



Trinity Team in Panama, June 21-June 29

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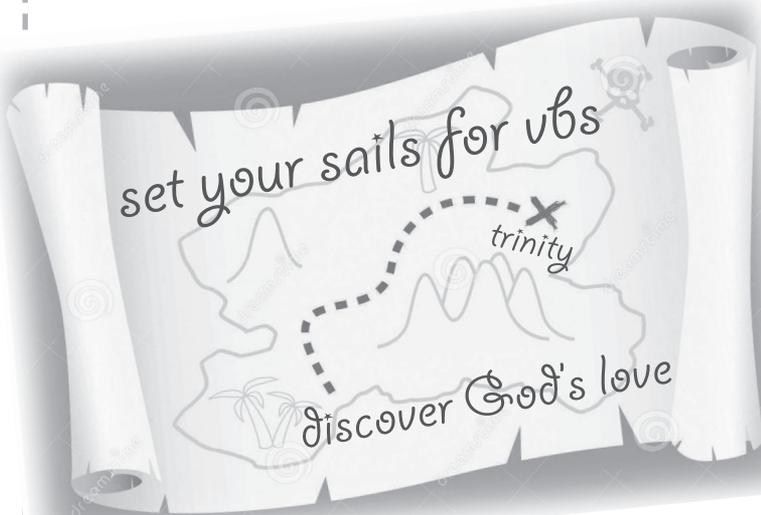
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Kids Camps

Summer at Trinity is filled each week with different activities for kids. From art camp to day camp, there are camps scheduled from June - August. See inside on page 4 for more details on upcoming activities, there is still time to sign up!

son treasure island

Vacation Bible School July 21-24



Don't miss Trinity's VBS adventure...come to Son Treasure Island and discover God's love!

VBS is for children who have completed 3K-2nd grade. It will be held July 21-24 from 9 AM - 12 Noon.

Please register your children by JULY 6 to be guaranteed a Son Treasure Island t-shirt!

We look forward to spending four fun-filled days learning about God's love. To register your children and to sign up to volunteer, log on to:
www.trinitybirmingham.com/kids/vbs-child-registration/

Questions? Please email Carrie Carter at carriercarter@bellsouth.net



SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2014

8:45 & 11:00 AM • Sanctuary
Full Communion

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

SERMON

Dr. Andrew Wolfe

MUSIC

8:45 & 11:00 AM

Amy Johnson, soloist
Jodi Haskins, Debby Holmes

MINISTER ON CALL

Nathan Carden, 863-0765



8:45 & 11:00 AM

WESLEY HALL, Rev. Nathan Carden

JUNE 29 - ATTENDANCE

1,227 • Total Worship Attendance

841 • Traditional | 386 • Contact

710 • Sunday School

PERSONAL WORD

I never expected my brother, Brad, to join the military, because he doesn't seem like the type. My friends who now serve in the armed forces talked about enlisting for a long time before they finally committed, so none of us were particularly surprised when they ended up in uniform. That was not the case with Brad. Other than watching "Top Gun" way too much while we were growing up, he never mentioned the military once that I remember. So I was floored when he told me several years ago that he had joined Air Force ROTC in the hopes of becoming a pilot.

I would love to say that I was supportive from the start, but I am one of those selfish types who struggles to remember that I am not the center of the universe, and that my friends and family were not put on earth solely to support my needs. I am also the oldest child, so one of my spiritual gifts is knowing better than my siblings on any given subject, including their own lives. My brother is so dear to me, that the thought of his being in harm's way was too much to stomach. Long after the rest of my family had gotten on board with the idea of Brad the Pilot, I stubbornly refused to jump on board.

My turning point came in a confrontation I had with Brad where I asked him why he had picked this lifestyle. He had so little choice in where he lived; where such a strain would be put on his family; where the ideas sometimes seem antiquated and people still wear uniforms and refer to one another by overly formal designations. Brad politely heard my argument, and then reminded his know-it-all big brother that he had joined the Air Force, not the Methodist ministry. Maybe our callings are not so different, after all.

My prayers have followed my brother over the skies of Iraq, Afghanistan, Tokyo, Mississippi, and every point in between. We are typical males in that we rarely told each other "I love you" growing up, but these days I say it every chance I get. I am grateful for that. And even when he is not flying over a war zone, when I know he is safe at home, I find myself thinking almost daily of those men and women who serve their country, and the many families who wait for them.

John's Revelation, the last book in the New Testament, says that when Christ returns, there will be no temple in the City of God, because people will see God everywhere. God will wipe away every tear, and there will be no more fighting. In other words, when Christ returns, there will be no need for preachers or soldiers. My prayer as we approach the Fourth of July weekend is that one day both my brother and I will be out of work, our vocations no longer needed in a world where the grace of God shines like a thousand suns.

Until then, I will keep praying for a stubborn little brother in an airplane, whom I am more proud of than I can easily say.

Blessings,
Brian

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.
- 8:45 & 11:00 AM – CONTACT – a relaxed, informal, service in Wesley Hall featuring music from the CONTACT Band, children are encouraged to attend.

- 10:00 AM – Sunday School – Ages 2 yrs. 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. We also encourage you to attend "Membership 101," a basic orientation prior to joining Trinity. It is offered on the second Sunday of each month. Questions? Contact Karen Smith at ksmith@trinitybirmingham.com or 879-1737.

Andrew Wolfe - Senior Minister
 Brian Erickson - Senior Minister Designate
 Nathan Carden - Minister of Outreach, Contact
 Suzanne Pruitt - Minister of Christian Formation
 Bobby Scales - Minister of Pastoral Care
 David Thompson - Minister of Students

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

PANAMA PARTNERSHIP

In partnership with missionary Rev. Rhett Thompson, Trinity has committed to help build six homes in Panama over the next three years. Last week, our ten member team worked on several projects and reports having a very meaningful experience:

“On Saturday, June 21st, a random group of Trinity and non-Trinity members left as the June Panama Mission Team. On Sunday, June 29th, a fellowship of God’s servants returned to Birmingham having experienced God’s love & grace not only in the construction of buildings but also having seen Him in the construction of lives for His Glory. Despite the heat and other unexpected inconveniences, I saw God working in each of us, teaching us lessons of humility and servitude, reminding us daily of our surplus of “silver platter” blessings that we take for granted, and becoming acutely aware of God’s presence that completely consumed everything where we were in Panama. I developed new and lasting relationships with people I thought I would never meet but now will never forget! I’ve come home reassured, encouraged, recharged, and with a greater expectation to hear the voice of God.” - Cel Bailey



Thanks to Trinity members, Marcia Ward and Neal Burton, for serving as team leaders for this incredible experience. Trinity will send a second team July 19-27 to continue our work.



MISSION & OUTREACH

• THURSDAY, JULY 17 - Family Promise (Formerly Birmingham Hospitality Network) Annual Fundraiser

The Family Promise Annual Fundraiser Reception and Silent Auction will be held on July 17 at Workplay (500 23rd Street South). Doors open at 6:00 pm. There will be a buffet dinner, and a silent auction, followed by a live auction.

Valet parking is available.

Tickets available at Trinity - The cost is a \$40 donation and tickets will be sold in the Main and East Narthex outside of the Sanctuary and in the Contact welcome area Sundays, July 6 and 13. If you’d like to donate auction items, or have questions regarding the event, please contact Rachael Abercrombie at 205-542-1305 or Amanda Robinson at 314-610-8218.

• THURSDAY, JULY 17 - Reconciler Banquet for the Homeless

The Church of the Reconciler invites you to its annual fundraiser banquet on Thursday, July 17 at 6 pm at Vestavia Hills UMC. All are welcome! Tickets are \$50/person and all proceeds benefit Reconciler and it’s ministry with the homeless. Doors open at 5:30 pm, event starts at 6 pm. The banquet will also feature a silent auction with art pieces from our community as well as local artists, and all proceeds benefitting Reconciler. To purchase tickets, please visit: www.churchofthereconciler.com

For questions about any Trinity mission, please contact Rev. Nathan Carden at ncarden@trinitybirmingham.com or call 879-1737.



Daddy Day Camp

Saturday, July 19

9 AM - 5 PM (Completed 5K-3rd grade) \$35

This one day event provides Trinity kids a chance to experience Camp Sumatanga and anticipate summer camp when they are older, while having fun with Dad. For more info, contact Jeanne Baswell at 879-1737.

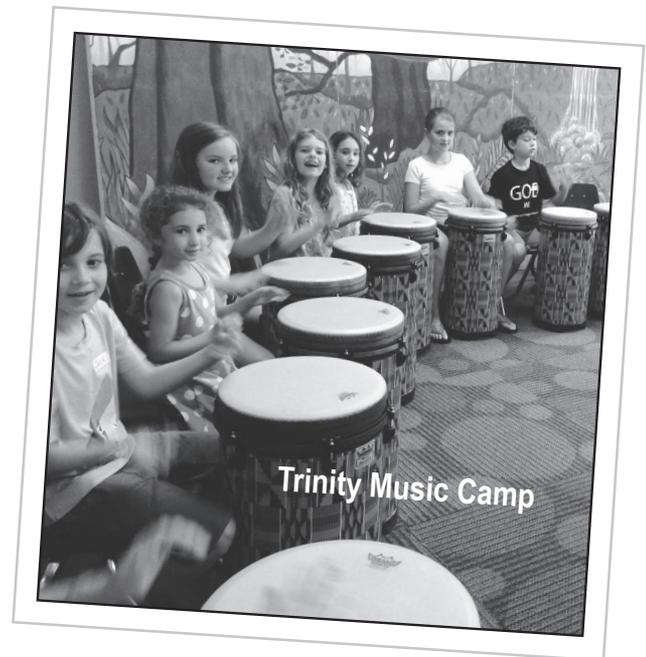
An outdoor experience for young children and their dads at Camp Sumatanga!

REGISTER NOW! www.trinitybirmingham.com/kids/summer-programs/

Kids Camps & Activities

Questions about camps or summer dates? Contact Children's Ministry at 879-1737 or jbaswell@trinitybirmingham.com.

Sumatanga Sleepover 2:	July 12-13
Daddy Day Camp:	July 19
Vacation Bible School:	July 21-24
Art Camps:	July 28-Aug 1 & Aug 4-8
Basketball Camp 2:	July 28-Aug 1
Venture:	August 4-6



To register, visit: www.trinitybirmingham.com/kids/summer-programs/



5K and 1st Grade Sunday School classes on Ascension Sunday, June 1.

Children's Ministry Opportunity!

Join our dynamic Children's Ministry by being part of a teaching team. Children's Sunday School teaching teams for next year (Fall) are forming.

Spend the year having fun and learning right along with the kids! Spots are available for preschool and elementary ages.

For more details, contact Jeanne Baswell, jbaswell@trinitybirmingham.com or Tara Williams, tarabwilliams@bellsouth.net.

Explore the possibilities!

It's Back!

VENTURE

Who?

Completed 3rd - 5th grade students

What?

Three awesome nights designed especially for older elementary students to venture into God's word with fun music, Bible stories, service activities and recreation.

When?

August 4-6

Mon-Wed 6:00 - 8:30 pm

(Dinner will be served)

Where?

Trinity UMC

Cost: \$10

Register your child now!
Forms available online at
www.trinitybirmingham.com

For questions or to volunteer to help,
contact Jeanne Baswell
at 879-1737 or
jbaswell@trinitybirmingham.com.



element
student ministry

weekly update

www.elementstudentministry.com

Here is what is happening at Element this week:

LUNCH CLUB meets Tuesday from 11-2pm. At 11:15 we will load up buses and get food from local fast food places and bring the food back to Trinity for fun and fellowship. This is an easy and fun way to get your student out of the house during the summer. Students need to bring \$5-10 for lunch.

OPEN GYM - We will have "Open Gym" from 1-3 PM this week on on Monday, and Thursday. This is a great opportunity for your student to get out of the house, have some fun and get to know our staff better. We hope your student can join us one afternoon!

HIGH SCHOOL DISCOVERY WEEKEND – Registration is open! High School Discovery is August 16 & 17 and will be amazing. To register and learn more about the weekend please visit our website at www.highschooldiscovery.com. We want EVERY high school student to take part in this life changing weekend.

SOS – Parents, please remember to have your student meet us in the Large Parking Lot of Trinity between 7:45-8 am this Sunday. We will meet briefly in the Gym and then be commissioned in the 8:45 am traditional service before departing for Memphis! If you have not turned in your student's medical form, Code of Conduct and/or have not fulfilled the balance, please email Robert at rsturdivant@trinitybirmingham.com. We are looking forward to incredible week of serving God!

We have had about 10 students drop out of SOS in the past week. While we know that life and calendars are busy, we really want to stress the value of this life-changing week for your student. I cannot emphasize enough how important, fun and transformational this week can be in the life of students and adults who participate. Next, it is my charge, as youth pastor, to be a good steward of the resources we have at Element and it costs us \$350+ for each spot for SOS. Trinity fronted \$350 for all 175 spots reserved for SOS back in March, so if your student drops out then we still have paid for that spot. 10 spots = \$3,500+. This is just not good stewardship and that is why we are asking that if your student signed up and is dropping out 1) please try to work any possibility for them to still attend 2) we still need \$350. Thanks again!

ELEMENT LEADERSHIP TEAM – This summer and fall we are revamping our Element Leadership Team. This group of students will help lead and shape our youth ministry. We will have an informational meeting about the Leadership Team on Sunday, July 13 at 10:00 am AND on Tuesday, July 15 at 2:00 pm (alternative meeting). If you think that your student would be interested, please encourage them to attend one of these meetings. For those parents who care about the resume building... being a student leader for 400+ students looks really good on the resume. I hope to see your student here at one of these meetings.

As always, if there is anything that we can be doing to better support your student or family please let us know.

In Christ,
David Thompson
dthompson@trinitybirmingham.com

Staff Position Available

A part-time Educational Assistant is needed to work with small group ministry. Person must be highly organized, work well as a team member, enthusiastic about spiritual formation with general computer proficiency and familiarity with Microsoft office suite. Send resumes to spruitt@trinitybirmingham.com.

Hannah's Friends

Hannah's Friends is a group of women who struggle with issues of infertility, just as Hannah did in the Bible. Our small group shares fellowship, prayer and Bible study as we try to discern the unique path that God has for each of us.

If you are suffering with infertility there is encouragement, support, hope and help through Hannah's Friends. For more info contact Amanda Hall at acollins24@hotmail.com.

**June 15th - July 6th
Wesley Hall
8:45am & 11am**



PACESETTERS

JULY 8 - TRINITY SINGERS practice at 10:00 AM, followed by a pot luck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. We will be rehearsing for our July 14 performance at Fairhaven. All singers welcome!

JULY 10 - GAITHER VOCAL BAND... there are still a few tickets available. Performance will be at the Wright Center at Samford at 7:00 PM.

JULY 30 - JERUSALEM at the McWane Imax Theater. Vans leave Trinity at 10:30 AM. Cost is \$7.00. JERUSALEM takes audiences on a visually stunning tour of one of the world's oldest and most beloved cities. Destroyed and rebuilt countless times over 5,000 years, Jerusalem's enduring appeal remains a mystery. What made it so important to so many different cultures? How did it become the center of the world for three major religions? Why does it still matter? Join us to view this film.

AUGUST 13 - SAVE THE DATE! We will continue the Hallelujah Trail with a trip to North Alabama.

KITCHEN CLOSED IN JULY - NO SENIORS LUNCH ON TUESDAYS

For more information on any Senior adult event, contact Amy Lewis at 879-1737 or email alewis@trinitybirmingham.com.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday - July 6

8:45 AM Traditional Worship - SANC
 8:45 AM Contact Worship - WHALL
 10:00 AM Sunday School - various
 10:00 AM Coffee With the Pastors - LP
 10:00 AM Short Term Studies - various
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship - SANC
 11:00 AM Contact Worship - WHALL
 8:00 PM Men's Basketball - GYM

Monday - July 7

6:30 AM Trinity Men Small Group - SDR
 8:00 AM Senior Exercise Class - FHALL
 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
 6:30 PM SPRC Meeting - CONF

Tuesday - July 8

8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - various
 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
 10:00 AM Trinity Singers - MS

6:30 PM Young Adults (20's) - NAT

6:30 PM Young Adults (30's) - SDR

Wednesday - July 9

8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
 9:00 AM Yoga - Rm. 315

6:00 PM Men's Bible Studies - various

Thursday - July 10

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

Friday - July 11

8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer

NOTE:

- KITCHEN CLOSED IN JULY
 - Trinity will host Family Promises (formerly Birmingham Hospitality Network) families during this week, July 6-12.

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	HAVEN	Youth Auditorium	FLC	Family Life Center

TAKE NOTE

Nursery Volunteers - July 6 Jenny Dollar, Laura Fleming & Louisa Jeffries

To volunteer, please contact Barry Smith at 879-1737,
 email nurseryvolunteers@trinitybirmingham.com.
Or simply sign up in the nursery on Sunday!



Coffee & CAPPUCCINO

Did you know Trinity now has two coffee options on Sunday morning? Along with our free coffee on 3rd floor, we now offer gourmet coffee and cappuccino for just \$1 per cup in the 2nd floor commons area. Served Sundays from 8:30 - 11 AM.

IN THE HOSPITAL

ST. VINCENT'S: Norma Echols
BROOKWOOD: Porter & Gates Cone
LAKESHORE: Susan Bethea

IN MEMORIAM

Nell Moore June 21

• to the family and friends of **Nell Moore**, who died on June 21.

CONGRATULATIONS

• to **Alex and Brian Cone** on the birth of identical twin boys, Porter Tillman Cone and James Gatewood Cone on June 17. Big brother is **Jake Fuller Cone**.

• to **Tom and Marion Wilson** on the birth of their new great-grandson, Tucker Andrew Wilson, on June 26. Proud parents are Andy and Joanna Wilson and big brother is Jackson Wilson.

• to **John and Laura Fleming** on the baptism of their daughter, Gwendolyn Elliott Fleming, on June 29.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of June 30, 2014

Regular reporting:

GENERAL BUDGET:	MONTH
Month to Date Revenue	\$270,796
Monthly Needs to Date	\$285,890
Balance/Shortage	(\$15,094)

Capital Debt Retirement / month	\$6,211
Capital Debt Retirement / to date	\$42,587

Note from the Treasurer:

Questions about church finances, income or expenses? If you wonder how funds are received or expensed, the financial books of Trinity are open to any member. Contact Ann Neptune at 879-1737 or aneptune@trinitybirmingham.com.

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PARKING NOTICE: Trinity members and guests should NOT park in the All Saints' lot near Oxmoor Rd. Also, please do not block the dumpsters or areas that are marked as NO PARKING zones. Note that the small parking lot is reserved for handicapped, elderly and families with small children on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. **Do not park in marked handicap spaces if you do not have an official handicap permit.** Thank you.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Margaret Rogers (*Correction*)
1810 Kensington Road,
Homewood, AL 35209
Margaret joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. She is retired.

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Interested in joining Trinity? Join us...



Coffee with the Pastors
Sunday, July 6
10 AM • LARGE PARLOR

This is a casual time for guests to meet the pastoral staff. During this hour, you will learn about the mission statement of the church as well as Trinity's core values. This is also an excellent time to ask general questions and learn more about the church family. CWP is held the first Sunday of the month at 10 AM in the Parlor.

membership 101

Sunday, July 13
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!



TRINITY MEN
& the Birmingham Barons...

Fun for the whole family!

Join us for these games:
JULY - Saturday 7/19 - 6:30 pm
AUGUST - Sunday 8/17 - 6:00 pm

Email prestonwfoy@gmail.com
Reservations required 3 days
prior to game day.