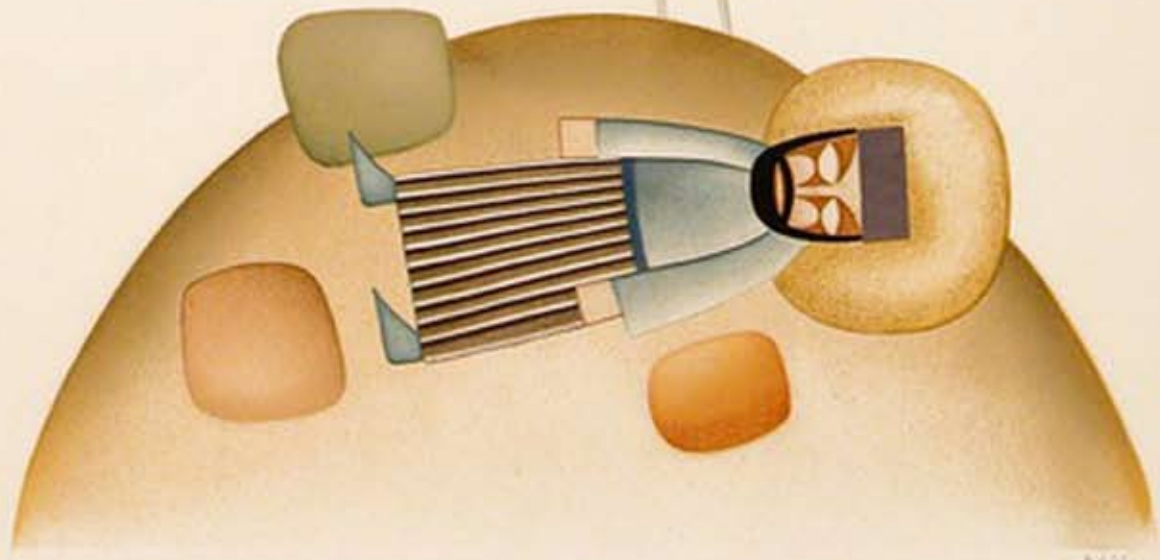



Trinity Presbyterian Church  
**EDUCATION COURSE CATALOG**  
January – May 2009



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Jacob left  
Beersheba and  
set out for Haran.  
When he reached  
a certain place, he  
stopped for the  
night because the  
sun had set. Taking  
one of the stones  
there, he put it  
under his head and  
lay down to sleep.  
He had a dream  
in which he saw  
a stairway resting  
on the earth, with  
its top reaching to  
heaven, and the  
angels of God were  
ascending and  
descending on it.

– Genesis 28:10-12

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# Welcome to Education at Trinity

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As our Mission Statement affirms, Trinity is a progressive, inquiring, and inclusive congregation committed to nurturing “the whole person – mind, heart, and soul; providing continuing opportunities for the development of faith, character, and intellect of all our members throughout their lives; and encouraging that continual exploration and insight which keeps us open to a new world God is always creating.” Trinity’s educational program is designed to provide a context where people of all ages may find a meaningful, challenging, and exciting program of continuing education that prepares us to live as faithful people in God’s world. Trinity also seeks to embody a generous, welcoming spirit in each learning space, and hopes that you will come and be a part of these places of growth!

## Sunday Morning Adult Education Opportunities

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Further information on particular classes offered this winter and spring for adults, youth, and children can be found in this brochure.

### ELECTIVE CLASSES

Trinity has a long tradition of outstanding elective classes. This year the Adult Education Committee offers a lively mix of courses in each of these seven areas:

- ❖ Bible
- ❖ Theology and Ethics
- ❖ Christian and Religious History
- ❖ Christian Living and Spiritual Practices
- ❖ Perspectives on Literature, Arts, Science, and Faith
- ❖ Contemporary Issues and Action: The Church and the World
- ❖ Missiology: Our Life in the World

You are encouraged to choose classes that interest you, challenge you, and provide a balanced “educational diet” over time, enabling you to grow in your faith and life.

### ONGOING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

These classes stay together throughout the year, a primary goal being to stay “connected” with one another in a learning and caring community.

### NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Offered four times during the year, these classes are a series that introduces those interested in joining Trinity to the life of this congregation.

#### Winter

January 25, February 2, 8, 15

#### Spring

April 19, 26; May 3, 10

#### Summer

August 18, 23

## Weekday Education Opportunities

Weekday educational opportunities at Trinity are also listed in this catalog. The opportunities for exploring together what it means to live as the people of God are plentiful. The Adult Education Committee encourages you to come join us, so that you can be nurtured, fed, and sent forth into the world!

## Community Education - Trinity Explores!

Trinity Explores! is a program of community classes offered at 7 p.m. on Thursdays during February and April. The program consists of a continuing series of courses of the highest quality, similar to those already offered in the Sunday Church School curriculum at Trinity, but expanded beyond Sunday and beyond the current Trinity audience. The purpose of this undertaking is to enhance opportunities for Christian education, faith development and the study of spiritual and values-related subjects, both for Trinity members who already avail themselves of our Adult Education offerings, and for members and non-members not currently active in Trinity educational programs.

## Bible

### The Bible and Human Rights in Atlanta

Teacher: Dr. Tina Pippin

6 weeks, January 4– February 8

Room B 104-106

This course will investigate ways that the Bible has been and is being read alongside the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights. We will explore the historical, social, political, and economic context of the Atlanta area with special emphasis on religious communities (predominantly in Judaism and Christianity) and discuss the theological responses in community and grass-roots organizing, the history of the civil rights movement, human rights education, and gender justice. This course is modeled on a first-year seminar at Agnes Scott College, in which students work with human rights organizations.

Dr. Tina Pippin is Professor and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at Agnes Scott College. Her academic interests and research include Bible and Culture, ethics, religion and social justice and feminist ethics. Among several other publications, she is the author of *Death and Desire: The Rhetoric of Gender in the Apocalypse of John*, and is a coauthor of *The Postmodern Bible*.

**Of special note:** Agnes Scott students who are participating in the seminar will also participate in this class and will lead the February 1 class

### Contemporary Issues and Christian Action in the Church and the World

#### Civil Discourse: Healing the Wounds

Coordinators: Mac Irvin, Lasley Gober, and Jim Blitch, Trinity members

6 weeks, January 4 – February 8

Williams Hall C

Since the beginning of time, individual human passions have comprised a vast spectrum of beliefs and basic values. Energized passion, however, on every point on the spectrum, often eclipses a more reasoned recognition and consideration of the equally heartfelt, yet differently directed, passion of others. In the weeks and months following the election season of 2008, we the people—as Christians and

members of the Trinity congregation, as citizens of Atlanta, Georgia, and the United States—in order to form a more perfect union, might very well benefit from a little emotional and social healing. We could benefit from taking a deep breath and attempting to recognize our shared values, as well as our differences, reconciling and redeeming ourselves as more fully integrated members of a whole community, in order to collectively face the challenges of today and tomorrow.

This six-week class informs and encourages deliberate exercise in civil discourse, offering a panel format featuring visiting scholars and Trinity members, as well as short texts of substance and provocation on matters of God and country. We hope those who are interested will actively participate in this communal effort to unite as a community of strong individuals ready to “go forth and do likewise,” illuminated by a more fully developed and Christ-like approach to understanding ourselves, our world, and the ways and means of civil discourse.

### Christian Living and Spiritual Practices

#### Lessons from Life and Scripture

Teacher: Bill Carr, Pastoral Counselor in Residence

6 weeks, January 4 – February 8

Room B 110

Transitions through predictable and unimaginable experiences help define us as human beings and people of faith. Scripture and our lives will be blended for new strategies to manage anxieties and stress in an uncertain world. Participants will examine major and minor life events as occasions for spiritual growth and development.

Stressful challenges to family life will be reviewed including: “Children and Grief”, “Mid-life Crises”, “Post 9/11 Adjustments”, “Transitions in Family Life”, and “Where Are The Heroes?”. Encouragement will be given to live a good, honorable life through respect for self and others. Responsibility will surface as a major focus of personal and family development, as well as God’s gift to us. Blending of faith and real life events will give us a meaningful compass for

charting our course through stress and anxiety.

Bill Carr is the Pastoral Counselor in Residence at Trinity. He is also a marriage and family therapist who has been in private practice for over 20 years. He served in the U. S. Army in the Medical Service Corps and the Chaplain Corps. His parish ministry includes service to the Presbyterian Church in Arkansas, South Carolina, and Georgia. His professional focus is in couples therapy, grief management, post-traumatic stress disorders, and divorce recovery. Bill and Jan McLelland were married in 2001 and enjoy life on the expanding banks of Lake Sidney Lanier.

## Perspectives on Literature, Art, Science and Faith

### The Christ Haunted Landscape: An Exploration of Southern Literature

*Coordinators: John Tirrill, Lasley Gober, and Nancy Purdon, Trinity members*  
6 weeks, January 4 – February 8  
Room B 112

A little more than a generation ago, Flannery O'Connor made a startling observation about herself and her fellow southerners: "By and large, people in the South still conceive humanity in theological terms. While the South is hardly Christ-centered, it is most certainly Christ-haunted. The Southerner who is not convinced of it is very much afraid that he may have been formed in the image and likeness of God."

Guided by O'Connor's perceptive comment, this class will explore questions of faith and doubt through Susan Ketchin's *The Christ Haunted Landscape: Faith and Doubt in Southern Literature*, a collection of deeply revealing works by and interviews with twelve notable southern writers including Lee Smith, Reynolds Price, and Larry Brown.

Books will be available for purchase at the first class session or in Bede Campbell's office.

## SPECIAL CLASS

### February 15 All-Church Church School Class

#### World-Class Skier, Climber, Mountaineer to Lead All-Church Class on Sunday, February 15

9:45 a.m.  
Williams Hall

Eric Alexander, leader of the team that supported the first blind person to successfully summit Mount Everest, will share stories of this adventure at our all-church church school class on February 15. Eric will share stories in Williams Hall at 9:45. He will join the youth that evening.

Eric's story of the ascent is but a backdrop to his powerful message about vital elements of Christian faith: trust, courage, focus on others, cooperation, and the willingness to venture beyond one's artificially set limits. Eric's ministry now is to bring these lessons to our every day lives; and to help others embrace their own life's work and dreams in faith and with vitality.

Eric's message is aimed at all of us – both the young and the 'older' of Trinity.

On May 25, 2001, Eric Alexander defied the odds and scaled Mt. Everest guiding his blind- friend Erik Weihenmayer to its lofty 29,035' summit. In 2002 the pair traveled to Russia and climbed Mt. Elbrus at 18,500 ft, and again found success on Mt. Kosciusko, Australia — two more of the Seven Summits (the highest points on each of the seven continents). Notably, the pair skied from the top of each of these latter two - making these the first-ever blind ski descents. Eric shares this inspirational story with audiences all over the country, and when he is not traveling, he teaches disabled skiers in Vail, Colorado, and directs Adventures Beyond Limits, an organization that educates and encourages youth with disabilities in the outdoors.

## Bible

### Resurrection

*Teacher: Dr. David Bartlett*  
 7 weeks, February 22 – April 5  
 Room B 104-106

Dr. David Bartlett and some of his students will replicate a class now being taught at Columbia Theological Seminary. The class will discuss the scriptural basis, and the theological, social and political implications of resurrection throughout history. The course will begin with how the gospel stories of Jesus' resurrection differ and how they are similar. The class then will move to theological interpretations of the meaning of resurrection (both for restoration of justice now and at the end of time) and the meanings of personal resurrection. Finally, the class will discuss contemporary theologians' interpretations of the meaning of resurrection today, drawing upon such authors as N.T. Wright and Rowan Williams.

Dr. Bartlett is Professor of New Testament at Columbia. He is the Lantz Professor of Preaching and Communication Emeritus at Yale Divinity School. He is widely published; his most recent book is entitled, *What's Good About This News*. The students who will assist are seniors at Columbia about to enter various roles in ministry and who have engaged in lively discussion of the many aspects of this topic.

## Theology and Ethics

### African-American Religious Experience

*Coordinator: Tom Jones, Trinity member*  
 7 weeks, February 22 – April 5  
 Room B 110

Our series on the African-American Religious Experience will examine the history, present realities, and possible future trajectories of the religious life of African-Americans. The course will focus on the varied manifestations of the Christian faith within the African-American community from the earliest days of slavery through reconstruction, Jim Crow, and the civil rights movement of the 1950's and 60's, to current struggles for economic and social advancement. Prominent voices from the community will contribute to our search for understanding and

perspective.

## Contemporary Issues

### Energy, Technology and Ethics

*Teacher: Albert Anderson, Trinity member*  
 7 weeks, February 22 – April 5  
 Williams Hall C

The price of oil has gyrated wildly over the past year. There are warnings that the production of oil has peaked. Our use of energy is implicated in global warming and mercury pollution. These and other problems now face us in the production, distribution, and use of energy. What can we as a nation do about these problems? What can we do individually? What role should the church play? In this course we will consider the practicalities of alternative energy sources, such as wind and solar, and we will also address the role of morality and ethics in making energy choices.

Albert Anderson is a long-time Trinity member with an interest in sustainable use of energy and other resources.

## Christian and Religious History

### Of Missionaries and Militants: 100 Years of U.S. Involvement in the Middle East

*Teacher: Gloria Calhoun, Trinity member*  
 7 weeks, February 22 – April 5  
 Room B 112

**Q.** What do missionaries, secular nationalism, Zionism, the Cold War, and the Iranian Revolution have in common?

**A.** All these and more influenced twentieth-century U.S. involvement in the Middle East.

In this course, we will chronicle American-Mideast relationships from their nineteenth-century origins to the 1978-1979 Iranian Revolution, when militant Islamic politics exploded into mainstream American consciousness. We will examine these relationships with four thematic questions in mind:

- How did American interests evolve from nineteenth-century European diplomatic traditions and U.S. philanthropic missions to become a muscular exercise of world power status?

- What were the forces behind the rise of Middle Eastern secular nationalism, and how did those give way to political Islam?
- How did successive U.S. presidents – from Theodore Roosevelt to Jimmy Carter – try to balance conflicting interests and objectives in the region?
- What experiences changed the ways in which Americans and Middle Easterners viewed each other over the course of the century?

The goal of exploring these historical questions is to complement Trinity's current events

discussions by furthering our understanding of the developments underlying the current crises in U.S.-Mideast relations.

Gloria Calhoun has been a Trinity member since 1987, and she previously taught an Adult Education course on the history of the Crusades. She is enjoying her retirement from the corporate world by pursuing her academic interests, and currently is a graduate student in the Georgia State University Department of History.

**Church school classes will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 12.**

## Session V

April 19 – May 17

### Bible

#### **Familiar Yet Strange: The Parables of Jesus**

*Teachers: Rev. Erin McGee and Katelyn Gordon*  
*5 weeks April 19 – May 17*  
*B 104-106*

Laborers in the vineyard, sheep and goats, and seeds – these are just a few of the images Jesus used in his parables about God and God's kingdom. But what about the coin in the fish's mouth or the vultures? Those are parables too, but you probably didn't study those in your church school class growing up. Even the familiar and simple can be deceptively complex and sometimes unsettling. But through them all, Jesus' plan remains the same: to turn the expected order upside down and to offer glimpses of the kingdom of God. Come join this lively study of the parables of Jesus. Each week, we will explore a different parable (or set of parables) and discuss its significance in its original context, its theological message, and its message to us today.

Katelyn Gordon, originally from Raleigh, North Carolina, moved to Atlanta in 2006 to attend Columbia Theological Seminary. She is currently in her final year at Columbia and will graduate in May. Katelyn has been working at Trinity since October 2007 as the Children's Ministry Intern.

### Contemporary Issues

#### **Doing Justice: The Whys, Whats, and Hows of Presbyterian Advocacy in the Public Sphere**

*Coordinators: Bert Broadfoot and Bill Jordan,*  
*Trinity members*  
*5 weeks April 19 – May 17*  
*Williams Hall C*

Presbyterians are widely known for being engaged in caring for the world through the good deeds of our local and global outreach efforts, our disaster relief ministries and our significant financial support for mission. Throughout the Old and New Testaments, scripture reminds us that God asks not only for charity but also that we "do justice" -- through our actions as individuals, our laws, and our ways of governance. Thus, the "separation of church and state" is not a call to remain uninformed and uninvolved in civic and political activities. As Presbyterians we have throughout our history taken an active role as citizens and advocates, speaking out for God's concerns in local, state, national, and international contexts. In this class we will explore the theological basis for our engagement in advocacy and in shaping public policy. We will hear from Presbyterians who are political leaders about the role of advocacy in their work and how it is most effectively done. We will hear from the Presbytery's public policy advocate about the issues that are on the Presbytery's and our denominations's agenda.

We will also hear from several leaders in the community who have been effective advocates for the needs of those who are unable to speak for themselves

## Christian Living

### When We Reach Out to God: The Ladder of Prayer

*Teachers: Jack Graham and John Tirrill,  
Trinity members  
5 weeks Apr 19 – May 17  
B 112*

This course is about the quest for an intimate relationship with God, something that changes all the time and cannot be pinned down. Prayer has no standard form. It springs from the “ladder of perception,” which we know as Jacob’s ladder. Thus prayer continually changes as one advances on the spiritual journey. It eventually requires that one move beyond all technique, all familiar forms, and all belief. True prayer can be very messy. Topics addressed in this course include prayer and children, asking God for stuff, neurotic prayers, request for healing, divine and human neediness, divine conversation, prayer that blocks us from God, transformation, surrender, meditation, Christian mantras, silence, and allowing God to pray. Ultimately prayer moves beyond a divine – human conversation and is a transforming experience where God brings us fully into the realm of the Holy.

Jack Graham is a Presbyterian minister, psychotherapist, and specialist in biblical studies and the perennial wisdom.

John Tirrill is a Trinity member with an active interest in spiritual growth through prayer.

## Theology

### Armchair Theology for the Thoughtful Christian

*Coordinator: Dale Hair, Trinity member  
5 weeks April 19 – May 17  
B 110*

“To be Christian at all is to be a theologian... As theologians we seek to understand what we believe about the Christian message of God, and how we as individuals and as a community are to live in light of that message,” state authors Howard W. Stone and James O. Duke in their book *How to Think Theologically*. This course will focus on several of the great theologians of Christian history. How did their thinking influence the Church and our own reformed tradition? Come listen, reflect, and engage in conversation. Novices are welcome – no prerequisites!

**ONGOING CLASSES**

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

*Room A 116*

Looking for a way to make some connections here at Trinity? Interested in a place where you can make friends as well as engage your mind and spirit in conversations around faith and life? Too overwhelmed with the complications of babies, young children, work, or life to imagine such a possibility for you? We may have the answer.

*Drop Everything and Drop In* is a new class designed by and for those younger parents and couples in our community seeking a more enriching Sunday morning experience.

Acknowledging the unpredictability of life, this class hopes to provide a welcoming place for folks who have difficulty sustaining a sequential course of study by providing a more casual, fluid, and accessible format.

Each class will begin with coffee and fellowship followed by an offering of substance and follow-up discussion. Topics of interest will be generated by consensus of the group. Some of the options suggested: faith in the movies, art, and/or music; short, focused biblical studies; directed book discussions on subjects ranging from politics, current events, literature, life issues and challenges, and spiritual growth. The possibilities are as great as the interests and imagination of the group, as they shape their own course with generous assistance and support from the Adult Education Committee and Trinity’s abundant human resources.

The originating purpose of this new class is to provide a time and a place for those desiring meaningful fellowship to learn about faith and life – with the ultimate goal being for those still lacking a strong feeling of membership here to more comfortably drop “in” and begin to “be” the church together.

For further information, contact Leah Horton at 404-495-8423.

**Common Ground**

*Coordinators: Lesley Carroll, David Black, and Kurt Baumberger, Trinity members  
Room B 108*

This gathering is a continuation of a class offered previously. The core focus of this class is how to live intentionally in our faith in the midst of multiple calls on our time, resources, and loyalty. We discuss how to nurture our relationship with God and to claim God’s promise through our relationships with others and our practices. Having been claimed by God’s promise to live life in full, our hope is to engage in those conversations, relationships and practices that will help us live such a life with God and one another. While the class is open to any and all who are seeking deeper relationships and a deeper life with God, the topics offered will aim to be particularly relevant to parents who have children living at home. In an effort to build on both subject matter and class community, there will be an option for this class to continue meeting as an ongoing learning community in the spring season.

**SPECIAL CLASS**

**Trinity Explores! Sunday Discussion**

*Coordinators: Sylvia and Blaine Kelley, Trinity members  
February 8, 15, 22, March 1, April 26, May 3, 10, 17  
Room B 100*

Wanted to ask a question but were afraid to ask it in front of the big group? Had an opinion but were concerned about an affront? Thought of a question after the evening question-and-answer period? Wanted to continue a discussion started walking to the parking lot? Here’s the chance for you to engage one another in an in-depth discussion of issues raised by Trinity Explores! speakers.

Every Sunday, as part of our regular Trinity Sunday educational programs, Sylvia and Blaine Kelley will convene and lead small group discussions of issues raised at the immediately previous Trinity Explores! program (over coffee and around tables). Questions or ideas for Sunday discussion can be given to Blaine or Sylvia following the Thursday evening event; by phone or e-mail to them; or even at the discussion group. We will make every effort to distribute electronically any particularly compelling ideas brought to our attention prior to the Sunday klatch.

ONGOING CLASSES

## Sixth Grade

### We Learn About Others

Room D214

What's up with that church down the street? How do we express our faith through worship? Our sixth graders will spend time learning about how and why we worship God as Presbyterians, and then we'll learn and visit other denominations and faith traditions including other Protestant denominations, as well as Catholic, Judaic, Islamic, and Hinduism.

## Seventh Grade

### We Learn About Ourselves/Confirmation Class

Room D202

Confirmation is the time set aside for youth to 1) explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, and 2) learn how that commitment can be expressed through active membership in the church. During Confirmation class, youth are given the opportunity to study the basics of the Christian life and faith, with emphasis on Bible study, prayer, and discussion of issues/questions of faith, culmination in a written statement of faith. Basic aspects of our Presbyterian denomination and theology will also be explored. Confirmation Sunday is May 3, 2009.

## Eighth Grade

### Faith into Action

Room D210

Eighth graders will spend the year working on putting their recently confirmed faith into action! Topics include the Old Testament, the New Testament, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, soul tending, relationships, mission/service, and decision making.

## Senior High (9th - 12th Grade)

Modeled after the adult education program, this year we are offering choices for our senior highs on Sunday morning! All church school classes will fall into these broad categories: Bible, History & Doctrine, and Christian Living. Most sessions will run six to eight weeks.

### SESSION III

January 4 – February 22

#### In the Name of God

Teacher: Gloria Calhoun  
D221

#### Questions from The Shack

Teacher: David Burns  
D208

#### Faith and Music

Teacher: Norman Mackenzie and members of the  
Trinity choir  
D223

**There will be an all-church church school class on February 15.**

### SESSION IV

March 1 – April 4

#### Jesus Christ Superstar

Teacher: Kurt Swensson  
D202

**Class will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 12.**

### SESSION V

April 19 – May 17

#### Five Voices, Five Faiths

Teacher: Jamie Brownlee  
D223

#### Questions and Answers with Trinity Pastors

D208

#### TBA

D221

## Workshop

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### Confirmation Class Parents' Workshop

January - February

During the church school hour in January and February, confirmand parents will be offered the opportunity to meet with each other and John Ryan, Director of Ministry to Youth and Their Parents, to

- have a deeper understanding of the Reformed/Presbyterian faith
- think about the process of confirmation and its end results
- nurture and develop your own faith
- nurture and develop you adolescent's faith

Several of the classes will be held in conjunction with the confirmation class.

## Weekday Educational Activities

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### Common Grounds (High School Bible Study)

Senior Highs gather on Wednesday mornings for coffee and a time for reflection at Caribou Coffee on Northside Drive at 6:45 a.m. In January, we'll start reading *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.

## 2's and 3's (years old)

Our youngest children use a curriculum called "God Loves Me." Each week the children are read a story book, which serves as building blocks to help children learn that God loves them. The children then respond to the story through group play and activities. These classes meet in Building A. Please check the large sign at the entrance to Building A, near the receptionist desk, for specific room numbers.

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

Our children learn about God, Jesus, and the stories of God's people, using the curriculum called "Walk with Me." It is a Bible-based curriculum with focused lessons, solid activities, and interesting storytelling ideas. These materials include foundational learning on Reformed theology. Third-graders will also engage in a study of the sacraments. Pre-K and Kindergarten/Pre-1st classes meet in Building A. Please check the large sign at the entrance to Building A, near the receptionist desk, for specific room numbers. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades meet in Building D.

## 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

Welcome to ROAD TRIP (Riding On the Avenues of Discipleship)! This is a new way of learning about the Bible. It is called the Workshop Rotation method of education and is based on Harvard professor Howard Gardener's research into multiple intelligences. These two grades are combined and then sub-divided into three classes. Each class studies a single Bible story for three weeks through different learning methods, such as drama, art, music, geography, games, computers, and more! These classes meet in Building D.

## Church School Rooms

Infants.....	A31
	(lower level of building A)
Wobblers/Older Infants .....	A30
	(lower level of building A)
*Spring/Summer 1 year olds.....	A32
	(lower level of building A)
*Fall/Winter 1 year olds.....	A23
	(lower level of building A)
*2 year olds .....	A132
	(street level of building A)
*3 year olds .....	A24
	(lower level of building A)
*Spring/Summer 4 year olds.....	A26
	(lower level of building A)
*Fall/Winter 4 year olds.....	A28
	(lower level of building A)
*Spring/Summer Kindergarten .....	A10
	(basement of building A)
*Fall/Winter Kindergarten .....	A12
	(basement of building A)
1st grade .....	D118, D116
2nd grade .....	D112
3rd grade.....	D110
4th and 5th grade (ROAD Trip).....	D106, D104, D109, D102, D100

\*Classes are grouped by birthdate (fall, winter, spring, summer) and age of child on September 1, 2008.

# Weekday Educational Activities

## Circle Bible Studies

Through Women's Link, opportunities are provided for monthly small-group Bible study at different times during the day and evening. The study for 2008/2009 is "Jubilee, Luke's Gospel for the Poor." For information about participation, contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428.

On January 13, all women are invited to a joint circle meeting to be led by the Reverends Katie Givens Kime and Leah Horton.

## Disciple Bible Study

### Disciple II

*Thursdays, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.*

*Leader: The Rev. Erin McGee, Associate Pastor for Ministry to Children and Their Families*

Participants engage deeply in the study of scripture and how to live life as a disciple. This class concentrates on four books – Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts. Erin McGee will lead this class on Thursday mornings. The class is open to those who have completed Disciple I or an equivalent in-depth Bible overview class.

### NEW!

### Disciple III – Remember Who You Are

*Wednesdays starting in January, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

*Leader: John Ryan*

Participants in this 32-week study will read the major and minor Old Testament prophets, with the exception of Daniel, and will read the 13 letters traditionally attributed to Paul. Several themes weave their way through the study: the call to remember, the call to repentance, the need for renewed vision (eyes to see, ears to hear), and the place of community. The prophets and Paul are continually calling hearers and readers back to their God and to a sense of who they are as a people "set apart." The prophets and the community cannot be separated. The prophets spoke for God, out of the community, and to the community. Paul's experience of the risen Lord, his relationship to the community he addressed, his Jewish traditions, and the Greco-Roman culture of his day merged in his writing of the letters. Paul used the language of his culture to carry the message that arose out of his roots in

the Hebrew Scriptures and Judaism. Anyone with previous Bible study experience is welcome. To register, contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428.

## Faces of Wisdom

*Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.*

*Williams Hall A*

This is a lively intergenerational group of women who meet from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. each Wednesday for breakfast and study. In the past the group has chosen books by Barbara Brown Taylor, Dorothy Bass, Fredrick Buechner, Peter Gomes, Marcus Borg, Tom Long, and Michael Lindvale for their discussion. All interested women are invited to come join us for food and stimulating conversation every Wednesday morning! For more information, contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428.

## Nonfiction Book Group

*3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:00 p.m.*

*Chapel Parlor*

The Nonfiction Book Group is open to all booklovers. This group, which is led by different members, meets monthly on the third Thursday of each month (September – May) at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Parlor to discuss the selection of the month. The selections for January through June 2009 are as follows:

**January 15** - *American Prometheus: Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin Sherwin

**February 19** - *The Accidental Masterpiece: On the Art of Life and Vice Versa* by Michael Kimmel

**March 19** - *The Post-American World* by Fareed Zakaria

**April 16** - *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan

**May 21** - TBA

**June 16** - *The Day of the Barbarians* by Alesandro Barbero

For more information, contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428.

## Novel Ideas

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*1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
Chapel Parlor*

Novel Ideas is a discussion group that is open to all booklovers. This group, which is led by various members, meets monthly on the first Thursday of each month (September – May) at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Parlor to discuss the selection of the month. Some of the books Novel Ideas will be reading in 2009 include *The Yiddish Policeman's Union*, *Loving Frank* (April '09), *The Devil in the White City* (June '09), *Out Stealing Horses*, *The Commoner*, *The Greatest Thing Since White Bread*, and *Last Night at the Lobster*. Contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428 for more information.

## The Tent

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*2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 9:30-11:00 a.m.  
Room B 110*

The Tent derives its name from an ancient gathering place for women who share significant time together. The group meets from 9:30-11 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. All are welcome; previous attendance is not required. Participants describe this program as “a place to be with other women who dig deep, ask tough questions, are willing to be vulnerable, and have a rollicking good time.” Others say, “Being in the Tent is like having a warm cup of tea and a good book that you can't put down.” Please join us and bring a friend. For more information, contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428.

## Young Women's Small Groups

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*Twice a month*

These gatherings of six or more women in their 20's and 30's meet twice monthly on week nights in members' homes. Aiming towards providing a safe space for young women to connect genuinely with one another on their journeys of faith, the group discussion includes studying Scripture and other books upon a particular topic. With prayer, conversation, and plenty of laughter, we talk together about how our faith informs our daily life! Those interested in joining a group or learning more may contact Katie Givens Kime at 404-495-8444.

## Young Men's Small Groups

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*TBA*

Group formations will begin soon. For more information, contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428.

# Trinity Explores!

A program of community classes

## February 2009

### Ethical Challenges and Practices in the 21st Century

*Speaker: Dr. Marcia Riggs*  
*Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.*  
*4 weeks, February 5, 12, 19, 26*  
*Room B104-106*

In the United States and around the globe everyone is looking for leaders of integrity and courage. Times of crises demand such leaders. Yet, we seem uncertain about what makes a leader good (ethical and effective). In this series of interactive lecture-workshops, we will examine the challenges and practices for ethical leaders in the 21st century.

### February 5 The Real Culture Wars: Campaign 2008—A Case Study

### February 12 Two Truths and a Lie: It's All About Trust

### February 19 What's Gender Got to Do with It?

### February 26 Leading as Religious Ethical Mediators: Not Sympathy But Empathy

Dr. Riggs is the J. Erskine Love Professor of Christian Ethics at Columbia Theological Seminary. She is interested in the relationship between social oppression and socioreligious ethical praxis, ethical discourse that bridges the gap between womanist religious scholarship and the church's practice of ministry, the moral foundations for public policy, and the church's role in social justice ministry. She graduated from Randolph-Macon Womans College, received her MDiv at Yale Divinity School and her PhD at Vanderbilt University.

The Trinity Explores! registration form is available online at [www.trinityatlanta.org](http://www.trinityatlanta.org) or page 18 of this catalog.

## Spring 2009

### Conversations on Preaching: Deepening the Connection between Congregation and Pulpit

*Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.*  
*4 weeks, April 23, 30; May 7, 14*  
*Room B104-106*

Trinity Explores! brings you inside the dynamic process of how a sermon comes to be. From conception to delivery, the creation of a sermon is a challenging and complex undertaking. One of Trinity's pastors will actually involve the class "midstream" in the development of an upcoming sermon, and a professor of hermeneutics will join us to enrich the conversation.

**REGISTRATION**  
Class size is limited. Courses are 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 also register online at [www.trinityatlanta.org](http://www.trinityatlanta.org) and on site.

**FEES**  
Trinity Explores! is supported by the membership of Trinity Presbyterian Church. A nominal fee of \$20 is required for each course. (The class fee for each additional family member is \$10). Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Bede Campbell at 404.495.8428 or [bcampbell@trinityatlanta.org](mailto:bcampbell@trinityatlanta.org).

**COURSE CANCELLATIONS**  
Trinity Presbyterian Church reserves the right to cancel any class. In this event, notification will be given on the church Website ([www.trinityatlanta.org](http://www.trinityatlanta.org)) and the applicable fees refunded.

**NO TAPING POLICY**  
Taping is not permitted in the classroom.

**CHILD CARE**  
Child care is available for children ages 10 (5th grade) and younger. Reservations are required one week prior to the class.

**DINNER**  
Dinner is available each Thursday evening from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in Williams Hall. Cost is \$7 per adult, \$4 per child; the maximum cost per family is \$20. Reservations are required.

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## Trinity Explores! Registration Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### COURSE

*Fee (\$20 per course; \$10 per each additional family member)*

- February 5, 12, 19, 26 Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ethical Challenges and Practices in the 21st Century**
- April 23, 30, May 7, 14 Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Conversations on Preaching: Deepening the Connection between Congregation and Pulpit**

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

### CHILD CARE

- Yes, I need child care. (Reservations are required 1 week prior to the class session)

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

### DINNER

- Yes, I would like a standing dinner reservation at the Family Night Supper ( Cost is \$7 per adult, \$4 per child; the maximum cost per family is \$20. Reservations are required.)

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

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February 15, 2009

Eric Alexander  
World-Class Skier, Climber,  
Mountaineer

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