

Trinity UMC Playschool

Newsletter

April 2010



Happy Birthday



DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2nd - 9th Spring Break

April 4th - Easter Sunday

April 20th, 21st, & 23rd Playground Pictures
(see article on last page)

LOOKING AHEAD

May 9th - Mother's Day

May 12th - Picnic in the Park

May 27th - Last Day of School

May 28th - Playschool Graduation

May 31st - Memorial Day

One year old

Misa Samuel March 9th
Ella Rominger April 22nd

Two years old

Harper Henson March 3rd
Abigail Farrow March 19th
Sloan Stewart March 26th
Alexandra Smith April 16th

Three years old

Annalee Shank March 19th
Lily Butler March 21st
Dawson White March 30th
Jordan Pittman April 11th

Four years old

Angela Smith March 6th
Sydney Bisson March 15th
Elizabeth Tran March 23rd
Riley Walsh April 10th
Lauren Rumble April 21st

Five Years old

Isabelle Szymura March 11th
Nicholas Szymura March 11th
Sophia Szymura March 11th
Lucy Furry March 12th
Ella Ritter March 22nd
Ella Riera April 2nd
Jack Campbell April 12th
Jonathan Brachten April 18th
Hunter Henson April 18th
Genevieve Midthun April 26th

Spring Fundraiser Success!

Thanks to everyone that participated in our spring cookie fundraiser. After all the sales and donations were tallied, we raised approximately \$1,500. Congratulations to our top fundraiser sellers: Darin Redfearn (\$460), Zachary Ailiff (\$420) and Jordan Gaither (\$264)! This was a great fundraiser and will help us get needed supplies and improve our playground. Once again, we thank you for being such great parents and taking pride in our Playschool!



Special Easter Services

Easter Sunday – April 4th

- *7:00am - Sunrise Service (Sanctuary)
- *8:00am - Full breakfast by the Emmett Wilson SS Class
- *9:00am - Celebration Worship (Sanctuary)
- *10:00am - Sunday School
- *11:00am - Resurrection Service (Sanctuary)

Spring

Playschool Closed
Friday, April 2nd - Friday April 9th

Break!

Vacation Bible School



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 Monday, June 21 and ends Friday, June 25 from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

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. Registration forms on the website and at the church.

Tuition Payments

It is coming close to the end of the school year. We are counting on all of you to have your accounts paid in full by the end of May. As in every school our budget is tight. If you have any questions or concerns about your account you can contact "Miss" Jennifer at 704-399-1684 ext. 24 or email her at tumcmoney@yahoo.com.

Summer Sessions 2010

We have some spaces left for our Summer Sessions. If you are thinking about coming, check with the office to see what is available.

Life in the Classroom

With Mrs. LeeAnn, Mrs. Cindy, & Mrs. Jessica

We are having an exciting year in the Older 2's Class. Every morning we are greeted with smiles and updates about how potty training is going. After the good morning hugs, we begin learning through play. We always have something to explore at the table with puzzles, blocks, games, and beading that helps strengthen our fine motor and prewriting skills.

While we "play," we always look forward to hearing our names and going to the art table to create something for our families. We use paint, markers, shaving cream, scissors, glue, wiggly eyes, and use anything & everything for the sake of being artistic and creative.



Then it is off to circle time where we put on our imagination caps and become singers, Olympians, shape hunters, good listeners, animals, bus drivers, and go wherever our weekly theme takes us. We put our praying hands together to thank God for our blessings. We clap and cheer when it is time for snack.

Now is a good time for potty breaks. We are trying very hard to be Big girls & boys. Miss Lee Ann, Miss Cindy, and Miss Jessica are very proud of our progress. Depending on the weather, we line up to outside or to ride bikes downstairs to work on gross motor skills.

When we come back to our classroom, we play with playdough while we wait for Mommy & Daddy to come pick us up. We cut, make shapes, & use our imaginations while we squish, pat, & roll out our playdough. What a day we had?!?!?! And we can't wait to do it all again tomorrow!



Thanks for the Donations!

We sent out a letter at the beginning of March asking for donations of household items for the Isaiah Joseph family. In the letter we informed you that Isaiah is a former playschool child who recently found out that he has Brain Cell Glioma which is an inoperable brain tumor. As you can imagine, this has taken the entire family by surprise. We asked for your help in getting them bulk quantities of items like dish soap, shampoo, dog food, toilet paper, and detergent to name a few. We want to say Thank You on behalf of his family for the outpouring of love you have shown them. Everything that was on the list has been taken care of by you! This will really help his family have extra time to spend with Isaiah without the worry of running to the store for these everyday items.

Below this article we have included Isaiah's 3 year old class picture. This was Mrs. Kim's 2005-2006 class. Isaiah is standing in the center of the back row. His class included three boys whose moms are still teaching this year at Trinity. Mrs. Jana's son is standing at the top left. Mrs. Cindy and Mrs. Elizabeth's boys Thomas and Tristan are seated at the bottom left and right, respectively. They all made a cute bunch!

Isaiah will continue his daily radiation treatments through much of April. Please continue to remember his family in your prayers as they care for him. There are prayer cards located on the front table at the Playschool Entrance. Please feel free to take one home and put on your refrigerator as a reminder to pray daily for him and his family. Thank you!



Picnic in the Park *May 12th, 2010* *9:00 AM until 12:00PM* *Hornet's Nest Park* *(directly across the street)*

YES!!!! WE ARE COOKING AGAIN!!!!



Come enjoy grilled hamburgers and hot dogs! Plus we will have chips, drinks and we hope; lots of **SUNSHINE!**

Remember, the teachers will be busy cooking so we ask parents and grandparents to stay with their children and enjoy the festivities with us. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and sunscreen and enjoy a day that has been a favorite for children, parents and teachers for many years.

Want to help...Parents can bring a dessert to share or toss a donation in the basket on the day of the event to help with expenses. Thank You!

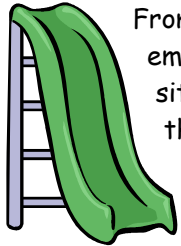
REMEMBER, EVERYONE IS TO MEET AT THE PARK ON MAY 12TH, BY THE FIRST PICNIC AREA.



WITH LOVE FROM CLAUDIA

How many times have you heard someone say, "It sounded like a good idea at the time"? Believe me, being the spontaneous type of person that I am, my childhood is filled with these times.

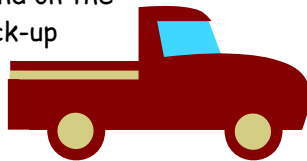
Last month, our one year olds which we lovingly refer to their room as the "Frat House" found a new way to come down the slide in their room. KiKi figured out that the block tub fit perfectly on the slide.



From previous experiments she knew, when empty, the tub was also a perfect fit to sit in. Her friends watched as she put the tub on top of the slide, climbed in and rode it down. Drew who has been KiKi's buddy since the 6 month class of course had to do it too. That was all it took for the whole class to join in the fun. As Mary and Reagan held their breath as they let them continue until they slid the bottom right out of the plastic tub.

Everything worked out for the kids and the slide but we all know that sometimes children make mistakes and get into trouble with their parents or teachers. If asked, "Why did you do it?" nine times out of ten, they could answer honestly, "It seemed like a good idea at the time."

When I was in elementary school, one of my favorite things to do was to stand on the running board of my father's pick-up truck while he drove down the dirt road to our barn. One day about half way to the barn, I changed my mind and did something that I had been told NEVER to do. The rule was, when you rode on the running board, you were to **Hold on tight** and **Do not let go**. I had seen plenty of TV shows where the hero jumped off trains going twice as fast as the truck was. "It seemed like a good idea at the time." When my feet hit the ground, I had a hands on experience with INERTIA, which is the tendency for matter to stay at rest if at rest, or to continue moving at a constant velocity if in motion. I had scratches and bruises on top of scratches and bruises.



Later that night I heard my parents talking. Daddy said, "I don't think she will do that again." Daddy had a firm belief that a mistake was not a mistake if you learned something from it. Very few times in our childhood did my brothers and I hear

daddy fuss and we NEVER heard him say we were bad kids. If we made a wrong choice, he had a way of looking at us without saying a word. We knew his eyes were asking, "What did you learn from making that choice that will change what choices you make in the future?"

Daddy died at an age younger than I am now, but I still see his eyes looking at me if I make a wrong choice that seemed like a good idea at the time. I thank my Father in heaven daily for the lessons my Daddy allowed me to learn.

Every Sunday:

Open Hearts.

Open Minds.

Open Doors.



We invite you to bring your family and be a part of our family each Sunday:

Celebration Service: 9:00AM

Sunday School: 10:00AM (For all ages!)

Worship Service: 11:00AM

Trinity Church also offers Youth Programs for Kindergarten through 12th grade on Sunday afternoons from 5:00-6:30pm. Feel free to stop by Sunday afternoon and see what Trinity's Youth Program has to offer your family!

K-2nd Led by Holly & Shea Hartsell

3rd-5th Led by Margie & Buddy O'Shields

6th-12th Led by Shelly Black & Elizabeth Hyatt

Talk to Claudia or call the church office 704-399-1684 for more information!

Playground Pictures Coming Soon!



We will be sending you more information after spring break as to when your child will be scheduled for Playground Pictures. These will be candid shots of your children playing outside on their playground. In years past these pictures have turned out great. These are wonderful because they are just kids being kids! The picture dates are April 20th, 21st, & 23rd so be sure to check your child's cubby for the date he/she is scheduled. The pictures are outside so dress your children accordingly!