

PastScripts

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Beneath the Spire...

Day of Discipleship - Sunday, October 2

As disciples of Christ, we hear time and time again of the call to serve – to serve God, to serve neighbors, to serve the church. A large part of our role as Christians is to reach out in love to our neighbors. Responding to God's call to serve our neighbors is not simply an act of obedience but rather is an act of love, an act of faith, and an act of gratitude.

On October 2, your Trinity family invites you to participate in *an act of love* – a day of discipleship. A day when our church family will follow our worship service with a day of service, a day of love! We will act out of love for our neighbors by reaching out with care and compassion to serve their needs where they are. We will get to know our neighbors through serving meals, playing games, gardening, etc. These acts of love will be simple reminders that each of us are children of God and we are called to love one another through both simple acts of love and great big bold acts of love.

On October 2, let us *grow in faith* by acting in faith. Our opportunities to serve in a day of discipleship will encourage us to better learn about communities of need, to build new relationships, and to work for Christ's kingdom in the world. As we experience the places God is at work in the world and how we can meet God in this wonderful work, I pray that we will grow in faith, learning to serve as a community and meeting God in a diversity of ways and a diversity of places.

On October 2, let us *act out of gratitude to God*, for all God has offered us. We respond by engaging communities in need, learning about God's work in the world, and giving gratitude through service. Our service to communities in need, to building relationships, and to learning is an act of gratitude. Join us as we give praise and gratitude to God through simple acts of service.

On October 2, join us for a day of discipleship – to act in love, faith, and gratitude.

Can't wait to join you in service! See the next page for details. You can sign up on our church website or in person in the Parlor after worship on September 25.

In Christ, Grace



Organization	Service Work	Site Location	Ages
Urban Ministry Center	Volunteers will make sandwiches to be delivered to Urban Ministry Center the following day. These 800 sandwiches will help Urban Ministry's great work, to serve a meal to anyone in need any day of the year. Volunteers will prep the sandwiches in the Youth Center.	Trinity Youth Center	All Ages
Various	For congregants who feel they are unable to work in our other areas of mission, please join us here. These volunteers will work in the Fellowship Hall to assemble Blessing Bags and make and give Care Blankets. Blessing Bags are one way we work to engage our homeless neighbors or those who are in need. Blessing Bags include water, non-perishable snacks, and a kind note. Blessing Bags are left at church for church members to pick up and place in their car so they can help those in need as they see the need present itself. Care Blankets will be made of fleece material and include a written prayer card for our members who are not able to attend worship at Trinity anymore. We encourage families to drop off assembled Care Blankets to the homes of their recipients.	Trinity Fellowship Hall	All – especially for under 10
Neighborhood	Volunteers will practice being a good neighbor to our Trinity neighbors! We will help to create a more welcoming space around the neighborhood by cleaning up areas that have been neglected and cause eyesores. Volunteers will also work with several of our neighbors who are elderly and unable to care for their yards/homes and appreciate some assistance.	Trinity Cotswold/Providence Park Neighborhoods	All Ages
Nations Ford School	Our partner school, Nations Ford, has a new building! This is wonderful and exciting news, along with their new building, there is some work to be done. Trinity partners are being asked to help beautify the campus the children utilize by planting flowers around the school. Please dress appropriately and bring gardening supplies!	Nations Ford Elementary 8300 Nations Ford Rd.	All Ages
McCreesh Place	Volunteers will learn more about McCreesh Place - a housing first model home that supports those who have experienced chronic homelessness. Trinity members will tour McCreesh Place and then set up for a recreation event to enjoy with McCreesh Place residents – Bingo! Prizes will be included and fun will be had.	McCreesh Place 2120 N. Davidson St.	All Ages
Charlotte Rescue Mission	Charlotte Rescue Mission has a long history of reaching out to those experiencing homelessness and battling addiction. Volunteers will help prepare for the lunch hospitality meal and will serve and fellowship with residents. This is a great way to learn more about Charlotte Rescue Mission and the ways it supports those suffering from addiction and helps end homelessness.	Charlotte Rescue Mission 907 West 1 st Street	10 and up
Friendship Garden	Our Trinity Friendship Garden located on the front lawn will need some tending this fall. Trinity's Friendship Garden supports Friendship Trays (Charlotte's Meals on Wheels Program) by providing fresh vegetables each week. So far this year we have donated over 500 pounds of produce. Help tend to the garden and grow healthy veggies for our neighbors.	Trinity Friendship Garden	All Ages
Galilee Center	Galilee Center is a welcoming center for refugees. Galilee Center hosts English classes, counseling, gardening, loaves and fishes, prayer rooms, and other resources to support refugees in the Charlotte area. This work will include learning more about the Galilee Center and working in the community garden which serves this population.	Galilee Center 3601 Central Avenue	All Ages

IMPACT STORY - Peter Devlin

Congregation members share an "Impact Story" during the worship service at least monthly. Please find below Peter Devlin's story shared May 29, 2016.

I have always thought if you do not believe in God you are just not listening.

I was born Roman Catholic. I was born in a Catholic hospital, baptized in a Catholic church and started off life going to a parochial school where I was taught that if I did not go to a Catholic church every Sunday I was committing a mortal sin. And if I died before I went to confession I was going straight to hell. What could I tell you, it was the 1950's.

I started going to year-round boarding school at the age of eight. The great thing about going to boarding schools is that it taught you independence; the sad thing is that you felt you had no home.

After graduating prep school, I went into the army. After I got out of the army I moved back to my father's house. I had gone to all boy schools and served in a mostly male army. At the age of 22 I did not have a lot of experience with women.

A friend fixed me up on a few blind dates but they all ended in disaster. Whenever I was driving alone I would have a conversation with God; his answers were not always very obvious. Driving home after another disastrous date I looked up and said, "What now, God?" My answer came a few days later. My father had a friend, who I did not know, who had a son, Don, who I did not know. Don was going into the army and my dad asked if I would talk to Don. So I took Don out to lunch and we talked for about three hours, after which Don told me he was having a going away party and would I come. At first I said no, because I did not know him or any of his friends. He insisted. I relented because I didn't have anything better to do. On the way driving over, I asked God, "How do you start a conversation with a girl?" Little did I know that at the party there were two girls, Joan and Elise, and there was a young man pestering Elise, quite insistently trying to get a date with her. Joan told the boy that, "Elise could not go on a date with him because Elise's fiancé was coming soon." The boy asked, "When?" And with that, I walked through the door. This perfect stranger walks up to me, grabs me by the arm and

says, "This is Elise's fiancé now." That's how I met my wife. We've been happily married almost 40 years. I was listening and God was not being subtle.

We got married in a Catholic church, my children were raised Catholic, but I never felt at home in a Catholic church. When I was 50 I had drifted away from the church. Driving home, I would pass St. Gabe's, one of the churches I had gone to, and I would feel guilty about not going to church anymore. Because of what the priests and nuns had taught me as a child going to a non-Catholic church was out of the question. So after almost ten years of not going to church, I was having one of my normal conversations with God and I said, "What do I do?" Sometime later I got my answer. My son, who lives in Austin, TX, came home for a visit. He announced he's now a Presbyterian and would I like to go to church with him on Sunday. I agreed, and found online a Presbyterian church, right across the street from St. Gabe's. We go to church and immediately after service, as the congregation was starting to leave, the man in front of me turns around and says, "I don't believe we've met. My name is Bob Lyons." We talked for a few minutes and he said I should go to the after-service coffee. So I was walking towards the coffee and another man turns around and says, "I don't believe we've met. My name is Bruce Voorheis." I finally make it to the coffee and one by one some ten people came up to me and each one of them says, "I don't believe I know you," and they introduce themselves. It was God saying to me, "Here is where you belong." I think God over rules a priest.

So to the choir I say, "You sing like angels. The music is beautiful and I love it. But you are not why I am here." And to Steve, "Your sermons are fascinating and up-lifting, but you're not why I am here." And to you, the congregation, I say, "The reason I am here is because of you, the congregation. You made me feel welcome on the first day. You invited me back into my home. Thank you."

Financials as of August 31, 2016

	August Actuals	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget
Receipts:	\$ 40,774	\$ 425,389	\$ 424,167
Unrestricted Funds Used:	\$ 2,494	\$ 30,180	\$ 36,297
Endowment Funds Used:	\$ 4,765	\$ 38,120	\$ 38,120
Boltz Funds Used:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,551
Expenses:	\$ 64,008	\$ 591,336	\$ 630,236
Surplus/Deficit:	\$ (15,975)	\$ (97,647)	\$ (128,101)

Session Highlights

Stated Session Meeting on August 21, 2016:

Approved dissolving the Discernment Process Study Group with Session's appreciation.

Approved adopting the following marriage policy:

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has adopted the following definition of marriage: "Marriage is a gift God has given to all humankind for the well being of the entire human family. Marriage involves a unique commitment between two people, traditionally a man and a woman, to love and support each other for the rest of their lives. The sacrificial love that unites the couple sustains them as faithful and responsible members of the church and the wider community."

The session of Trinity Presbyterian Church hereby aligns Trinity with the Presbyterian Church (USA) in its definition of marriage. The service of Christian marriage at Trinity shall be available to any couple seeking marriage with no consideration of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or disability. The session continues to affirm the right of pastors to exercise their conscience with regard to whom they will marry and their responsibility to ensure that couples wishing to be married are appropriately prepared to undertake the vocation, responsibilities and privilege of marriage.

Approved Cookie Parnell as Church Treasurer for a one year term beginning January 1, 2017.

Approved Casey Field and David Hood for Officer Nominating Committee for a two year term beginning January 1, 2017.



CALLING TRINITY SINGLES OF ALL AGES

The Congregational Care Ministry Team is planning a Trinity Singles Social on Friday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Bring an appetizer or dessert and your favorite beverages to Lynda Opdyke's home at 3037 Wamath Drive.

We may decide to plan future gatherings for movies, music, or meals, so come and share your ideas for fellowship.

**RSVP to Lynda at
704-553-0894 or lopdyke@mindspring.com**

ANNOUNCEMENT REQUEST FORM

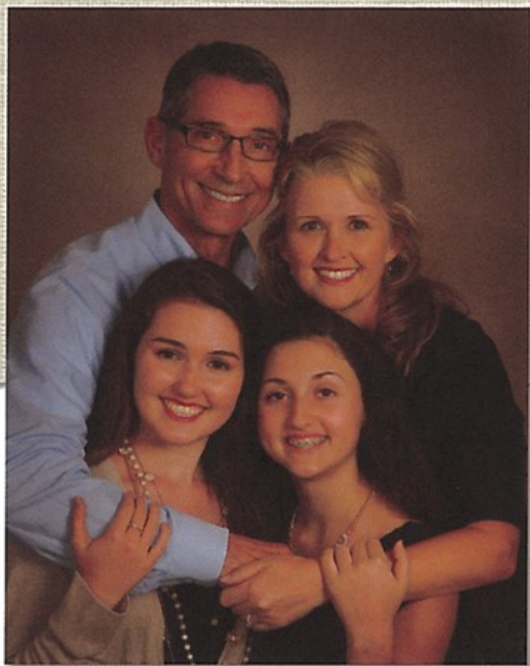
Have a church announcement that you or your ministry team would like to share? We have a great new Google form that we're asking all Trinity members to use going forward for submitting announcements for the Weekly Word, bulletin and website. It's very efficient and easy to use!

To access our Announcement Request form:

- Go to www.trinitypreschurh.org
- Click on "CONNECT" heading at top
- Click on "Church Calendar" dropdown
- Scroll down under calendar to find the link

Thanks for using this new format!

Trinity now has its own **LITTLE LIBRARY** for children. We invite church members to donate a children's book that you have loved. Just place the book inside the **LITTLE LIBRARY**. You will find our **LITTLE LIBRARY** just outside the main church library. Parents, please help your children select a book to take into worship or to take home. The book is theirs to keep or to return at a later date. Children are encouraged to help keep the **LITTLE LIBRARY** stocked by bringing a book of their own to donate.



You are invited to

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Capture Memories for a lifetime

Be a part of our new family directory program. We need YOU to make our new family directory complete!



We will partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our families and tell our story.



Each family will receive a
**complimentary 8x10
portrait & directory**
for participating



Exclusive products for your
cherished memories

It is time to do a church directory again.

Lifetouch will be at Trinity to take pictures for the directory on September 30, October 1, 19, 20, 28, and 29. It is easy to make an appointment. Just click [HERE](http://bit.ly/tpc-directory), copy this link into your browser <http://bit.ly/tpc-directory>, sign up through October 9, before or after church near the Cloister, or call the church office giving your three preferences of dates and approximate times. Someone will call you the next day with the exact date and time of your appointment.

The pictures will be back in time for Christmas and will make great presents for family and friends.



We are off to a great start! The Weekday School is blessed to have the support of so many people who worked together to make the start of the 2016-17 school year such a great success!

A BIG Thank You to

The Weekday School Ministry Team, Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team and the church staff for all of their support!

The Weekday School staff team is excited about the new school year and all of the fun events planned for the students and their families! Please stay tuned for more information regarding our

**Art Show and Open House on Thursday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall and Wreath Sale fundraiser in November!**

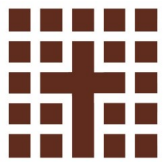
It is not too late to join in the fun! There are still openings in some of our programs. For more information, please contact the Weekday School office at 704.366.3556 or via email at spalmer@trinitypreschurch.org or jbillings@trinitypreschurch.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RE-LINK YOUR HARRIS TEETER VIC CARD!

Harris Teeter's "Together In Education" Program helps Trinity's Weekday School raise money when you link your VIC card to Trinity (#4936) and purchase select Harris Teeter Brand products. Checks are sent out quarterly to participating schools based on these purchases—but you have to link your card for it to count! You may remember signing up last year (and we thank you!), **but remember this sign up process must take place each school year, so remember to link your VIC card every fall.** You may link your card the next time you check out at the grocery store or online at www.harristeeter.com. It's simple and does not take long but is so beneficial to our preschool program! Thank you for your continued support!

What's Happening at Trinity

October 1	PostScripts Deadline, November Issue Directory Photos	October 13	In-Home Communion Weekday School Open House and Art Show
October 2	World Communion Sunday Day of Discipleship Children's Choir (weekly) Youth Group (weekly)	October 14	Montreat Retreat Weekend
October 3	Sew 'N Sews Mondays (weekly) Weekday School Creative Movement Classes	October 16	No Sunday School this Sunday
October 4	F3 Nation Fitness & Leadership (weekly) Sew 'N Sews Tuesdays (weekly) Weekday School Creative Movement Classes Trinity Staff Meeting (weekly) Weekday School Atomz Lab (weekly) Soccer Shots (weekly) Communications Ministry Team Teen Cotillion (weekly) Plant Living/Well Family Al-Anon (weekly)	October 18	Weekday School My Gym
October 5	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (weekly) Wednesday Class (weekly) Weekday School Soccer Shots (weekly) Shepherd's Center Welcoming Ministry Team Carolina Sampler Guild Girl Scout Troop #1335 Adult Choir (weekly)	October 19	Weekday School KidSpeak Screenings Weekday School My Gym Finance Ministry Team Directory Photos Stewardship Ministry Team Girl Scout Troop #1335 American Needlepoint Guild
October 6	Women of the World Bible Study (weekly) Jane Arant Discussion Group (weekly) Weekday School Hello Spanish (weekly) Bridge (weekly) Soccer Shots (weekly)	October 20	Weekday School KidSpeak Screenings Directory Photos
October 7	F3 Nation Fitness & Leadership (weekly) Sons of Timaeus (weekly) Trinity Singles' Social	October 22	Teen Cotillion Dance
October 9	Bible in a Year Child Protection Training	October 23	Response Sunday Stewardship Celebration Lunch Stated Session
October 10	Men's Breakfast Weekday School Music Classes	October 25	Stated Presbytery Meeting Providence Presbyterian Church
October 11	Weekday School Music Classes	October 26	Embroiderers' Guild
October 12	In-Home Communion Plant Living/Well Family Shepherd Center Travel Committee Weekday School Staff Meeting Integrative Health Workshop Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team	October 28	Directory Photos
		October 29	Directory Photos
		Baptisms	
		Lucy Violet Burkhart	August 28
		Daughter of Brandon and Kelly Burkhart	
		Sister of Jackson Burkhart	
		Marriages	
		Edgar McCall and Noël Humphreys	September 10
		Church Triumphant	
		Peggy Mewborn Carroll	August 14
		Congregational Sympathy	
		Ida Dunn Harris Parnell	August 5
		Mother of Jerry Parnell	
		Hugh Weldon Foard	August 6



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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Publication Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin: Tuesdays at Noon

Newsletter - PostScripts: 1st day of each month

Wednesday email: Two weeks before the email

Website events: One month before the event

Website announcements: One month before the event

THE SESSION

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator

Lynette Neel, Clerk

Donnie Bobbitt, President of the Corporation

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Steve Ball

Marty Brownlow

Tom Collins

Betty Lynn Lambert

Jim Calder

Class of 2017

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Donnie Bobbitt

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Lori O'Keefe

Class of 2018

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MINISTRY TEAMS

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Finance

Personnel

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Serve

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Weekday School

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Mark Grube, Part-time Event Assistant

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.