dr. Allison Williams with Skyland Trail Financial Aid Fund

Pastor Emeritus Dr. Allison Williams has been honored through the creation of the Allison Williams Financial Aid Endowment Fund at Skyland Trail, a nonprofit treatment facility for adults with mental illness. Dr. Williams has worked tirelessly for several decades to support the community, and among the missions he cares deeply about is the life-changing work of Skyland Trail.



As a founding member of the Board of Directors of the George West Mental Health Foundation, Dr. Williams was instrumental in the creation of Skyland Trail and was committed to providing community-based mental health treatment to adults with serious mental illness. He continues to be committed to helping those who cannot afford quality services, and for years has strongly supported the financial aid program, which provides need-based assistance to those requiring Skyland Trail's unique services.

the Harland Charitable Foundation, of which Dr. Williams has served as a trustee, awarded a generous gift of \$100,000 to Skyland Trail to honor his work and create the Allison Williams Financial Aid Endowment Fund. This fund is a testament to Dr. Williams' commitment to ensuring that those who need mental health treatment are able to get it in perpetuity. The fund continues to grow with the support of Dr. Williams' friends and colleagues.

39 & Holding/Still Holding

Thirty-nine and Holding/Still Holding is a fellowship group that strives to build a warm, caring, and inclusive community where participants can feel connected to each other and to the church. Seasonally-themed gatherings are held approximately once a quarter in members' homes. Please join us for the following gatherings:

October 29

Halloween costume party at the home of John and Peggy Shepard

December (date and place TBA)

Christmas party

January 28

Chinese New Year at the home of Ron and Laurie Coleman

April 21

Spring Fling at the home of Chris and Helen Hoverman.

For more information about the 39 & Holding/Still Holding fellowship group, contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428 or bcampbell@trinityatlanta.org.

PARTNER IN MISSION

Agape Community Center

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Agape Community Center on receiving the Sue Wieland Embracing Possibility Award through the Atlanta women's Foundation. The award is based on the success of a participant. Agape's success story was based on Knoketta Miles, a junior at North Atlanta High School and who has been involved in Agape programs since she was in the second grade. Knoketta is also a Trinity member.

Inaugural Agape Charity Open

Attention, all golfers! The first Agape Charity Open is scheduled for October 14, at the Heritage Golf Links, located in Tucker, Georgia. The proceeds from this event will benefit Agape's very successful athletic programs, GoGirlGo! and F.I.T. Camp for Boys. During the event there will be a raffle for 2012 final round Masters tickets. For more information about the tournament, visit www.supportagape.org, or call Emile Parker, tournament chair, at 404-456-5212. You can also register your foursome or become one of our sponsors by visiting the website. Hurry; the 72 golfers limit is filling up quickly!

Thursday Night Supper

Join us each Thursday (September through May) at 5:45 pm for supper in Williams Hall. Cost is \$4 per child, \$7 per adult; the maximum cost per family is \$20. Reservations can be made online at www.trinityatlanta.org or by calling the church office at 404-237-6491.

September 29 menu

fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, turnip greens, fruit, salad, cobbler, ice cream

October 6 menu

country fried steak, potatoes, broccoli, fruit, salad, cookies, ice cream

Pastoral Care

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Virginia Barrow
Ann Carlyon
Bill Daugherty
Chuckie Ellithorp
Nola Frink
Judy Fuller
Patti Gambrell
Kitty Manson
Ruth Dobbs McDonald
Eleanor B. McGowan
Rose Oglesby
Debbie Overby
Dave Patterson
Jim Pilcher
JV Ribble
Arleen Schotanus
Frances Turner
Cutler Woodfin
Dede Woodring

FAMILY MEMBERS

Sid Nurkin's brother, Harry Nurkin
Saralyn Bell's brother, Joe
Evelyn Jones' father, Bill Arwood
Ray Peters' brother, Dave Peters

George Stickel's wife, Karen Stickel

Katie Johnson MacKenzie's father,
Bob Johnson

Elta Ratliff's sister, Sarah

Ruth Blackstock's father, Bill
Blackstock

Rick Bradshaw's sister, Julie Dickerson

Barbara Byerly's cousin, Catherine
Wolfe

Ellen Ison's mother, Ann Cauble

Alison and Chris Thomas' daughter,
Sophie Jane Thomas

LONG-TERM CARE

Money Allen
Betty Ambrose
Ruth Burton
Barry Graham
Marilyn Haney
Jackie Harden
Vivian T. Jones
Virgil Sexton

DEATH

Rev. Chilton (Chick) Thorington,
Trintiy's first assistant pastor,
Septembre 12, 2011

BIRTH

Margaret Elizabeth Curran
DOB: September 13, 2011
Parents: Stefanie and Ben Curran
Big brother and sister: Nathan and
Rebecca

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 in the church parlor upon request and on Sunday mornings. To meet with a Stephen Minister, contact Calico Perry (404-355-1201 or candtperry@aol.com), or Marc Krause (404-713-0629; mtkphoto1@gmail.com).

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Upcoming Deadline:

Wednesday, September 28, at 12 PM for the Oct. 9/16 issue

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

Famine Response

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is responding in Somalia and parts of Kenya as a member of the ACT (Action by Churches Together) Alliance. ACT members who have experience and partnerships in the area are already responding to the crisis.

PDA made an initial contribution of \$100,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing funds to assist newly displaced people in Mogadishu, drought-affected people in the Gedo region, refugees in the Dadaab camp in Kenya, and host communities in both Kenya and Somalia.

Assistance includes:

- temporary shelter
- provision of water and sanitation

- emergency/therapeutic feeding and nutrition, including special feeding of malnourished refugees
- essential personal and domestic items (jerry cans, blankets, sleeping mats, sanitary pads & kitchen sets)
- energy-efficient stoves, firewood
- access to primary health care, hygiene and education services
- provision for emergency health interventions.

In addition, funds will help provide protection monitoring along border entry points, the camps and camp outskirts. Assistance is especially targeted to single women, children, and unaccompanied or separated children.

THIS WEEK IN

Worship

September 25
8:45 & 11 AM

GOTCHA!

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;
Matthew 21:23-32
Rev. Pam Driesell

October 2
8:45 & 11 AM

GOD'S VINEYARD

Matthew 22:33-46
Dr. David Bartlett,
Theologian in Residence