

# THE MESSENGER

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## FROM PREACHER RICK'S DESK....

It seems like it was yesterday when I sat down to write my first article for the Trinity Messenger. Back then, it was a weekly publication and I needed an article for each issue. For 12 years, I have heard Ronna asking; "Is your article ready yet?" The answer has usually been, "not yet" or "I'm still working on it." Today is no exception. This morning I watched the one and two year olds give their end of year program. They were precious. Then at lunch I gave the program at the Senior Citizens meeting. From the young to the old, Trinity UMC is alive and well.

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When I came to Trinity back in 1998, I was hurting and seeking renewal from the Lord. Trinity was also hurting. A list of 18 dead and dying churches in the Charlotte District had been compiled, and Trinity was on the list. By working together we found healing and hope. I found renewed strength in preaching, teaching and the healing ministries, and Trinity grew with new families, new children and a wonderful new Family Life Center. God used us together to do great things.

My prayer for Trinity is to continue the good work of the Kingdom and I know you will. I will be moving to Etowah UMC, which is near Hendersonville, NC. Rev. Wade Ogle will be the new Trinity pastor and he comes in the power and love of the Holy Spirit. My role changes from pastor to friend. When I left Rolling Hills, my first appointment, there was a popular Christian song that had these words in it; *"Friends are friends forever, if the Lord's the Lord of them. And a friend will not say never, for the welcome will not end. Thou it's hard to let you go in the Father's hands I know. For a lifetimes not too long to live as friends."*

Thanks for all the love and support over the past twelve years, especially during the past several weeks. Thanks for all the cards, flowers and food sent to us at dad's passing. I look at it this way; I got to spend more time with my dad the last twelve years, than I did the combined 24 years when I was serving the church away from Charlotte. I truly have received God's presence, peace and power through your love.

Your brother and friend in Christ,

Rick



### **2010 GRADUATES!**

This past Sunday was Graduation Sunday at Trinity.

We congratulate Lawrence Barth, Jonathan Brachten, John Peter Cuttino, and Genevieve Midthun who were **Preschool Graduates**. Breyenna DeHaan, Ethan Deen, and Ryan Putukian the **Elementary School Graduates**, Logan Massey the **Middle School Graduate** William Todd and Austin Moore the **High School Graduates** and Donnie Bruce, Jr., Danielle Kidd and Shelton Davis the **College Graduates**.

### **IMPACT SATURDAY**

The Districts first Impact Day will be held on Saturday, June 5th. This is a time to reach out to the community to work on local missions. This is part of the "Rethink Church" program. For more info see David Stroupe...you **WILL** want to be a part of this **FIRST IMPACT DAY!**

### **A FAREWELL LUNCHEON**

Please join us on Sunday, June 6th as we say farewell to Preacher Rick, who has been a part of the Trinity Church Family for the last 12 years. This will be his last Sunday to preach at Trinity as Trinity's pastor. A luncheon is planned immediately following the 11:00am Worship Service in his and Teresa's honor, and all are invited.

### **THE SHROUD OF TURIN**

On Sunday evening June 27th, The Searching the Word Sunday School Class will host Mr. Kevin Moran, who will come to Trinity to speak about the Shroud of Turin. As you know this is a centuries old linen cloth that bears the image of a crucified man that many believe to be Jesus. Mr. Moran has done much research on this subject and has spoken at a number of the area churches. He will be at Trinity at 5:00pm in the FLC on Sunday, June 27th. Bring your favorite dessert and come hear what Mr. Moran has to say about this very controversial subject.



**Trinity UMC** invites all children 3 years to 5th grade to **GALACTIC BLAST: A COSMIC ADVENTURE PRAISING GOD!**

Vacation Bible School.

Board the starship Galactic Praise to see our awesome universe—and our awesome God—in a whole new way. The fun begins in just three weeks, **Monday, June 21 and ends Friday, June 25 from 6:30 to 8:30pm.**

Each galactic mission includes a Bible story in the Good News Galaxy, music at Moons & Tunes, art projects at Cosmic Crafts, games at Rocket Rec, and a snack at the Astro Bistro. We have several other special things planned - including the star lab from Discovery Place and a fun finale on Friday for all our cadets and their families!

To be a part of all the excitement at **GALACTIC BLAST: A COSMIC ADVENTURE PRAISING GOD!** Call Christie Pistolis at 704-947-9180 or visit the church's website at [www.trinityumcofcharlotte.com](http://www.trinityumcofcharlotte.com). Registration forms on the website and at the church.

### **MONTANA MISSION TEAM FUNDRAISERS**

The Montana Mission Teams 18 members will be leaving for the Blackfeet Indian Reservation the 2nd week of August. They need your help in supplying items for the VBS that they will sponsor once they get to the reservation. One of the ways to help is by purchasing Auto Bell Car Wash tickets. The cost is \$14.00 and this is good for one full service car wash. These are good in Charlotte, Huntersville, Gastonia, Concord, Mooresville, Denver, Pineville, Statesville and Shelby locations.

They are also sponsoring a trip to the Charlotte Knights Castle on Saturday, June 26th. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket. See Karen Bryer to reserve your tickets.

*There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.*

*'Is there anything breakable in here?' asked the postal clerk.*

*'Only the Ten Commandments.' answered the lady.*

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**AFTERSCHOOL ADVENTURES AND SUMMER CAMP**

Afterschool Adventures is getting ready to kick-off. They begin on Friday, June 11th and run thru Tuesday, August 24th. This is a full time Summer Camp for children rising Kindergarten thru rising 6th grade. Hours are Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 6:00 pm. The cost of full time care is \$90 per week. Part time rates are also available upon request. A host of exciting activities such as Knights baseball, CPCC Play, Latta Plantation, Swimming, and much more has been planned. Please contact Afterschool Adventures at 704-399-1684 ext 14 for more information.

*Thank you.  
Margie O’Shields  
Assistant Director  
Afterschool Adventures*

**The Trinity Playschool** is offering two Summer sessions with the first beginning on Tuesday, June 15th. You can do one four week session or choose both for a total of 8 weeks this summer. For more info please call the playschool at 704-399-1684 ext. 23 or 24.



**JULY 4th LUNCHEON**

The Emmett Wilson Bible Class will sponsor a 4th of July BBQ Dinner on Sunday, July 4th immediately following the 11:00am Worship Service. The plate includes baked beans, slaw, bread and desserts. This will also be Rev. Wade Ogle’s first Sunday to preach at Trinity. We hope that you will plan to stay after the service and enjoy some of the Emmett Wilson’s Class great chicken and visit with Rev. Ogle and his family.

**WNCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

June 11—13th is the Western North Carolina Annual Conference which is held each year at Lake Junaluska. Lift a prayer for this conference as they carry on the work of the UMChurch.

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[www.trinityumofcharlotte.com](http://www.trinityumofcharlotte.com)

**SUMMER WEDDINGS**

The Seipel and Martinez families would like to invite you to share in the Wedding Ceremony uniting Jeff Seipel and Gramintz Martinez in Holy Matrimony. Please join us for a blessed celebration at 4:00pm on June 5th at Jeff’s residence, 1645 Washington Lane, Catawba, NC 28609. Everyone is welcome and invited. If you plan to come please bring a covered dish of your preference for the reception.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Request the honor of your presence  
At the marriage of their daughter  
Krystal Alexander  
To  
Donnie Bruce, Jr.  
Saturday, the twelfth of June  
Three o’clock in the afternoon  
Huntersville Presbyterian Church  
201 S. Old Statesville Road  
Huntersville, North Carolina  
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Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Willie Ross and his family on the death of his sister *Joyce Morrison*. Ms. Morrison’s funeral was held in Lenoir on Wednesday, May 26th,

**BAPTISM**

On Sunday, May 30th Preacher Rick will baptize Master Hunter Dylan White and Master Brycen Fisher White. Hunter and Brycen are the sons of Megan & Seth White, and grandsons of Sibby & George White. Their big sister is Aubrey. He will also baptize Master Mason Thomas West. Mason is the son of Ashley & Brian West. His big sister is Jacklyn. And Mr. Ayden Nathan-Lee Frazier. Ayden is the son of Josie Frazier and Nathan Frazier, and grandson of Ginger & Joe Frazier.

**THANK YOU** to Tommie Plummer for providing the bulletin covers for the past couple of weeks for the special events...thank you Tommie!  
Also thank you to Brenda Raynor and Donna Stroupe for weeding and planting the flower boxes in front of the FLC. Our new Summer Campers will help to keep them alive during the summer...thank you to all!

  
**June, 2010**

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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**JUNE WORSHIP  
RESPONSIBILITIES**

**INFANT NURSERY**

6—  
13—Carolyn & Laura Miller  
20—Cheryl & Peter Putukian  
27—Christie & Gus Pistolis

**TODDLER NURSERY**

6—  
13—Brent & Stacy Bradford  
20—Ronna Privette & Sandra Duggins  
27—Tami McLemore &  
Michael Thuemmel

**USHERS**

David Stroupe (*Head*), Donna Stroupe,  
Kristen Stroupe, Justin Stroupe, Bill  
McLemore

**FINANCE STEWARDS**

Finance Committee & David Stroupe

**HOMEBOUND**

Betty Johnston  
Melvin Kerns

A contribution has been made to the  
**Bus Fund** by Carson & Judy Watts.

**RETIREMENT  
RESIDENTS**

Regency Retirement Village  
Lawrence Duke  
Shad's Landing -  
Lee Almond  
Olde Knox Commons at the  
Village— Patsy Ward  
Bill Todd  
Churchill Assisted Living-  
O'Neal Harpe  
Maple Leaf Healthcare  
Center— Hilda Morris  
The Oaks—David Todd  
Bain Sharar

**HOSPITAL NEWS**

Home—Jami Thompson  
Marie Chesser  
Mecklenburg Health Center—  
Louise Clark



**PLEASE REMEMBER  
IN PRAYER:**

Lee Almond, Donald Caldwell,  
Leah Callender, Marie Chesser,  
Isaiah Joseph, Melvin Kerns, Buddy  
Kidd, Roy Knight, Peggy Lewis, Don  
Mottern, James O'Brien, Bain Sha-  
rar, Bill Todd, David Todd, Frances  
Whisenant

**TWINS...**

Many of you remember Jack &  
Mary Ann Bradham who were  
members at Trinity for quite some-  
time. We received word this past  
week that they are now proud par-  
ents of twin boys, Jonah Mattison  
and Jobe Emory.

Jonah & Jobe have a big sister, Isa-  
bella, who is approximately 3 years  
old.

Congratulations and best wishes to  
this family!

**REMINDER:**

This coming Sunday, May 30th is a  
5th Sunday, which means we will  
have **ONE Service**. That means  
both the Contemporary and Tradi-  
tional Services will be held at  
10:30am in the sanctuary. Sunday  
School begins at 9:15am.

The Administrative Council decided  
to keep both services the way they  
are this summer. On June 6th and  
for the rest of the Sundays there will  
be both a 9:00am Contemporary  
Service as well as an 11:00am Tra-  
ditional Service. The next ONE  
Service will not be until Sunday,  
August 29th after this week.

