

Trinity UMC Playschool Newsletter February 2008



February Birthdays



Two years old

Allison Teague February 6
Jacob Smith February 28

Three years old

Gracy Foy February 7
Samantha Hill February 16

Four years old

Alexis Walley February 5
Sydney Andrews February 6
Will Slattery February 13

Five Years old

Brady Pace February 18
Elijah McKay February 26

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 6 - In House Registration
Feb. 7 - Reading Workshop
Feb. 13 - Sibling and Church Members Reg.
Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day
Feb. 20 - Registration Open to Public

LOOKING AHEAD

Cookie Fundraiser Kickoff (Information Coming Soon!)
Mar. 6 - Trinity's Famous Bar-B-Que 11am-until
Mar. 15th : 10-12 noon - Easter Egg Hunt and Party

Life in the Classroom

I've worked with young twos for about five months now and I would like to share with you the top ten things I've learned from them:

- 1.) The light switch is sooooo much fun and can be reached when you climb on the wooden car.
- 2.) Sharing is hard.
- 3.) Sometimes you just have to cry.
- 4.) The bathroom is a whole other world.
- 5.) It's funny to run away from your teacher while going to the playground.
- 6.) Everyone else's snack taste better.
- 7.) Snack is better standing up.
- 8.) Just saying the blessing gets a round of applause.
- 9.) Kids get taller when you're not looking. (Ex: reaching things you thought they would never reach)
- 10.) Parents will always come back, and when they do, it is such an exciting time for young twos.

On a more serious note I've thoroughly enjoyed working with and learning from your young two year olds. Each one is very special to LeeAnn and I. I have gained a lot that will definitely come in handy in the future. Thank you parents for sharing your little ones with us! ☺ They sure do keep us on our toes! -"Miss" Holly

Attention Parents

1. Make sure you **register your child** for the coming school year and summer sessions before Feb. 13th, which is the starting day to register siblings. If you need enrollment forms for siblings or friends, you may pick them up in the playschool office.
2. Extra **Parent Surveys** are on the front table. Please fill out one if you haven't done so. We would love to have 100% participation.
3. Anyone that has not received payment coupons please see Jennifer and she can get those for you.

With Love from Claudia

(Reprint from February 2005 Newsletter)

During the recent ice storm, I became bored and decided to head out to Blockbusters for a good movie. I was very careful and had no trouble getting there, but when I arrived in the parking lot, I found a frozen mess. A young couple stopped in front of my car. The lady warned me it was very slick and the man slowed his steps and walked right beside me. I could tell he wanted to reach out and take my arm. The realization that this couple looked at me and thought "This lady is old and fragile" hit me like a ton of bricks. As I walked through the aisles I noticed I WAS the oldest person there. I figured all the other old people were safely at home so they wouldn't fall and break a hip or something. I was slipping deeper and deeper into a funk. As I was driving home I was thinking, "When did this happen?" I thought back over twenty years ago when "Miss" Debbie was bouncing down the steps three steps at a time and "Miss" Susan was crawling around on the floor and I could get up from a floor sit without using my hands. All of the sudden in my mind's eye I could see Paige Grundman, one of our one year olds, coming up the walk hanging on to "Dog", her stuffed animal. The following monologue from *The Velveteen Rabbit* ran through my head.

The Skin Horse had lived longer in the nursery than any of the others. He was so old that his brown coat was bald in patches and showed the seams underneath, and most of the hairs in his tail had been pulled out to string bead necklaces. He was wise, for he had seen a long succession of mechanical toys arrive to boast and swagger, and by-and-by break their mainsprings and pass away, and he knew that they were only toys, and would never turn into anything else. For nursery magic is very strange and

wonderful, and only those playthings that are old and wise and experienced like the Skin Horse understand all about it.

"What is REAL?" asked the Rabbit one day, when they were lying side by side near the nursery fender, before Nana came to tidy the room. "Does it mean having things that buzz inside you and a stick-out handle?"

"Real isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse. "It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real."

"Does it hurt?" asked the Rabbit.

"Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are Real you don't mind being hurt."

"Does it happen all at once, like being wound up," he asked, "or bit by bit?"

"It doesn't happen all at once," said the Skin Horse. "You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't happen often to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in your joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand."

At first glance "Dog" is nothing special. His joints are loose and his hair is worn, but he has a beauty that comes from becoming real. So all of you young parents who are looking in the mirror and seeing your first crow's feet and laugh lines and wondering, "What is happening to me?" Magic is happening, so run up those stairs and climb around the floor but remember the best is yet to come. Laps get softer, patience gets longer and as "Miss" Susan says "When you age your body type goes from lean to "Fluffy"." And "Fluffy" is definitely not a bad thing to be.

The 49th Annual Bar-B-Que

Trinity's Bar-B-Que will be held on Thursday, March 6th. We will use the same pickup instructions as we did last year. If you were not here last year or forgot, we will send out instructions for you to follow.

You can purchase advance tickets for the Bar-B-Que in the Playschool office. Each ticket is \$8.00 for one plate or three sandwiches.

About Our Church

We invite your family to be a part of our family each Sunday.

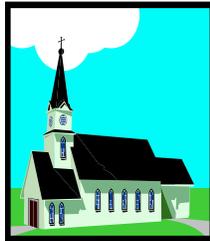
Early Contemporary Service: 9:00AM

Sunday school: 10:00AM

Worship Service: 11:00AM

Kids Join us Sunday nights for youth group

We have programs from 5pm-6:30pm for ages K-8th!



Playschool Parent Reading Workshop Featuring Wallace Howard

Playschool parents, here is a great opportunity for you at Trinity Playschool! We will be hosting a reading workshop for playschool parents on Thursday, February 7th at 6:30. This program is designed to help you with some techniques that will be great for you to use with your children at home to get a jump start on reading.

This workshop will be led by Wallace Howard who taught 27 years in the kindergarten classroom, 20 of those at Long Creek Elementary. Mr. Howard has mastered his very own method of teaching children to read. During the workshop, you as parents will be able to learn Mr. Howard's philosophy of "See the sound, Think the letter."

We hope to see each of you February 7th. It will definitely be worth your time to see how this program will impact your teaching at home. Childcare will also be provided at \$5 per child so that parents can come and take full advantage of this free program. We expect the workshop to run no longer than two hours. Thank you Trinity Playschool parents!

Spanish with Miss Rubi!

For the past two weeks, the playschool classes from the older two's on up have enjoyed learning Spanish from Miss Rubi.

Some parents may already know Miss Rubi. She lives at the nearby Latta Springs and teaches Spanish classes every Monday at the Havana Social Club in Huntersville. Not only is she fluent in Spanish, but she also teaches private ballroom dancing lessons.

Your children have enjoyed learning Spanish from Miss Rubi through song and dance. The great part is that Miss Rubi speaks mostly to the children in Spanish and yet they are still catching on so quickly. Her teaching style is fun and upbeat so that the kids are always watching and learning through her actions. We look forward to having Miss Rubi here once a week for the rest of the year.

ADIOS!



MR. CHARLIE'S STORY TIME



Another wonderful visitor the children have enjoyed for the past couple of weeks has been Mr. Charlie. Mr. Charlie is a member of our Trinity United Methodist Church family. He is the grandfather of our very own Eli McKay in Miss Debbie's four year old class.

Mr. Charlie has been coming to playschool for the last three weeks to read to a playschool class. He has read Bible stories which include the Prodigal Son and Zacheus. Mr. Charlie is very impressed by how smart and attentive the kids are. He found that the kids knew the story of Zacheus very well and were able to relate to it the best. Thank you Mr. Charlie for your time; we know the kids have loved the stories!

Parent Exchange:

Younger Child Care:

Sami Adkins is a playschool parent here at Trinity who has also been a substitute teacher for us. She is offering to keep children at her home that are too young to enroll at playschool. She lives nearby at Avery Glenn and would be willing to pick up children at your convenience. Sami can give you more info and can be reached at 704-820-6455



DOG Behaviorist Needed?!?!?!?

One of our playschool parents would like to help you out with another "little one" that you may have terrorizing your home. Julie Andrews is a dog behavior specialist that can get your pooch listening to you like he/she were your own child. (Hope that sounds appealing! ☺) If you are interested you can contact her at 704-271-3305.

Diaper Cake!

If you noticed a couple weeks ago, there was a beautiful work of art sitting at the table by the main entrance. It looked like a cake, but as you got closer, I'm sure that you noticed it was no ordinary cake. The cake you were looking at was in fact a diaper cake. The diaper cake was constructed by Isabell Shrader. She is a playschool parent and her business operates under the name "Stylish Creations LLC." You can reach her by email at diapercakegiftshop@gmail.com or by phone at 704-728-9162. Visit the website too it's www.diapercakegiftshop.com.



HOUSE WARMING/HOME DEDICATION SERVICE

You are cordially invited to attend a House Warming/Dedication on Sunday, February 10, 2008 from 2:00-4:30 at the home of Claudia Myers. Her new address is 1384 Winged Foot Drive, Denver, NC 28037. This will be a time to see her new home and join her in dedicating her home to God. This is being given by friends of Claudia.

Directions: go north on Beatties Ford Rd until it dead ends at Hwy. 73. Turn left on Hwy 73, stay on Hwy 73 until you pass old Hwy 16 and new Hwy 16 (above the Lowes) go to North Little Egypt Road (beside of East Lincoln High School) turn right and go 2 and 1/10's mile and take a left into Verdict Ridge. Winged Foot Drive is the 2nd stop sign on left. Her home is the 1st patio home on the left. Hope to you there!

To wrap up our newsletter here are some very original fairy tales that Miss Susan's class have created. Look for more in the March Newsletter Enjoy!

"Once upon a Time".....The king saw the prince. The prince and sleeping beauty got married. The fairy was talking to the prince and sleeping beauty. She said they need to stay away from the bad trees; because they would hurt them. The fairy said to stay away from the bad people and the fairy will take care of the prince and sleeping beauty. By: Lana

"Once upon a Time".....The king lived in the castle. The dragon has wings. The king rides on the dragon. By: Brady

"Once upon a Time".....There was a princess and a king and a volcano. The dragon put them in the hot lava. The knight gave them a stick to climb out. By: Cooper

"Once upon a Time".....The princess gave a big kiss to the king. The king turned into a frog.
By: Elizabeth

"Once upon a Time".....The king turned into a frog. Then the king turned into a prince. He tried to find the princess in the tall, tall tower. Then he tried to kiss the princess! By: Savannah

"Once upon a Time".....There was a fairy and she had more fairies and they all had wings. They helped the princess cause they could fly and help the princess. Then they all went home but first they got the prince and the princess and they got married. By: Reese

"Once upon a Time".....There was a king and he met a queen and married her. They said to the prince; "Wow you're looking for the princess! Then the dragon tried to hurt the king and the queen. Now the butterfly is flapping its wings all over the sky and met the king and queen. The fairy met the prince and the princess. By: Ann Michael