

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Education Course Catalog



January 3 - May 23, 2010

Make yourself an ark of gopher wood;
make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside
and out with pitch.

- Genesis 6:14

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Welcome to Education at Trinity

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 (Common Ground and Roots) 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.

Session III

April 11, 18, 25, 27, May 2

Session IV

August 17, 22

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 during September and October. 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.

Elective Classes

BIBLE

In the Beginning, Conversations in Genesis**Teacher:** Trinity member Brandi Diamond**6 weeks:** January 10 – February 14**Room:** B104-106

Genesis is the beginning book of our canon, and the story of the birth of our faith. It contains many familiar stories from church school - the Garden of Eden, Noah and the Ark, Jacob's ladder, and more. In fact, Genesis contains much, much more... stories where we find ourselves wrestling with the characters, with God, and with our most intimate questions of faith. Current-day reality shows can't hold a flame to the mystery, deception, high drama, and downright nitty-gritty of Holy Writ! From the hiss of the serpent in the Garden to the spitting venom between the sons of Jacob the Patriarch, there are many secrets yet to be whispered from the pages of Genesis.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND ACTION

I Was a Stranger – Did You Welcome Me? Immigration Challenges and Response**Coordinator:** Rev. Katie Givens Kime, Rev. Leah Horton; Trinity members Jim Ledbetter, J.D. McCrary, Gwen Cleghorn**6 weeks:** January 10 – February 14**Room:** B110

Moving from the homeland to a new land: it's a story even older than the Bible. Our Christian tradition is clear about another old story: receiving newcomers to our own land. Jesus

speaks often about the sacred act of hospitality and "welcoming the stranger." Who are the strangers, the aliens, the newcomers in our midst today? Reflecting on our Christian call to the strangers among us, we will hear from the policy-makers, advocates, lawyers, and other professionals who work on the ground with issues of immigration and refugees. How does the immigrant/refugee experience in Atlanta and Georgia compare to other cities and states? What about the changing job market and the economic downturn? What about immigrants' access to education? How are churches responding? We'll explore these questions and more, join us!

CHRISTIAN LIVING AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Nonviolence in the Age of Terrorism**Coordinators:** Trinity members Neal Chandler and Sandra Mackey**6 weeks:** January 10 – February 14**Room:** Williams Hall C

The inspiration for this class came in a memorial to Gandhi the coordinators were visiting in south India. Along with the blood stained dhoti in which the Mahatma was assassinated, a display drew an inspirational line from the westerners John Ruskin and Leo Tolstoy to Gandhi. Over the course of six weeks, this class will explore how ideas cross the boundaries of culture and examine the influence Gandhi exerted on the civil rights movement through the American Howard Thurman. Thurman, Martin Luther King and others

in turn inspired Nelson Mandela in his crusade against apartheid in South Africa. The question about where the ideas of non-violence fit into the age of terrorism. Finally, the class will explore the application of the ideas of non-violence currently being explored in international courts.

PERSPECTIVES ON LITERATURE

Listening for God in Contemporary Literature

Coordinator: Trinity member Nancy Purdon

6 weeks: January 10 – February 14

Room: B112

This is a course for those who value an opportunity to explore faith issues in the context of real life situations. We will use as a text a collection of short stories by American authors living and writing today, about the struggles, joys, challenges, and fulfillment of listening for God in our everyday lives. Class attendees will be asked to purchase the class text (\$14), which includes works by Michael Malone, James Baldwin, Sue Miller, Kent Haruf, Doris Betts, Allegra Goodman, Robert Olen Butler, and Alice Elliott Dark. We will focus on one story and its author in each of the six sessions, and our presenters will include Trinity members experienced in the teaching of literature.

Ongoing Classes

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Coordinators: Trinity members Jill Stewart, Kathy Friestad, Lesley Carroll
Room: B108

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Roots

Coordinators: Trinity members Allison Builder, Leslie Byars, Krysia Waldron

Room: A116

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Prophets

January 3

Brad Sherrill

Trinity welcomes a very special guest for the all-adult education hour on Sunday, January 3. Brad Sherrill, one of Atlanta's most acclaimed actors, will share a sneak preview of his one-man performance of *Prophets*. Experience the prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and others in an entirely new way, as Sherrill brings to life the judgment and the hope that speak with striking relevancy for God's children today, just as they have for thousands of years.

Over the last 10 years, Sherrill has performed all of the nearly 20,000 words of the Gospel of John to more than 500 audiences all over the world, with great critical acclaim. After spending much of 2009 memorizing major and minor prophets of the Old Testament, Sherrill will now give an excerpt of his multimedia performance, yet seen by only a handful of audiences!

Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann calls Sherrill's performance of *Prophets* "on target" and "faithful, evocative rendering of the prophets. He has used shrewdness in selecting his texts, wisdom in weaving them into a compelling unity, and imagination in letting the texts be felt and heard in contemporary ways. On all counts, *Prophets* is an important performance that will make a difference to many people who care about the Biblical tradition and who care about the social, moral crisis in which we find ourselves. Brad's work is marked by courage, imagination, and a passion for truth-telling."

Brad has acted professionally in Atlanta since 1983. He was selected by Atlanta Magazine in 2000 as Atlanta's Best Dramatic Actor and by Creative Loafing (another Atlanta publication) in 2001 as Atlanta's Best Actor. He has performed in over 20 productions at Atlanta's Alliance Theatre and is an Artistic Associate for the Georgia Shakespeare Theatre, where he has acted in 45 productions over 20 seasons. In addition, he has performed over the years at every professional theater in Atlanta, including Actor's Express, Horizon Theater, Theater Emory, Theatre in the Square, Theatrical Outfit, and Georgia Ensemble Theatre. Brad celebrated his 500th performance of The Gospel of John on Good Friday evening, March 21st, 2008. He has spent much of 2009 memorizing large portions of texts from Isaiah and Jeremiah for his upcoming January 2010 premiere of *Prophets*.

February 20 & 21**Sounds of Freedom and Hope**
A weekend of music with renowned musician and theologian, Dr. Jeremy Begbie.

In February, Dr. Jeremy Begbie will join us for two days of music and conversation about the myriad ways that music enriches and deepens the life of faith. On Saturday morning, the Atlanta community is invited to join us as Dr. Begbie uses multimedia to explore the richness of music's contribution to theological insight. Following the lecture, there will be lunch and a time for questions and answers for anyone who is interested in deepening the conversation with Begbie. On Sunday morning, Dr. Begbie will offer a second lecture, during the church school hour, for all who are interested. He will then preach during the 11 a.m. service. Musicians and any who appreciate good music will not want to miss this rich opportunity.

Jeremy Begbie teaches systematic theology, specializing in the interface between theology and the arts. He has taught widely, through multimedia performance-lectures, on the interplay between music and theology. Begbie has recently been appointed as the inaugural holder of the Thomas A. Langford Research Professorship in Theology at Duke Divinity School, and Founding Director of Duke Initiatives in Theology and the Arts. He is also Senior Member at Wolfson College, Cambridge, and an Affiliated Lecturer in the Faculties of Divinity and Music at the University of Cambridge. His most recent book, *Resounding Truth: Christian Wisdom in the World of Music* (Baker/SPCK), won the Christianity Today 2008 Book Award in the theology/ethics category.

February 20**Saturday morning lecture, 11 a.m.**
The Sound of Freedom: Music of Liberation

For centuries musicians have combined sounds to create rich and attractive harmony. Jeremy Begbie will show how this apparently simple fact provokes us to re-think what it means to be free. Through harmonious music, we hear a kind of "space" which, unlike the space we can see with our eyes, involves intense togetherness while preserving and promoting difference. This is the heart of Christian freedom: we become free as we enable each other to be free. Begbie will show how different kinds of music can serve to embody this great truth. The lecture will include extensive use of performed and recorded music.

Saturday lunch, noon
Q & A, 1:00 p.m.

For those who are interested in going deeper, Dr. Begbie will continue the conversation in an informal question-and-answer format.

February 21**Sunday morning lecture, 9:45 am**
The Sound of Hope: Music in the Spirit

What does it mean to live in hope? How can we be hopeful while taking suffering and lament seriously? Jeremy Begbie will show how music can open up this rich theme, offering fresh and novel ways of understanding and experiencing the shape of Christian hope in our time. In a culture that finds it so hard to hope for anything in the long term, music can bear its own kind of witness to this future-directed dimension of Christian faith. The lecture will include extensive use of performed and recorded music.

Elective Classes

BIBLE

Gospel of Mark**Teachers:** Nedra and John Roberts**5 weeks:** February 28 – March 28**Room:** B104-106

Nedra and John Roberts will jointly present a course on the Gospel of Mark. John will present each week a snapshot of the current state of scholarship on this Gospel. There is a scholarly consensus that we are not sure who the author of Mark really was; the book is actually anonymous, and the traditional ascription to John Mark, who is mentioned in Acts (whose mother hosted a house-church of Jesus followers and who then accompanied Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey), is doubtful. The author of Mark clearly thought the world as we know it would soon end, and the kingdom of God would begin. Each week Nedra will also help us explore the implications of our own Christianity: What about the authority of Scripture? What about the apocalyptic expectations of many believers today?

John and Nedra have taught secondary school for a combined total of 75 years, teaching English and Bible at The Westminster Schools. They attend Holy Trinity Church (Episcopal) in Decatur, where Nedra is a Lay Eucharistic Minister and John has taught an adult Bible study for 26 years. For about 20 years the Robertses also were active in Education For Ministry, an Episcopal program for lay people, replicating seminary study in Biblical scholarship, church history, and spiritual growth and discernment.

CHRISTIAN LIVING AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Finding the Caregiver in You**Leaders:** Stephen Ministry Team**5 weeks:** February 28 – March 28**Room:** Williams Hall C

Would you benefit from a better understanding of existing resources at Trinity that provide caring support to those who are undergoing grief, loss, or anxiety, or just need a sympathetic ear? What about developing skills you can personally employ to more effectively lend a caring hand? Trinity's Stephen Ministry leadership team has developed this innovative class for Trinity members who would like to be better prepared to help family, friends, and others confronting sad or difficult times. Learning modules include "The Art of Listening," "Assertiveness," and "Process Versus Results." These sessions will be interactive, employing some of the same creative teaching techniques that are used in preparing our Trinity Stephen Ministers for caring service.

PERSPECTIVES ON LITERATURE

Not All Who Wander Are Lost**Teachers:** Trinity members Jack and Helen Graham**5 weeks:** February 28 – March 28**Room:** B112

The "yang-y"-driven culture of the West values certainty, productivity, stability, and knowledge. It looks with suspicion on those who wander as being without direction, immature, unproductive, departing-from-the-faith, and even being lazy. There is a kind of spiritual wandering that is related to adolescence, but there is also another, highly purposeful, wandering that is essential to being an elder.

The first wandering tends to be more outer; the second is deep, inner “yin-like” wandering. A core message of Jesus was that the spiritual search is to “look within,” hence, the search for self. In this class we will explore what it means to wander inward, and the riches we may discover in the process.

THEOLOGY AND ETHICS

Living Morally in a Complex World: Can we be Good?

Teacher: Rev. Leah Horton

5 weeks: February 28 – March 28

Room: B110

“Most of our nation’s great problems, including our economic problems, have as their root decaying moral values” (W. Williams). This kind of strident rhetoric can be heard everywhere we turn in our current culture. This course will explore what morality is and ponder the question of whether we live in a uniquely “immoral” time. We will focus on the challenges to living as moral beings in our diverse, complicated world. We will look at moral differences across cultures and faiths. Biblical resources for making moral choices will be discussed. Discoveries of brain scientists on biological determinism, and what that means for moral decision-making, will be explored. The lives of moral exemplars offer rich resources for understanding what enables us to live moral lives, and we will also examine some of these.

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BIBLE

The Bible, Canon, and Biblical Interpretation – Scripture as Transformative**Teacher:** The Rev. David Burns and guest teachers**7 weeks:** April 11 – May 23**Room:** B112

In what sense is the Bible “inerrant,” the “Word of God,” a “mere” human work of literature? How did the books of our Bible get “in,” while other competing literature was left out of the canon? How do we go about achieving a fuller and deeper understanding of Scripture? Led by David Burns, Trinity Church’s Acting Senior Pastor, and guest teachers, this course will explore the nature and status of Scripture and the ways we go about understanding the Bible, combining lecture and class discussion. The class will also consider how our reading and understanding of the Bible can have a transformational impact on our lives.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND ADVOCACY

Exploring Contemporary Issues Through Film**Teachers:** Trinity members Richard Howerton and Lasley Gober**7 weeks:** April 11 – May 23**Room:** B104-106

“But as if a magic lantern threw the nerves in patterns on the screen...”
– “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock”
T.S. Eliot

Film is back, and Richard Howerton and Lasley Gober will explore contemporary issues through the medium of film, using clips and

connecting narrative to stimulate discussion about what we see and hear in the film that touches some of the challenging issues in our contemporary culture. Film acts as a window into worlds to which we otherwise have no access. The film-maker makes deliberate choices to craft a “true” vision of what is or might be. We hope you will join us in our cinematic study of our world, as it is and as it is becoming.

THEOLOGY AND ETHICS

Living the Question: Challenges to Orthodoxy**Teachers:** Rev. PC Enniss, Rev. Katie Givens Kime**7 weeks:** April 11 – May 23**Room:** B110

Beware of the Christian who claims, “I’ve got God all figured out.” Not even Jesus was that bold! Trinity Church has a long tradition of creating space for raising serious theological questions without fear of being branded a heretic. Now is a time when many “edgy” theologians like Elaine Pagels, Marcus Borg, Bishop Spong, Bart Ehrmann, and Karen Armstrong are posing alternative ideas, deep questions, and fascinating theological constructs to the conventional cul-de-sac where Christianity finds itself today. Bodily resurrection, miracles of Jesus, virgin birth...nothing is off limits for faithful, thoughtful questioning.

In this course, the Rev. P.C. Enniss and the Rev. Katie Givens Kime will present some of the latest challenges to Christian orthodoxy and Presbyterian doctrine, and guide related discussion.

“Everyone seeks answers, mostly to

questions that are not very important. The great concern in life should be to discover which are the right questions. Then, even if you rarely get answers, you are at least journeying in the right direction." - Paul Tillich

On any authentic spiritual journey, asking the hard questions is not only permitted, but necessary! Join us!

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Junior High (6th - 8th grades)

We will be spending the year looking at our identity: who we are as seen in God's eyes, who we are as seen by others, who we are, made male and female, and who we are in community with those we know and those we do not know.

- Sixth Grade, Room D214
- Seventh Grade, Room D210
- Eighth Grade, Room D202

Senior High (9th - 12th grades)

This year we will continue to offer choices modeled after the adult education program at Trinity for our senior highs on Sunday morning! 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, and students will choose one class each session.

Rooms: D223, D221, D208

Session III: January 10-February 25

The Sermon on the Mount: Reading for Transformation

Teacher: Rev. David Burns

Signs and Symbols in Trinity's Visual Art

Coodinator: Kay Summers

Fully Human and Fully Divine

Teacher: Tom Callaway

Session IV: March 1-April 4

Proverbs

Teachers: Wendy Cochran and John Ryan

Session V: April 19-May 17

Rockin' the House (of Worship)

Teacher: Haddon Givens Kime

Care of Creation

Teachers: Members of the Sustainability Committee

12th Grade Faith Review

Teacher: Bonnie Harris and Richard DuBose

Confirmation Class

Open to 8th graders and older

Teacher: John Ryan

Class members explore making a commitment to Christ and His church and what it means to be a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

The Confirmation Journey is an intensive program, lasting 8 sessions, including a meeting with the Session. Each class participant has a Session-member sponsor known as an "elder-friend." Elder friends will meet with the class on a few occasions during the course. Confirmation Sunday is February 28, 2010.

Weekday Educational Activities

Common Grounds

(High School Bible Study)

Wednesday, 6:45 a.m.

Caribou Coffee

Senior Highs gather on Wednesday mornings at 6:45 a.m. for coffee and a time for reflection at Caribou Coffee on Northside Drive. Currently we are studying the great themes of the Bible.

2's and 3's (years old)

Our youngest children participate in "Mr. Music," singing traditional, faith-building songs with all the preschool children and then return to their classrooms for a story and activity. The storybooks, from the "God Loves Me" curriculum, are age-appropriate retellings of Biblical stories. The children then respond to the story through group play and activities. Lessons are taught by volunteer teachers and supported by childcare staff.

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

Our early school learners focus on Bible stories from a Reformed (Presbyterian) theological perspective using a curriculum called "Walk with Me." The emphasis is on building Biblical literacy and growing in faith. Our pre-K and K children also participate in "Mr. Music," enhancing their faith development through song. Lessons are taught by volunteer teachers, and preschool rooms are supported by childcare staff.

3rd Grade

Acknowledging the growing minds and a developing faith of our middle elementary children, the class engages in a more challenging study of the Bible. The curriculum is continuous from previous years with "Walk with Me," but also includes self-created materials for education about baptism and supplemental curriculum on the Bible itself. This class is led by volunteer teachers.

4th and 5th Grades

ROAD is an acronym which stands for Riding on the Avenues of Discipleship and is a multiple-intelligences approach to church school! These two grades are combined and then divided into three crews, which rotate each week. Students learn about a single Bible story from three different perspectives and engage in in-depth study and conversation. Various learning methods for ROAD Trip include drama, art, movies, computers, cooking, and video production. Volunteers serve as both "crew leaders," who rotate with each group of children, and teacher, who teach the lesson to all the crews.

Church School Rooms

Infants	A31 (lower level of building A)
Wobblers/Older Infants	A30 (lower level of building A)
*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)
*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
2nd grade	D112, D116
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 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 2009/2010 will be "Joshua, A Journey of Faith." For information about participation, contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428.

Disciple Bible Study

Disciple III

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

Room: B108

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

Remember Who You Are is the third phase of the four-phase Disciple program. This program focuses on the prophets and the letters to Paul.

Disciple Short-Term Bible Studies - The Psalms

Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Room: A116

Leader: John Ryan, Ministry to Youth and Their Families Director

These 10-week in-depth, high-commitment Bible studies are modeled after the basic design of Disciple Bible study. Weekly group meetings are designed to last 60-90 minutes, with a two-part video segment to guide each session with interpretive presentations from biblical scholars; contextual presentations and roundtable discussions; and opportunities for reflection, contemplation, or inspiration on some aspect of the Scripture studied.

The human emotions expressed in the Book of Psalms rise to peaks of joy

and descend into valleys of despair. In the Psalms, the promise of the reign of God meets the historical experience of God's people. Faith in God's faithfulness collides with human experiences of pain and suffering, enslavement, oppression, and exile. God's people—given voice in the Psalms—struggle to make sense of who God is and who they are, and in so doing they have composed a collection of moving testimonies of grace, glory, sorrow, and beauty unmatched in sacred literature. For students of the Psalms today, this study offers greater understanding of how these ancient texts of praise, lament, worship, and prayer can still speak to us and for us.

All are welcome, even if you have not participated in other Disciple classes! Your workbook costs \$13.00 and you'll need a NRSV bible. Class meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and starts on February 10. We'll meet on the following dates: 2/10, 2/17, 2/14, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28.

Faces of Wisdom

Wednesday, 7:00 to 8:00 a.m.

Room: 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. The group has chosen books by Barbara Brown Taylor, Dorothy Bass, Fredrick Buchner, Peter Gomes, Marcus Borg and others. They are currently reading *Here When You Need Me*, by Kate Braestrup. All interested women are invited to come join the group for food and stimulating conversation

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

Novel Ideas

1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Room: 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. *The Song of the Lark*, by Willa Cather, has been selected for January 2010. For the February meeting, *Quarantine*, by Jim Crace, has been selected. For more information, contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428,

Non-Fiction Book Group

3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Room: 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 group is reading *Home: A Short History of an Idea*, by Witold Rybczyski, for the January meeting. *The Dumbest Generation: How the Digital Age Stupefies Young Americans and Jeopardizes Our Future*, by Mark Bauerlein, has been selected for February 2010. For more information, contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428.

Play-Reading Group

February 8

Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears... Interested in reading plays aloud? Want to give voice to your inner actor/actress, or take a turn on an imaginary stage?“This new group is off and running, having had a November play-reading evening which generated much fun and enthusiasm. Our next meeting will be Monday, February 8, 2010, in the evening, at a private home, reading together *Medea*, by Euripides. Each member obtains and reads through the play beforehand. When we gather we read through the play, taking each line in turn, so one “plays” many roles and has the fun of seeing fellow readers emote. Interested? For more information, contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428.

The Tent

1st and 3rd Wednesday,
10 a.m. to noon
Room: B108

Antiquity supports evidence that women gathered with other women in secluded tents at significant times in their lives: for birthing, sharing stories, celebrating life, dealing with challenging times, and healing, in a community of love and encouragement. Our intergenerational group meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. “Living deeply” is our theme for this year, and we are exploring *An Altar in the World*, by Barbara Brown Taylor. We welcome women of all ages, and previous attendance is not required. Participants describe the Tent as “...a supportive place where I can explore deepening my spiritual journey and how to apply that in everyday living.” “The Tent nourishes my Soul, with women who dig into

stimulating questions and also have a rollicking good time.” Please join us and bring a friend. For more information, contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428.

The Third Chapter: An Opportunity for Women in Transition

Tuesdays, Jan. 5, 19, Feb. 2, 16, March 2, 16, 30, April 13, 27
12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Is your “nest” suddenly empty or about to be? Are you wondering about how the next part of your life is going to look? Are you interested in sharing the journey to the next phase of life with other women? If any of these apply to you, you will be interested in The Third Chapter, a gathering of women in their 40’s and 50’s who are in the midst of life transitions. Jeannie Dubose and Leah Horton will guide women who have recently had their last child leave home or who soon will be “empty nesters” through a series of conversations about how to discern what is next. We will spend time together celebrating the ending of one life phase while we explore the rich possibilities for moving forward in each of our lives. The group will meet on Tuesdays from 12:30 until 2:00 p.m. on January 5, 19, February 2, 16, March 2, 16, 30, and April 13, 27. If you are interested in joining the group or for more information, please contact Bede Campbell at bcampbell@trinityatlanta.org or 404-495-8428.

Young Women’s Small Groups 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 Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428.

The Meeting of Cultures in America: Muslim-Christian Anxieties, Resentments, and Commonalities

Thursdays, January 28, February 4, 11
7:00 p.m.

In the continuing inquiry into Islam, Trinity Explores will present a thought-provoking dialog for the Trinity congregation January 28, February 4, and February 11. Drawing on experts in the field, including our own Sandra Mackey, this series will examine culture, religion, and politics within both faiths. Vigorous group discussion will be encouraged in order to build a framework for enriched relations between American Muslims and Christians.

The Blessed St. Paul—“Who Paul is and what he thinks”

Dr. David L Bartlett, Distinguished Professor of New Testament ,
Columbia Seminary
Thursdays, March 4, 18 and 25
7:00 p.m.

Trinity is very pleased to welcome Dr. Bartlett back to teach three Trinity Explores classes in March 2010. Dr. Bartlett is interested in the intersection of biblical studies and the life of the church, especially the church's preaching ministry. His particular exegetical interests are in Mark, John, and the Pauline Epistles. This class will focus on St. Paul.

Prior to coming to Columbia, Dr. Bartlett was Dean of Academic Affairs at Yale Divinity School and the Lantz Professor of Preaching and Communication. He also taught at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA, and at the University of Chicago. Dr. Bartlett has written, edited, and published numerous books and articles.

The Trinity Explores! registration form is available online at
www.trinityatlanta.org.

Trinity Explores! Registration

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COURSE S

Fee (\$20 per person; \$30 per couple)

Thursdays, January 28, February 4, 11
The Meeting of Cultures in America Fee: \$ _____

Thursdays, March 4, 18, 25
The Blessed St. Paul Fee: \$ _____

TOTAL _____

CHILD CARE

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

Number of children _____ Ages _____

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Make check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and return to Trinity Explores!, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3003 Howell Mill Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30327

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 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 per couple is \$30). Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Bede Campbell at 404.495.8428 or 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) 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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April 11-May 23

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