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YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT
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Christmas Joy Offering: **GOD'S ANOINTED DAUGHTER**



Budding playwright and recent graduate Shirlicia Reynolds champions the opportunities she was afforded at Stillman College and feels she might not have gotten the chance to develop as she has if not for the institution.

At Stillman, a Presbyterian Church (USA) college located in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, "students are allowed so many opportunities," she said. "It's just a matter of getting out there and doing it and finding who you need to talk with to see your vision and get it done."

Shirlicia's vision was to produce a play she wrote. The Atlanta native, who initially wanted to be a criminal lawyer realized her calling to playwriting the summer between her

freshman and sophomore years in school.

While at home on break, she wrote her first play, *God Give Me the Grace*. Designed for young people between the ages of about twelve and twenty-six, it communicates the message that "while we have so much going on, we still have this life and we can live ... with the help of God, our family, and our friends," Shirlicia said. "Situations occur, but you know there's hope for us."

Shirlicia knew she wanted to do something with her creation, and in her junior year she was able to move forward. She consulted a new drama professor who had come to Stillman, and he felt that her play could be produced.

Auditions were held, rehearsals took place, and the play was performed in an auditorium on campus. Stillman's student government association helped with funding, members of the administration and other organizations assisted with various tasks, and even Stillman president Dr. Ernest McNealey was helpful and supported the endeavor monetarily.

"I totally, totally credit Stillman because they were just so influential and backed me the whole way," said the English major, who has now written three plays.

Stillman, authorized by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in 1875, is one of the PC(USA)'s racial ethnic schools and colleges. The four-year liberal arts college receives funds from the denomination's Christmas Joy Offering.

Today, Shirlicia is moving ahead with a future in theater. She spent the summer of 2010 writing her first movie, *Father God, I Chose You*. She hopes to begin graduate school in the spring of 2011, to earn a master's degree in fine arts. "I want training from professors that know the ins and outs of everything," she said, "because I haven't had training and I'm just going off of God-given skills right now."

Shirlicia has developed her own production company, called God's Anointed Daughter Productions. "I put that name on every program and everything that I'm doing," she said of her ministry, which she expects to include plays, movies, and books. "Through this production company I want people to know that this is not just entertainment." They should come to a production one way, and leave knowing that "through Jesus and through God ... I can make it another day."

Please make generous use of the specially marked Joy Christmas Offering envelopes available in the pew racks on Sunday, December 19.

END-OF YEAR FINANCES

As we approach the holidays, the Trinity Finance Committee would like to remind everyone to keep in mind their 2010 pledge for the operating budget. With only a few weeks left in the year, we still have a number of pledge balances that are outstanding. Trinity's wonderful array of programs, missions, and operations requires the faithful fulfillment of these pledges. The Committee thanks you for your consideration.

Financial Tips

We close our books as of December 31, 2010. All mailed contributions received in January 2011 must be postmarked December 2010 in order to be included in 2010 receipts. Statements are being sent in early December. We encourage you to review your statement and contact Carol DeCesare, 404-495-8441, if you have a question. A tax statement listing 2010 contributions will be mailed in early January.

Stock donations

It is extremely important that you call the Finance Office, or e-mail cdecesare@trinityatlanta.org, to let us know of your intentions

when transferring stock. Brokerage firms do not always notify us as to who made the transfer.

Prepayment

If you are making a prepayment for 2011, please indicate this on the memo line.

Reimbursements

Receipts for items you have purchased for various Trinity events must be presented before December 31, 2010, to receive reimbursement. We are sorry we cannot honor them after that date.

Offering envelopes

Envelopes for the new year, for those who wish to use them, will be available for pick-up at Five Points and in the hallway to Dobbs Chapel.

PASTORAL CARE

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ann Carlyon
Judy Fuller
Patti Gambrell
Gorman Garber
Cecilia Katherine Hinkle
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Rose Oglesby
Debbie Overby
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Arleen Schotanus
Von Welch
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FAMILY MEMBERS

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Dawn Romig's mother, Dorothy Sager
Ruth Blackstock's father, Bill Blackstock
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Ellen Ison's mother, Ann Cauble
Alison and Chris Thomas' daughter, Sophie Jane Thomas
Dale Hair's mother, LaVerne Lathem
Mason Maynard's father, Gary Maynard

LONG-TERM CARE

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

DEATHS

Bill Hunter, December 2, 2010
Ken Manson's father, Spalding K. Manson, Jr., November 24, 2010

BIRTHS

Luke Wolfert Brady
DOB: November 29, 2010
Parents: Maggie and Vince Brady
Jackson Augustus Williams
DOB: November 26, 2010
Parents: Sarah and Neal Williams, Jr.
Grandparents: Virginia and Neal Williams

BAPTISMS

The following children were baptized on November 28, 2010:
Andrew Tate Wildman, son of Caroline and Andy Wildman
Crawford Kane Wing, son of Elizabeth and Jeremy Wing
Thomas Hutton Suh, son of Nancy and Chris Suh

SERVING IN IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN

Erin McGee's nephew, Travis McGee

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 at 404-355-1201 or candtperry@aol.com.

TO NOTIFY THE CHURCH OF ILLNESS, HOSPITALIZATION, BIRTH, DEATH, OR PRAYER REQUEST, CONTACT VERONICA RIDENHOUR
AT 404-495-8440 or VRIDENHOUR@TRINITYATLANTA.ORG



The Georgia Private School **TAX CREDIT** Program

Congregational events

Congregational Carol Sing

Come and enjoy an evening of holiday singing and merriment at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 19! Join Norman Mackenzie in his now-famous rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," along with other Christmas favorites. Bring a plate of goodies to share after the singing.

Family Night Supper

Family Night Supper is held at 5:45 p.m. each Thursday. Cost is \$7 per adult, \$4 per child; the maximum cost per family is \$20. Reservations are requested and can be made online at www.trinityatlanta.org, or by contacting the church office at 404-237-6491, or nireland@trinityatlanta.org. Volunteer cashiers are needed from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. If you can volunteer, contact Veronica Ridenhour at 404-495-8440.

December 23, 30 - No Family Night Supper

January 6 Menu

country fried steak • potatoes • broccoli • mixed fruit • salad • cookies • ice cream

Deck the Halls

Do you love to decorate for the holidays? You can lend a helping hand to decorate the worship spaces of Trinity Church. On Saturday, December 18, join the decorating team to complete the installation of poinsettias in the narthex, sanctuary, and Dobbs Chapel. It will be a time of work, fellowship, and fun. No prior experience is necessary. Bring your hand-pruners, magnolia branches, scissors, and a smile. Decorating should be completed by noon. If you would like to volunteer, contact Nancy Ireland at 404-237-6491.

While you are wrapping this month, help Trinity Early Learning Center wrap up the Tax Credit Program...

Your state taxes can support financial aid at Trinity Early Learning Center (TELC) and other area private schools such as Pace, Lovett, Westminster, Atlanta Speech School, Holy Innocents — to name a few. Anyone who pays state taxes can participate. These tax credit donations provide public school, pre-K, or kindergarten-entry students with the opportunity to attend private schools. Any Georgia taxpayer can re-direct up to \$2,500 (filing jointly) or \$1,000 (filing single) of their Georgia tax liability to our partner, Apogee, and designate their donation to TELC or other private schools. You can divide your gift among several schools, such as TELC and another private school. This is a great way to see your tax dollars at work for education at no cost to you. If filing quarterly or AMT (alternative minimum tax), this program is a homerun! **The deadline is December 31.**

Call now before the credits run out! Our contact at Apogee, TELC's partner, is John Panessa. He can be reached at 404-419-7123 or jpanessa@apogeescholarships.org, or visit www.apogeescholarships.org.

...about the Trinity Early Learning Center (TELC)

The Trinity Early Learning Center (TELC) is an NAEYC-accredited early childhood program established by and located at Trinity Presbyterian Church. The Center specializes in the care and education of children ages 8 weeks through 5 years of age (pre-K) and serves a diverse group of families from over 7 different metropolitan counties. To learn more about the TELC, please visit the newly updated website at www.telcatlanta.org.



GROUPS & GATHERINGS

Faces of Wisdom

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

Career Network Ministry

The Trinity Career Network Ministry meets on the third Thursday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. in B112. Dinner is available at the beginning of the meeting. The purpose of these meetings is to provide job search help for Trinity members and non-members who seek employment opportunities. This ministry of Trinity is provided without cost to participants.

The Tent

Our intergenerational group meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, and "Living Deeply" is our theme for this year. Please join us and bring a friend. For more information, contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428.

TRINITY MEN

Men in Transition

Are you a man in transition, well into the second half of your career? As your children launch into their own adulthood, do you find yourself ruminating on what is next for you in this phase of life? If so, you might be interested in a new opportunity for Trinity men in their 50s, give or take. Next January, David Burns and Jeannie DuBose will lead a series of six conversations that invite men to know themselves, each other, and God more deeply.

We will spend time learning about what the developmental touch points are for men at this stage, exploring spiritual practices that support a conscious life, and sharing with one another the feelings and questions that this particular juncture brings to the surface. And we most definitely will make time to laugh.

This group will meet every other Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., starting January 18. Meeting dates are January 18; February 1 and 15; March 1, 15, and 29. If you would like to join this group, please contact Veronica Ridenhour at 404-495-8440 or vridenhour@trinityatlanta.org.

TRINITY WOMEN

Save the Date for 2011 Women's Gathering

Once again, in lieu of an overnight retreat, Trinity women are invited to gather for an extended evening of good fun, conversation, and reflection, as led by Pam Driesell, Katie Givens Kime, Leah Horton, Erin McGee, and Jeannie DuBose. Save the date for Friday, February 4, 2011, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. We will begin at Pam's house, the manse, for a mixer (5:30 to 6:30 p.m.), and then walk over to Williams Hall for dinner and program (6:45 to 10 p.m.). Details and registration information will follow.

Cleaning for a Reason

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning—once per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help women in treatment. For more information, visit www.cleaningforareason.org.

DECEMBER 19

All-Church Church School

Don't miss the special holiday all-church church school class at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 19, in Williams Hall. The Trinity Players will present a dramatic reading of Graydon Goss' "Christmas on Erie Street." The story begins with Tony and Terry selling papers on a blustery Christmas Eve and listening to the people who pass by— a small boy who is lost; Dude, worried about his girl's Christmas scarf; two giggling girls; a crotchety old man; Frankie, too proud to admit his family is hungry; a self-promoting rich woman distributing baskets; four chattering girls; and more. The bubbling good humor and spirits of Tony and Terry make this more than just passing entertainment. Behind their boyish wonder is a deep reverence for the true meaning of the season.

TRINITY YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT

An Opportunity to Perform for Serious Young Music Students

The nurturing of young musical talent has always been a hallmark of the Trinity Church music program. Begun in 1998 by Norman Mackenzie, Karen Tsinikas and the Fine Arts Committee, the Young People's Concert is an annual event designed to showcase the talents of Trinity's budding musicians, ages 8-18. A wide array of musical instruments and disciplines has been represented over the years, including pianists, vocalists, harpists, string and wind players, and jazz musicians, to name just a few.

Always a popular event, the concert encapsulates the philosophy of music and the arts at Trinity: that the church has been, historically, and should be, currently, a shining example of the finest in artistic endeavor and a home for creativity.

The annual Young People's Concert will be held in Dobbs Chapel on Sunday, February 13, following the 11 a.m. worship service. Young people, aged 8-18, who are interested in playing or singing in this 45-minute program are encouraged to participate. The deadline for applying is February 12th. Registration forms are available on the website www.trinityatlanta.org, as well as in the church office. For more information contact Patti Heinz at 404-495-8447 or pheinz@trinityatlanta.org.

This has proven to be a thoroughly enjoyable occasion for performers and concertgoers alike. You are encouraged to sign up and participate, or come and enjoy the concert!

APPLICATION FORM

Young People's Concert : Sunday, February 13, 2011, 12:15 P.M. | Dobbs Chapel

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Age: _____ School: _____

Instrument or voice part: _____

Teacher: _____

Accompanist: _____

Number of years of study: _____

Selection to be performed: _____

Composer: _____

Length of selection (approx. 3 min.or less, please): _____

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: February 1, 2011

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THIS WEEK IN

Worship

December 19
8:45 & 11 AM

**THE LONGING TO
GET IT RIGHT**

Matthew 1:18-25
Rev. Pam Driesell

December 24

4:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

5:30 PM

FAMILY SERVICE OF LESSONS
AND CAROLS

8:00 PM

LESSONS AND CAROLS

11:00 PM

CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

December 26

11 AM (ONE SERVICE)

**THE LIGHT SHINING
IN THE DARKNESS**

John 1:1-14; Matthew 2:13-23
Rev. Leah Horton

The church office will be closed December 27-28, 31 and January 1.