



JANUARY 14

Trinity's GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

Let's help our community with some "hands-on" help for the ministries we support. Everyone is invited to participate in this special day.

Here is a list of projects...

In-house Projects:

1. HEALTH KITS - Contact Laura Eanes: 243-8162 or littlerenovations@yahoo.com (family friendly)

We are currently collecting health kit items in the Outreach Box in the Commons Area. (Health kits include hand towel, washcloth, comb, metal nail file, bath size soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, and 6 adhesive bandages inside a 1-gallon plastic bag.)

2. SANDWICH MAKING - Contact David Miller: 320-2680 or dmiller5@bham.rr.com (family friendly)

3. CARDS FOR SHUT-INS - Contact Adair Whetstone: 290-9392 or adwhetstone@gmail.com (family friendly)

4. CUTTING AND SEWING patterns of bibs, scarves, and hats for Shut-ins - Contact Donna Himes: 945-8349 or donna_himes@bellsouth.net

5. COAT DRIVE - Contact Bettie Jackson: 879-7201. We are currently collecting coats and sweaters (please, no other clothing items) of all sizes in the Outreach Bin in the 2nd floor Commons Area.

Outside Projects:

6. FRAMING WALLS FOR HABITAT HOUSE
Contact Brad Ringer: bringer@rives.com

7. PAINTING & CLEANING AT FIREHOUSE SHELTER - Contact Brad Hilsmier: hilsmier@juno.com

8. BUILDING BUNK BEDS AT URBAN RUSH CENTER - Contact Larry Taylor: 879-7920 or taylarry2@charter.net or (need two more adults to help with nail guns)

9. WALL AT HOUSE OF RESTORATION - Led by Billy Beers (volunteers fulfilled)

10. PAINTING HOUSE OF RESTORATION - Led by Thermon Jones and the Agape Class

11. PAINTING & CLEANING FOR URBAN MINISTRIES - Contact Dave Barnhart: 879-1737 or dbarnhart@trinitybirmingham.com

12. TORNADO RELIEF PROJECT (likely in Walker County or Cullman area) - Contact Kirk Mills: 943-9234 or kirkandsu@charter.net

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Register Now for Small Group Studies! Winter/Spring 2012

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A detailed list of studies and a registration form is inside on pages 5 & 6.

Online registration is available at www.trinitybirmingham.com/adults/ssgroups

Hurry! Classes begin the week of January 22.

Registration Deadline:
January 18

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Questions? Contact Suzanne Pruitt at 879-1737 or spruitt@trinitybirmingham.com. You may also contact Beth Ryan at bryan@trinitybirmingham.com.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:45 & 11:00 AM • Sanctuary

The 8:45 AM worship service is broadcast via 15-minute delay from 9-10 AM Sundays on WAPI-1070 AM and 100.5 FM.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY RECOGNITION AT 8:45 AM SERVICE

SERMON

Dr. Andrew Wolfe

MUSIC

8:45 AM - Cross & Flame Youth Choir

11:00 AM - Sanctuary Choir

MINISTER ON CALL

Dave Barnhart, 335-7352



WESLEY HALL • 11:15 AM

Dr. Dave Barnhart

A LOOK AT DECEMBER 24

2,231 • Christmas Eve Services Attendance

A LOOK AT DECEMBER 25

431 • Christmas Day Worship Attendance

A LOOK AT JANUARY 1

721 • Worship Attendance

457 • Sunday School Attendance

A PERSONAL WORD

Confirmation Celebration Sunday, January 8

8:45 AM Traditional, 11:15 AM Contact

Forty young folks will celebrate with you this Sunday their personal and corporate spiritual journey that they have been experiencing over the past four months. Youth, mentors and their parents have had their "God Moments" while participating together in worship, fellowship, study and service. Beginning in August, we met on Sunday evenings for two-hour sessions and also went to Lake Junaluska in November for a weekend retreat with other confirmands from across the southeast states.

Confirmation marks the age of accountability in the Christian faith where a person decides whether they are ready to claim the name Christian for themselves and make their own personal vows to God and his church.

We are so blessed to have so many committed adults who have walked this walk with our youth to help encourage, support and to be a safe haven where the youth can share their thoughts and questions about who God is and who we are as his beloved children.

Thank you for allowing me to share in this journey with you.

With deep love,
Suzanne

Those Being Confirmed:

Parker Allen	Audrey Harper	Anne Pople
Nathan Azbik	Alex Ann Hicks	Daniel Remke
Elise Banish	Juliet Kamau	Grace Smith
Avery Brooks	Audrey Kile	Thomas Smith
Fredda Cardwell	James Kirk	Garrett Squires
Harry Clark	Lucas Lamb	Macy Squires
Sarah Grace Clark	Anna Corinne Lee	Ben Stana
Walt Coker	Katie Lummis	Kathryn Stubblefield
Katherine Coulter	MichaelAnn McAbee	Hollen Terry
Joe DiNella	Andrew McKibbin	Sam Tucker
Luba Eady	Evie Morton	Ema Weaver
Josh Farrar	Colby Myer	Reid Zuber
Dylan Ford	Jay Niesen	
Robert Gaddis	Skylar Owen	

INFORMATION FOR GUESTS & NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church!
Our mission is to *Gather* people to Christ, *Grow* people in Christ, *Go* to serve Christ in the world and *Glorify* Christ.

Sunday Worship Opportunities:

- 8:45 & 11:00 AM – Traditional services in the sanctuary, offering same sermon and a variety of music.
- 11:15 AM – CONTACT – a relaxed, informal, service in Wesley Hall featuring 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.

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.

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Andrew Wolfe – Senior Minister
 Suzanne Pruitt – Minister of Christian Formation
 Dave Barnhart – Minister of Outreach
 Drew Holland – Minister of Evangelism, Young Adults
 David Thompson – Minister of Students
 Mack Chapman – Minister of Administration
 Bobby Scales – Minister of Pastoral Care & Visitation

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

Wednesday Supper Returns January 11

4:45-6:15 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Leave the cooking to us! Come eat and fellowship with your church family. Let us know you are coming...make reservations and find weekly menus online at www.trinitybirmingham.com.

1/11 Menu:

ADULTS: Beef tips, noodles, green beans, roll and cookie
KIDS: Corn dogs, chips, fruit, milk, cookie

Also! 24 item Salad Bar & 2 soups
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\$6/person • \$3 /child (9 and under)
\$5 Salad Bar

\$20 Family Max. (immediate family only)

new young adult study begins next week



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are you in your 20's?
are you out of college?
are you not married?

If so...you're invited to join us Tuesday, JANUARY 10 for dinner and a new Bible study at the home of Mark & Lisa Elliott. Dinner is served at 6:30 PM and the study follows. To register please email Lisa Elliott at l Elliott@trinitybirmingham.com or call 879.1737.

Young Couples Weeknight Study & Dinner Begins January 10

Young couples...you are invited to join us for a new weeknight dinner and Bible study! On Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM, we will meet at the home of Steve and Cynthia Parris for food, fellowship, and spiritual growth, led by Drew Holland. **The study begins on January 10** with the 6-week video series "Living the Questions." For directions and more information, please contact Drew at dholland@trinitybirmingham.com or 879-1737.

Flower Guild Workshop Join us on January 21

Now is a great time to join the flower guild. We will be having our annual arrangement workshop on Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 9 AM - 12:30 PM

Anyone interested in arranging flowers for the altar, working on special holiday events, serving as helpers for arrangers or taking down arrangements is welcome to come to the workshop. Please make reservation by contacting Mayre Parr at mfparr@bellsouth.net or 822-3527.

TRINITY BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, January 18

Do you like to read, share, discuss,
even question?

Ruth Truett will lead the group in discussing the novel "*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*." Join us at 6 PM in the Small Parlor on January 18.

TCDC & PDO

January 11 Registration begins
for Trinity Members...

Trinity's Child Development Center (TCDC) and Parent's Day Out (PDO) program announce registration dates for 2012-2013:

1/11/12 - Trinity Members
1/25/12 - Community

MISSION & OUTREACH

JANUARY 14 - GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

Join us next Saturday, January 14. This will be **Trinity's GREAT DAY OF SERVICE**. Let's help our community with some "hands-on" help for the ministries we support. Do you sew or knit? Would you like to put your skills to use in ministry? On the Great Day of Service we will be making hats, scarves, and bibs for area shut-ins and for homeless ministries. See the front page for details on the specific projects available.



TRINITY HANDYMEN

Handymen are available to provide assistance to Trinity members with minor repair needs, change light bulbs, yard work, etc. Please call the church office at 879-1737 if you need assistance, and describe your need. The office will pass along the information and a Handyman will contact you.



Connect Sunday is coming... February 5, 2012. To find ways to plug into ministries at Trinity, please contact Karen Smith at 879-1737 or email ksmith@trinitybirmingham.com.

The Birmingham News' Best Of Birmingham 2011 Selections Finalist, Trinity's Sanctuary Choir
Our Trinity Sanctuary Choir was once again selected as a finalist in the Best Church Choir category in the *Birmingham News'* Best Of Birmingham 2011 voting. The Sanctuary Choir has been a finalist consistently in recent years as the Birmingham area's Best Church Choir. Thanks to all who participated in the voting and to the Sanctuary Choir for their strong commitment to excellence in worship.

Children's Choirs and Handbells Resume on Wednesday, January 11!

Mama & Me

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

Join this group in Room 114 in the nursery...bring your little ones.

Questions? Email Kelley at kellywinslett@gmail.com.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Resumes Monday, January 16 at 6:30 AM

All Trinity Men are invited to join this Monday morning group! The group is resuming after the holidays on Monday, January 16. On that same day, they will begin a new Bible study series on the Book of Romans, led by Gene Donaldson.

Questions? Contact Brad Hilsmier at hilsmier@juno.com.

Let's continue to express our thanks!

Bright yellow post-it notes remain available around the building for you to use in expressing your thanks...post your gratitude!

THXB2GOD

Trinity UMC Adult Small Group Studies

Please register now - deadline is January 18.

As you read, pray that God will guide you to the course you need in order for you to grow deeper in your faith.

BIBLE BASICS - This **6-week** course is built around the book *Get Acquainted with Your Bible* by Ball-Kilbourne and will include two pastor-led talks. Each session is **1.5 hours**. Wednesdays 6 PM, leader Shannon Stevens. Cost: \$8.

CREATING A SPENDING PLAN & ELIMINATING DEBT - This **4-week** class will dedicate two weeks to each topic. In less than two hours, you'll be ready to start and continue a personalized plan for your finances, and in two hours, you will create a plan to attack your debt and be free from the cycle of debt dependence. Each session is **1 hour**. Wednesdays 6 PM, leader Catherine Brown. Cost: \$20 per person or couple.

JAMES...MERCY TRIUMPHS by Beth Moore - This **8-week** study examines the man and the book and concepts such as joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for the rich and poor, wisdom, etc. The study introduces Moore's new five-tiered study approach with increasing levels of commitment from which participants can choose how deep they would like to go. Each session is **2 hours**. Wednesdays 6 PM, leader Lisa Hapgood. Thursdays 9:15 AM, leader Susan Rohrer. Cost: \$15.

JOHN 3:16 by Max Lucado - In this **7-week** class, you will be taking a word-by-word study of the passage Lucado calls the "Hope Diamond" of scripture (a twenty-six word parade of hope: beginning with God, ending with life, and urging us to do the same). The heart of the problem is the heart of the human, and God's treatment is prescribed in John 3:16. Each session is **1.5 hours**. Sundays 10 AM, leader Bobby Scales; Sundays 6 PM; Wednesdays 6 PM; and Thursdays 9:15 AM, leader Nancy Ferren. Cost: \$14.

PARENTING YOUR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CHILD - This **4-week** study will be a dialogue led class where parents will have input on issues they want to discuss. Each week, there will be a general session followed by breakout sessions with one group focusing on issues parents and children in elementary school face and one for middle school. Each session is **1 hour**. Wednesdays 6 PM, leaders Donna Johnson (6th grade teacher) and Theresa McKibben (elementary teacher). **Begins February 29.**

STAYING IN LOVE by Andy Stanley - A **4-week** course for couples about how falling in love is easy, but staying there - that is something else entirely. Is it possible for two people to fall in love and actually stay there? Stanley says it is absolutely possible if you treat love like a verb instead of a noun. Each session is **1 hour**. Sundays 6 PM, leaders Guy & Phella Patterson; Wednesdays 6 PM, leaders Bill and Rhonda Rush. Cost: \$9.

MERE CHRISTIANITY - Do you ever find yourself at a loss for words in making a basic defense of your faith? Lewis leads you in a way that causes you to be a thinking Christian. Each session is **1.5 hours**. **The Wednesday PM class is an 8-week study.** Wednesdays 6 PM, leader Mack Chapman; **the Thursday AM class is a 12-week study.** Thursdays 9:15 AM, leader George Parr. Cost: \$12.

WESLEY FOR ARMCHAIR THEOLOGIANS - A **6-week** study. The book by William J. Abraham is an engaging and challenging account of John Wesley's theology in a deceptively light-hearted style. The book covers Wesley's thoughts on creation, original sin, works, justification, regeneration and sanctification. Each session is **1 hour**. Wednesdays 6 PM, leader Andy Wolfe. Cost: \$12.

For the following courses, register online or contact Karen Smith for more details.

STRENGTHS - Trinity uses Gallup's StrengthsFinder tool to help members identify their God-given strengths. Research shows that when people are allowed to do the things they do best, they are more engaged and fulfilled. The Strengths class helps you get to know your own strengths and of those around you. Whether you want to better understand your relationships at home, find fulfillment at work, or find the right ministry to Connect with at Trinity, you are sure to enjoy this course. Each session is **2 hours**. This **6-week** course begins January 25. Wednesdays 6 PM. Cost: \$14.

INTRO TO METHODISM - Whether you are considering membership, are new to the United Methodist traditions, or simply want a refresher, we encourage you to attend this class. Sundays 10 AM. This **3-week** class, led by Dr. Andrew Wolfe, begins April 15. Each session is a **1-hour** stand-alone class, and covers the history, beliefs, and practices of the United Methodist Church.

Adult Small Group Studies Registration

Class	Day(s) Offered			
Bible Basics Begin Date: Jan. 25	Wednesdays, 6 PM Please check here to register: _____			
Creating a Spending Plan... Begin Date: Jan. 25	Wednesdays, 6 PM Please check here to register: _____			
Beth Moore: James Begin Date: Jan. 25, Jan. 26	Wednesdays 6 PM Check to register: _____		Thursdays, 9:15 AM Check to register: _____	
John 3:16 Begin Dates: Jan. 22, Jan. 25, Jan. 26	Sun. 10 AM Register: _____	Sun. 6 PM Register: _____	Wed. 6 PM Register: _____	Thurs. 9:15 AM Register: _____
Parenting Begin Date: Feb. 29	Wednesdays, 6 PM Please check here to register: _____			
Staying in Love Begin Dates: Jan. 22, Jan. 25	Sundays, 6 PM Check to register: _____		Wednesdays, 6 PM Check to register: _____	
Mere Christianity Begin Dates: Jan. 25, Jan. 26	Wednesdays, 6 PM Check to register: _____		Thursdays, 9:15 AM Check to register: _____	
Wesley for Armchair Theologians Begin Date: Jan. 25	Wednesdays, 6 PM Please check here to register: _____			
Strengths Begin Date: Jan. 25	Wednesdays, 6 PM Please check here to register: _____			
Intro to Methodism Begin Date: April 15	Sundays, 10 AM Please check here to register: _____			

***Please honor the registration deadline of January 18. A postcard or email will be sent with the start date, leader's name, and room location before your class begins.**

***Please register your children for the following: Nursery available for children age five and under on Sunday and Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. We need a minimum of three children to have a nursery. Kidzone is for children 5K-5th grade whose parents are participating in an adult study. Wednesday nights,**

Name _____
Address _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email (if this is an efficient way to correspond with you) _____
Studies I have taken: _____
*Nursery - names/ages (0M-5Y): _____
*Kidzone (Wed. PM) - (names/ages 5K-5th): _____

or register online at www.trinitybirmingham.com/adults/ssgroups

For more information on any study, contact Suzanne Pruitt at 879-1737 or spruitt@trinitybirmingham.com OR Beth Ryan at bryan@trinitybirmingham.com.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday - January 8

8:45 AM Traditional Worship - SANC
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Membership 101 - LP
 10:00 AM Confirmation Reception - FHALL
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship - SANC
 11:15 AM CONTACT Worship - WHALL
 4:15 PM Youth Handbells - Rm. 225
 5:00 PM Cross & Flame Youth Choir - MS
 6:00 PM ELEMENT
 6:15 PM Adult Handbells - Rm. 225

Monday - January 9

8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - Various
 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer

Tuesday - January 10

6:30 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast - FHALL
 8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - Various
 8:00 AM Sr. Exercise Class - GYM
 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
 10:00 AM Trinity Singers - MS
 11:00 AM Mama & Me - Nursery

11:00 AM Soup & Salad - FHALL

3:00 PM Element Cafe - Haven

Wednesday - January 11

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

Thursday - January 12

8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - Various
 8:00 AM Sr. Exercise Class - GYM
 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
 3:00 PM Element Cafe - Haven

Friday - January 13

8:00 AM Sr. Exercise Class - GYM
 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer

Saturday - January 14

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE
 7:00 AM Great Day of Service Breakfast

CFT Craft Room-143
 FSR Fireside Room-145
 CONF Conference Room-220
 SANC Sanctuary
 FHALL Fellowship Hall

LIB Library-218
 NAT Not at Trinity
 LP Large Parlor
 SP Small Parlor-105
 HAVEN Youth Auditorium

CHAPEL Mouat Chapel
 MS Music Suite-132
 WHALL Wesley Hall
 SDR Small Dining Room
 FLC Family Life Center

TAKE NOTE

Nursery Volunteers • January 8

Kristen Doleys, Ana Moore, Sarah Paulk,
 Erin Greggs, Ashley Harmon and Katy Willis

Wednesday Supper Returns 1/11

Wednesday Supper will return on January 11. Mark your calendar and plan to join your church family for dinner and fellowship.

Administrative Board Meeting will be held Monday, January 16

- Board Meeting Dinner - 6:15 PM, Fellowship Hall
- Board Meeting - 7:00 PM, Wesley Hall

Meals to Moms! If you would like to be a part of a team that provides meals to members who have just had a baby, come and join us! To volunteer, please contact Karen Smith at 879-1737 or email her at ksmith@trinitybirmingham.com.



January 2012

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

IN THE HOSPITAL

BROOKWOOD:

Andrea Weems

IN MEMORIAM

Billie Grace Rockett
Jo Ann Griffin

December 26
December 29

We extend our love and sympathy:

- to **Sherri and Phillip Campbell** on the death of her grandfather, Curtis Rush, on December 19.
- to **Ashley and Mark Harmon** on the death of their nephew, Patrick Kelley, on December 20.
- to the family and friends of **Billie Grace Rockett**, who died on December 26.
- to **Herb Griffin** on the death of his wife and to **Mike, George and wife Stacie Griffin** on the death of their mother, **Jo Ann Griffin**, on December 29.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to **Stephen and Mindi Perlis** on the baptism of their son, Luke Edward Perlis, on December 25.
- to **William James Rogers and Emma Wright Rogers** on the baptism of their son, Noah Curtis Rogers, on December 25.

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@trinitybirmingham.com. *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



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SUNDAYS at Trinity: Worship 8:45, 11:00 & 11:15 AM • Sunday School 10:00 AM • Youth Activities 6:00 PM

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Nick Nixon

221 Kingston Circle, Birmingham, AL 35211
 Nick joined our church family by transfer from another United Methodist Church. He is a retired medical professional, as well as retired from Pell City FUMC music staff.



Kipp and Shannon Keown *(not pictured)*

601 Broadway Street, Homewood, AL 35209
 Kipp and Shanon joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist Church. Kipp is a manager at BCBS of Alabama and Shanon is an RN at UAB. They have three children, Luke (8), Will (6) and Gray (3).

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membership 101
Sunday, January 8
 10 AM • LARGE PARLOR

This class is strongly suggested for visitors who are considering membership at Trinity. During this hour, prospective members and those interested will review the membership covenant one makes when joining the Trinity Family. Ask a Greeter to direct you!

• PARKING •

Please do not block the TUMC dumpsters or areas that are marked as NO Parking zones. Also, please note that the small parking lot is reserved for Handicapped, elderly and families with small children on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.