

**Jan. 24, 2012**

*"Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come." (Psalm 71:17-18)*

*"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." (Isaiah 46:4)*

This past week I got a chance to spend some time with a few of our older members who are, for the most part, homebound. It was such a blessing to catch up with them and spend some time in fellowship with them sharing stories and sharing life.

I got to spend time with my buddy Bernie Shick, and I realized how much I miss him sitting in our congregation on Sunday mornings. We talked about his cats and my little boy and how our bodies often betray us while our minds and spirits are still sharp.

I sat with Irene Porterfield as we talked about God being our sustainer and the lifter of our heads even in the midst of seemingly crushing loss and sometimes overwhelming sorrow. We spoke of His faithfulness and prayed that His presence would fill her apartment anew that day.

I caught Catherine Holland on her way to Bingo and prayed with her that the Lord would complete the healing of her body from pneumonia so that she can continue living life to the full. It was a blessing to see her at church this past Sunday with her daughter who had come into town for a visit.

I also sat with Bob Pratt this week and talked about his desires for his memorial service when the time came so that all those arrangements would already be taken care of. It warmed my heart to hear him talk about his passion for Peace and Justice, his desire that John 3 be read as part of his farewell sermon, and that the Gospel be presented to all who would be there.

People of Trinity, this is our heritage. Godly men and women who have paved the road for our faithfulness. Flawed and human but full of grace and the love of the Father. They sacrificed for years physically, emotionally, spiritually, and financially so that Trinity could be what she is today. I could never list every name of every faithful saint who has gone before us, but we must learn to honor and remember the sacrifice of those who preceded us in the faith.

Great leaders like Perry Mobley, Kenneth Charles, and Cecil Hamilton. Great servants and prayer warriors like Julia Allen, Jeane Mobley, Edna Fludd, and Mickey Evans. Not to mention the many, many POWs who are still a vibrant part of our community life today. We are so grateful for your Godly example and your years of faithfulness.

If you're part of the younger generation, I encourage you; get to know these wonderful saints. Stop by for lunch or a cup of coffee. Play a round of Bingo or go play a few hymns for them. Bring your children by and introduce them to our older folks. Ask them about their lives, their families, their history, and most importantly their God. If you can't stop by in person, how about a nice card or a phone call? Nancy Yarborough and Jeane Mobley would be glad to connect you with any of our folks who are having difficulty staying in fellowship because of health and mobility concerns. We must remind them of our love for them and our appreciation for all they have done for the Lord in our community.

Together we are the Body of Christ. May He bless all the parts of His body today and continue to pump the life blood of the Spirit into us all whether we are able to be together or not. His grace to all of us today.

*Matt*

#### NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE for 1/29/12

**Nursery**  
**Infants** Jerry & Rhonda Eckhardt  
**Toddlers** Sharon & Taylor Kirby  
**2/3s** Dawn Connors

**Children's Church**  
**4/5K** Jennifer Morris, Jordan Guffey  
**1st - 6th** David & Laura Conner

#### NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE for 2/05/12

**Nursery**  
**Infants** Kristin Creveling,  
Becca Moya-Mendez  
**Toddlers** John & Nancy Yarborough  
**2/3s** Annette Diaz, Jill Dail

**Children's Church**  
**4/5K** Sonya Molnar, Rachel Grosick  
**1st - 6th** Ellen Guffey

#### USHER SCHEDULE

Jan 29 Luke Matthew's Team  
 Feb 5 David Hamilton's Team  
 Feb 12 Mark Moseley's Team

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Jan 29 Virginia Langley & Jan Lingle  
 Feb 5 Cynthia Mize & Robert Jordan  
 Feb 12 Trell Maurer & Susie Stokes

#### WELCOME MINISTRY

Jan 29 Jerry & Rhonda Eckhardt, Johnny & Nancy Yarborough  
 Feb 5 Dan & Rachel Allen  
 Feb 12 Hope Thigpen, Tom & Denise Panos

# Trinity EPC Calendars

## CALENDAR for WEEK 1/29/12

### Sunday, January 29

8:00 am - Elder Prayer  
9:15 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am - Worship  
4:30 pm - Youth Group  
5:00 pm - Worship @ Hispanic Ministry

### Tuesday, January 31

10:00 am - Ladies Prayer Group  
@ Jeane Mobley's  
7:00 pm - Ladies Beth Moore Bible Study in Youth Bldg.  
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study in Youth Bldg.

### Wednesday, February 1

5:45 pm - Wednesday Night Supper  
6:30 pm - Wednesday Night Classes

### Thursday, February 2

12:00 pm - Bulletin deadline

## CALENDAR for WEEK 2/05/12

### Sunday, February 5

8:00 am - Elder Prayer  
9:15 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am - Worship & Communion  
4:30 pm - Youth Group  
5:00 pm - Worship @ Hispanic Ministry

### Monday, February 6

12:00 pm - Newsletter Deadline

### Tuesday, February 7

10:00 am - Ladies Prayer Group  
@ Jeane Mobley's  
7:00 pm - Ladies Beth Moore Bible Study in Youth Bldg.  
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study in Youth Bldg.

### Wednesday, February 8

5:45 pm - Wednesday Night Supper  
6:30 pm - Wednesday Night Classes

### Thursday, February 9

12:00 pm - Bulletin deadline

### Saturday, February 11

9:30 am - Coffee & Community



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Is YOUR hand raised?

Please prayerfully consider giving a portion of your time in Children's Ministry. No matter what your gift, God can use you in His plan.

### Areas where YOU can serve!

Nursery – Sunday/Wednesday  
Check-In/Greeter  
Sunday School  
Pioneers  
Children's Church  
Children's Worship  
Bulletin Boards  
Window Treatments for Nursery  
Sound System for Worship

Commit to Serve this Spring!

Contact Ellen, 665-8022, if you are willing to serve.

# Children's Ministries Ellen Guffey

## Children's Church

This weekend, we have a wonderful opportunity to worship as we welcome the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery to Trinity. Worship Service on Friday evening begins at 7:30 pm. Childcare is provided for children (infant-6<sup>th</sup> grade) BY **RESERVATION**. Please call the church office at 665-8022 so we can prepare adequately for ourselves and our visitors.

### Upcoming!

February 15<sup>th</sup> – Pioneers "Bring a Friend Night". Our theme is *Dressed in Red*.  
April 1<sup>st</sup> – Palm Sunday - "Egg'ceptional Eggs'pedition" at Ebenezer Park.

I noticed Sunday in Children's Church with some of our children how easy it is to become distracted and complacent about where we are...so much so that we don't think anyone notices what we are doing. I am guilty of that myself. As I stood talking with the kids about the characteristics of Christ out of the corner of my eye I could see a "wave of attention" ebbing out with the tide. My quick prayer..."Lord help me draw them back"... then a song from Tuesday night Bible Study at East Florence came to mind. *He's my Rock, my Sword, my Shield*...even boys who are too cool being guys like rocks, swords, and shields! I quickly changed gears, dragged them to their feet, and even though I am less than musical, we broke into song and action. Suddenly the tide turned! What a God thing! In this day and age with so much technology at our fingertips, it is easy to get taken out with the tide and think no one notices what we are doing. But God does. He knows our hearts, He knows our struggles, and yet He chooses to use us and faithful to equip.

What an AMAZING God we serve! He cares about the tiniest of details in our every circumstance. Not a minute goes unnoticed in His eyes. As you and I transition into the wonderful blessing of the new building, my prayer is that we each remember the focus is not on the building itself, its beautiful furnishings, or the addition of new space...it is about those who will enter in. It's about His church, each of us, and how we choose to let God be our center. Without a doubt, the building is evidence of God at work in this body, but it is us, His people, and our willingness to meet the challenge and be His hands and feet. I pray for patience as we transition and an abundance of energy as God continues to lay out His most wonderful plan. Join in, pray, and prepare for all God has in store!

In His Hands,

*Ellen*

# Trinity EPC Announcements

## Attention Men of the Baby Boomer Generation

A new 6 week men's small group study of Half Time: Changing Your Game Plan from Success to Significance by Bob Buford will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning on Jan. 31, in the Youth Building. For more information, contact Jim Allen at [jmallen49@bellsouth.net](mailto:jmallen49@bellsouth.net) or 618-3242.

## Casting Crowns Concert

Feb. 9, 7:00 pm, Florence Civic Center. A group rate of \$18.00 is offered for 20 people or more. If you are interested in going, bring your money to the church office to reserve your tickets by Tuesday, Feb. 7. Call the church office, 665-8022, for more information.

## Cleansing Stream

Trinity is again offering the "Cleansing Stream" Ministry. This dynamic ministry consists of 12 sessions and a retreat at the end of the sessions. Sessions are encouraging and point out the Scriptural authority God has provided for release from obstacles hindering fulfillment of His plan in our lives. Ray & Kim Harris will lead the class on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm starting Feb. 15. Please contact Ray & Kim at 346-5386 to sign-up or with any questions. Also, refer to [www.cleansingstream.org](http://www.cleansingstream.org) for info. There is a cost involved for materials and the retreat.

## Coffee and Community

Saturday, Feb. 11, 9:30 am to 11:30 am. We will be having special community connection events all over Florence in the homes of different members. You'll be spending two hours together sharing your background, what God's doing in your life right now, and getting to know the others in your group. This is for all ages, 18 and up, married, single, divorced, widowed, young, and old. Even if you're not a member of Trinity but would like to get to know our

community better, you're invited! We will provide childcare at the church from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under **by reservation only**. This will allow you to drop off your children and get to your host home without having to line up childcare of your own. Registration will begin Jan. 15.



## Multi Purpose Building Celebration

March 11, right after the worship service. Make plans to attend the ribbon cutting, dedication ceremony, and lunch celebrating the new building. More information to come.

## For All Trinity People of Wisdom (55+)

Dinner Theater with Aaron Wilburn, March 29, 6:00 pm. A unique theater experience at White Oak Conference Center, located in Winnsboro, SC. Aaron Wilburn, Christian comedian and song writer, has been featured on the Gaither Homecoming tour and videos. His down home style of humor will have you laughing and enjoying your dinner (prepared by Chef Steve Bishop) in this "theater in the round" (eat in the auditorium) experience. Tickets are \$20 (includes meal and show). Transportation will be coordinated. If you are interested, **RSVP no later than Feb. 3.** Contact Nancy Yarborough at 662-4559 or at [theyarbs4@aol.com](mailto:theyarbs4@aol.com).

# Trinity EPC Prayer Needs

## OTHERS

\***Dorian Stewart** (Tom and Flo Cribb's grandson-in-law) PRAISE Seems to be recuperating well from surgery. Continued prayer for healing, pain relief, and return of strength.

\***Helen Bortz** (Nancy Gordon's mother) Continuing to struggle through chemo and still suffers with Shingles. Pray for healing, strength, and grace.

\***Lori Brantley** (friend of Carol Blaker) Continued prayer for complete healing and strength following pituitary tumors and surgery.

\***Billy McDonald** (husband of Nora McDonald, TKA Staff member) Continued prayer as he goes through chemo treatments.

\***Jude Morrison** (Becca Moya-Mendez's nephew) Continuing to recover from surgery and is still in the NICU. Pray for healing and for grace for the family.

\***Sarah Heath Collins** (Jay Lingle's cousin) Underwent bone marrow transplant. Pray for healing and grace

\***Debbie Dawkins** (Gloria Capps' daughter/Diane Creveling's sister) Continuing to recover from a serious fall in which she suffered broken bones. Pray for healing, return of mobility, and pain relief.

\***Kristen Morris** (Tonya Moseley's niece) Pray for grace and wisdom for Kristen and her family.

\***Peggy Manders** (Thad Davis' sister-in-law) Struggling with diverticulitis. Pray for healing and grace.

\***Al Borum** (Melissa Brock's father) Undergoing testing and evaluation for a medical issue. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and for healing.

\***Carolina Rose Pavlik** (Dan & Laura Mihill's granddaughter) Will have her tonsils and adenoids removed and tubes put in her ears on Feb 8. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and healing.

\***Brandi Mihill** (Dan & Laura Mihill's daughter) Congratulations to Brandi on the birth of her daughter, Madalyn Grace Mihill, born Jan. 12, weighing 7lbs, 11 oz and 20 ½ in. Congratulations also to grandparents, Dan & Laura Mihill, and great grandmother Bette Cox. Pray for Brandi's hemoglobin levels to return to normal.

\***Linda Hall** (Bobby & Teresa Thigpen's niece) Continuing to recover from leg surgery. Pray for healing and a return of strength and mobility.

\***Robert Jones** (Teresa Thigpen's brother) Pray for healing and a return of mobility.

# Prayer Needs

## MEMBERS

- \***Sandy Routzohn** She is home. Pray for strength and grace for Henry.
- \***Banna Leeson** Traveled to Miami to consult with an eye specialist. Pray for wisdom for the doctor and grace as she awaits a decision about possible treatment.
- \***Bob Pratt** Struggling with potassium levels and medication. Pray that these levels would return to normal and the medication issue would be resolved.
- \***Mike Jalicki** Recovering at McLeod. Pray for healing and a return of strength.
- \***Mauro & Annette Diaz** Continued pray for their application process.
- \***Lindsay Rodenkirchen** Still struggling with joint pains and headaches. Pray for healing, grace, and wisdom for the doctors.
- \***Gilda Sanders** Another blood clot has been discovered. Pray for healing, pain relief, wisdom for the doctors, and a return of her strength.
- \***Charlton Holladay** Recuperating from surgery. Pray for a complete recovery.
- \***Raymond McConnell** Pray for grace and wisdom as he coordinates care and provides care for Harriett.
- \***Keith Hamrick** Recovering from recent foot surgery. Pray for healing & return of strength and mobility.
- \***Bryan Hoogenboom** Recovering from foot surgery. Pray for healing & return of strength.
- \***Jonah Hackett** (grandson of Ron & Cathy Hackett, son of Christina Hackett) Born Jan. 5, weighing 4lbs, 15 oz. Pray for growth and development.
- \***Don Brookins** Recently fell and is being treated for a fractured back. Pray for healing and pain relief.
- \***Xin Jie Peters** Xin's mother recently fell and sustained serious injuries. Pray for complete healing and also for travel for Xin.
- \***Joseph Galeano** (Susan Knight's son) Recuperating from arm surgery last week. Pray for complete healing.
- \***Maria Butler** Christian Sympathy is extended to Maria and her family in the recent passing of Maria's father, Richard King.
- \***Jennifer Myrick** Christian Sympathy is extended to Jennifer and her family in the passing of Jennifer's mother, Diane Tennis, who passed away Sunday, Jan. 22.
- \***Brenda Truett** Continuing to suffer with bronchitis. Pray for healing and a return of strength.
- \***Hunter Long** Had a tonsillectomy Jan. 24. Pray for healing.

# Announcements

**Save The Date...**Upcoming Missions Conference on Feb. 18 - 19. Ken Priddy and Tom Clymer are the featured speakers.

## Mid-Atlantic Presbytery Worship Service

January 27, 2012

7:30 pm

Trinity EPC Sanctuary

Please make plans to worship with Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders, their spouses, and Observers from throughout the Mid-Atlantic region of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Join us for uplifting worship, preaching from God's Word, and Communion. Refreshments will be served after the worship service. Please call the church office, 665-8022, if you need childcare. Childcare is provided by **reservation only**.

## Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic WOMEN'S MEETING

Saturday, January 28, 8:45 am

TKA Gym

Speaker: Linda Hostetter  
"Eyes Wide Open"

Join us for great worship, teaching, conversation, and refreshments. All women are encouraged to attend. Please call the church office, 665-8022, if you plan to attend. Childcare is provided by **reservation only**.

*Thank You!*

I just want to thank my church family for all that was done for Tom & me. The calls, visits, cards, the food. It was so kind of you but the best was all the prayers. The Lord has blessed Tom & I so much with you all.

Tom & Flo Cribb

# Announcements

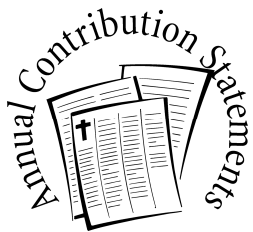
## Pineneedle Basket-Making Classes

Will meet at the home of Evelyn Wilson, 816 Roberta Circle, beginning Feb. 2 for four consecutive Thursday afternoons from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. Instructions are free and materials will be furnished for beginners. All former participants are encouraged to attend. All newcomers interested in learning this craft are invited to participate. Call Evelyn at 665-6075.



### 5th Sunday Toy Collection Jan 29

We will be collecting toys every 5th Sunday until Christmas. These gifts will be used for our Angel Tree children. Please place unwrapped gifts in the Christmas Box in the Narthex on Jan 29.



### 2011 Year-End Statements

2011 Year-End Statements are available to be picked up in the Narthex, Sunday, Jan 29. After Sunday, all statements will be mailed on Jan. 30. Please help Trinity be good stewards of our finances by saving as much postage as possible. Remember to only pick up your statement unless specifically asked by someone to pick their statement up for them.

# Missions



## BAR-B-QUE FUNDRAISER

### Catered by Schoolhouse BBQ

Join us for our spring fundraiser at  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
252 S. Dargan Street, Florence

**Wednesday, March 7th, 2012**

Donation \$8.00  
Lunch 11 to 2  
Dinner 4 to 6

Free lunch delivery for 10 or more plates

Dinner consists of Schoolhouse's famous BBQ, rice and red gravy, sweet potatoes, coleslaw and bread.

**Phone 629-0830** for ticket information or  
Email: [joaneking@spiritcom.net](mailto:joaneking@spiritcom.net)