



TIDINGS

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HELLO FROM PANAMA

Trinity sent two teams of youth and adults to Panama this summer. Both teams traveled to Cienaguita to work on renovating a community center and constructing a home under the direction of Trinity's Panama missionary, Rhett Thompson.

The groups also spent their weeks leading VBS activities with the local Panamanian children as well as exploring the region.



Team ALPHA | May 26-June 3



Team OMEGA | June 16-24



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 16-19 REGISTER NOW!

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BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

From Mark Limbaugh
Trinity Building Committee, *Chair*

We started the master planning process in January 2017 – that’s right, it’s been about a year and a half and we’re getting very close to the groundbreaking for the project. We appreciate all of your support, participation, and patience during this important phase of planning and design. Your input during the February Listening Sessions was valuable and we have had good attendance at both the May and June Building Update Sessions.

The Building Committee held a meeting on June 26. This was an important meeting because we discussed the recommendation that we will be presenting to the Administrative Board on Monday, July 16 (the Administrative Board’s vote is scheduled for August 13). That recommendation includes the overall scope of the project plus the method for financing the project. Please be in prayer for the committee as we prepare for these upcoming meetings and the weeks ahead.

Please be assured that the Building Committee continues to place Trinity’s current and future ministry needs at the top of our priority list. We believe that maintaining and growing Trinity’s two campuses helps to ensure the success of the church’s ministries.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Building Committee. Also, our next Building Update Sessions are scheduled for Sunday, July 1 and Sunday, August 5 at 9:45 AM in Wesley Hall.

IMPORTANT DATES:

JULY 16, Building Presentation to the Board | AUGUST 13, Charge Conference / Board Vote
6 PM Wesley Hall | 7 PM Wesley Hall



SESSIONS

Sunday, July 1
Sunday, August 5

9:45 AM - WESLEY HALL

This is a great opportunity to receive an update on the progress of the building project and get answers to any questions you might have.

Questions? Contact David Thompson at dthompson@trinitybirmingham.com.

All are invited

[A Note From The Finance Office]

As you may know, we have some decisions to make in the coming months on the scope of our building project. However, our giving is well under way. We have received over \$1,600,000 toward our upcoming capital needs! To date, over half of our households have committed 553 pledges totaling just over \$7,500,000 for our Oxmoor building project and 56 households have pledged just over the goal of \$250,000 for our West Homewood campaign. What an exciting time in the life of this church! Through May, we have a surplus in giving over expenses of \$110,818 to the general budget for a total reserves of \$975,983. Giving is up 2% over our ten-year average and expenses are right in line with the yearly average. We are thankful to enter this season of growth from a healthy financial position. Please continue to be in prayer about how your family will participate in our Multiply campaign. If you would like to make a Multiply pledge, contact Laura Ellis.

Laura Ellis, CPA, Executive Director | lellis@trinitybirmingham.com, 205-879-1737

FALL STUDIES

Join a small group study this fall. Offerings include...

wednesday evenings

- **Disciple 1:** Becoming Disciples through Bible Study
- **Pastor Brian’s Bible Study**
- **Making Sense fo the Bible:** Addressing the hot-button issues that plague the church, this study helps answer questions asked by Christians and non-Christians alike
- **Anatomy of Peace:** Resolving the Heart of Conflict

thursday mornings

- **Covenant:** An ongoing study for women of all ages covering the scope of the whole Bible
- **Invitation to Romans:** Paul’s radical vision for God’s relationship with us
- **Armor of God:** Grow spiritually as you dig deeper into scripture and expand your understanding of prayer

...and more! Look for full details and registration at trinitybirmingham.com beginning August 1. Questions? Contact Rev. Amy DeWitte at 879-1737, adewitte@trinitybirmingham.com

ROAD TRIP

JUN. 10 MOVE

JUL. 22 ARE WE THERE YET?

SUNDAYS AT 6 PM WESLEY HALL

AUG. 12 RE-ROUTE

VP VIEWPOINT CHURCH

United Methodist Women Upcoming Events

Save the Date for UMW Open House, August 26

Please join the United Methodist Women (UMW) of Trinity for UMW Sunday and Open House on Sunday, August 26 from 10 -11 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by for light refreshments and learn more about fall activities and how you can plug into this mission-focused women's ministry.

The United Methodist Women are women of many generations, phases of life and talents who come together on a monthly basis for fun, fellowship and hands-on-mission work for women, youth and children. The UMW of Trinity put faith, hope and love in action. For more info, please contact Tiffany Slocum at ummpresident@trinitybirmingham.com.



**CELEBRATE
RECOVERY
TUESDAY EVENINGS**
6 PM • Trinity West Homewood

For more info & schedule: www.trinitybirminghamCR.com

TRINITY IS HIRING!

Trinity currently has several job openings. The church is seeking to find:

Senior Adult Ministries Director

Facilities Manager

3K Teacher (part-time) TCDC

For more info about these positions and to read about the job requirements, visit the church website: www.trinitybirmingham.com/resources/resource-links/



YOUNG ADULTS
Tuesday Evening Dinner Study

Are you in your 20's (ish)? Not married? Out of college?

If so, join us on Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM at the home of Mark & Lisa Elliott. A free, home cooked dinner is served along with fellowship, study and door prizes! For more info, email Lisa Elliott at lelliott@trinitybirmingham.com

Father's Day
was made even
sweeter at
TWH with kids
handing out
Moon Pies
after services!



TRINITY WEST HOMEWOOD

Volunteer with the Bell Center!

Did you know the Bell Center is here during the week? They would love for you to volunteer with them!



Get to know the people who visit our church during the week. Contact Gina Henley at (205) 879-3417 or ghenley@thebellcenter.org and she can get you started.

Celebrate Recovery | Tuesday Nights at 6 PM

Ongoing – This ministry is made up of regular people who are on a journey toward wholeness; seeking recovery and celebrating God's healing. Dinner is provided along with worship and small groups.

Trinity West Homewood Garden

If you would like to help maintain our new vegetable garden, contact Jack at jhinnen@trinitybirmingham.com.

Sermons Available Online

Miss a service? Catch the sermons from TWH this summer online at www.trinitybirmingham.com/worship/sermons/

Let Us Hear From You!

We would LOVE to hear how Trinity West Homewood has been important to your family and faith. Have a story to tell? Let Jack know at jhinnen@trinitybirmingham.com.

We are a church for people who have no relationship with Jesus and no church home! There's a good chance you (who do call TWH home and love Jesus) know someone in the community that doesn't fit those labels. Bring them to church with you this summer and we will make sure they experience what you love about this place.

SUNDAY:

9 & 11 AM Worship | 10 AM Community Hour

914 Oak Grove Road, Homewood

Rev. Jack Hinnen | jhinnen@trinitybirmingham.com

NEXT STEPS

Returns Sunday, August 5!

Trinity's membership track for our guests and new members will not meet over the summer during the months of June and July. NEXT STEPS will return on Sunday, August 5. In the meantime, if you have a question about membership, contact Laura Feld at 879-1737 or lfeld@trinitybirmingham.com.

HEY
NEIGHBOR

WALK THE WALK SUNDAY SESSIONS IN JULY

Have you ever heard about a ministry at Trinity and thought, "I didn't know we did that!"? Have you ever thought to yourself, "I'd love to help, but I don't know who to talk to or how to sign up."?

This summer, find out how you can join ministries that address food insecurity and mental illness. Learn about our relationship with organizations like The Bell Center, Urban Ministry, and Hemphill Elementary. Meet some of our mission partners, learn about emerging ministries, and find out how you can get involved.

SUNDAYS IN JULY | 9:45-10:30 AM | MOUAT CHAPEL

Have your photo made for our Online Directory!



Oxmoor Campus

SUNDAYS: JULY 8, 15 & 22

During the Sunday School Hour (9:45 - 10:30 AM)
In the Large Parlor

OR If you have a recent family photo you'd like to submit,
email it to Laura Feld at lfeld@trinitybirmingham.com.

TRINITYKIDS

VBS July 16-19 9 AM - 12 Noon, Oxmoor Campus

Kids entering 4K-3rd grade (fall of 2018) *No charge*

Don't miss out on this highlight of the summer at TrinityKids! At "Shipwrecked," our VBS campers will discover how God's love saves us all. Register today at www.trinitybirmingham.com and bring a friend! **Working parents...** an extended day option is available in the afternoon with a registration fee of \$25 per child. Registration deadline for extended day is July 9.

VBS Volunteers Needed! We're on track for a bigger VBS than in years past... so we need lots of adult volunteers! If you would like to help one day or all four days, please sign up online at www.trinitybirmingham.com. Childcare is available for volunteers with kids ages 2-36 mo. Questions? Email Cristin Dedmon at ccdedmon@gmail.com.

VBS Mission Project • UMCOR Cleaning Kits

Our mission project this year is to collect items for UMCOR Cleaning Kits used by volunteer teams during the event of flooding or hurricanes. See the list of cleaning supplies being collected in the Missions & Outreach column to the right.

Hey Neighborhood Night • July 19

To celebrate a fun-filled VBS week, join us for "Hey Neighborhood" night on Thursday 6/19 at 6 PM. We will gather to enjoy songs from VBS and a water party in our parking lot complete with food trucks!

save these dates!

AUGUST 11 Confirmation Kickoff Event. If you have not registered your rising 6th grader for Confirmation, please register online today! Small groups are forming now. Make plans to join us for the special kickoff event on Saturday, August 11!

AUGUST 12 Welcome Back Sundae! This fun day at Trinity is when kids will meet their new Sunday School teachers, and sign up for choirs & handbells. Best of all, we will enjoy ice cream sundaes together in the Fellowship Hall.

AUGUST 26 Interest Session. Family Mission Trip to Costa Rica Summer 2019 10 AM in Mouat Chapel. Limited space available! For families with kids ages 8+ Estimated cost per person capped at \$1,500.

Questions about TrinityKids? Contact Eleanor Christiansen
205-879-1737 | echristiansen@trinitybirmingham.com



ONWARD! High School Discovery is August 18-19.
Do not miss this amazing weekend...
Register: elementstudentministry.com/onward2018/

Questions? Contact Robert at 879.1737
rsturdivant@trinitybirmingham.com

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS 2019

Next summer, Trinity will take teams to Tanzania, Panama, and a NEW family mission trip opportunity to Costa Rica! These mission teams are forming now for 2019. If you would like to join a team, please email Cheryl Hinnen at chinnen@trinitybirmingham.com.



TUTORS NEEDED

This Fall, Trinity is launching an in-school tutoring program at Hemphill Elementary. Tutors will work with a student (grades Pre-K to 2nd) once a week for 1.5 hours during the school day. Training will be provided by Trinity lay leader, Paula Carlile, who has extensive knowledge and experience with educating. Want to learn more? Email jpcarlile@outlook.com



UMCOR CLEANING KITS

This August, in anticipation of hurricane season, Trinity has a goal to send 150 UMCOR Cleaning Kits (AKA: Flood Buckets) to the UMCOR Disaster Warehouse. Buckets are used by UMCOR volunteer teams to clean up homes that have sustained water damage due to a flood or hurricane.



This month, Trinity's Vacation Bible School mission project is for children to bring four items that will go inside these flood buckets! JULY 16-19

MONDAY: Bottle of dish soap (16-34 oz)

TUESDAY: Scrub Brush (with/without handle) OR 4-8 oz Pump spray air freshener

WEDNESDAY: Scouring pads sponges (No stainless steel or pads with soap)

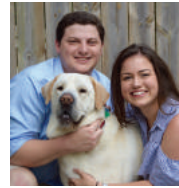
THURSDAY: Pair of Kitchen Gloves (durable for multiple uses)

Drop off areas will be located at each of the Sanctuary entrances for VBS campers, and anyone else who would like to participate, to donate their items!

Do you want to serve with Outreach? Contact our Outreach Coordinator, Rev. Cheryl Hinnen at 205-879-1737 | chinnen@trinitybirmingham.com

Questions about Missions & Outreach? Contact our Director of Outreach, Kristan Walker at 205-879-1737 | kwalker@trinitybirmingham.com

NEW MEMBERS *welcome!*



Katie Sotherland

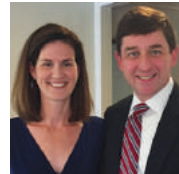
301 Westover Drive, Homewood 35209

Katie joined Trinity by profession of faith. She works as a healthcare interior designer for Gresham Smith Partners.

Zack Johnson

413 Westwood Place, Homewood 35209

Zack joined Trinity by profession of faith. He is the E-commerce Director for Alabama Outdoors.



Laura and Scott Russell

8 Montrose Circle, Birmingham 35213

The Russells joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist Church. Scott is a Banker at Regions.



Debbie and Don Dailey

5236 7th Court South, Birmingham 35212

The Daileys joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. Don is an independant consultant and Debbie is an Administrator at Birmingham-Southern College.



Cindy Johnson

2739 Southbury Circle, Vestavia Hills 35216

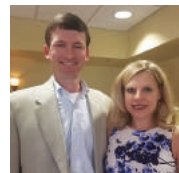
Cindy joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. She works as a Sr. Technical Analyst for ProAssurance.



Karla and Mike Bahr

2115 Woodledge Drive, Hoover 35226

The Bahrs joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist Church. Mike works in sales for LabCorp and Karla is a retired nurse.



Millard Barnes

2424 Acton Park Circle, Birmingham 35243

Millard joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. He is an CPA for Carr, Riggs & Ingram and is engaged to Trinity member Lindsay Hembree.



Anna Johnson

1121 Lakeshore Ridge, Homewood 35209

Anna joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. She is a nurse at Children's of Alabama.

Carolyn Langford *(not pictured)*

400 University Park Drive Apt. 313, Homewood 35209

Carolyn joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist Church. She is retired.

Join Rev. Brian Erickson and your Trinity family for two amazing travel opportunities in 2019 and 2020.

WESLEY HERITAGE TOUR May 7-15, 2019

Including tours in: York, Epworth, Oxford, Bristol, London

This is the ultimate Methodist educational tour exploring Wesley's London and the English countryside.

Oberammergau Passion Play • PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY June 15-24, 2020

Including tours in: Rome, Assisi, Milan, Innsbruck

The Oberammergau Passion Play is over 380 years old and is only performed every 10 years.



Starting at \$3,896
Register early and save

Registration is open for both trips! Brochures are located in the church office.

Starting at \$4,798
Register early and save



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SUNDAYS at Trinity | **OXMOOR CAMPUS:** Worship 8:30 & 11:00 AM • Sunday School 9:45 AM • Youth Activities 6:00 PM
TRINITY WEST HOMEWOOD: Worship 9:00 & 11:00 AM • Community Hour 10:00 AM

Oxmoor Campus: 1400 Oxmoor Road, Homewood • 205.879.1737 | **Trinity West Homewood:** 914 Oak Grove Road, Homewood • 205.942.4622
CARE LINE: 205.868.9709

ON CALL #: 205.538.3682

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IMPORTANT DATES

- July 1** Building Update Session, 9:45 AM
- July 4** Independence Day, Church Office Closed
- July 8-14** SOS Sr. High Mission Trip
- July 16** Administrative Board Meeting, 6 PM
- July 16-19** Vacation Bible School, 9AM-12 Noon
- July 22** Viewpoint Worship Service, 6 PM



EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY! The City of Homewood recently approved a motion to make Seminole Drive a one-way street. Seminole Drive is directly off Oxmoor Road on the east side of the church. Until now, Seminole Drive has been a one-way street only on Sundays, but this new decision makes it a one-way street every day of the week at all hours. This will help maintain a higher level of safety for our childcare families as well as church members and guests who cross this busy street each day.

july preaching schedule

SUNDAY:	Traditional	Contact	West Homewood
July 1	Christian Cheairs	David Thompson	Robert Sturdivant
July 8	Brian Erickson	Amy DeWitte	Reid Crotty
July 15	Jack Hinnen	Cheryl Hinnen	Brian Erickson
July 22	Reid Crotty	Robert Sturdivant	Cheryl Hinnen
July 29	Bobby Scales	Reid Crotty	David Thompson