

Trinity UMC Playschool Newsletter September 2007

DATES TO REMEMBER
 Fri Sept 21st -Movie Night (look for the movie flyers to be posted soon)

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER
 Fri, Sat Oct 5th ,6th -Long Creek Opry
 Sun Oct 14th -Crop Walk
 Sat Oct 27th -Halloween Safe Haven

hour later as "Miss" Claudia was making her rounds "Miss" Andrea handed her a piece of paper where she had written down what had happened. She thought it was a story that could go in the newsletter. When "Miss" Claudia finished reading what was written, Andrea was standing there smiling. "Watch this", Andrea said as she walked over to Jacob where the children were busy doing their art. "Jacob, tell "Miss" Claudia what color your shirt is." He looked up with his most angelic face and said "It's blue." Andrea looked a little flustered and told Claudia, "He didn't say that earlier". She asked a second time and without cracking a smile Jacob said, "It's blue." Andrea and Claudia had to wonder, "Who exactly was teasing who?"

When asked by his Mom if he had helped clean up at school Brock Callahan proudly answered yes. "Why do you clean up for Miss Susan and not clean up at home?" "I love Miss Susan", he replied. "Do you love Miss Susan more than Mama?" He looked at his mom and admitted, "A little bit." Don't worry Moms and Dads. Even if they think they love their new teacher best, you are the one they will love forever.



Children Say and Do the Cutest Things

At Trinity Playschool

we teach through play, because that is the way children naturally learn. The children in "Miss" Kim and "Miss" Andrea's class were playing a game during Circle Time. The rules of the game were as follows: "Miss" Kim would call out a color and if you had on that color you were to raise your hand. They had gone through a few colors and had gotten to blue. When blue was called, Jacob Quinn just sat there. Kim and Andrea asked him to raise his hand because he had on a blue shirt. "No, it's brown" he replied. "Miss" Kim said, "No honey, it is blue." He smiled and said, "Are you teasing me?" After much laughter by Jacob and his teachers, when asked if his shirt was blue he still said "No, it's brown". About an



September Birthdays

One year olds

Madison Martin September 21

Two year olds

Carly Anderson September 8
 Megan Anderson September 8
 Aidan Harper September 22
 Ethan Denning September 26
 Gracie Cooke September 29

Three year olds

Elle Usinger	September 5
Matthew Taylor	September 7
Tad Hudson	September 10
Jordon Brooks	September 21
Brennen Rogers	September 21
Lauren Simendinger	September 21
Wil Contes	September 24

Four year olds

Owen Garvin	September 5
Jenna Mayfield	September 6
Reese Hudson	September 24
Lucas Bots	September 29

Five year olds

Emily Johnson	September 22
Hannah Varghese	September 25

The following is a re-print of an article that appeared two years ago but is so appropriate for any September.

With Love from Claudia

As I write this we have just completed our first week of playschool for the new school year. The majority of children walk in each morning with smiles on their faces and looking forward to a brand new day at school. It is quite a different story for a few of our one and two year olds. They aren't smiling. They aren't looking forward to a brand new day. They're looking for a way to get back down that sidewalk and into their parent's car. In the classroom they stand as close to the door as possible and scream, sure that their Mom or Dad just don't know what a terrible mistake they made by forgetting them and if they holler loud enough Mom or Dad will hear and realize their mistake and come running. After a few minutes of this, many try rolling on the floor for a while. In the meantime their teachers try different things to show the child

how great playschool can be. They blow bubbles and sing songs. The child doesn't see the bubbles and doesn't hear the songs. This pattern usually goes on for a few days and then one day when the child is exhausted and feels totally beat down they open their eyes and see the room for the first time and all it has to offer. They see kids their size, toys to play with and teachers whose eyes show smiles and love. I was thinking about the little ones and realized they are a lot like us and our relationship with God. We spend so much of our time thinking a terrible mistake has been made, life is not fair and hollering and pitching a fit. Like the teachers, He is trying to get our attention. He sends beautiful sunsets and the lovely sounds of crickets chirping at night and it is usually when we have screamed ourselves out and pitched our little fits that we too, fall down in exhaustion and look into the smiling face of our Heavenly Father and see, with Him how beautiful the world can be. One and two year olds sometimes miss out on enjoying the very best life has to offer because they are fearful and young and don't know any better. What is our excuse?

Somebody is Praying for You

A week ago the head of Trinity's Nurture committee called and ask could I mail her a list of all the Playschool children's names. This past Sunday on the altar was a small basket filled with colorful cards with a pledge that the child whose name appeared on the card would be prayed for daily. At the start of the service our preacher held up his card and announced that he was going to make the commitment to pray for Emily Neulinger each day this school year. I watched with a full and happy heart at the

end of the service, during the final hymn, as members young and old walked to the front of the church and drew a name



from the basket. There were a few cards left in the basket but I'm sure they will be drawn out next Sunday, I know many of the members will come to us and ask us to tell them about their child. Some may even ask for the child's address. If you would rather that information not be shared, please let me know. I am thrilled and so thankful to the Nurture Committee for offering this unique and special way to bring Trinity members and our little ones together.

Claudia

Trinity VBS - Lift Off! DVDs are now available!

Each DVD is \$7 and includes a case and over an hour of music and pictures.

See all the fun, activities, and kids from our week of VBS here at Trinity.

All money will go to Age Level for future activities.

Parent Exchange

There is a parent, who is legally blind, in the Cedarfield development who is having trouble with transportation for her two boys who attend on Mon/Tuesday. If you feel you can help out, please call Melaeh Corner at 704-992-0221.

About our Newsletter

During the first week of each month you will receive your Trinity Playschool Newsletter.

We have a column called "Parent Exchange".

In this column you can tell the other parents anything that you would like to share. This is the space where you can announce yard sales, introduce your small business or any thing that would be an interest to other parents. You never know, you may have something like a baby crib that another parent would love to buy used. Make sure you give Crystal any announcements that you want to include in

the up coming newsletter by the 20th of the previous month.

Hot Dog Wednesdays

A few years ago a group of Trinity members (mostly senior citizens) came up with the idea of selling hot dogs each Wednesday to raise money to buy a church bus. That group of members have not only bought their bus but paid off much of the family life center and so much more. The menu of hot dogs has grown over the years to include hamburgers, corn dogs, chicken sandwiches, bologna sandwiches, BBQ's, fries, chili and pintos and some of the best homemade desserts that you will ever taste. Many of the playschool families stay each Wednesday to eat lunch or come back with their extended families for supper. It has become one of the most popular places in the area to eat on Wednesdays. Also don't forget if your child stays for Lunch Bunch you may order their lunch and have it delivered. Make sure you stay one Wednesday soon. You will be glad that you did.

We Have A Full House

We would love to have more spaces available than we do. We are pretty much filled to capacity in every age level. Following are the available spaces:

One-Year Olds

Two spaces on Thursday/ Friday only.

We have also decided to enlarge our Wednesday class creating four, one day only, spaces.

(After October and the children that are now coming have adjusted we will add 2 day spaces for three children.)

Younger Two-Year Olds

One space for Thurs. & Fri.

Older Two Year olds

No spaces available, at this time.

Three Year Olds (small class)

One space for Mon/Tues

Three-Year Olds (large class)

One space on Thursday/Friday

"Miss Debbie's" Four-Year Olds

Two spaces Thursday and Friday

Two spaces W/Th/F

"Miss Susan's" Four-Year Olds

Two spaces Thursday and Friday

One space W/Th/F

Playschool does not advertise. Families find out about our school from you the parents. Thank you so much for all you do.

From Jennifer's Desk

Monthly tuition payments are due on the first day your child attends each month and must be paid by the 15th of each month. A late fee of \$10.00 will need to be added to all tuition payments received after the 15th. Please include your payment coupon with your checks (you will receive them from your teacher the first week of school). Make any necessary adjustments to your coupon as needed. Please let me know if you did not receive a coupon book. My office hours are Tuesday & Thursday from 9 - 12 and every other Wednesday or you may leave a message for me by talking to Crystal in the playschool office or on my voice mail at 704-399-1684, ext.26.

Thank you,

Jennifer Harrison -Playschool Financial Controller

Trinity UMC Playschool Introduces New Additional Programs

After speaking with several parents, we realize that there may be a need to offer addition programs which meet before and after regular preschool hours. We realize many of our families are made up of both parents working and we want to offer an alternative to fulltime daycare and allow children a preschool experience while having as much time as possible to spend with their most important teachers, their parents. If there is a need and interest we are considering offering the following additional programs. Parents may sign their children up for one to five days per week. We have already started the extended lunch program on Thursdays and Fridays.

- **Early Bird Program - 7:00 until 9:00 AM**

Monthly rates are as follows:

- 1 day per week - \$24.00 a month
- 2 days per week - \$48.00 a month
- 3 days per week - \$72.00 a month
- 4 days per week - \$96.00 a month
- 5 days per week - \$120.00 a month

- **Extended Lunch Bunch - 12:00 until 3:00**

Monthly rates are as follows:

- 1 day per week - \$50.00 a month

2 days per week - \$100.00 a month
3 days per week - \$150.00 a month
4 days per week - \$200.00 a month
5 days per week - \$250.00 a month

If interested in either of these programs, you may pick up registration forms from Crystal in the Playschool Office



We invite you to be a part of the family

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to try Trinity one Sunday. Trinity is a great place to raise your children and give them the tools that they will need to grow into caring and loving adults.

Our Sunday morning schedule starts at 9:00 AM with the "Celebration Service." This is our contemporary service. Children's church is offered for this service. Families, along with their children sit around tables in the Family Life Center while they enjoy doughnuts, coffee and juice during the service, which begins at 9:00AM. If you are not an early riser then you may be interested in the fact that starting at 9:30 AM we have Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall where doughnuts, coffee

and juice are served, for families attending the later service. Sunday school classes start at 10:00 AM. We have adult classes. The class that most of the playschool parents go to is led by our minister, Rick Auten. Rick is not only a great minister, he is a wonderful teacher. New people are always joining this class and it is made up of adults of all ages. You will feel very welcomed in this class. This class meets in the new building in Rick's office. There are also plans of starting a new young adult class. You will be getting more information soon on this class. We have classes for all ages of children in the playschool building. Threes, fours and five year olds meet in the same classroom where "Miss" Susan has her class during the week. We also have classes for 1 and 2 year olds, and 1st through 5th grade. "Miss" Claudia is the teacher for middle and senior high youth and they meet in the library in the new building. Our regular church service begins at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary. We have two nurseries, one for the babies and one for the toddlers. Children age 3 years through Kindergarten go in the sanctuary with their parents for the first part of

the service. After the children's sermon they spend the remaining time in Children's Church. Our children's church is led by Teresa Auten and the children love it so much. Children's Church is located downstairs in the room at the bottom of the steps near the playschool entrance.

Our minister, Rick Auten is an excellent speaker. Time flies by when you listen to his sermons. The choir is wonderful and so talented. What you would love best about Trinity is the family atmosphere. Children who attend here feel like they have grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins that are all a part of one big family.

Wanted:

- People who go through life making decisions with their hearts more than their brains.
- People who think jokes four-year-olds tell are funny.
- People who think there is no such thing as terrible twos, just twos who act like twos.
- People who may find the energy of a three year old tiring, but like them anyway.
- People who know all the wet diapers in the world are worth the smile from a one-year-old.

IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE YOU, YOU ARE
NEEDED AND WANTED AS A SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER FOR TRINITY PLAYSCHOOL.

On the bulletin board outside of Claudia's office you will find a sign up sheet. On it, please put your name and phone number, days you could sub and ages that you feel comfortable working with. "Miss" Terri, our multi-age teacher will get in touch with you. Sub pay isn't great

but the admiration and sticky kisses from a class of preschoolers more than make up for the small paycheck.

