

MONTHLY

Trinity

Findings

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Trinity's Mission: We are a community of Christian disciples building pathways through which God's love is realized.

Reverend Wayne Cook to be ordained at Annual Conference

Reverend Wayne P. Cook, Trinity's Executive Pastor, will be ordained on Saturday night, June 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lakeland Civic Center. You can watch the ordination on webcast if you have a high-speed internet connection. Go to www.flumc2.org and click on the link that says "2006 Florida Annual Conference Event."



Former Trinity Executive Pastor, Art McClellan receives his ordination at last year's Annual Conference.

The ceremony represents the culmination of years of work for Reverend Cook. What began as a calling to the ministry nine years ago, became a four-year stay at Asbury Theological Seminary in

Orlando. Since graduating from seminary, Reverend Cook has worked at United Methodist Church in Kissimmee, Grace United Methodist Church in Coral Springs, and has now been at Trinity since July of 2005.

Trinity will be represented at the conference by delegates Bill and Alice Grow, and Kitty Ball. The District delegates are Bill Fritchman and Miriam Peirce. Reverend John Willis, Reverend Wayne Cook, and Reverend Barbara Potter are also attending the conference.

Make sure to congratulate Reverend Cook on his ordination when you see him.

Also read Reverend Wayne Cook's article on page 4 inside this issue.

Trinity honored to host United Methodist Men

Men's Rally For Christ

Tallahassee will be the site for a tri-state United Methodist Men's rally. This event, to be held Saturday, June 17, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Civic Center, is being sponsored by the men from three regional United Methodist conferences; the Alabama/West Florida Conference, the Florida Conference, and the South Georgia Conference.

Fine Speakers

The speakers that are scheduled include **Bishop James Swanson**, from the Holston Conference in Tennessee, **Dr. Riley Short**,

a retired United Methodist minister from First UMC, Lakeland, and **John Riley**, a well known inspirational speaker.

Trinity's famous food

As a part of the rally, select participants will be invited to Trinity's Moor Hall where a specially prepared dinner will be served. The meal is being coordinated by Trinity member Bill Fritchman.

Registration for the event will be accepted the day of the event and the charge is \$25. Lunch will not be provided for those registering at the door. Call the church office for more information at 222-1120.

Don't Miss Pentecost Sunday

June 4

Wear something red!

Come to church for Pentecost

Why is Pentecost one of the three main celebrations of the church along with Christmas and Easter? Because Pentecost is considered the birth of the church — that time when God infused Jesus' disciples with his Spirit in the form of fire. Also, it is traditionally the time when Reverend Willis shares his vision for Trinity.

Don't miss this service!

Key Church Council meeting

Committee chairs and members of the Church Council are urged to attend the meeting scheduled for Monday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m. Timely and important items are scheduled for the agenda. Your voice and vote are needed for this decisive meeting.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Team meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. with dinner following in Moor Hall at 6:45. Please make your reservation by calling the church office at 222-1120.

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from April 10, 2006, through May 10, 2006:

In memory of Charlotte Leverenz Blee by Her Family (Continuing Gift for Organ Trust Fund), and Shelley and Fancheon Boone.

In memory of Dr. Samuel L. and Martha Meyer by Shelley and Fancheon Boone.

In memory of Howard T. Moody by Dr. and Mrs. Harvel N. Dawirs (for Music Program).

In memory of Margaret Vickers by Booker and Carline Moore.

In memory of Ford Thompson by Shelley and Fancheon Boone.

In memory of Fran Trafton by Nancy and Jimmy Petrandis, Mary Margaret and Sam Rogers (for H.E.O.), and Virginia and Earle Perkins.

In memory of Winifred R. Culbreath by Booker and Carline Moore.

In memory of Patricia Ryon by Carol and Ed Moore.

In honor of Rev. Wayne P. Cook by Carlisle and Lillian Byrd (for Children's Home).

Florida UMC Children's Home

How did we do?

Each year, the Florida United Methodist Children's Home depends on the generosity of United Methodist members to meet its financial needs.

At Trinity, the fifth-week offering from the Sunday church service is given to the Children's Home. This past year, Trinity gave almost \$26,000, well surpassing the goal set by the conference.

To reach the yearly total, each member is asked to donate approximately \$10.50 during the course of the year.

The Children's Home is fortunate to have an advocate as tenacious as Lillian Byrd. Lillian represents the Children's Home at Trinity and makes sure Trinity gives its share.

Thank you, Lillian!

Heart to Heart

"Tis a gift to be simple"

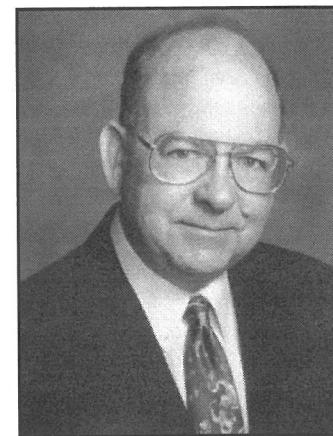
By John G. Willis, Jr.
Senior Pastor

Memorial Day marks the kick-off of the summer season for most people. One of the things that is nice this time of year is the longer days. It's good to have more daylight after you get home from work.

On a recent evening, Pat and I found ourselves on the back porch of our new house with our dog, Molly. Molly let me know she wanted to go out in the back yard. So, I used this as an opportunity to give her a little exercise. She joyfully ran round and round the yard for about sixty second. (Pugs are not known for their endurance.)

Back on the screened porch, Pat and I sat and talked about nothing in particular for over an hour. This conversation was intermixed with times of comfortable silence.

Before we knew it, dusk was upon us. An owl hooted in the distance, tree frogs and crickets began to chirp, and lightning



bugs came out and turned their "blinkers" on.

It wasn't an extraordinary, extravagant, or exhilarating time. It was just an ordinary summer's evening. But isn't that what life is made of? It's during times like these that God blesses us. Life is good and we breathe a sigh of contentment.

Don't let your moments slip away unnoticed.

Offerings from the church library

Gloria Colvin
Library Committee Chair

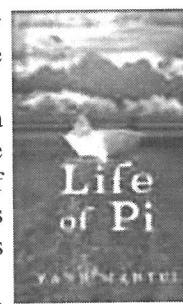
As summer approaches and activities slow down a bit, there's more time for pleasure reading. These are just a few of the works of fiction in the Trinity library that will appeal to a wide range of interests.

Jan Karon's **Mitford** series is a popular set of books about the residents of the fictional town of Mitford, North Carolina. The stories are heartwarming and the characters memorable.

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant weaves biblical characters and stories with imagined events. Dinah, the daughter of Jacob and Leah, narrates her life story and provides glimpses of what daily life might

have been like for a woman in that time.

Yann Martel's award-winning **Life of Pi** is an imaginative tale of adventure, survival and faith. Pi, a young Indian boy traveling from India to Canada with his family, finds himself adrift in a lifeboat in the middle of the ocean following a shipwreck. Pi must use his knowledge, intellect and faith as he struggles to survive.



In **The Five People You Meet in Heaven**, Mitch Albom tells the story of Eddie who dies trying to save a little girl. When he arrives in heaven, he meets five people whose lives intersected with his who show him the true meaning and value of his life.

NETkids Musical: A Memorable Event

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

Many thanks to the NETkids children, their parents and our adult leaders, for a wonderful presentation of "A Family Recipe" at all three worship services on April 30. It's great seeing children of the church learning to be leaders in worship! Hopefully, these types of positive experiences with their church stay with them into adulthood.

We learn some surprising things about our children when preparing for these annual musicals. This activity seems to bring out new facets of their personalities. Some of them are real hams and love the spotlight! (Moms and Dads, a possible Christmas gift idea; a microphone, amp and set of speakers.) Some of the children are "mother hens," which is generally a good thing. They know everything that is about to happen in the musical, so if someone forgets to go back and change clothes for instance, they get



Kathy Drake, shown here portraying Martha Stalwart, played a key role in the Children's Musical.

an urgent reminder! Perhaps some of our "mother hens" will grow up to be teachers!

A few funny moments occur as we present our musical each year. Usually only the children and adult leaders know about them – kind of backstage humor. Some in our congregation who attended the SUN Service presentation may have picked up on one of those special moments. Jessica Danforth, playing the part of Dr. Goodheart, stumbled on one of her lines and stopped. She knew to look at me so I could cue her next few words, which I dutifully provided. She looked confused. I jumped ahead to the beginning of the next sentence. Still confused. I tried a third time. Then suddenly she said into her wireless microphone, "No, that's not it!"



The performers in the Children's Musical were well versed in their lines and well behaved. They presented an energetic, funny, and uplifting musical with a great message.

I was really impressed with our four "contestants" who sat on the stools. Considering their age, they had great memories, considerable acting skills, and they worked really hard at using their microphones so people could hear them. The choirs sounded really good ... such sweet voices ... perhaps the best sound with both choirs singing together in the past 8 years. Some of us are already looking forward to the start of NETkids in the fall!

Flutes Are Fun

We have a number of flautists in our congregation. Occasionally a number of them have participated in our worship services. Church member Sue Parsons, a professional flautist and member of our Chancel Choir, has heard from several who are interested in getting together to play. Perhaps they can prepare special

music for the church services or visit retirement centers. There are many opportunities out there!

Sue has agreed to provide leadership for such a group and is making a list of those interested in participating. This might be a short-term activity or it could be something ongoing: the group will decide. If you are interested, please contact Sue in the next two weeks at 224-7720. This is not limited to church members: if you have a flautist friend, invite her/him to contact Sue!

Special for Father's Day

Our worship services on Father's Day morning will include a Chancel Choir selection along with some unusual music. A guitar trio from FSU will play at the 8:30 and 11:00 am services. Vacation Bible School Children will present special music they learned at the 11:00 am service.



Both the Alpha and Omega choirs performed beautifully in the Musical. The two choirs are comprised of children attending kindergarten through fifth-grade. They practice every Wednesday night and perform in the sanctuary three times each year.

Endings or Beginnings

Reverend Wayne P. Cook
Executive Pastor

As most of you know, I will be ordained at the Florida Annual Conference on June 2. This event will be the culmination of nine years of prayer and work. While I began the formal process of earning my degree and being an official candidate for ordination in 1999, I started this journey long before I took the official steps to make it happen. I struggled with my call to ordained ministry for at least two years before stepping out and making it public and official. If it had not been for the guidance and support of some people very close to me, I do not believe I would have been able to complete this process.

Faith and grace

You see, these people believed in me and encouraged me to live out my call and to live up to my potential. I could only see the roadblocks at times but they continued to show me God's grace advancing my work and supporting me. I struggled with how I would pay for Seminary and God provided from a very unexpected source. I struggled with how I could go back to school at my age (38 at the time). After all, I was never a stellar student. I struggled with moving my family to enable me to attend Seminary, again God provided. The past nine years have often been a roller coaster ride of joy and fear, but I am glad that I have not missed one moment of the ride.

Continuing God's work

Now I stand at the end of the journey, feeling the excitement of a task accomplished and look forward to June 2 and the event that I have waited for so long. But as I sit and reflect on the event, I have come to realize that my ordination is not the end of the journey but only the beginning. I have worked hard to come to this point, but I cannot stop now, no resting on my laurels of completing seminary and making it through the



The Cook family arrived in Tallahassee in July of 2005.

candidacy process.

Journey begins

No, I'm not at the end but only the beginning of the next leg of the journey. Reverend Willis' sermon on May 7 reminded us that the day will come when we all realize our need for God. And for me, today is that day. While I have certainly realized that need many times in my life, I perhaps realize it to a greater degree as I look toward ordination. God has carried me through to this point, provided strength, ability and knowledge to answer questions, write papers, and fill out forms to complete the ordination process.

Walk with me

But, I cannot go it alone at this point. It is now that I will learn to rely on God to an even greater degree than ever. I will

depend on His grace, wisdom and mercy to lead me as I continue the journey of leading His church, walking with people in times of joy and sorrow. The journey is

I invite you to continue the journey with me as we do ministry together.

Reverend Wayne P. Cook

far from over — actually, it is just taking a slight curve in the road. I invite you to continue the journey with me as we do ministry together.

By the way, I cannot wait for June 2 — I hope you will all celebrate the event with my family and me. I look forward not only to ordination, but also to our years of walking the path together.

Preschool special guest

The Trinity Preschool recently had a special visitor from Down Under.

Trinity member Jane Mittan brought in a young female wallaby named Adelaide. Addy, as she is known, has an older brother named Tucker. Wallabys look like their better-known cousins, kangaroos,

only much smaller. Jane purchased the wallabys from a wallaby ranch in Texas.

She says they have been good pets so far. The wallaby she brought in was very shy, but allowed the children to pet her.

What a nice treat for the preschoolers. Thank you, Jane!



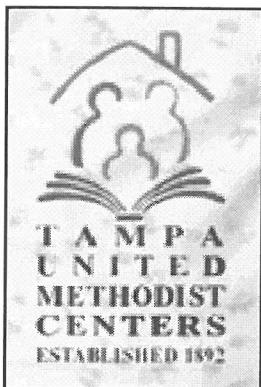
Youth news for June and July

Sheri Koyles,
Youth Director

Mid-high mission trip

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MIDDLE SCHOOLERS IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK AS THEY ARE ON MISSION TO TAMPA UNITED METHODIST CENTERS:

Tori Bradley
Heaven Caten
Alyson Chrisco
Jonathan Danforth
AnnaLee Drake
Alee Erskine
Kerry Ingram
Jennifer Johnson
Natalie Jump
Michael Lowstetter
Brad Olson
Jeff Olson
Jessica Smith
Amanda Wolfe



Sheri Koyles and Brett Ingram accompany them on their trip. They will be working with various projects at the three childcare centers operated by the Tampa UM Centers. They will return to the church on Saturday, June 3.

BBQ for Rising 6th Graders

Don't forget: Sunday, June 4, at 12 noon in the youth area.

Rising 6th graders and their families are invited to come find out about being involved in Trinity's youth program! Current middle schoolers will be here to greet you.



Sunday, June 4
After Church

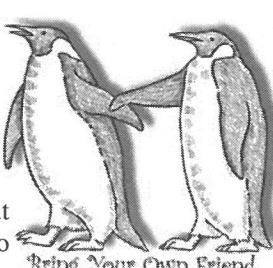
Parents: Important paperwork available for you to fill out!

SPECIAL UMYF — "BYOF"

Sunday, June 25

Bring Your Own Friend!

Prizes available for you and your friend!



Special prizes awarded to those who bring a Trinity friend that has not been to UMYF in a while!

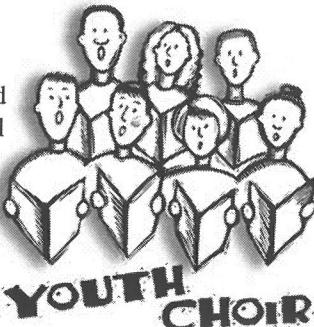
Visiting Youth Choir

Friday, June 16

6 p.m.

Youth who are helping with VBS are invited to stay in the afternoon to prepare for this special event. This choir will not sing for us — but we are providing them with dinner, fellowship, and lodging. Please stay and help prepare dinner and games! If you cannot come until the evening, please be here by 6 p.m. to join us.

Our group has been graciously hosted by many different churches. Let's show God our thanks by extending a friendly hand to this group.



TUBING the ICHE TUCKNEE

Saturday, June 17

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bring sunscreen, a towel, bathing suit, \$6, a lunch with a drink (bring a personal size cooler for lunches that need to stay cool), and 2 snacks.



PLEASE SIGN UP ON
THE BOARD SO WE
CAN PLAN FOR ENOUGH
TRANSPORTATION!

Youth Events at a glance

May 28-June 3 - Mid-High Missions Trip (Love-at-Work) Rising 7th and 8th
June 4 - BBQ for rising 6th graders
June 12-16 - Vacation Bible School
June 16 - Youth Choir visits
June 17 - Tubing on the Ichetucknee
June 25 - UMYF - B.Y.O.F. (bring a friend)
June 25 - Sr. High mission trip meeting
June 26-July 1 - Camp Leesburg
July 2 - NO UMYF
July 9 - Senior High mission trip
July 16 - NO UMYF
July 30-August 5 - Youth Week
September 8-10 - Rock the Universe returns

Want to be current on youth events? Go to tumct.org/youthministries.htm or geocities.com/undergroundministries.



Senior High Mission Trip

Mandatory meeting

Sunday, June 25

Noon in the youth area.

Senior High Mission Trip participants and a parent.

Need your prayers

Please lift up the Senior High youth who will be on mission to Mississippi to help with Hurricane Katrina relief.

They will depart on Sunday afternoon, July 9, and return on Monday, July 17. Thank you for your support and prayers of our youth!

Please note:

No UMYF

July 2 or July 16

Enjoy your holiday weekend! Be safe!



YOUTH WEEK IS COMING

July 30-August 5

Watch the website for details

Please note date change: to help accommodate back to school activities.

ROCK THE
UNIVERSE
RETURNS
September 8-9



Trinity recognizes confirmants

Fourteen youth were confirmed recently and joined the congregation of Trinity following a special communion service in the Sanctuary.

The confirmation service is a way for the class members to proclaim their

faith and to show their readiness to join the church.

Classes were developed and taught by Lark Mott-Smith. The classes prepared the confirmants to become members of the United Methodist Church. Classes consist

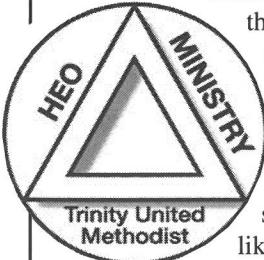


In a special ceremony during the 11 o'clock service Sunday, May 7, Reverend Willis recognized this class as being special. Pictured here after the service are; back row from left, Lark Mott-Smith, Malinda Rains, Heaven Rains, Logan Paredes, Jessica Smith, Karissa Pendleton, Megan Sullivan, John Rains, and Ryan Frack; front row from left, Jennifer Griffith, Wesley Chandler, Ara Hirst, Casey Waddill, Andy Rogers, Jonathan Danforth, and Jesse Cherry.

Summer time with God

*Kelly Rains,
HEO coordinator*

With summer fast approaching, everyone is asking about my plans for the summer, what kind of trips I have planned, who is coming for a visit, or special events that I have scheduled. For many of us, our summers look a bit different than the rest of the year. Many of us are looking forward to a less hectic schedule once school is out. Whatever your summer may look like, let me encourage you to include God in your summer plans.



For me, summer is a good time to take a break from the usual crazy schedule, to find time for new projects and to spend time with family and friends. Taking advantage of a bit slower schedule helps

us to unwind and relax, and focus again on what's important to us. Summers can be the perfect time for family reunions, vacations, lazy days at the park, drives to the beach, reading a good book, spending time in the yard or just sleeping in. One of my favorite things to do is to take a few moments at the end of the workday and sit on my front porch with my children and eat ice cream. We just sit and chill for a while, talking about the day and who knows what else. It's great not having other commitments like we do during the school year and being able to just hang out together.

It dawned on me as this summer sneaks

up on me, that God would also like to spend more time with me this summer.

I'm not sure what that might look like yet. Maybe it means some alone time with God on my porch, maybe a weekend getaway like a spiritual retreat, maybe a walk on the beach or in the mountains, or maybe it means reading the **Bible** with my family before bed. I'm not really sure yet, but I plan to find that time with God this summer.

What is God calling you to do this summer? Is He in your summer plans at all? Why not include God in those lazy days of summer? It's the perfect time to hang out with Him.

Trustees report

*Leslie Elliott,
Trustees Secretary*

Spring Cleaning

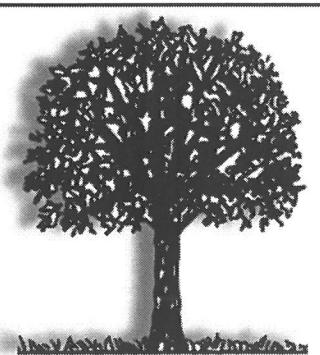
There is some spring cleaning taking place at the church — in the church basement for safety and fire protection — and with the disposal of some outdated lighting and sound equipment. Hopefully, the equipment will be given to another church who may be in need. This has happened on other occasions and it is amazing how we've been able to assist other churches.

Other issues

Some activity is taking place in the preschool area with new chairs and a gate on the playground. The computer issues continue to be addressed, as is the renovation of Moor Hall.

You can help

If you see an area of the church that needs attention, please contact the office and the trustees will be notified.

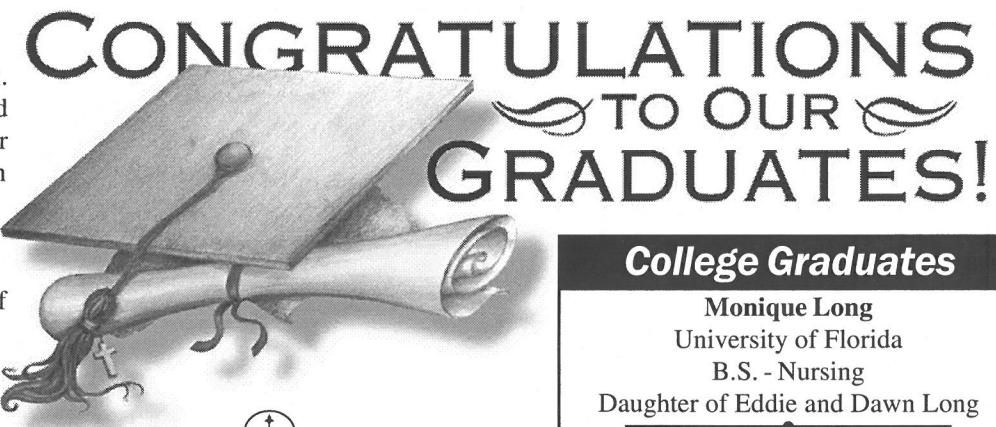


Summer

Trinity's graduates

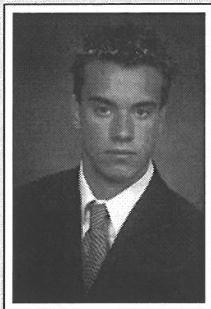
It's that bittersweet time of year again. Time for some to leap from the nest and pursue their dreams. And it's time for others to look inward and decide what in the world they are going to do with that extra bedroom. But, that's a whole different article.

These Trinity members, or relatives of members, have received their diplomas and are ready to start a new chapter in their lives. Congratulations to all!



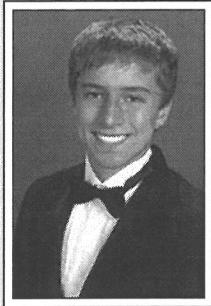
Evan Wayne Anderson

Leon High School (*Princeton*)
Son of Wayne and Joan Anderson
(*not pictured*)



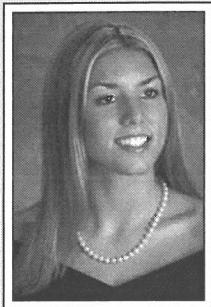
William Chason Roberts Bruce

Maclay High School
Son of Dottie Roberts and Doug Bruce



Chadwick William Chandler

Leon High School
Son of Peggy Dye

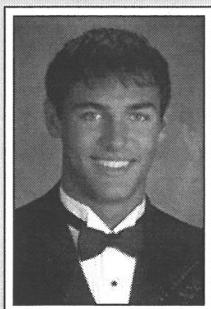


Haley Elizabeth Chumbler

Chiles High School (*F.S.U.*)
Daughter of Brent and Marti Chumbler
and daughter of Carolyn Canterbury

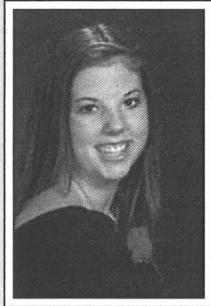
Kendra Marguerite Denmark

North Florida Christian School
Daughter of Steve and Sabrina Denmark
(*not pictured*)



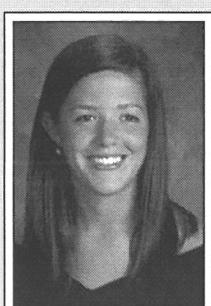
John William Elliott

Chiles High School
Son of John and Leslie Elliott



Lauren Michelle Goldman

Leon High School (*F.S.U.*)
(*Accounting*)
Daughter of Bob Goldman and LuAnn Snider



Martha Rebecca Hall

Chiles High School (*F.S.U.*)
Daughter of Brent and Marti Chumbler
and daughter of Bill Hall and Martha Olive

College Graduates

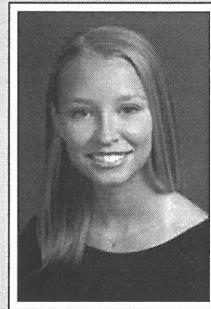
Monique Long

University of Florida
B.S. - Nursing

Daughter of Eddie and Dawn Long

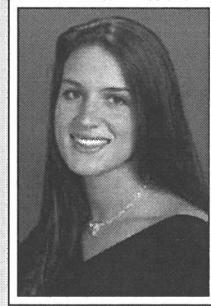
Emily Doak

Indiana University - Bloomington
M.F.A. - Creative Writing
Daughter of Barbara Potter



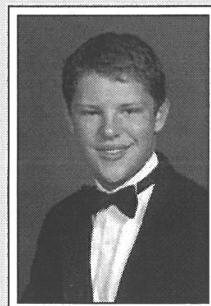
Sarah-Ashley McClellan

Chiles High School (*F.S.U.*)
Daughter of Art and Faith McClellan



Claire Lynn Mott-Smith

Rickards High School (*F.S.U.*)
Daughter of Marshall and
Lark Mott-Smith



Samuel Brooks Rogers

Leon High School (*F.S.U.*)
(*Pre-med*)
Son of Sam, Jr. and Laura Rogers

New members join in May

Trinity gained nine new members in May with the addition of the class introduced below.

Fred Corley

Fred is employed by The Carpet Shop. He joined Trinity by profession of faith.

Ashley Jones

Ashley is employed by the Leon County Supervised Pre-trial Release. She joined by certificate of transfer.

Wayne & Alison Thumm

Wayne is the Food and Beverage Manager at Capital City Country Club, and Alison is a Nurse Anesthetist at Aesthesiologist

Associates. Wayne joined by profession of faith, and Alison joined from another denomination.

Jason Velazco

Jason is employed by the Florida



New members joining in May were, from left, Fred Corley, Nippi Eubanks, Andrew Green, Joseph "JR" Gayle, Jr., Jason Velazco, Jennifer Vogias, Wayne Thumm, Alison Thumm, and Ashley Jones.

Department of Corrections. He joined by profession of faith. He is engaged to Jennifer Vogias.

Jennifer Vogias

Jennifer, employed by Guy E. Burnette,

JR., PA, joined by reaffirmation of faith.

Andrew Green

Andrew is employed by Enterprise Rent-A-Car. He is the father of Austin, Emma, and David. Andrew joined by certificate of transfer from First United Methodist in Yukon, Oklahoma.

Nippi Eubanks

Nippi is retired from the state and works part-time at Capital City Country Club. She joined by certificate of transfer from St. Marks United Methodist Church in Ocala, Florida.

Joseph "JR" Gayle, Jr.

JR is the General Manager at Capital City Country Club. He joined by certificate of transfer from St. Marks United Methodist Church in Ocala, Florida.

If you see any of these new members, make sure to say hello and welcome them to Trinity.

June/July "Change"

Ron Hock
Church and Society Ministry Co-Chair

The "Change the City" collection for the month of June will be given to the Emergency Care Help Organization (ECHO). ECHO outreach ministries provide people in need with food, clothing, financial assistance, tutoring, and counseling. More than 4,000 visits are made to ECHO each year, and eighty-five

Change the City percent of these visitors are the working poor. ECHO provides free short-term housing in their Bethany Family Apartments and provides job assistance via their Jubilee Job-Link service to assist

people in finding and keeping employment. Placing "change" in those designated containers at the church will assist this most worthwhile organization in its endeavors to provide these services.

Your small "change" will continue to demonstrate that Trinity does care and does have a large "Heart for the City."

The "change" for July will go to Refuge House.

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

Mark Twain

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Tidings
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