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family fun • games and prizes
inflatables • face painting
costumes • pumpkin decorating

Sunday,
OCTOBER 11
3-5 PM
LARGE PARKING LOT

family FALL festival 09



olan mills
CHURCH DIRECTORIES

**NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY...Photo Sessions Begin October 14
HAVE YOU MADE YOUR APPOINTMENT?**

TOP TEN REASONS why you should sign up TODAY:

10. There won't be a blank spot where your picture should be.
9. You get a free directory when they come in.
8. The staff will know your name (*yes, they really do study it and memorize names*).
7. You won't receive annoying phone calls reminding you that you need to sign up.
6. You get a free 8x10 photo.
5. You can order extras for your Christmas cards.
4. You can look up the church members that you are praying for.
3. All the good time slots are filling up fast.
2. This is less than a week and a half left to pick your times.
1. **IT'S EASY!** Just go to www.trinitybirmingham.com and follow the link, sign up on Wednesday nights, sign up on Sundays before or after church services, or call Connie McCallum at 823-7515.

HOSTS NEEDED! Volunteers are needed to serve as hosts/hostesses during the Olan Mills photography sessions. If you would like to help, please contact Laura Eanes at 879-1737 or leanes@trinity-umc.org.



STEWARDSHIP 2009

See inside for details.



Sunday, October 4
World Communion Sunday
8:45 & 11:00 AM

*The 8:45 AM service is broadcast via 15-minute delay
 from 9–10 AM Sundays on WAPI-AM 1070.*

Sermon

Dr. Andrew Wolfe

Music

(8:45) Sanctuary Choir

(11:00) Praise Alliance

On Call

Dr. Dave Barnhart • Phone: 335-7352

Van Driver

Mark Rohrer



Wesley Hall • 11:15 AM

Dr. Dave Barnhart

A Look at September 27:

Worship Attendance1,280

Sunday School Attendance934

A PERSONAL WORD

We all grew up with the great American Dream, which typically meant increasing our standard of living. Success is the goal, and we tend to measure our success by the stuff that we possess. But over the past decade, the American Dream has become the American Nightmare for many. There are two reasons for this:

1. **AFFLUENZA** - the constant need for more and bigger/better stuff. The average American home has grown from around 1,660 square feet in 1973 to 2,400 square feet in 2004. There is estimated to be some 1.0 billion square feet of self-storage space in America.
2. **CREDIT-ITIS** - the ability to buy now and pay later has fed our desire for instant gratification. Our economy is built largely on credit. This fact undermines self-discipline and feeds “affluenza” – wreaking havoc on our personal and national finances. The average credit card debt has grown from \$3,000 in 1990 to over \$9,000 today. We tend to spend about 125% more with a credit card than with cash because plastic doesn’t feel as real. The life of an average car loan and home mortgage continues to increase while saving rates decrease.

Beneath affluenza and credit-itis, there is a spiritual issue. We were created to know and desire God, but we have turned our desires to things. We are meant to find security in God, but we find it in amassing wealth. We were meant to love people, but we find ourselves competing with them. We were meant to be generous, but we hoard our resources for ourselves.

Keeping up with the Joneses, borrowing against our future, enjoying more than we can afford – robs us of peace, makes us slaves and keeps us from doing God’s will. Jesus said, “For what does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?” (Matthew 16:26)

Our Stewardship emphasis for this fall is called **ENOUGH: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity**. Together we will be looking at Biblical principles of finance that allow us to live fully and faithfully.

INFORMATION FOR GUESTS & NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church!
Our Mission is to Gather people to Christ, Grow people in Christ, Go in Christ and Glorify Christ.

Sunday Worship Opportunities:

- **8:45 & 11:00 AM** – Traditional services in the sanctuary, offering same sermon and music at each service.
- **11:15 AM** – CONTACT – a relaxed, informal, service in Wesley Hall featuring upbeat praise music from the CONTACT Band, children are encouraged to attend.
- **10:00 AM** – Sunday School – Ages 2 years and up.

• **NURSERY** is provided during all services and during Sunday School hours. Please see an usher for information and directions.

Interested in Membership?

Please join us the first Sunday of every month in the large parlor for “Coffee with the Pastor.” This is a time to meet the pastoral staff, ask questions and learn more about the core values and mission of Trinity. We also encourage you to attend “Membership 101” orientation prior to joining Trinity. It is offered on the second Sunday of each month. Contact Rev. Tim Tatum at ttatum@trinity-umc.org with questions.

- Andrew R. Wolfe – *Senior Minister*
- Suzanne Pruitt – *Minister of Christian Formation*
- David Barnhart – *Minister of Membership Care*
- Tim Tatum – *Minister of Evangelism & Young Adults*
- David Thompson – *Minister of Students*
- Buzz Barrett – *Minister of Visitation*
- Mack Chapman – *Minister of Administration*

Church: 205-879-1737
 Fax: 868-9714
 Care Line: 868-9709
 Child Development Center: 879-1749



For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

Matthew 16:26

STEWARDSHIP 2009

On Sunday, October 11, we will begin a churchwide study and worship emphasis called **ENOUGH: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity**. Over a period of three weeks, we will look at some of the financial challenges facing us as a nation and examine our own spending, saving, and giving habits. In addition to exploring Biblical principles of financial management, we will learn ways to assess our financial situation and develop a financial plan that will allow us to experience the true joy that comes through simplicity and generosity. At the end of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of giving for the coming year. Celebration Sunday will be October 25. On this day we will consecrate our commitments and join together in a churchwide lunch. Visit www.trinitybirmingham.com for more information and details.

ENOUGH

Discovering Joy Through
Simplicity and Generosity

SERMON SERIES | Join us at worship in October.

We will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a Biblical foundation. At the end of this series, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year.

- **OCTOBER 11** *Wisdom and Finance*
- **OCTOBER 18** *Cultivating Contentment*
- **OCTOBER 25** *Defined by Generosity*

You are invited to lunch!

We will consecrate our gifts and commitments in worship on Sunday, October 25. On this day, we will celebrate and enjoy a church wide luncheon together. Two seatings will be available: 11 AM & 12 PM. Please let us know you are coming by making a reservation online at: www.trinitybirmingham.com/reservations/celebration

CELEBRATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25

A NOTE FROM A MEMBER...

My Stewardship Conversation With God

— Kneeland Wright



It's been a tough year for our business Lord.

It's fine. I'm in control.

Yes, but the Stewardship campaign has come around again and I'm worried about my level of giving.

Remember, "Don't be anxious about anything..."

Those words still hold true.

Of course...but it's this TITHE thing...

A tenth is a percentage.

I love you.

How is your heart?

Oh, my cholesterol is OK and I'm trying to eat right and...

No, no. How is your heart?

Oh, that heart.

I love you. I care about you.

What you return to me is up to you.

What I care about is your love, your heart for me while you give.

Remember when my Son pointed out the giving of the poor widow?

Yes, I remember. I think I understand a little better.

I'll continue to talk with you about this if that's OK.

Good. I'll be here.

MISSION CORNER

Can You Host Two International Students For One Night?

On October 18, students of SIFAT's practicum for missionaries will be singing at Trinity. These are adults from all over the world, mainly from developing countries, who train at SIFAT (www.sifat.org) to learn appropriate technologies to take back to their home countries.

We need approximately 10 households to provide overnight accommodations for pairs of these students on Saturday, Oct. 17. This is a great cross-cultural opportunity! While most of the students speak English, a few of them do not, so Spanish and French-speaking hosts are especially needed! If you would be willing to serve as a host, please contact Dave Barnhart at 879-1737 or email dbarnhart@trinity-umc.org.

PILLS FOR PANAMA

Several Trinity members will be traveling to Chiriqui, Panama on October 10-17 for a medical mission trip. There is a great need for **medications and vitamins** in the region where our members will be working. Please consider assisting with our collection of supplies as we prepare for this trip by making a monetary donation. You may make your check to Trinity UMC and designate it "Pills for Panama." Questions? Contact Tim Lacey at 870-1313 or timlacey@bellsouth.net.

TEACH SOMEONE TO READ!

M-Power Ministries Literacy Tutor Training

OCTOBER 15, 22 & 29

5:30-9:30 PM at Trinity UMC

(There is no charge for the training, but contributions are appreciated.)

Contact Beverly Sansom to register at 595-5991 or email beverly.sansom@mpowerministries.org

Join us for the monthly Outreach Meeting
Monday, October 5 at 7 PM - Fireside Room

DRYWALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are skilled in drywall finishing and would like to volunteer to work on a worthwhile project, we need your help around the date of October 6. A habitat size house is being built for a young lady (age early 20's) who was in a car wreck. She broke her neck and will be bed-ridden for the rest of her life. The building location is near the Argo, AL exit on I-59. Clearbranch UMC held a fundraiser recently and the materials have been donated to build her a home. Trinity member, Larry Taylor is in search of a couple of volunteers to do drywall finishing. If you can help, please contact Larry at info@taylormade.tv. Thanks!

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Join us for Wednesday Supper



Serving 4:45 - 6:15 PM, Fellowship Hall

\$5/person • \$2.50/child (9 and under) • \$20 Family Max. (immediate family only) • \$3.50 Salad Bar

On the Menu:

October 7

Adults: Chicken Pot Pie, steamed cabbage, corn, salad & cookie (Salad Bar Available)

Kids: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, fruit, milk & cookie

October 14

Adults: Hamburgers with all the fixin's & fries (Salad Bar Available)

Kids: Small hamburgers, fries, milk & cookie

* Menu subject to change.

Make your reservation: www.trinitybirmingham.com

TRINITY MEN



MONDAY BREAKFAST SESSIONS CONTINUE!

If you did not make it to the first session last week, join us this coming Monday in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-7:35 AM for breakfast, fellowship and discussion.

Questions? Contact Tim Tatum at ttatum@trinity-umc.org.

'09 FALL SERIES - *The Macho Myth: Overcoming the Myths that Make Men Miserable*

- October 5 The Mating Myth
- October 12 The Measure Up Myth
- October 19 The Mommy Myth
- October 26 The Money Myth
- November 2 The Ministry Myth

• FLU SHOT CLINIC •

Tuesday, October 6

Fellowship Hall • 9 AM - 1 PM

The Mollen Immunization Clinic will be at Trinity to provide Flu Immunization Shots. Consent forms and insurance provider information will be available two weeks prior to the actual clinic date. No insurance coverage? Medicare covers the flu shot for senior adults. For all others, the flu shot is \$25. Pneumonia shots will also be available, cost is \$45. Other health and wellness info will also be available. Questions? Contact Amy Lewis at 879-1737 or alewis@trinity-umc.org.

GIFTS TO GLORIFY GOD AND TO REMEMBER THOSE WE LOVE

HONORARIUMS

September 1 - 27, 2009

LEO BARNHART

Robert Click

ANN AND BILL CATON

Hardy Smith

ELSIE CLICK

The Click Family

ANN AND KEN DAMSGARD

Hardy Smith

JUDSON EANES

Robert Click

DENNIS WADE GRIFFITH III

The Click Family

SALLIE HANDLEY

Brooks and Merry Lynne Johnston

MARY HARRIS

Nancy and Dan Hill

BOB HOOD

The Joy Class

PERRY MORGAN

Trinity Fellowship Class

ALICE SWINDLE

Trinity Fellowship Class

ELIZABETH LEIGH TATUM

Robert Click

ANNA BLAKELY THOMPSON

Robert Click

TRINITY YOUTH

Brooks and Merry Lynne Johnston

GWEN AND JIM WILLIAMS

Judy and Gary Jackson

MEMORIALS

September 1 - 27, 2009

LOUISE ABERNATHY

Trinity UMC
Edgewood Garden Club
John L. Sims
Neldeane Price
Trinity UMW

RALPH O. BAILEY

Donna and Ted Roose
Becky and Bill Hutto

BETTY BASSETT

Judy and Gary Jackson
Trinity UMW

DEAN BREEDEN

Bobby and Patti Holt
Judy and Gary Jackson
Liz Rawlinson
Phyllis Weaver
Joyce J. Myers

BETTY COLEMAN

Ann and Ken Damsgard

MARY MCCLAIN FIKES

Judy Jackson
Ann and Ken Damsgard

JOHN GARRETT

Trinity UMC
Bettie and Jeff Jackson

JO LIGHTFOOT

Nancy and Dan Hill

BOB MILLSAP

Nancy and Dan Hill

R. J. PRESCOTT

Becky and Bill Hutto
Debbie and Jim Fly
Bettie Jackson
Lynn and Brian Luckianow
Pat and Al Berst
Ann and Ken Damsgard

KARL ROBERTS

Ann and Ken Damsgard
Becky and Bill Hutto

LILLIE T. SMITH

Barry and Kyle Smith
Dolores N. Bidy
Joan and James Rein
Connie and Andy Hartley
Judy and Gary Jackson
Davor and Dianne Luketic
Peg and Larry Edwards
Margaret T. Street
Paula and Mike Gordon

WELDON CAROLINE SMITH

Becky and Bill Hutto

ALFRED E. WALKER

John L. Sims

FAIR HAVEN FALL FROLIC

Join us October 8 at Noon!

This major Fair Haven fundraiser will be Thursday, Oct. 8 in Fair Haven's Main Living Room. The theme is "Happy Spirits." A shuttle will be available starting at 11 AM from the Publix parking lot (across the street from Fair Haven). A delicious lunch will be served and the program will follow. Tickets are \$15 each. To purchase tickets, call Sara Robinson at 936-3686.

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

The Trinity Book Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday evening of each month at 6 PM in the Small Parlor. Join us! Questions? Contact Ann Smith at 871-7182.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

"Same Kind of Different as Me"
by Ron Hall & Denver Moore

PACESETTERS NEWS

OCT. 2 - COFFEE CONCERT AT ASC
"Ravishing Rachmaninoff" concert at the Alys Stephens Center. We will leave the church at 9:30 AM. Coffee and pastries will be served at 10 AM. Concert at 11 AM. Afterwards, we will have lunch, location TBD. We will return to Trinity @ 3 PM.

OCT. 6 - FLU SHOT CLINIC
Mark your calendar for a Flu Shot Clinic that will be held at Trinity in the Fellowship Hall from 9 AM - 1 PM. Medicare covers the flu shot for seniors. \$25 for all others. Pneumonia shots will also be available, cost is \$45. We will have other health and wellness information available.

For more information on any event above, contact Amy Lewis, Director of Older Adult Ministry, on Tues. - Wed. - Thurs. at 879-1737 or email alewis@trinity-umc.org.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Sunday - October 4

- 8:45 AM Traditional Worship
- 10:00 AM Coffee With the Pastors - LP
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 11:15 AM CONTACT Worship
- 4:15 PM Youth Handbells - Rm. 225
- 5:00 PM Adult Bible Study - SP
- 5:00 PM Cross & Flame Youth Choir - MS
- 5:30 PM Confirmation - Various
- 6:00 PM ELEMENT - Haven
- 6:00 PM Committee Lay Leadership - CONF
- 6:30 PM Adult Handbells - Rm. 225

Monday - October 5

- 6:30 AM Men's Ministry Breakfast - FHALL
- 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
- 6:30 PM SPRC Meeting - CONF
- 7:00 PM Outreach Meeting - FSR

Tuesday - October 6

- 6:30 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast - FHALL
- 8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - Various
- 8:00 AM Exercise Class - FHALL
- 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
- 9:00 AM - 1 PM FLU SHOT Clinic - FHALL
- 10:00 AM Mama & Me - Rm. 114 Nursery
- 11:00 AM Soup & Salad - SDR
- 3:00 PM Element Cafe - Haven

5:30 PM Trustees Meeting - CONF

6:00 PM ALPHA - FHALL

Wednesday - October 7

- 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
- 4:45 PM Wednesday Supper - FHALL
- 5:15 PM Childrens Handbells - Rm. 225
- 6:00 PM Childrens Choirs - Various
- 6:00 PM Adult Studies - Various
- 6:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - MS

Thursday - October 8

- 8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - Various
- 8:00 AM Exercise Class - FHALL
- 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
- 9:00 AM Adult Studies - Various
- 10:00 AM Music & Me - Rm. 107
- 11:00 AM Soup & Salad - FHALL
- 3:00 PM Element Cafe - Haven

Friday - October 9

- 8:00 AM Exercise Class - FHALL
- 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer

October 2009						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

CFT	Craft Room-143	LIB	Library-218	CHAPEL	Mouat Chapel
FSR	Fireside Room-145	NAT	Not at Trinity	MS	Music Suite-132
CONF	Conference Room-220	LP	Large Parlor	WHALL	Wesley Hall
SANC	Sanctuary	SP	Small Parlor-105	SDR	Small Dining Room
FHALL	Fellowship Hall	The Haven	Youth Auditorium	FLC	Family Life Center

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our love and sympathy:

- to **Pam and Scott Shurett** on the death of her father, John Vines, on September 22.
- to **Martin and Shelby Smith** on the death of their daughter, Weldon Caroline Smith, on September 23.
- to **Shelley Hodo** on the death of her grandmother, Joyce Skinner Murphree, on September 24.
- to **Dawn and Ben Gibson** on the death of her aunt, Irma B. Sanders, on September 25.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to **Steve and Karen Smith** on the baptism of their son, Bryan Clement Smith, on September 27.

TREASURER'S REPORT

* As of September 27, 2009

General Budget:	9/2009
Given Month to Date	\$190,305
Needs Month to Date	\$227,280
Balance/(Shortage)	\$(36,975)



BEYOND OURSELVES

Gifts this month	\$51,860
Gifts to date	\$4,304,035

• New Sunday Morning Small Group Opportunities •

Discovering God's Will

by Andy Stanley

Small Group, Short-term Study Begins October 11!

Discover how to know if you are heading in the right direction. This 7-week, casual study starts **Sunday, October 11 at 10 AM** in the Small Dining Room.

For questions, or to register, contact Suzanne Pruitt at 879-1737 or spruitt@trinity-umc.org. You may also register online at: www.trinitybirmingham.com/adults/ssgroups

Young Adult Sunday School Classes

Looking for a Sunday School Class? These classes have just started and would love for you to join them.

Newly Engaged / Newly Married Couples

Room 219
Leaders: Cosby & Elizabeth Stone
Jay & Cindy St. Clair

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First Babies / New Families

Room 323
Leaders: Chris & Jenna Bailey
Clay & Sandi Simmons

PLEASE NOTE: *Tidings* publishes each week on Tuesday (except for the week of Christmas). The deadline for submitting information to be included is on Thursday, the week prior to the publish date. Please submit info via email to Haley Smith at hsmith@trinity-umc.org. *Tidings* is delivered to the printing company each Monday at Noon. It is printed and mailed on Tuesday afternoon. Should you not receive your copy in a timely manner, please contact your postal carrier. The online version of *Tidings* is available each week on Tuesday at: www.trinitybirmingham.com/news/tidings

Can you fill plates with a warm meal? Do you enjoy fellowship with your church family? If so, please



consider volunteering in the Trinity kitchen on Wednesday evenings. This is a great way to serve your church **once a month...no strings attached!** Food servers and clean up volunteers are needed. Come enjoy the Wednesday night fun and fellowship. We need you! Call Garnetta Stevning at 943-9294 to sign up!

Adult Handbell Rehearsal

Saturday, October 10

9:30 AM - 12 Noon - Handbell Room #225
Questions? Call Dan Hermany at 568-5342.



10 AM on TUESDAYS in the 2-year-old room in the Nursery

- For Moms and Dads! Very casual Bible Study group designed for stay-at-home caregivers and their children (ages newborn-school age).
- NO NURSERY, as this will be an informal study where children can play with others while watching Mom (or Dad) spend time in prayer.
- Contact: Kelley Winslett at kellywin@yahoo.com



10 AM on THURSDAYS in Room 107

- Join us for this new Parent/Child music class.
- No fee! To register contact Kelley Winslett at kellywin@yahoo.com

Nursery Volunteers

SUNDAY, October 4

Ana Moore, Lyndsey Mooney, Leigh Wright, Stacy & David Young, Kallie Jackson, Anne Leyden

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You may volunteer by stopping by the nursery on first floor to sign up or email Kim Skelton at nurseryvolunteers@trinity-umc.org, or 879-1737.

Hannah's Friends

Are you hurting because you want a baby or have lost one? Are you a friend or a loved one of someone who struggles with faith as she longs for a child? If your answer to any of these questions is yes, we invite you to join us. Hannah's Friends is a group of women who struggle as Hannah did in the Bible with issues of infertility. We share fellowship, prayer and Bible study as we try to discern the unique path God has for each of us. We strive to turn our pain into praise of God who made us, loves us and knows what is best for us. This group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month in the Small Parlor from 5:30-7:00 PM. For more information, contact Adair Laney at adairlaney@gmail.com.

Children's Birthday Parties

Do you need a place to have a birthday party for your child? Consider using Trinity's Family Life Center. The use of the FLC is open only to members of Trinity. For more information, visit www.trinitybirmingham.com (Resource Section, click on Family Life Center) Questions? Contact Ashley Sargent at amorga026@gmail.com

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES!

Can you help us show the college age students of Trinity that we are thinking of them while they are away? Stop by one of our tables after any service on **October 4, 11 or 18** and select one or two students to send a note and small package to. We've even got a list of suggestions to make it easy for you to show them our love and support. What a simple way to show them that Trinity cares! Questions? Please contact Debbie Fly 942-0378 or email dwfly@charter.net with questions.



Wireless Internet is available on Trinity's first floor for your use.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Daniel and Jenny Ellison
(not pictured)

1316 8th Place, Pleasant Grove, AL 35127
 The Ellisons joined our church family by profession of faith and by transfer from another United Methodist Church. Daniel is a mechanical engineer for Southern Nuclear and Jenny is a homemaker and speech therapist. They have one child, Eli, who is one.



Returns to Trinity on December 13!
 Mark your calendar.

What's the next step in your spiritual journey? Find it with Pathways.

At Trinity, we believe a committed disciple of Jesus Christ is growing in three areas:

- HEAD** - Knowing God
- HEART** - Loving God
- HANDS** - Serving God

We have developed *Pathways* with recommendations for disciples of all stages in each of these three areas. This private, self-assessment consists of your personal responses to 15 statements about spiritual life. You then use the responses to find suggestions for your next steps. These suggestions for your next steps are provided in the form of a bookmark. To complete your self-assessment, log on to the church website at

www.trinitybirmingham.com.

