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the Trinity Tidings

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A Word From Brother Joe

I am very excited for Trinity to have the opportunity to offer the Awana program to our children. Also, I am looking forward to seeing how God is going to use Awana Clubs to reach children in our community. To give you some background on Awana, it is non-denominational ministry originally founded as a youth program at the North Side Gospel Center in Chicago, Illinois, by Pastor Lance Latham and Art Rorheim. Their goal was to develop a program that would

appeal to young people, reach them with a Christian message of salvation and grow them spiritually through Biblical studies. Other churches heard about the success of the Awana program and asked if they could use it. By 1960, Awana had grown to 900 churches. Today, more than 12,000 U.S. churches have Awana programs and can be found in all 50 states. Outside the United States, Awana can also be found in more than 6,000 churches in 109 countries and six continents. For Trinity to have the chance to participate in and offer this outstanding program is a gift from our Lord. I would like to encourage all adults, no matter your age, to join the Trinity Awana Team. Be a part of what God is up to at Trinity, because not only do "Kids Matter to God," they matter to Trinity!

Awana is Coming to Trinity UMC!

The mission of Awana is to help "churches and parents worldwide raise children to know, love, and serve Christ."

Wednesday Nights Beginning August 18, 2010

Our First Wednesday Night, "Opening Night, August 18th," will be the Run-Thru Night for Volunteers and Registration for the Children (\$5 per child to cover materials).

Lessons will start on August 25th. Each Wednesday night will consist of a large group time, small groups (by age) and game time. This will be a rotation style with 3 stations similar to the VBS format.

Join the Awana Team! • Adult Volunteers Needed! • Contact Church Office or Darren Dean, 745-2632

(Volunteer help is especially needed for children, ages 3rd to 5th grades)

From Tom McCormick on Awana:

The Awana Program, without a doubt, is the best Bible oriented program that Sally and I have encountered. It requires considerable adult support, but it is well worth the effort. The program is task oriented, with a lot of memory work which is repeated during the year, and the following years. Merit badges are earned for completing the task, (similar to the Boy/Cub Scout programs). The meetings normally take 1½ hours, which will work well with our Wednesday night schedule. It is regarded as the Cadillac of children's Bible oriented programs. I am excited for our children at Trinity to experience Awana. I would encourage adults of all ages to contact Darren Dean (745-2632) Erin Blair (821-2821) or Cathie Elmore (887-0956) and offer to serve, you will be blessed!

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Sunday Worship @ Trinity

8:30: Traditional - Sanctuary

11:00: Blended - Sanctuary

9:45: Contemporary - Fellowship Hall

8:30, 9:45 & 11:00: Sunday School

Trinity Missions News - Both Local and International

Haiti Relief & Trinity UMC

As usual the Trinity Family responded with great compassion to the disaster caused by the earthquake that devastated Haiti in January. We received a thank you letter this week from UMCOR expressing appreciation for Trinity's gift of \$10,144.63. This money not only helped address immediate needs of the Haitian people, but also is now helping with the long-term recovery of those whose lives were shattered.

In addition, this year during Vacation Bible School, the children raised \$1,478.23 for Haiti, giving their donation to Samaritan's Purse Haiti's relief. They chose Samaritan's Purse in support of our own Betsy Hall's work with them. The children brought coins each day of VBS and had a contest between the girls and boys as to who could raise the most "weight" in dollars. This year the boys took the title!

Medical Mission Teams Needed in Haiti

This week marked the six month anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti. There is still a tremendous need for help in many areas. One of the needs is for medical care. If anyone in the Trinity Family, who is in the medical field, would like to serve for **one week** in one of Samaritan's Purse's medical clinics, contact Betsy Hall at, betsyhallsjc@yahoo.com. Samaritan's Purse is in need of qualified medical personnel to help the people of Haiti.

Opelika Nationals - Congratulations for a Great Run with the All Stars!!

The Opelika Nationals, local little league team coached by Trinity's own Les Davis, Bobby Samford, and Mike McKay had an outstanding run in the All Stars competition. Members of the Nationals who are part of the Trinity Family, are Austin Blackmon, Micah Christian, Luke Davis, Braden McKay, and Clay Samford.



Family Fun Night!
Wednesday, July 21st
5:30 - 7:30, Fellowship Hall
Tacos & A Movie
"The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry"
What to Bring:
Blanket, Camp Chair,
& 2-Liter Drink
RSVP:
Church Office by July 19th.

About the Movie:

A Christian family film about faith and forgiveness, *The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry* is the story of an elderly man who shares his faith with a young boy and how that simple act helps shape the lives of many. Movie shown by permission, CCVI



Back to School Kid's Pool Party

Wednesday, July 28th

Depart from Trinity @ 2:45 PM

To travel to Home of Steve & Lisa Tucker

What to Bring: Towels, Blankets or Chairs

All Kids thru 5th Grade Invited!

Non-Swimmers Must be
Accompanied by an Adult.

Snacks & Drinks Provided.

**Trinity
Prayer Pager
Ministry**

Numbers:

Julie Moody:

742-5276

Jeanette Malone:

742-5278

Trinity Staff:

742-5275

Together in Prayer This Week at Trinity

For Those In the Hospital
Bob Stewart

For Those With Immediate Prayer Concerns

Dean Albritton, Ella Beth Barlow, PJ & Michelle Barlow, Lee Benham, Steve Clarke, Jan Engle Cumbie, Keith Fender, Kevin Flannagan, Seth Fuller, Debbie Green, Jo Gossett, Myrtice & Kermet Hanson, Melinda Jackson, Mike Kilpatrick, Jimmy Kirk, Dawn Lawson, Carol Myers, Amanda Pack, Brian Shealey, Stanley Sims, Ann J. Smith, Christa Straub, Bob Stewart, Liz Wessels, Bill Whatley, Jr.

For Those Needing Extended Prayer

Mary Benson, Frances Blackburn, Betty Nan Church, Claude Cooper, Glen & Barbara Davis, Ross Folmar, Ty Garner, Frances Gieringer, Kenneth Givens, Bill Gregg, Betsy Hall, Shirley Hanson, Hope Hickman, Mollie Henderson, Pam Honeycutt, Lynn Jackson, Ashley Johnson, Ann Kemp, Brent Langford, Mary Lisman, Polly Long, Ken Marsh, Jeanette Malone, Julie Moody, Carol Myers, Carly Parker, Marguerite Pierce, Miriam Pruet, Freddie Rowell, Carol Sandblom, Samaritan's Purse Employee (female) kidnapped in Darfur, Sudan, Maggie Schropp and Baby, Margaret Tatum, Sandy Turnball, Sally Sanders, Melissa Schaerer, Brandie Simpson, Myrtice Stewart, Ola Styes, Roger Wiggins, Suzan Wilson, Gulf Coast Oil Spill

For Those In the Military

Steve Allen, Tristan Aycocock, Matthew Baca, Chuck Barber, Jr., Travis Blackburn, Andi Brown, Clint Cobb, Ronnie Coonley, John Austin Cole, Nick Ellison, Sam Hickman, Ryan Himel, Matthew Jollit, Mike Ledoux, Adam Lollis, Matthew Lumpkin, Keith Morgan, John Melson Phillips, Jason Piedra, Daniel Ross, Mike Schropp, Bubba Sumrall, Kimmy Thompson, Jim Trimble, Brian Westfall

With Deepest Sympathy & Prayer

To Dixie Simpson and Family in the death of her brother-in-law, Bob Wolford on June 14th, in Rockport, IN.

To Steve & Debbie Clarke and Family in the death of Steve's grandfather, Charles Ivey Boughman, on July 4th, in Morganton, NC.

To Jimmy & Anita Allen and Family in the death of Jimmy's grandmother, Bertha Joiner, on July 6th, in Lanett, AL.



Congratulations. . . .

To Justin and Anna Armstrong on the birth of twin daughters, Alexandra Lynn and Olivia Grace Armstrong, on July 7th, in Dothan, AL. Alexandra Lynn weighed 5 lbs, 12 ozs, and Olivia Grace weighed 5 lbs, 8 ozs. Proud grandparents are Randy and Darlene Armstrong.

To Jon and Dallas Davis on the birth of a son, Charlie Quinn Davis, on July 7th, in Macon, GA. He weighed 8 lbs, 6 ozs, and was 20½ inches long. Proud grandparents are David and Anne Davis.

Our Presence Sunday, July 11th

- 8:30 AM - Worship..... 165
- 9:45 AM - Worship..... 225
- 11:00 AM - Worship..... 130
- 8:30 AM - Sunday School 12
- 9:45 AM - Sunday School 195
- 11:00 AM - Sunday School 43

Trinity Men's Breakfast, This Sunday, July 18th

7:00 AM • Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker: Robbie Keeble, "Spirituality in Recovery"



Prime Time Senior Adult Events

Tuesday, July 27th • A Taste of Lemon Restaurant in LaGrange, Georgia

Depart church at 10:00 AM • \$3.00 each to cover the cost of transportation.

The cost for lunch is \$8.00 - \$10.00 per person.

Call the church office to register, 745-2632.

**Trinity Library
to Take Inventory**

The Library Team is requesting the return of all books by July 27th. They will be taking inventory at the end of the month of July. Also, a box containing a selection of Karen Kingsbury books is missing from the Library closet. If you have these books, please return so they can be counted as inventory.

Thank you, Trinity Librarian



United Methodist Women's Annual Summer Salad Supper

Monday, July 26th - 6:00PM

Home of Vondalyn Hall • 703 Hillflo Avenue, Opelika

All women of Trinity interested in knowing more about UMW are invited to attend the supper as guests. The UMW is for women of all ages who want an opportunity to learn about and participate in missions for women and children locally and around the world. Call Jean Lenard, 703-9368, for more information and to make a reservation.

Microwave Needed

If you have an old microwave in working condition and would like to give it to the church please contact Debra Fowler in the office.

Kid's Crossing

**Sunday School Teacher Training
For All New and Existing Teachers**

Monday, August 2nd, 6:00 – 8:00 PM • Dinner and Childcare Provided

3rd Floor Christian Life Center, Room C-304

Please RSVP to Darren Dean, 745-2632, or darren@tumcopelika.org

2010 Leadership Summit

Great Opportunity for the Trinity Family to Attend

Sponsored by Willow Creek Church and Broadcast LIVE by Satellite at St. James UMC in Montgomery.

Exceptional 2-Day Summit for Church and Business Leaders

Trinity Family Special Ticket Price is only \$110 per person (regularly \$195)

Event is Thursday & Friday, August 5th & 6th @ St. James UMC, Montgomery

Reservations: Call the church office, 745-2632;

Group Transportation will be decided based on number of reservations.

This Year's Outstanding Line-up of Speakers:

Bill Hybels

Founder & Sr. Pastor, Willow Creek

Jim Collins

National Acclaimed Business Thinker

T.D. Jakes

Chief Pastor the Potter's House

Jack Welch

Former CEO, General Electric

Terri Kelly

President & CEO, W.L. Gore & Assoc.

Tony Dungy

Winning Coach of 2007 Super Bowl

Christine Caine

Director, Equip & Empower Ministries

Andy Stanley

Sr. Pastor, North Point Church

Zhao Xiao, Ph.D.

Leading Chinese Economist

Blake MyCoskie

Founder, Tom's Shoes, Inc.

Daniel H. Pink

Best-Selling Author, Business Thinker

Adam Hamilton

Sr. Pastor, UMC of the Resurrection

Jeff Manion

Sr. Pastor, Ada Bible Church

For more detailed info visit:

www.willowcreek.com/summit

Comments From Trinity Members Who Have Attended Previous Leadership Summits

From Tom Yates: I first asked myself, "Why am I attending this?" I am not a pastor or a leader in the day to day activities of the church. But, as I sat there and listened to those great speakers, I realized that I am the leader in my own life and this applies to me as well as those mentioned above. If I improve my own leadership, then I can apply it to anything I undertake.

From Heather Cummings: Attending the Leadership Summit was a truly amazing experience. The speakers were exceptional, and the messages they presented encouraged and challenged me. In each talk that was given, I received practical information for effective leadership. . . I took notes the entire time!

From Banks Herndon: I have attended 2 Leadership Summits in the past few years. Both times the common theme I heard was that successful churches FOCUS their human and financial resources on one, two, or three major ministry programs. Trying to do too much, results in doing little of consequence. I've read the same thing in "The Purpose Driven Church" and in "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church." I'm beginning to believe! The Leadership Summits have been excellent.

From Margo Herndon: The Leadership Summit was exceptional! I was really motivated by hearing these highly successful leaders, both men and women, from the worlds of church, business, and education. I am thankful we at Trinity have a church staff who encourages us to attend these conferences in order to challenge us, broaden our horizons, and help us grow as the Body of Christ.

From Scott Moody: The Leadership Summit was an amazing and encouraging experience. I came expecting a church growth seminar. Instead, I was blessed by a multimedia window into the thoughts and walks of men and women who are dynamic leaders. The combination of sermons, interviews, music, and testimonies encouraged me and challenged me to go further in my walk with Christ. I highly recommend it.

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