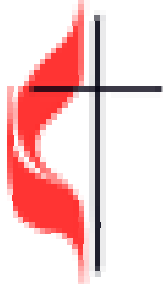


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Trinity United Methodist Church

-Called by God—Creating Hope— Connecting People—Changing Lives

Hugged by Jesus

I hugged Jesus in front of Wal-Mart ...or should I say, he hugged me. With a smile on his face he said, "Now, I'm not Jesus ...I'm just Calvin." One of our own here at Trinity, Calvin Norton, dresses as Jesus on Good Friday. Early in the morning until midday, he walks back and forth along a stretch of Watson Boulevard carrying a cross. People driving by will honk their horns at him and wave ...some will even pull into a parking lot and come over to have their photo made with him. This year a policeman stopped to ask him a few questions. Calvin told me for a little while he thought the officer might arrest him. It's probably best that didn't happen. Can you imagine what it would have looked like putting Jesus in the back of a squad car? Not good!

Calvin is very humble about his Good Friday role. He's not trying to draw attention to himself. His objective is to remind the community of God's love in Christ. What a beautiful purpose that is! Not a one of us is called to do specifically what Calvin does, but all of us can share the love of Jesus in some way.

In 2 Corinthians 5:19 Paul wrote, "...in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us." I believe we have reached a point in our church culture in which we are in great need of reorienting ourselves to this work. We will never fully be the fruitful community of faith God wants us to be without becoming daily participants in the reconciling work of Christ. Caring for

those within the community of faith is a natural part of being the church. However, we must constantly ask ourselves if we are sending the message to non-believers that the church exists primarily for those who already belong to it. We are called to be reconcilers – without this mission, the church will languish.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote: "The church is the church only when it exists for others ...the church must share in the secular problems of ordinary human life, not dominating, but helping and serving. It must tell people of every calling what it means to live in Christ, to exist for others." We live in a world that for various reasons has become suspicious of the church. To break through this suspicion we will have to convince the skeptical around us that we genuinely care. Here at Trinity, if we can live by our mission statement we will be faithful to the work of reconciling...

"Building a joyful community centered on Christ and fully committed to seeking the lost, serving the needy, feeding the hungry, and healing the wounded."

This is not a complicated thing to do. It does take some prayerful thought, but mostly just a willing spirit to be fully connected with Christ, with the church ...and especially with those outside of the church. Reach out... be a reconciler... share the Jesus in you!

God's Blessings,

Bill

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Trinity Happenings

From the Hospitality Committee:

27 April was the last Wednesday night supper and we celebrated the birthdays for April, May and June.

Winners of the drawings are as follows:

April: Adult winner was Pauline Abbott
Youth winner was Bethanie Brooks

May: Adult winner was Susan Lozano
Youth - no winner

June: Adult: Melanie Brooks
Youth: no winner

We will celebrate July birthdays in August.



13th Annual Jean Coleman Charity Golf Tournament benefiting Cherished Children Education Center will be held at Waterford Golf Club, Friday, May 6. Hole sponsorships, donated prizes/certificates, and teams all contribute to proceeds dedicated to paying the mortgage for the Center. Cherished Children is a day care program for low-income working families dedicated to "help families help themselves". Cost to play is \$50. Contact Carolyn or Dave Schomer, 922-2965, schomerc@bellsouth.net, or check out the Center's website at www.wrcherishedchildren.com and click on Events. We can also use volunteers that day beginning at 10:30 am if you would like to get an early start on one of our Save the World outreach projects.

The Jamaica Mission Team is still accepting team members in all areas, but especially in the areas of Children's Ministry and Construction! The cost for the trip is \$1000. The dates are June 3 - 11. Contact Toby Hill or Carolyn Schomer for more information.

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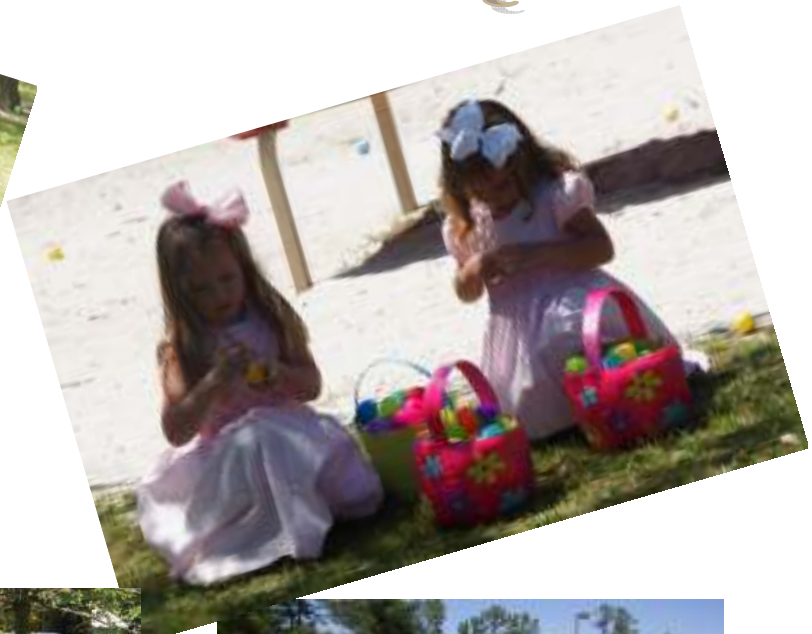
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Children's Department

-Angela Gilbert and Laura Dills



Easter Egg Hunt



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Finance Forum

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Our financial results as of the end of April 2011 were as follows (note these may vary slightly since they were taken before the books were closed for the month in order to make this article):

	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Fund Mo Budget Need:	\$ 66,232	\$ 264,928
General Fund Receipts:	\$ 53,338	\$ 244,542
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 53,516	\$ 233,923
Net Result	\$ (178)	\$ 10,619

I hope that all of Trinity's faithful have noticed the new and/or improved roofs for the sanctuary and most of the other buildings which have concerned the Trustees for some time. It may be difficult for some to fully appreciate the significance of this accomplishment since there were very few actual failures to mark just how imminent the failures were. We were also blessed by the fact that the actual costs were less than first estimated. Those of you who have so consistently supported the SPLOST campaign enabled us to make this happen. We are not yet done but have almost accomplished all that was identified on the initial list from the Trustees. Most importantly, we have taken care of those areas which posed the greatest risk. That's a long way forward from a year ago when we began.

We are continuing to make progress on developing and employing the financial processes and proce-

dures we began two years ago after our first "audit". Marsha Denning and Fran Botkin from the Finance Committee have been leading an effort to develop our own internal audit capability. They have worked with Angie, the church treasurer, to perform a review in the payroll area. Based on their experience and the results, they will present a formal procedure to the full Finance Committee for approval and implementation. They have also been asked to expand the process to all the financial areas with the long term intent to establish an on going, in-house capability to accomplish this necessary task. The committee has also indicated a desire to possibly work with other local churches and exchange teams with one another to increase the "outside" look and objectivity.

Thank you again for your continued support and faithfulness to Trinity and to the work to promote and expand God's kingdom.

Summer Missions

Bell Tour—June 1-4

Choir Tour: June 9-17

Jamaica: June 3-11

Hinton: July 10-15

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Trinity Hobby and Craft Fair

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While visiting the Biltmore Estate in Asheville recently we were struck by the marvelous work in wood, stone, ceramic and fabric. We then visited several other centers for hand crafted works. All of this reminded us that we have seen comparable work here in our community. That led to the thought that we should have a fair that would highlight such crafts. There are others with talents that they simply call hobbies. So regardless of whether you see yourself as a hobbyist, technician, craftsman, or artisan come out and share your talent.

This Fair will offer our everyone an opportunity to sell some of their wares, teach others about a hobby or talent, demonstrate a skill, learn a new skill, or simply gain an appreciation for an art, a hobby, a talent, or even a game.

This means that we need people involved. There are 27 booths that will be for rent to sell products. There will be a dozen or more classrooms in use to teach a skill or game, there will be entertainment, and refreshments, and even a class for small children. Classes will follow several themes: music or dance, games, gardening, needlework, art, and food. If you have a topic not listed here, what should we consider adding?

Can you teach a one hour class that will fit into one of the themes? What class would you like to see added under a theme? We have topics such as teach how to play Bunko and Dominoes, teach how to create a compost pile or how to trim trees or care for roses, or learn a few basic chords on the guitar. Any interest in digital photography? Manipulation of digital photographs? Should we have a seed and plant exchange? Care to start a community garden? Can you teach garden design? Interested in making Jam or Jelly? Line dancing anyone? One stroke painting? Painting on glass?

In April, we need two things for the Fair – (1) anyone with some old sheets is asked to donate them to the Fair so that we can use them to mark off each sales booth and (2) we need ideas on topics to offer and topics that you can teach. Contact Tammy Miller at tgmil@bellsouth.net or Roger Boan at rboan@cox.net and let us know how you can help. Contact us (Tammy at 929-8092 and Roger at 929-0769) if you just want to talk about the Fair to get a better understanding. In May we will provide more details on classes and specific help needed on Fair day.



Fundraising Events for 2011 Still to Come!

August

14th Cinnamon Rolls (Youth Choirs) Vicki Slavik

September

14th - Hobby/Craft Fair (Missions) Tammy Miller

October

Sale of "Dressing" for Holidays (Youth Choirs) Vicki Slavik

November

Operation Christmas Child (Mission)
Doug Decker/ Billy Griggers

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Change the World

-Lori Overcash
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Please join us at Trinity United Methodist Church for *Change the World!* There are many opportunities to get involved. Below is a list of the Mission Opportunities offered. We need volunteers with all projects. Begin now praying for all the service projects and volunteers! Please consider participating in at least one mission opportunity. Remember, together we can ***Change the World, One Step at a Time!***

Don't forget to sign up for Change the World Events and Service Projects! Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the Gym.

May 4th - **Dinner at McDonalds** (by church) proceeds go to 30 Hour Famine

May 5th - **InterFaith Hospitality Meeting** at TUMC at 7:00 p.m.

May 6th - **Appreciation Luncheon for Miller Teachers** at TUMC

Jean Coleman Cherished Children Golf Tournament

May 7th - **5K** (8:30 a.m.),

Biking for Bibles (11:00 a.m.)

Plowing Party (1:00 p.m.)

May 9th - **Notes of Encouragement** for Missionaries, Military and others (1:00 p.m)

May 10th - **Lunch and Bingo at NAMI**

May 11th - **Cookies packed** for military and home-bound

Mission Meal at Trinity (donations for Change the World)

Car Wash - (donations for Change the World)

May 12th - **Volunteering at Cherished Children Daycare** (meet at TUMC at 3:00)

May 13th - **30 Hour Famine** -- (Lock in for the Youth at TUMC)

May 14th - **Scout Yard Sale** at 7:00 a.m. at TUMC Activity Building

Home Repair and Painting (meet at church at 9:00 a.m.)

Planting Azaleas at nursing home at 1 0 : 0 0

a.m.

Picking up Trash at Parking lot behind McDonalds on Hwy 96 at 10:00 a.m.

Sewing/Packing for Jamaica 10:00 a.m.

May 15th - **Neighborhood Block Party** from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Music, food, inflatable games!

May 28th - **Trash Collection and Pick up** at Eagle Springs Elementary School 9:00 am to noon Followed by Pool Party at noon.

Change the World Bible Study will be taught on Sunday mornings in the Beatitudes Sunday School Class!



We are collecting the following items for Mission projects:

Over the Counter Medicine for Jamaica - **CRITICAL NEED**

Eye Glasses and School Supplies and Bibles for Jamaica

Girls and Boys Underwear for Children's Hospital in Macon

Tools for Hinton

Gardening Supplies

Sponsorship Signs are available for \$25 for the 5K Run/Walk!

For more information on Change the World, email tumcinformation@gmail.com or contact Angie Sams, Anna Hill, Carolyn Schomer, Melanie Brooks, Lori Overcash, Mark Zeuner, Marie Goggin, Margaret Mathews, Laura Dills or Angela Gilbert.

Our Church Family at Home

-Uplift these friends in your prayers and with cards and phone calls

Church Home for the Aged

2470 Hwy 41 North
Fort Valley, GA 31030

Gladys Rissmann
Jewel McGarity

Summer's Landing

608 Kimberly Road ~ 31088

Alice Reese
Margaret Poole, Apt. 1B
Jean and Sam Hendry, Apt 66

Summerhill Assisted Living Community

500 Stanley Drive, Perry 31069

Nell Posey ~ Veranda East Room 13

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Carlyle Place

5300 Zebulon Road
Macon, GA 31210

Roger Fulling

Homebound

Billie Curry
320 Bernard Drive ~ 31093

Shirley Matthews
421 Woodland Drive ~ 31088

Mae Kincaid
319 Oakview Square ~ 31093
Jim Kincaid—Dublin VA Hospital

Ruth Wehrmeyer
111 Pearce Drive ~ 31093

Billie Meaders
109 Ginny Drive ~ 31093

Deployed Active Duty Military

James Easterling—(Afghanistan)
Kevin Parker—son of Eileen and Walt Parker
Jeff Dorsey (Afghanistan) nephew of June and Eddie Underwood
Troy Maskell - grandson of Nancy and Bill Birdsell
Stephen Kelly (Afghanistan) son of Connie and Ken Adkins
Wayne Smith (Basic Training) Hammakers
Major James B. Phillips, Jr. (Iraq) Mitt Team US Army
Jason Thaggard (Iraq) nephew of Shelby Snow
Joshua Green (Iraq) nephew of Stacy Green (Trinity Preschool Teacher)
Drew Daniels (Afghanistan) son of David and Marylou Daniels

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So Many Reasons to Celebrate...

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1st	Ashley Ayres	16th	Michelle Elliott	Marty Lambert	
3rd	Brandilyn Cook		Pam Piper	Christopher Nobles	
	Pat Smith	18th	Ashley Johnson	27th	Kim Hatcher
4th	Anne Mason		Carrol Rose	Dave Nakayama	
	Naomi Overcash		Evelyn Sheffield	Mary Sheridan	
	Aaron Pugh	19 th	Chris Chaloult	Kristi Slavik	
	Carolyn Schomer	20th	Ward Wilson	28th	George Brannen
	Pam Yandell		Randy Wyatt	Jack Shope	
7th	Jamie McDonald	21st	Jo Betsy Kinser	Al Stewart	
8th	Ruth Logan		Elaine Romich	29th	Mark Elliott
9th	Doyle Pratt	22 nd	Savanna Gary	30th	Rusty Blair
10th	Tommy Bowman	23rd	Scott Brin	Cecil Robertson	
11 th	Charlie Hendrix		Carolyn Wyatt	31st	Donna Pallini
12th	Christopher Jossart	24th	Nicholas Ayers		
	Tyler Yandell		Barry Brooks		
14th	Sue Bagwell		Phil Crowe		
	Chris Overcash	25th	George Lumpkin		
	Paula Oxyer		Trevor Pennycuff		
		26th	Andrew Decker		
			Karen Smith		
			Denise Andrews		



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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5 th	David & Lori Campbell	18th	Greg & Karen Pennycuff
9th	Jon & Yvette Jossart	20th	Mike & Christin Eader
10th	Bob & Lynn Dalrymple	23rd	Denise & Todd Sappe
	Jack & Ruth Peck	24th	Roy & Bronwyn Jardin
12th	Dave & Sandra French	26th	Art & Paula Howard
13th	Lee & Cheryl Minor	27th	Ken & Elaine Pritchard
	Karen & Terry Stewart		John & Billie Trussell
15th	Rob & Shanyn Humphry		
	Keith & Karen Yeager		

