



Monthly Tidings

Trinity United Methodist Church

Tallahassee, Florida

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Trinity's Mission: We will be a relevant community of faithful disciples joyfully continuing the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Experience special church services in January

Renewal of baptismal vows

Each year Trinity offers a very special opportunity to experience the renewal of baptismal vows. This year that opportunity will be on **Sunday, January 9** at all three of the regular services.

During worship, communion will be served followed by the renewal of baptismal vows. The Worship committee has developed a special theme for the service this year that will feature a "special visual enhancement." In addition, each member that renews his or her baptismal vows will be given a special remembrance of the day.

Come join us for what some have said is "the most meaningful service of the year."

Baptized
with
the
Holy
Spirit



Community Sunday

On **Sunday, January 23, at the 11:00 service**, Trinity will recognize the contributions nurses make to the greater Tallahassee community. This recognition will be part of the church's annual Community Recognition Sunday. In the past, firefighters, police officers and teachers have been honored.

"Because Trinity is a church with 'A Heart for the City,' the Worship Ministry Team created the Community Recognition Sunday as a means of saying thank you to important groups in the Tallahassee area who might not otherwise receive recognition. Each member of the church has been touched by a nurse at some point. 'This is our chance to offer a very public thanks,' said Lynn Hogan, outgoing chair of the ministry team.

As has been the case in the past three years, the 11:00 service will be followed with a reception in Moor Hall. The congregation is invited to attend to thank these important ambassadors.

Join a Lenten Group

It's time to get excited about the Lenten season! This year will be even more educational and more meaningful than last year. There are sign-up lists for covenant groups, and for covenant group leader training sessions.

By joining a group, you are making a commitment to learn more about your faith. Contact Barbara Potter for more information at 222-1120.



Providence Neighborhood Update

Cherie Rowland
Providence Coordinating Team

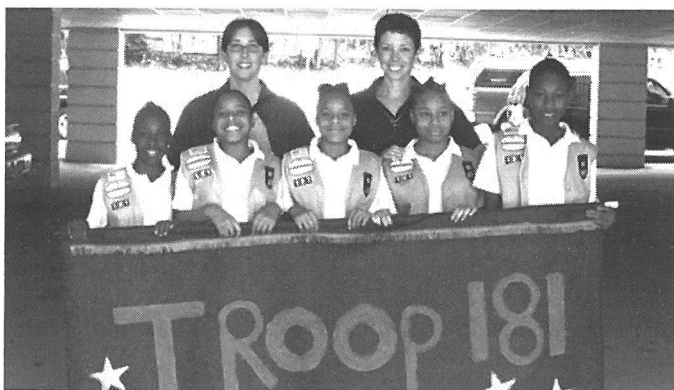
I recently attended the 8th Annual Providence Neighborhood Association (PNA) meeting and it was a very big deal. Many of the local neighborhood families were there. Andrew Gillum with the City of Tallahassee, Steve Meisburg and Rosa Morgan, FSU Nursing and Med School Administrators, and a few other Covenant Partner Churches were also in attendance.

Leslie Harris, the president of the PNA, gave out numerous awards to neighborhood mothers and people from the community. **William James Peebles** received the *Genevieve McDonald Award* (named for the

late wife of Reverend McDonald, the minister at Tabernacle Baptist Church in

Providence) for his tireless liaison work between the City and the PNA. **Amy Peebles**

received an Award of Appreciation and Service for starting the Girl Scout Group (see *Tidings* December 2004 issue). **Lora Chapman** received an award for initiating and implementing the First Camera Club in the neighborhood, and I accepted the award for Trinity as an active and concerned Covenant Partner. Trinity was by far the most well represented Covenant Partner and I know how grateful they (PNA) are to have us involved.



Trinity member Amy Peebles is pictured here, back row at right, along with co-leader Karen Porter and her Girl Scout Troop 181. Front row left-right Quanesha, twins Norshea and Norshawn, their sister Norsheka, and Shakima.

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from November 10 through December 10, 2004:

In memory of John "Ellis" Bradley by Jim and Libby Blackburn (for Radio Broadcast).

In memory of Jamie C. Parramore by Dore and Jeff Crew.

In memory of Dr. Merton Leon Ekwall by Jim and Libby Blackburn (for Radio Broadcast).

In memory of Pearl C. Moore by Lori and William Mattice.

In memory of Mary Eleanor Daniel by Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Winchester, Cynthia and Bill Smith, Nancy & Harry Waugh, and Margaret Harper.

In memory of Mable Walters by Jim and Libby Blackburn (for Radio Broadcast).

In memory of Jean Coe Maynard by Jean Huddleston.

In memory of Billie McNab by Rebecca Hood (for Children's Home), and Jim and Libby Blackburn (for Radio Broadcast).

In memory of Howard T. Moody by Oberley and Led Brown (for H.E.O.), Abigail and Ronald Hock (for H.E.O.), Bill and Alice Grow, Bob and Linda Yates (for H.E.O.), Dore Crew (for H.E.O.), Jo and Spencer Burrell, and Jim and Libby Blackburn (for Radio Broadcast).



Circle 3, the Martha Circle, will meet Tuesday, January 18, at 10 a.m. Call Ann Doonan at 877-4931 for the location.
Circle 4, the Aultie Foster Circle, will meet

Tuesday, January 11, at 10:30 a.m. in the church library.

Circle 5 will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 13. Call Patti Oakley at 877-4898 for the location.

Circle 6 will meet between 6 and 7 p.m., Monday, January 10, at the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 W. Randolph Circle.

Circle 8 will meet over lunch at St. John's Cafe on Wednesday, January 12, at 12:30 p.m.

Circle 9 will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 18, at the home of Liz Smith, 1210 Domingo Drive.



Who Am I?

By John G. Willis, Jr.
Senior Pastor

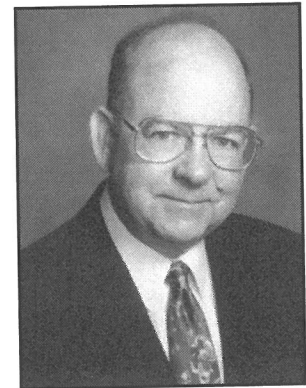
Have you ever googled yourself? Half of you are probably saying no. The other half of you are probably saying what in the world does that mean? Well *Google* (www.google.com) is an internet search engine. It helps you find things on the internet. Someone had suggested to me it might be interesting to type in my own name, google, and see what websites might be associated with my name.

Well I did. And here is who John Willis is:

- Photographer at Rhode Island School of Design
- Florida personal injury lawyer
- Director at BBC
- Country music singer
- Professor of the Old Testament
- Michigan realtor
- Professor of Mathematics, University of Bath, England
- Destroyer escort "U.S.S. John Willis"
- 19th Century poet
- Documentary producer for Yorkshire Television

Also - John Willis was falsely imprisoned despite suppressed and exonerating evidence - and was charged with committing a string of five armed robberies! By the way, this was listed under "Project Innocence."

Actually, this made me think about who is John Willis really. Well, I'm a husband, a father, and a grandfather. But I am also your pastor.



As your pastor I want you to know how pleased I am to have the privilege of serving you. It is a very high honor and a great responsibility.

As we enter this new year, I want you to know, first of all, how much I love this congregation. You mean so much to me. Next, I am so excited about our future together! This year I am sure God has great things in store for us. (As well as some great challenges!) This is a wonderful place and time to be serving God. In 2005, together, may we find new and better ways to have a 'heart for the city'.

Your pastor loves you,

John

P.S. What do you think of me as a country singer?

Friday Flicks for January

Wade Austin, a favorite presenter will show **Touch of Evil** (1958), the last classic "film noir" Friday night, **January 16 at 7:30 p.m.** in Moor Hall. It was directed by, and featured Orson Welles, along with Charlton Heston and Janet Leigh.



Music News: Back by popular demand

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

One Sunday each summer we feature a men's ensemble. The congregation seems to really enjoy the music ministry of this group and invariably, requests are made that the men sing more than one Sunday a year. OK, but let's not leave the women out of all the fun! So, here's the plan: On **Wednesday January 12, our 7:30-9:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal** will be split in two. The men practice in the chapel where they will prepare two anthems to sing on **Sunday, January 16, at both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.** The women will practice in the choir room where they will prepare two anthems, to sing on **Sunday, January 23 at both services.**

This is a great opportunity for interested singers who are not part of the Chancel Choir to participate in the music ministry of the church involving just one rehearsal and one Sunday morning! We invite all interested adult men and women to join us. Questions? Contact me at the church. Otherwise, simply come to the rehearsal. We will welcome you with open arms!

Lay Academy new classes for new year

The following are the new classes running from **January 12th through February 4th.**

4:15 Session

Concerning Prayer – This is a 4 week study group that will delve into this basic and vital part of living our faith.

6:30 Session

Wellness Series – Legal and financial concerns will be addressed in Part 11 of this ongoing series.

Purpose Driven Life Series – Growing to Be Like Christ – The focus will be on developing spiritual practices to enable personal growth and strengthen focus.

Men's Group – Lessons and discussions.

Open Craft Room – The crafts room will be open to work on scrapbooking, counted cross, and other projects.

Coffee House – Will be set up in the parlor at 6:00 p.m.

Computer Skills – Organize your digital photos using *Power Point*. Make slide shows and albums to share with others.

You are invited!

One of the best times to join a music group at the church is right now! Most of the groups are just beginning a new round of music making after the Christmas season. With most of the groups, joining is easy; simply come to one of our rehearsals and we will sign you up. If you have questions, contact me at the church. Be aware that joining Trinity Ringers, College-Career Handbells and Circle of Friends Praise Band requires a certain amount of previous musical training. Talk to me or to Jeffery Ames (Music Director of Circle of Friends) if interested in these groups. Come, be part of our music ministry team in 2005!



Cancer survivors and caregivers group

Wade Birch

Those dealing with cancer, as well as those giving care to someone with cancer, are invited to attend a new discussion group. The goal of this group is to provide a comfortable and supportive setting where survivors and their caregivers can discuss the experience of fighting cancer. Other topics may include strategies for living effectively with cancer, and the process of giving and receiving support.

Confidentiality will be expected of group members. Medical advice will not be provided, but members may share their treatment experiences.

The group's first meeting will be in the church library **Tuesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m.** Future dates and times will be decided by group members.

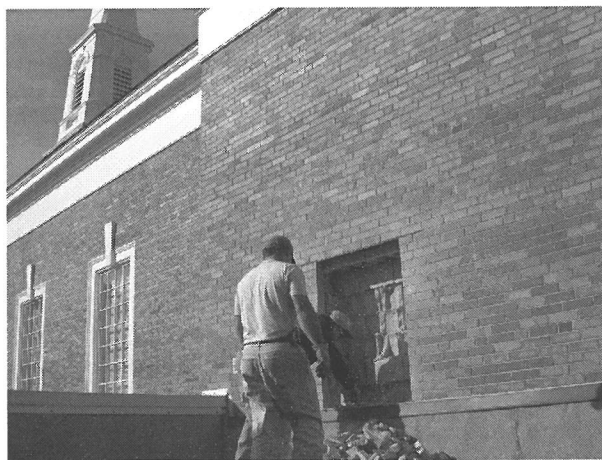
The leader of the group will be cancer survivor and Trinity member, Wade Birch. He facilitated a similar group at his previous church in Texas.

For more information about the group please call the church office at 222-1120 or you may call Wade at 894-1265.

Trustees had a busy year of improvements

Almena Pettit
Board of Trustees Secretary

The budget year ended in good shape with all projects completed or well underway. Be sure and look for the beautiful exterior lighting of the steeple and other areas and the renovated foyer to Moor Hall. Next year's project list is already quite extensive and demanding, so keep those stewardship pledges coming in. The new board will have several new "top" priorities to deal with in the coming year.



Workers punch their way through the exterior wall of the church as they create a safer way to access the area above the sanctuary. Their work was suggested by the trustees as a way for contractors to bypass the area around the sensitive organ pipes.

FOR SALE: Last June the church voted to sell the parsonages and change to a housing allowance. The associate pastor's home has been purchased by Art McClellan. The senior parsonage on Live

Oak Plantation will be on the market. If you are interested in purchasing it, please call Larry Pendleton at 488-1424 or e-mail him at lpndleton@flasports.com.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Church Officers for the Year 2005

Please note: The number after the member's name indicates the number of years the member has served in this position. Those members without a number are beginning their first year of service in that position.

• CHURCH COUNCIL •

Council Chair - Murray Moore (1)

Council Vice-Chair - William James Peebles (1)

Council Secretary - Debbie Bass (2)

Lay Leader - Rita May (1)

Lay Members of Annual Conference - Alice & Bill Grow (1),
Kathy & Mel Pope (1), - (Alternate) Kitty Ball (1)

Church Treasurer - Bill Peebles (7)

Pastors - Rev. John G. Willis, Jr., - Rev. Art McClellan

Minister of Programs - Barbara Potter

Director of Music - Mark Repasky

Director of Youth - Sheri Koyles

Director of Communications - Rex Adams

United Methodist Women President - Nancy Kerce (2)

Youth Council Representative - Ruth Ann High (1)

Children's Home Representative - Lillian Byrd (3)

Chairs of Standing Committees:

Board of Trustees -

Finance Committee - Ed Moore (1)

Staff-Parish Relations Committee - Dot Binger (3)

Committee on Lay Leadership - Senior Pastor/Rev. John G. Willis, Jr.

Chairs of Core Ministries:

Church & Society - Ron and Gail Hock (1)

Communications - Debara Jump (1)

Education - Gary Cherry (1)

Missions - Sam Rogers (2)

Music - LuAnn Snider (2)

Spiritual Growth & Outreach - William James Peebles (1)

Stewardship (Coordinates Volunteers) - Marjorie Hilaman (2)

Worship - Laura Rogers (1)

Chairs of Other Ministries:

Preservation of Church History - Linda Yates (2)

Young Adults & Single Adults - Amanda Rios (1)

• STANDING COMMITTEES •

FINANCE

Chair - Edgar Moore (1) **Members: 2005** - Jamie Kimbrell, Ted Steinmeyer, Stan Marshall, John Mowell, Edgar Moore; **2006** - John Elliott, Dick Peters, Nan Hillis, Steve Hirst, Pat Hurley; **2007** - Joe Williams, Brewser Brown, Don Sperry, Linda Trammell, Wanda Pace; **Ex-Officio** - Senior Pastor, Church Council Chair, Church Treasurer, Lay Leader, Board of Trustees Representative, Stewardship Campaign Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Chair, Lay Member of Annual Conference - Mel Pope

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP (Formerly, Nominations and Personnel)

(Not more than nine, excluding the Senior Minister, who is chairperson; one youth (optional); one young adult; divided into three classes; recommended that retiring members not succeed themselves.)

Chair - Senior Minister **Members: 2005** - Joan Anderson, Warren May, Bill Peebles, Ed Steinmeyer; **2006** - Sally Huggins, Gary Cherry, Kathie Pope; **2007** - Nell Morse, Linda Wells, Bill Smith; **Ex-Officio**: Lay Leader - Lay delegate to Annual Conference

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

Chair - Dot Binger **Members: 2005** - Wayne Anderson, Luke Stevens, Dot Binger; **2006** - Warren May, Jim Campbell, Robert Lumsden; **2007** - Neddy Sumners, Palmer Williams, Donna Dugger

*Annual Conference Delegate: Kathy Pope

TRUSTEES

Chair - Larry Pendleton **Members: 2005** - John Hughes, Theo Proctor, Bob Lamison; **2006** - Joan Anderson, Benson Greene, Leslie Elliott; **2007** - Bart Wells, Marilyn Williams, Larry Pendleton; **Ex-Officio**: Senior Pastor, Executive Pastor; **Trustees Emeritus**: R. Spencer Burress

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• CORE MINISTRIES •

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Chair – Ron and Gail Hock **Members: 2005** - Miriam Peirce, Tom Deison, Jay Smith, Orson Smith; **2006** - Carol Lees Hart, Wade Birch, Jane Olson, Dennis Smith, Barbara Leonard; **2007** - Jade & Tripp Coston, Lora Chapman, Bill & Alison Thomas, Joyce Carbonell, Bill Moncrief

Ex-Officio: Associate Pastor, UMW Coordinators for Social Involvement, HEO Director, District Church & Society Work Area Representative, Gloria Whitaker - Big Bend Cares, Gregg Phifer - Communications, Janet Stainer - Bear Sunday

COMMUNICATIONS

Chair – Debara Jump **Members: 2005** - Nell Morse, Barb & Rick Smith, Rhonda Kimbrell, Claire Kelly; **2006** - J. Carrol Dadisman, Amy Peebles, Debara Jump; **2007** - Linda Yates, Dan Drake, Stephanie Cater

Ex-Officio: Director of Communications

EDUCATION

Chair – Gary Cherry **Members: 2005** - Gary Cherry, Cindy Campbell, Alison & Trey Bankson, Margie Mixson, Bill & Sandy Kappes; **2006** - Michelle Smith, Kathleen Stinson, Donna Bryan, Jill May, Debbie Bass, Tom Purdue; **2007** - Garrett & Mike Robinson, Ken & Julie Espy, David Wollschlager, Beth Perry; Scotty & Lisa Crowe

Ex Officio: Director of Programs, Director of Music, Chair of Music Committee, Director of Youth, Chair of Young Adult Ministries – Amanda Rios, Age Level Coordinators: Nursery - Lynn Barr, Children's Ministry - Brett & Lisa Ingram, Older Adults - Kitty Funderburk, Youth Ministries Council Representative, Church Library - Gloria Colvin, Director of Pre-School - Stacey Duggar, Church School Superintendent - Marylee Peebles, Church School Sec./Treasurer - Bill Peebles, Preschool Advisory - Jan James, Children's Council Chair - Jean Young, Lay Academy Chair - Liz Smith

MISSIONS

Chair – Sam Rogers **Members: 2005** - Wayne Mixson, Debbie Hurley, Julie Steinmeyer, Debbie Bass; **2006** - Sam Rogers, Armando Garcia, Nancy Peterson, Dale & Marie Bradley; **2007** - Donald Zorn, Mary Margaret Rogers, Larry Benson, Bill Fritchman, Amy Peebles

Ex-Officio: Director of Youth, Chair of Young Adult Ministries, UMW Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns, Associate Pastor

LIBRARY

Chair – Gloria Colvin **Members:** Kathy Drake, Carolyn Taylor

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Chair – LuAnn Snider **Members: 2005** - Debbie McKinnell, Barbara Smith, Carole Dalton, Duncan Hoehn; **2006** - Lark Mott-Smith, Jim Croft, Chris Jonas, LuAnn Snider; **2007** - Beth & Tom Perdue, Janet Steiner, Kathy Drake

Ex Officio: Worship Committee Chair, Music Director, Organist, President of Chancel Choir, President of Youth Choir

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND OUTREACH

Chair – William James Peebles **Members: 2005** - Carol Moore, Valorie Stevens, Eddie Long; **2006** - Dick & Pat Winchester, William James Peebles, Karen Russell, Kathy & Ralph Keiffer; **2007** - Spider & Gail Webb, Jackson Maynard, Jimmy Duncan;

Ex Officio: Senior Pastor, Executive Pastor

STEWARDSHIP (Volunteers)

Chair – Marjorie Hilaman (2)

WORSHIP

Chair – Laura Rogers **Members: 2005** - Corena Ingram, Mark Sinclair, Linda Clark, Chip Jordan, Ann Lumsden; **2006** - Lori Black, Steve Black, Taska Zorn, Liz Dameron, Ginny Rudell, Laura Rogers, Eric & Susan King, Mary Lee Peebles; **2007** - Lynn Wollschlager, Colleen McConnell, Nell Morse, Jenny Bryant

Ex-Officio: Executive Pastor, Chancel Choir President, Director of Music, Acolyte Coordinator – Beth Perry, Altar Guild Chair – Bobbie Williams, Organist, Usher Chair- Chip Huggins, Chair of Music Committee, Communion Stewards Chair – Sandra Genetin

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• OTHER MINISTRIES •

ALTAR GUILD

Chair – Bobbie Williams **Members:** Lynn Barrera, Walli Beall, Fancheon Boone, Oberley Brown, Beverly Burleson, Rubie Butterworth, Lillian Byrd, Betty Farkas, Donna Frinks, Dot Hayward, Gail Hock, Julian Mathis, Corbin Moore, Mary Ann Moore, Nell Morse, Jamie Parramore, Nancy Petrandis, Martha Anne Proctor, Laura Rogers, Sylvia Sanders, Cynthia Smith, Julie Steinmeyer, Neddy Sumners, Susan Thomas, Fran Trafton, Linda Trammell, Nancy Waugh, Gayle Webb, Alma Jane Whitehead, Pat Winchester, Georgianna Wollschlager

Emeritus: Annie Grace Kennedy, Margaret Witte

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Chair – Sandra Genetin **Members:** Barbara Allen, Betty Almarode, Mary Frances Bell, Martha Cureton, Shirley Ford, Helene Falkenburg, Sandra Genetin, Victoria Tettey, Lucy Yancey, Marylee Peebles

PARSONAGE

Chair – Leslie Elliott **Members:** Cecile Baker, Ruth Bass, Helen Fletcher, Peggy Hughes, Ann Lumsden, Gail McGlothlin, Kathleen Stinson

Ex-Officio: Board of Trustees Representative

PRESCHOOL ADVISORY

Chair – Jan Jarrett **Members:** **2005** - Ryan Snowden, Tammy Jo Perkins, Jan Jarrett; **2006** - Scott Lindsay, Genevieve Carroll, Gail McGlothlin; **2007** - April Penton, Michael Bryant, Robin Brooks

Ex Officio: Director of Preschool, Minister of Programs, Younger Children's Coordinator - Kathy Trapp, Senior Pastor, Board of Trustees Representative

PRESERVATION OF CHURCH HISTORY

Chair – Linda Yates **Members:** J. Carrol Dadisman, Rev. Norman Booth, Rubie Butterworth, Sally Huggins, Lynn McLarty, Marylee Peebles, Nellie Bird Mims

Ex-Officio: Church Historian, Jamie & Vernon Parramore

LAY ACADEMY PLANNING

Chair – Liz Smith **Members:** Joan Anderson, Debbie Bass, Lora Chapman, Marti Chumbler, Donna Lagare, Barbara Potter, Eleanor Smith, Liz Smith, Linda Wells, Linda Yates, Bob Yates

PROVIDENCE COORDINATING TEAM

Members: Amy and William James Peebles, Cherie Rowland, Sam Rogers, Tom Deison, Jay Smith

TRINITY ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Coordinators – Eleanor Smith, Beth Langford **Members:** Bill Smith, Marti Chumbler, Dan Drake, Dot Binger, Bob Yates;

Ex-Officio: Senior Pastor, Comptroller

LONG-RANGE PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE

Chair – Robert McDonald **Members:** Rubie Butterworth, Marti Chumbler, Cathy Cuevas, Sally Huggins, Peggy Hughes, Glen McDuffie

CHILDREN'S COUNCIL

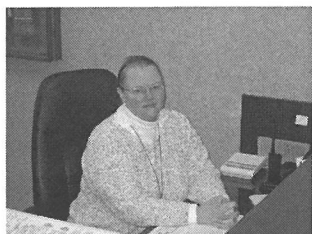
Members: Lynn Barr, Cindy Campbell, Cathy Cuevas, Kathy Drake, Sally Huggins, Jill Ihasz, Brett Ingram, Lisa Ingram, Leslie Peebles, Marylee Peebles, Barbara Potter, Kathy Trapp, Jean Young

ADULT COUNCIL

Chair – Kitty Ball **Members:** Deborah Bass, Rubie Butterworth, Gloria Colvin, Cathy Cuevas, Diana Flagg, Kitty Funderburk, Sally Huggins, Sandy Kappes, Bill Kappes, Marylee Peebles, Barbara Potter, Liz Smith, Jean Young, Margie Mixon

Welcome new staff member

Please welcome Trinity's new church secretary Martha Bolt. Martha hails from Northern Virginia, but has called Tallahassee home since the early 1980s. She comes to Trinity with an extensive background in office operations management, project planning, and desktop publishing.



Martha Bolt

Prior to joining Trinity's staff, she managed a small home inspection company providing sales and marketing support. She enjoys gardening, reading and going "junking" with her friends.

Trinity's own centenarian

Trinity member Benson Skelton recently celebrated his 100th birthday. Mr. Skelton has been a member of Trinity for over 27 years.

He is also a concerned citizen, credited with lobbying the city for the placement of the stoplight in front of the church on the corner of Park and Duval. Happy Birthday Mr. Skelton!



Trinity Hosts District Conference Finale

The final meeting of the Tallahassee District Conference was held November 21 with Trinity serving as the host and District Superintendent Reverend Antonio Fernandez presiding. Those gathered at the conference also witnessed the birth of the new North West Florida District and learned of the changes it will bring.

In Florida, the Methodist church has reduced the number of districts from 14 to 9. There will be approximately 85 member churches in the new North West District, as compared to the previous 61 member

Tallahassee District of which Trinity was a member. Within the district, there will be smaller cluster groups comprised of like-sized churches, with similar program emphasis.

After concluding the business of the Tallahassee District in the sanctuary, the participants moved into Moor Hall, symbolizing the transition from the old to the new. Trinity member Sally Huggins then gave testimony celebrating the changes and Reverend Art McClellan concluded the event with a benediction.



The Circle of Friends Praise Band, led by Jeffrey Ames, performs as participants in the final Tallahassee District Conference came into Moor Hall to celebrate the new North West District.

Change the City benefits Meals on Wheels

Ron Hock
Church and Society Ministry Team Member

The congregation of Trinity continues to fulfill its "Heart for the City" mission by participating in the "Change the City" program. Depositing that loose jingling pocket change in those designated receptacles on Sunday mornings is most certainly one easy way to become a part of this mission.

The recipient of the January collection will be *Meals on Wheels*. The volunteers of this organization deliver hot and cold meals to homebound seniors of age 60

and older. These meals provide two-thirds of the daily nutritional requirements. *Meals on Wheels* delivers to over 300 people locally and in addition, deliver another 50 frozen meals to people that live too far away to have a hot meal delivered.

Trinity is well represented by volunteers that serve *Meals on Wheels* regularly. Trinity also volunteers to the group as a church each Martin Luther King Day.



Starting a new year

Kelly Rains, HEO Coordinator

As I look back on 2004, I see how blessed and fortunate I am to have made Trinity my church home. I would like to share some of those blessings with you.

One of the biggest blessings I have found with HEO (Helping Each Other) is the volunteers who have made this ministry what it is today.

Another blessing was getting to know the people here at Trinity. I have found everyone

to be so welcoming and encouraging.

Getting my children involved in Sunday School and NetKids has also blessed our family. We are looking forward to having them join the wonderful youth group this summer.

The staff here at Trinity has also been a blessing and I am learning so much (this being my first ministry job). Seeing the



ministers help our congregation through good and bad times, seeing the support staff help make the church run, seeing the numerous people on various committees volunteering their time... all of it makes this church what it is today.

Christ calls us to minister to those in need. And we should do it with love, as he loves us when we are in need.

Trinity youth news

Sheri Koyles,
Youth Director

SPRING UMYF—THINGS ARE BLOOMIN' (HA!)

Join us in UMYF this Spring, we have some exciting evenings planned just for you!

We will kick off the new year on **January 9** with a return of our "theme" night! You choose your medium of expression and lead the lesson with a group. On **January 16**, we will have a challenge between guys and gals—one catch—every challenge will leave you a little messy! We will head to the Winter Wonderland at **Wild Adventures on Monday, January 17: SIGN-**

Check the website for information and updates regarding youth events and calendar items: www.geocities.com/undergroundministries/home

Don't Forget

UPASAP! January 23 is "Heart for the City" Night. **January** promises high energy fellowship, **February** and **March** offer a serious look at the practices of faith: prayer, fasting, Bible study, service, solitude/submission, and worship (items also being studied in Lenten small groups). I hope you will make UMYF a part of your regular Sunday schedule — I look forward to seeing you there. Sheri

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2005

Service Opportunity
Bethany Apartments
Birthday Party **February 26**
"Clean Hands, Pure Hearts"
Girl/Guy Retreats **March 4-6**
Springtime Spaghetti Lunch
Fundraiser/Preparation **April 1-2**
Confirmation Banquet **April 30**
Confirmation **May 1**
Graduate Recognition (11 a.m.) **May 22**
Grads Lead UMYF (6 p.m.) **May 22**
Youth Sunday Preparation **June 4**
Youth Sunday **June 5**
YOUTH WEEK **June 5-11**
Vacation Bible School **June 13-17**
Camp Leesburg **June 20-25**
Mission/Choir Trip
(Tentative) **July 10-17**

Hood to speak at Capital Faith Forum this month

This month's guest speaker will be the Honorable Glenda Hood, Florida Secretary of State.

The musical portion of the program will be presented by the Children's Chorus from Holy Comforter. Diane Whitley is the Music Director.

Secretary Hood will speak on "how my faith influences my work."



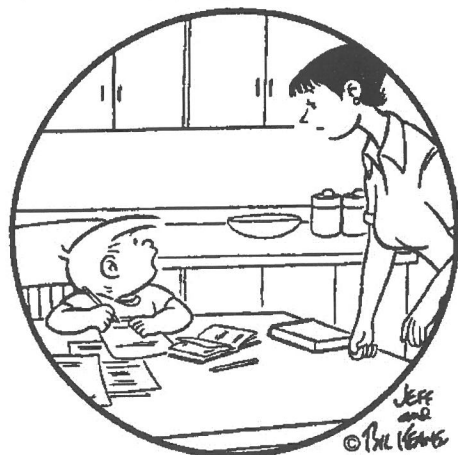
Capital Faith Forum takes place on the second Tuesday of each month throughout the academic year. The program is in Trinity's sanctuary, with music beginning at noon and remarks from the guest speaker from 12:15 to 12:30 p.m. Everyone is then invited to enjoy a special lunch in Moor Hall (suggested donation \$6). Capital Faith Forum is designed to allow

attendees to enjoy the program and lunch in the space of their lunch hour.

"Do not grow old, no matter how long you live. Never cease to stand like curious children before the great mystery into which we are born."

—Albert Einstein

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"If home-schooled kids mess up, can they be expelled from the family?"

from *The Joyful Noise* letter
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Rex Adams, Communications Director

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