

April 2008

THE TRINITY



TIDINGS

The Commission Structure at Trinity

After seating our newly elected vestry members, Pam Napier, Chris Tardy, Jimmy McKenzie, and Marie Pope, our Junior Warden, Peter Ciurczak, and our Senior Warden, Dr. Ben Carmichael in January, we began the second phase of reinvigorating the commission structure of our church.

The first phase of this process began last summer and fall with the adoption of new policies to (1) elect commission chairpersons; and, (2) to prepare periodic monthly reports of all commission activities.

With regard to elections, each commission was charged with electing a new chairperson by January 1, insofar as that was possible (and it was not possible in a few instances), and a set time timetable was established for future elections. The purpose of this change was to give those who have served for long periods of time a much

needed break, and to encourage others to become involved in the life of our parish. We are hoping that these changes will improve how our Body of Christ functions to fulfill our mission.

With regard to reports, each commission is required to report on its activities once per year in addition to the report prepared for the annual meeting. The Tidings will publish this schedule each month, and it is the responsibility of the commission chairs to adhere to the schedule. Filing timely reports will allow commissions to highlight their accomplishments, and to let the vestry know if there are things the vestry needs to do to facilitate the work of the commissions.

To further improve communication between the vestry, wardens, rector, staff and the commissions, a vestry person as volunteered or been assigned to

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serve as a liaison to each commission. This will enable commissions to address the vestry when exigencies arise throughout the year.

Below is a table showing the chairpersons and vestry liaison for each commission. Please keep this list handy so that you will know who to contact.

Commissions	2008 Chair	Vestry Liaison
Christian Education	Lauren Wainwright	Marie Pope
New Member Ministry	Jody Link	Kathy Dodds
Liturgy	Bill Stroop	Burn Curry
Parish Activities	Lynda Cox	Troy McIntyre
Outreach	Beegee Dickson	Bob Brahan
Calling/caring	Seamus McGowen	Pam Napier
Property	Meg Puckett	Jimmy McKenzie
Stewardship	Garland Sullivan	Ben Carmichael and Jan Moore
Finance	Fred Swanson	Ben Carmichael and Jan Moore

We hope that these new policies and procedures will reinvigorate the commissions and make the work on their ministries much easier.



Bill

2008 Open Dates for Altar Flowers

- June 29
- July 13
- September 14
- September 21
- October 5
- November 2

To reserve any of the above dates please contact the church office at 601-544-5551.

Learn to Scrapbook, Enjoy Camaraderie, & Help Children

If you are a little behind in getting together baby pictures and notes on your child's first words or wondering how to make the most of your "baby book" materials, join us at a scrapbooking session! Scrapbooks can feature any child born since 1950. Bring what you have or want to work with. Some materials will be furnished. We are also

inviting foster parents to work on the "life books" the children in their care need. Would you like to help them? Please come on. The date is April 17, the place TBA in the church complex. A nursery will be provided and snacks furnished. All arrangements are subject to change, so keep an eye out for future announcements

The Trinity Parish Wish List

Below is a list of items that Trinity needs. If you would like to help us meet these needs, please call the church office (601-554-5551) or Fr. Bill (601-329-3538).

Item	Estimated Cost	Comments
Replacement RIZO RZ 390 Digital Duplicator	\$8700	The "Rizo" copier is the type of copying machine that we use to prepare bulletins at less per copy cost than standard photocopies. Our Rizo is old and cannot duplicate the large paper we really want to use, and it is beginning to show signs of failure.
Resealing the Parish Hall and adjacent floors	\$1600	The parish hall floors can be made to look like the narthex floor by periodic professional cleaning and resealing.
4 th and 5 th grade classroom implements and reconfiguring.	\$2000	In order to implement the Godly Play program, we need to acquire some manipulative teaching materials (for tactile learning), as well as some bookcases, shelving, tables, etc. We also will need to repaint and redecorate the room.
Automated irrigation system for the Corrine Street properties	\$3,000	These properties will be graded and seeded soon and an irrigation system will be needed.

New Education for Ministry Group to Begin Fall 2008

By Fr. Bill

One of the tasks I set out to accomplish was to establish a second Education for Ministry Group at Trinity – a group that would meet in the evenings. I am pleased to announce that the second group will convene this fall – provided that enough people sign up to participate. Ten seats are available for participants from Trinity; two seats have been taken by people from Ascension. Ms. Jane Lee, a certified EFM mentor, will facilitate this new group.

As described on the EFM web site, “EFM is a program of theological education-at-a-distance of the School of Theology of the University of the South. Students sign up one year at a time for this four-year program. It covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology. Students meet regularly, usually once a week, in seminars under the guidance of trained mentors. The program grants a certifi-

cate at the completion of the four years and 18 Continuing Education Units for each year’s work.” I believe that EFM is about the best course of study in Bible, Theology, and Ministry outside of seminary. You can learn more about EFM at <http://www.sewane.edu/EFM/index.htm>.

The EFM program runs the entire academic year (about 34 weeks). An EFM group can consist of first, second, third, and fourth year students all studying at the same time, so if you have taken a year or two of EFM at another place or time, but haven’t finished your full four years, now is a good time to register.

Materials cost about \$340. If you are interested in this program, please contact the church office at 601-544-5551. We will need to register our students and order the materials soon, so please call us as soon as you can to register. Remember, only 10 seats are available.

Hattiesburg Concert Band

April 13, 3:00 p.m.

USM Mononai Performing Arts Center

Guest Pianist, Ellen Edgar of William Carey University

And Guest Conductor, Darryl Harris

Assistant Conductor of USM Symphony Orchestra

**Have an announcement for the Tidings?
Get it to Sunshine by April 26th (sunshinestroop@hotmail.com)**

The Episcopal Youth Community at Trinity

April EYC Schedule

April 6 th	NO EYC
April 11-13	Happening #67 (All Saints, Tupelo)
April 13 th	Regular EYC Meeting at 5:00pm
April 20 th	Regular EYC Meeting at 5:00pm
April 27 th	Regular EYC Meeting at 5:00pm
May 4 th	YOUTH SUNDAY!!



2008 Upcoming Diocesan Youth Events



April 4-6
Happening #67
At All Saints in Tupelo



Applications for these events can be picked up at the church office. For more information on any of these retreats or other diocesan youth activities, please visit: <http://youth.dioms.org>




Camp Bratton-Green Applications for Summer 2008 are here!

Camp Bratton-Green applications are available in the church office or by visiting www.dioms.org. Scholarship money is available upon request.

Very Special Thanks to:

Babs Faulk, Lici Beveridge, Pam and Regal Napier, and Betsy McIntire for providing EYC meals during the months of February and March.



Mark Your Calendars!
Sunday, May 4th will be Youth Sunday at Trinity

For any information concerning the Youth at Trinity or to volunteer please call Lauren Wainwright at (601) 818-3810 or email lauren.wainwright@hotmail.com



Notes from the Choir

By Jane Butler



Thank you to so many people who helped to make the Tuesdays at Trinity such a big success this year. To Betty and Susan Steadman, Marie Pope, and Lici Beveridge who did a wonderful job with the publicity; to the Merry Marthas who provided delicious lunches; to our secretary Linda Trussell who made the programs each week; to the talented musi-



cians who gave us great performances, and to those of you who attended and made our other guests feel so welcome.

If anyone has a bookcase, about 3-5 feet high, that is in good shape and that you are willing to donate to the church, please call Jane Butler at 264-7038. (I need a place to store organ music behind the organ.)

Fr. Bill Wants Your E-Mail Address(es)

I want Trinity Parish to have the best communication possible, and one very good way to make sure we know what is happening is through electronic communications. I maintain my own email directory of all parish members, so even if you've already given your e-mail address to the church I might not have it. Please note that no email addresses will be provided to anyone for any reason, and all mailings

will be done to the parish using Constant Contact™ or "blind copy" to protect your email address. Remember, even if you have already provided your email address to the church please send it to me again at wgstrop@earthlink.net, or complete the information below, tear off the slip as indicated, and put the slip into the collection plate. The counters will get these slips to me. Thanks for your cooperation.

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

PERSONAL WEB PAGE: _____

Trinity News and Notes

St. Anne's Guild

St. Anne's Guild will meet Monday, April 14 at 1:30 p.m. *Our guest speaker will be Beejee Dickson on our new outreach program "Congregations for Children".*

Mark your Calendars!

Vacation Bible School will be held at Trinity June 9-13, 2008.

Christian Education Commission Meeting

There will be a Christian Education Commission Meeting on **Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m.**

Volunteer Opportunity

The Trinity Tidings will be folded April 30th at 10 a.m. Please come by and help.

St. Francis Guild

St. Francis Guild will meet Thursday, April 10 at 11:45 a.m. Lunch will be served for \$6 per plate. Call the church office (601-544-5551) or Peggy Regl (601-261-0119) by Tuesday, April 8 to make your lunch reservations. *Our guest speaker will be Jane Butler on liturgical music.*

"Teach them to Fish",

a Micro-Industry Mission meets at Trinity every Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. Please join us or call the church office for more information at 601-544-5551.



Trinity Transitions

Our Condolences

We extend our sympathy to Lynn McMullan, Mecklin Stevens, Ben Stevens, III and Nannette Miller and their families on the death of their father, Ben Stevens.

We extend our sympathy to Ann Johnson and Bob Johnson on the death of their son and brother Scott Johnson. Scott is also the nephew of Nancy Curry.

Congratulations

We give thanks for the birth of Burnice Wesley Curry, V, son of B. Wesley Curry, IV & Marion Curry and grandson of B. W. Curry, III & Martha Ann Curry and great grandson of B. W. Curry, Jr. & Nancy Curry. He arrived at 8:30 p.m. March 10, 2008 weighing 7 lbs 15 ounces and he was 19 inches long.

Please let the church know...

Trinity is a busy and growing place which is a wonderful thing but it does mean that it can be difficult to get your information to the correct person. Below is a list of people to contact.

Hospital Stays	Fr. Bill	601-329-3538 wgstrop@earthlink.net
Add someone to prayer list	Linda	601-544-5551 asalinlou@aol.com
Information about choir	Jane	601-544-5551 Jane.butler45@gmail.com
Ask a question or express a concern	Fr. Bill	601-329-3538 wgstrop@earthlink.net
Information about children or youth programming	Lauren	601-544-5551 misylaw@aol.com

Insuring Accuracy of Financial Statement

To insure accuracy in our recording of your contributions and in our accounting procedures and to prevent errors in your individual quarterly statements of account, please remember the following:

- 1) Any donation in your numbered pledge envelopes, unless otherwise designated in writing on the check itself, will be credited to your annual pledge.
- 2) Please do not use your numbered pledge envelopes for extra or special offerings unless you clearly designate the purpose for that donation on the check.
- 3) It would be extremely helpful to the counters if those of you who do not use numbered envelopes would always record your assigned pledge

number on your check before it is placed in the alms basin.

- 4) It is in your best interest and your responsibility to inform us as to the purpose of any donation you make so that you may receive proper and accurate credit for your generosity.

We need all of you. We thank you for all you do. Please continue your support and increase your giving as your personal financial circumstances will allow!

Ben Carmichael
Senior Warden

Abbreviated Vestry Minutes

2009 Annual Council. Dr. Carmichael asked for nominations or volunteers to be our delegates and alternates for the next Annual Council. There were no volunteers. Dr. Carmichael will work on the slate and present it at the next meeting of the Vestry for approval.

Parish Commissions. Dr. Carmichael announced that we need Vestry liaisons for all commissions. The vestry persons who volunteered are listed on page 2 of this newsletter. No vestry liaisons were named for the Altar Guild, Long Range Planning Committee or the Columbarium Committee.

Folding machine. Dr. Carmichael announced that Mrs. BJ Andrade has purchased a new folding machine for the church office.

Financial Statement. Mrs. Jan Moore announced that we closed January with a negative balance. About \$6,000 in checks are being held so that we can pay other bills. Pledges are about \$10,000 below the budgeted amount for January. There was an EYC account that was closed and it has been placed in an account for their use. Expenses appear to be appropriate, but income is below what is expected. The financial report as presented was accepted by the vestry.

White House update. Mr. Leighton Lewis contracted Mr. Troy Lee to clean the lot for the price of less than \$10,000. The lot will be cleaned and smoothed by the end of the job. This will be paid for by the Thomson Trust.

Petition the city to close the alley for public use. Trinity owns the entire block and we anticipate that the city will close the alley. The long range plan is to provide a covered entry at a back door and to put a building in the back area of the church. A motion to empower Mr. Lewis to petition the city about to close the alley was passed.

Fred Swanson proposal. Mr. Fred Swanson made a presentation about Power Pac which can be used on an automobiles to increase gas mileage. A motion to table this project was passed by the vestry.

Volunteer acknowledged for his help repairing the physical plant. Mr. Peter Ciurczak announced that Mr. Robert Cox has volunteered to work at Trinity for 4 to 6 hours per week. He asked the Vestry to report problems in the physical facility so that Mr. Cox could repair or arrange for repair of them.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church is an open and diverse Christian family dedicated to serving God and all creation. We foster spiritual growth through worship, prayer, education, service, stewardship and celebration.

As a historic and landmark parish in a thriving and changing community we seek, welcome and nurture all who wish to share our journey

Jody Burnett's Purse

If you are interested in helping Jody Burnett while he is in seminary, you can write a check to Trinity Church and put it in the envelopes provided in the pews that have Jody's name on it. If you give cash, please indicate your name and address on the outside of the envelope. You do not have to put Jody's name on the memo line of your

check. Just put it in an envelope with Jody's name on it. Contributions designated to specific individuals on your checks are not tax deductible. Jody would like to acknowledge your gifts, so we will provide him with names and addresses but not amounts. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office.

Farewell to the White House



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday School at Trinity
To volunteer please contact the church office at 601-544-5551



Trinity Episcopal Church is committed to its youth and young children. On Sunday, many opportunities are provided for both groups including a 9:15 a.m. Children's hour, and Godly Play and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at 10:15 a.m., a children's sermon at the 10:30 a.m. service. For older youth, we also have an active Episcopal Youth Community. To volunteer to help with any of these programs, get more information, or speak to someone about where your child best fits please call the church office at 601-544-5551.

Prayer List

If you have a Prayer List request, please complete the form below and send it to Linda in the church office.

Please add the following individual to the prayer list.

Today's date _____

Name

Submitted by

Brief explanation (family member, friend, military deployment, etc.)

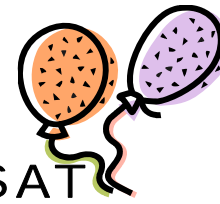
Please return this form to the church office.
Names will remain on the Prayer List through the last Sunday of the month.
Those who continue to need our prayers should be resubmitted
at the beginning of the next month.

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Birthdays in April



*Jesus commends that we pray for one another.
Please remember those on our prayer list.*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>If a birthday is omitted or listed incorrectly, please call the church office at 601-544-5551.</i>		1 Wes Powe Stacey Ready	2 Gale Saenz	3	4 Doug Montague	5 Louise Burns Green
6 Joe Tatum Sherman Hong	7 Kim DuBoise	8 Marian Dickson	9 Stewart Gammill, IV Betty Fry	10 Jo Ann DaPozzo Jason Henley	11 Michael Hartley	12 Hannah Silkman
13	14 Jeffrey Nicholson	15	16 Mary Peyton Clark	17 Mary Norval Hoyt Tanner	18 Beejee Dickson John Bivins Anna Laura Brett	19 Susan Hrostowski
20 Kennard McKay Will Brett	21	22 Jan May Elaine Dews	23 Lorraine Rhian Wesley Anderson Kim Henson	24	25	26
27 David Halliwell Alexander Rutland	28	29 Ted Crawford	30 Rob Carroll	<p><i>Happy Birthday!</i></p>		

Please pray for those who have asked our prayers:

- Bobby & Betty Steadman
- Elizabeth Scharff
- Betty & Charlene McSwain
- Bettie Webb
- Cyril Ozell McGowan
- Crosby Gammill
- Daryl Thompson
- Jerry Jones
- Sharon Weathersby
- Frances Trosclair
- Angie McMillen
- Matthew Carreiro
- Pat Green
- Josh DeLancey
- Curt Weaver
- Phillip Canizaro
- Jo Pugh
- Scott Johnson
- Lyn Johnson
- Margaret McIntire
- James Durden
- The Rev. Susan Bear
- Carolyn House
- Judith Jones
- Jo Bissell
- Diane Harvey
- Mary Deane McInnis
- L. A. Rogers
- Mildred Sumner
- Retha Johnson
- Kay Tallirico
- Cyndie Le Pori
- Pam & Larry Wingate
- Dessa Hinton
- Jason Weathers

- Mitchell Redmond
- Maryann Kyle
- Libby Lewis
- Gerald Morris
- Temple Giles
- Emily Lundin
- Ellen Ciurczak
- Robert Rankin

Our homebound and retirement home residents:

- Buddy Crawford
- Fran Lassiter
- Marge West
- Inez Heidelberg
- Kathryn M. Jones
- Willana Price

For our men & women serving our country:

- Blake Heidelberg
- Kevin Lewis
- Major Beau Eidt
- Joseph Duncan
- Major Patrick Walden
- SFC Shawn Walden
- Paul Waldoff
- Wesley Prevsch

For our Seminarian

- Jody Burnett

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor on our members and grant that they grow in wisdom and grace as they begin another year.

To add someone to the prayer list please fill out the form on the back of the Tidings or contact the church office at 601-544-5551.

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 2:00 p.m. Centering Prayer 5:15 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>2 9:30 p.m. Holy Communion & Healing Service 10:30 p.m. Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Daughters of the King 5:30 p.m. Micro-Industry Mission Meeting 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir</p>		<p>4 Vocare Weekend</p>	<p>5 Vocare Weekend 6:30 p.m. Usher, Greeter, Newcomer, Soup & Salad Supper</p>
	<p>6 Vocare Weekend 8 & 10:30 am Holy Communion <i>Coffee Hour Follows Each Service</i> 9:15 a.m. Rector's Forum (Old Choir Room) Adult Study (Library) Choir Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. Adult & Youth Confirmation Class</p>	<p>7 8:45 a.m. EFM 9:30 a.m. Pine Meadows Service 5:30 p.m. Liturgy Commission Meeting</p>	<p>8 2:00 p.m. Centering Prayer 5:15 p.m. Bible Study Party 6:00 p.m. Christian Ed Commission Meeting</p>	<p>9 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion & Healing Service 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Micro-industry Mission Meeting 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir</p>	<p>10 11:45 a.m. St. Francis Guild</p>	<p>11 Happening #67 Weekend 10th & 12th Grade All Saint's Tupelo</p>
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