

MONTHLY

Findings

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

Lenten activities lead to Easter

Several ways to prepare

March 1 marks the first day of Lent and Trinity is already preparing for Easter. As usual, there are several Trinity-wide events that make participation in the lenten season more meaningful.

Get a Lenten Journal

How many books have you read recently that: a.) you know the author; b.) you know the text was written with you in mind; and c.) you only paid \$5 for both a book AND an interactive DVD? Of all the things we spend money on, the **Lenten Journal** has got to be one of the best values for our dollar. This little booklet is filled with information, pictures, and suggested scripture readings, all with a focus on making Lent more meaningful for you.

Reverend Willis spent 3 weeks in the British Isles with the sole purpose of preparing this year's journal. He not only studied at prestigious Oxford University, but he also traveled to several of the finest cathedrals in the world, all located throughout England and Ireland. While at these amazing structures he documented, through still photographs and video, their intrinsic beauty, and also studied the relationship between the cathedral and the saint associated with it.

Use the DVD

On the DVD you will find weekly devotionals by Reverend Willis, as well as still photographs and videos that he took while in the British Isles. By pressing the

"menu" button on your DVD player (or remote) you can bypass the intro that comes up each time the DVD is inserted. Or, if you don't have a DVD player, you can also access weekly devotionals by going to tumct.org and playing the video from there.

Join a Lenten small group

Joining a small group may be the best way to prepare for Easter. Those who have participated in previous years say things like: "*Talking with others opened my eyes to scripture meaning that I hadn't seen before.*"; "*The group helped me understand that others have questions just like I do.*"; and "*Our leader was so organized that just by coming to the group I was able to learn more than I would have on my own.*" These groups are a non-threatening way to get involved with other members of the church and help you prepare for the miracle of Easter.

Come to the Ash Wednesday service

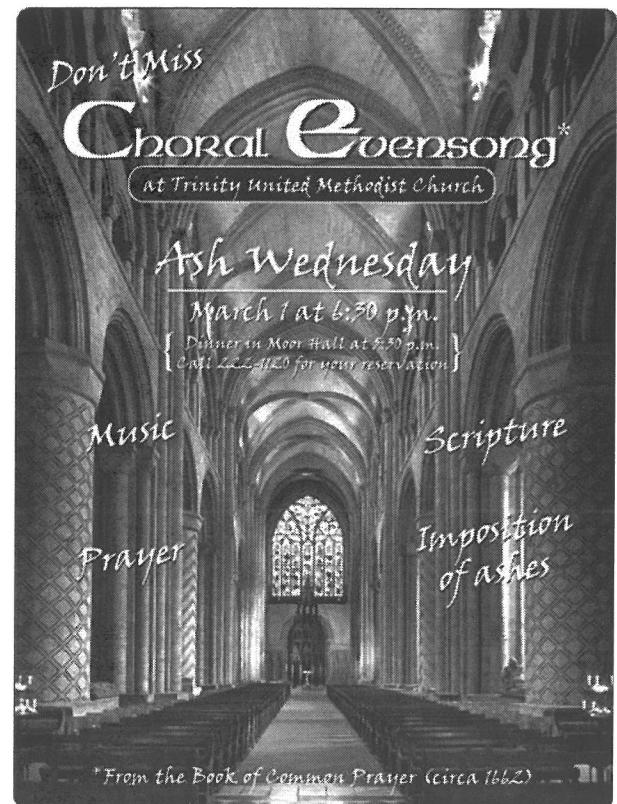
This year's Ash Wednesday service will be different from years past. This year's service will be modeled on the traditional cathedral evening service called "Choral Evensong."

At Trinity, Choral Evensong will be an opportunity for us to

quiet our hearts and minds in order to draw closer to God through scripture, music and chanting. Don't miss this unique service.

Special March 5 service

Reverend Willis promises a service that "will change Trinity forever." As you probably know, when he says something like that, it means he has something really special planned. Make plans now to attend.



Don't Miss

Choral Evensong*

at Trinity United Methodist Church

Ash Wednesday

March 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner in Moor Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Call 222-4120 for reservations

Music

Scripture

Prayer

Imposition of ashes

**From the Book of Common Prayer (circa 1662)*

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from January 10, 2005 through February 10, 2005:

In memory of Charlotte Leverenz Blee
by her Family (Continuing Gift for Organ Trust Fund).

In memory of Mary Bay Duncan Moore
by Cynthia and Bill Smith.

In memory of Ann R. Talley by Lynn and Fred Hudson

Website's new features!

Miss a sermon?

Did you miss one of Rev. Willis' great sermons? Or, maybe you'd like to refresh your mind in the middle of the week. Here's how to hear the sermon.

Go to the left side of the website homepage and find the blue box titled "Worship with Us." Then click on the blue type that says "click here to play." This will take you to a page that is titled "Sermon Archives." Scroll down the page until you find the sermon for which you are looking and either right-click on the green sermon title to save it as a file to play from your hard drive, or left-click it to play directly from the web (not recommended for dial-up users).



Have
You Seen
Our Web Site?

New navigation aid

Our website is now even easier to navigate. Our webmaster has devised a way to access any of the pages on our website with just one click.

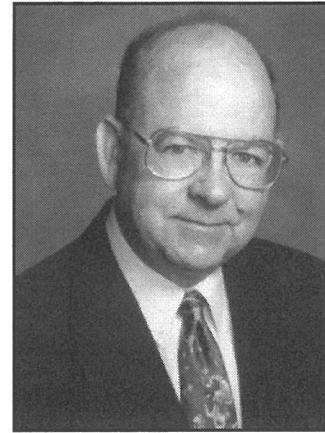
Simply go to the bottom-left-side of the homepage and click on the "Quick Links" button. You can then just scroll down to the page for which you are searching.

Heart to Heart

A Traveler's Parable

By John G. Willis, Jr.
Senior Pastor

One cold wintry day a traveler cautiously approached a checkpoint at a bend in the muddy road. The stern looking soldier stepped out of his guardhouse and asked him, *"How in the world did you get to this point? What are you doing here? Where are you going? What is your purpose in coming here?"*



The traveler stared wide-eyed at the young soldier and asked him, "How much do they pay you to do this?" He answered, "50 rubles a month. Why do you ask?" The traveler said "I'll pay you double that amount to ask me those same questions every time I pass this way!"

Not bad questions. Probably questions that we each ought to take time to ask ourselves every once in a while. Actually, there is no better time than Lent to ask ourselves these questions. After all Lent is a time of reflection and

introspection. Why not give it a try and see what you come up with this Lent?

See you Sunday,



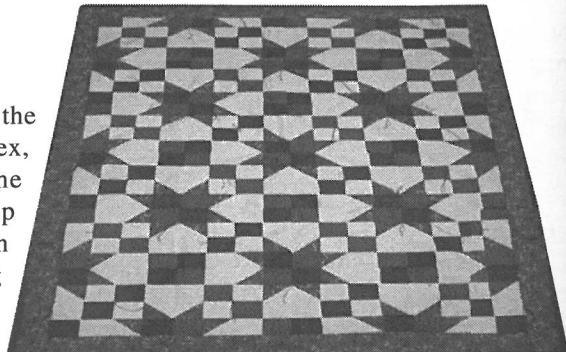
March "Change" goes to Prayers & Squares

Ron Hock
Church and Society Ministry Co-Chair

Your Church and Society Ministry Team has selected that the April "Change" be given to the *Prayers & Squares Ministry* for materials to make those beautiful prayer quilts. Praying at the quilt and tying a knot on the quilt tassel for someone having a crisis and in need of prayers, is another wonderful Trinity program. An excellent description of this ministry is

located in the January *Tidings*.

Placing your pocket "change" in the designated containers in the Narthex, Moor Hall, and in the front of the Sanctuary will most certainly help those volunteer quilters accomplish their on-going mission of combining the gift of prayer with the gift of quilt making.



This is REALLY a special concert — April 2!

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend a concert at Trinity the likes of which you will probably never witness again. We're talkin' unique, historic and memorable here!

The concert starts at 4:00 pm on Sunday April 2 in our sanctuary.

As part of our Lenten Journey for 2006, the Chancel Choir, assisted by a 15-piece orchestra, will hearken back to an England

centuries removed. There, at Westminster Abbey in London, one of the great cathedrals of England and the traditional church of English monarchs, important state events including coronations and funerals were

commemorated. That tradition started in 1066 (remember William the Conqueror?) and continues to the present day! Over the centuries a large amount of music used during state funerals and coronations has

been accumulated. From this varied collection are compositions that have stood the test of time and are still performed today.

The Funeral Music for Queen Mary includes music by Henry Purcell, Thomas Morley, Thomas Tollett and James Paisible. It begins with a solemn and haunting military drum cadence to which brass, oboes and bassoons are later added. Short choral sentences are interspersed with the instrumental sections. Texts include "I am the resurrection," "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and "Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts." An interesting tidbit about this funeral service in Westminster Abbey: Historians note that "a thousand-odd candles" illuminated the interior of the building that bleak and gloomy day in 1695.

Four Coronation Anthems were created specifically for the coronation of King George II, which took place in October of 1727. George F. Handel, best known as the composer of "*The Messiah*", likely composed the 20+ minutes of glorious music in less than a month! The coronation included much more than just the Coronation Anthems; it was a religious as well as a state event. Music by other composers of earlier generations was also part of the coronation ceremony. The first of Handel's Coronation Anthems titled "Zadok the Priest" has been a part of every coronation of British monarchs from 1727 to the present day. The text is from I Kings

1: 38-39.

Rounding out our 60-minute concert is Handel's Organ Concerto in B flat, composed in 1720. Elizabeth LaJeunesse, Trinity's organist, will be performing accompanied by the 15-piece orchestra. Interestingly, this piece was originally designed as a harp concerto!

With this music, we are reminded that the faith we embrace today has flowed to us through countless people, through the centuries. We invite you for a few moments, to transport yourself to an earlier age, to experience the faith expressed through their music in their time.



Queen Mary II, (1662-1694).



King George II (1683-1760).

Royal Music of England
1695-1736



- Funeral Music for Queen Mary
- Organ Concerto in B flat
- Coronation Anthems No. 1, 2 & 4

The pipes are calling...

Elizabeth LaJeunesse, Organist

As our Lenten Journey begins, many aspects of our worship will converge on a particular focal point each week. The role of music in worship at any time of year is to enhance both scripture and sermon, and help tie all elements together into a unified service. However, during Lent here at Trinity, the music in the service actually becomes a part of our journey, and helps to set the tone for each week. With that in mind, special preludes have been chosen for each Sunday in March to help you prepare mind and heart for each of our special worship services.

As we are centering our journey in England, **March 5** will feature two Lenten chorale preludes by British-turned-Canadian composer Healey Willan. Willan was organist at St. John the Baptist, Kensington, during the early part of the twentieth century. On **March 12**, look for a Suite by Handel (who spent the latter part of his life in England) that will feature a new addition to our organ.

On **March 19**, you will hear American composer Samuel Barber's variations on Wondrous Love, one of the most stirring



Lenten hymns. And, returning to England, **March** will conclude with a pre-worship recital, on the **26th**, of music by English composers of the Renaissance and Baroque.

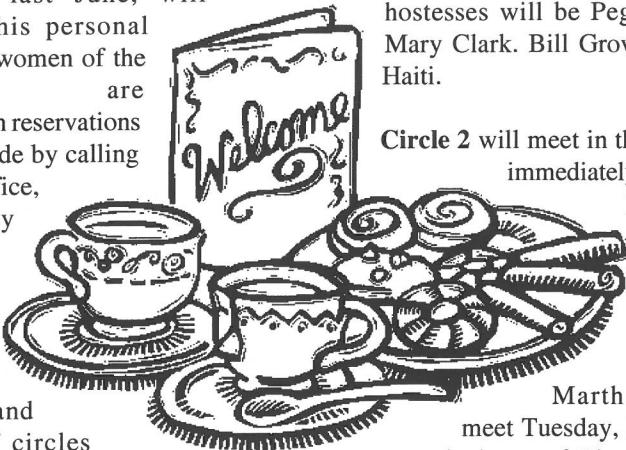
The program will include works by Dunstable, Redford, Tallis (often referred to as the "father of English Cathedral music"), and Walond, who among them served St. Paul's Cathedral, Queen Elizabeth I, and Oxford University. This Lenten season, let music be a part of your journey...

Rev. Wayne Cook will speak at UMW

Linda Yates

Getting to know Rev. Wayne Cook will be the focus of the luncheon meeting of United Methodist Women, beginning at 11:45 Tuesday, March 7, in Moor Hall. Trinity's executive pastor, who came here last June, will talk about his personal journey. All women of the church are invited. Lunch reservations should be made by calling the church office, 222-1120, by Friday, March 3.

UMW Executive Committee of officers and chairmen of circles will meet at 10:45 in the Conference Room.



Do you have photography skills?

The **Tidings** is always looking for different views of our church activities. There are times when no one is available to attend church events with a camera. Can you help?

Please call Rex Adams at the church office at 222-1120 if you have photos to share from a recent event.

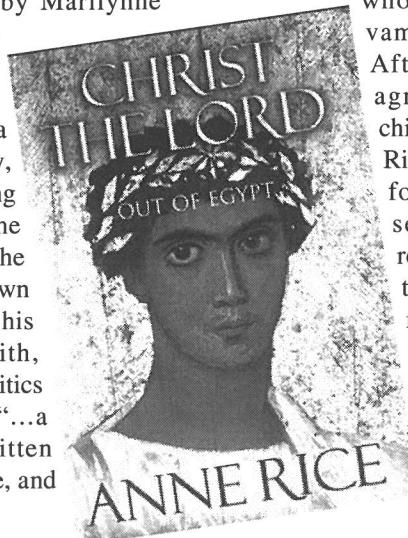


What's new in the Trinity Library

Margie Mixon

It's a treat to find an excellent novels with religious themes. Our library has two such award-winners: **Gilead**, by Marilynne Robinson, and **Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt**, by Anne Rice.

Gilead is in the form of a letter written by an elderly, dying minister to his young son. Through his writings, he hopes to reveal to his son the father he lost. Set in small town Iowa, the novel explores his thoughts, his family, faith, failings, and redemption. Critics have called the book "...a spiritual, beautifully written story, full of wisdom, grace, and wonder.

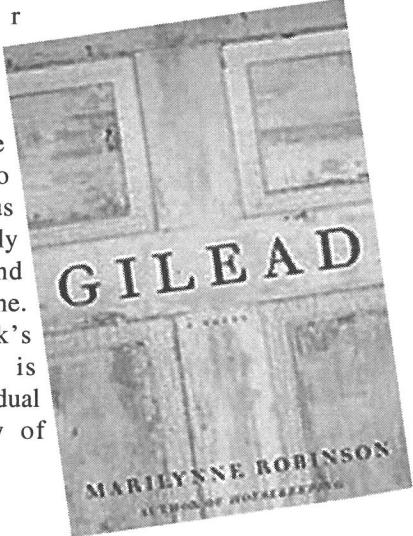


Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt was written, surprisingly enough, by Anne Rice, who usually writes of vampires and witches. After returning from agnosticism to her childhood Catholic faith, Rice was inspired to write for God. She spent several years researching material for this novel and plans to make it the first of a series about the life of Jesus.

In this book, 7-year-old Jesus tells the story in his own

words about his family's from Egypt to Nazareth. Since the **Bible** says very little about Jesus' childhood, Rice used

her imagination to fill in the gaps. She attempts to show Jesus as both fully human and fully divine. The book's theme is Jesus' gradual discovery of who he is.



You guessed it...It's spaghetti time!

Sheri Koyles,
Youth Director

Saturday, April 1

Springtime Tallahassee Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

*Tickets will be on sale throughout the month of March and available the day of the event. (Tickets can be purchased on Sunday mornings after church, Wednesdays during dinner, or from the church office.)

Adults \$5
Children (3-10) \$3.

Ticket includes spaghetti, salad, bread, cookies, and a beverage-and parking in the church lot for Springtime events



Donations of meat sauce, jarred sauce, veggie sauce, and/or, dry spaghetti noodles are now being collected.

All proceeds benefit mission efforts to Gulfport this summer*

Don't forget UMYF's new face this Spring!

1 st Sunday of the month	Video Discussion Starter Night
2 nd Sunday of the month	Hot Topic Night (Topics generated by youth survey)
3 rd Sunday of the month	Bible Study Night/ Music Video Discussion
4 th Sunday of the month	Small Group Night
5 th Sundays	Game/Fellowship Night

Want to be current on youth events? Check the following websites tumct.org or geocities.com/undergroundministries.

Attention: College UMYF Volunteers

(including

music interns)

"Dinner and a

Movie"

with Annabelle
and Dr. Kavorkian
(Sheri and Frack)

Sunday, March 19 at 6 p.m. in the youth
area at TUMC.



March/April Youth Events

(check the website for updated times and details)

- Friday, March 31: Work Lock-in for Spaghetti Lunch
- Saturday, April 1: Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser
- Friday, April 7 — Sunday, April 9: Spring Retreat—GRACEFEST music event in Pensacola (camping)
- Friday, April 14: Youth-led Tenebrae Service

Trinity member honored at Tallahassee Regional Airport

Trinity member Francis J. Black, Jr. is currently being honored with a display at the Tallahassee Regional Airport in their Aviation Museum on the second floor.

Mr. Black was once Number One Seniority Pilot for Eastern Airlines. He had first choice, before 5,000 other pilots, of any of Eastern's planes and routes. He retired in 1974 after more than 35 years.

Mr. Black got the bug for flying after chasing down a plane with his childhood pal Godfrey Smith.

Mr. Black met his future wife at Trinity as a young boy. Being the daughter of a superintendent of the Methodist Church, she had to move away and eventually married another and was widowed. In 1977 the two were married and now live in Los Robles.

You will find them in the front of the church every Sunday. As Reverend Willis says of Mr. Black "that's pretty good for a 92 year old man."



Francis and Mary Elizabeth Black. She says "if anyone had told me back then that I'd someday marry that little Black kid I'd have thought they were crazy."



Mr. Black is shown here as a member of the Army Air Corps. He graduated from training as a second lieutenant pilot.



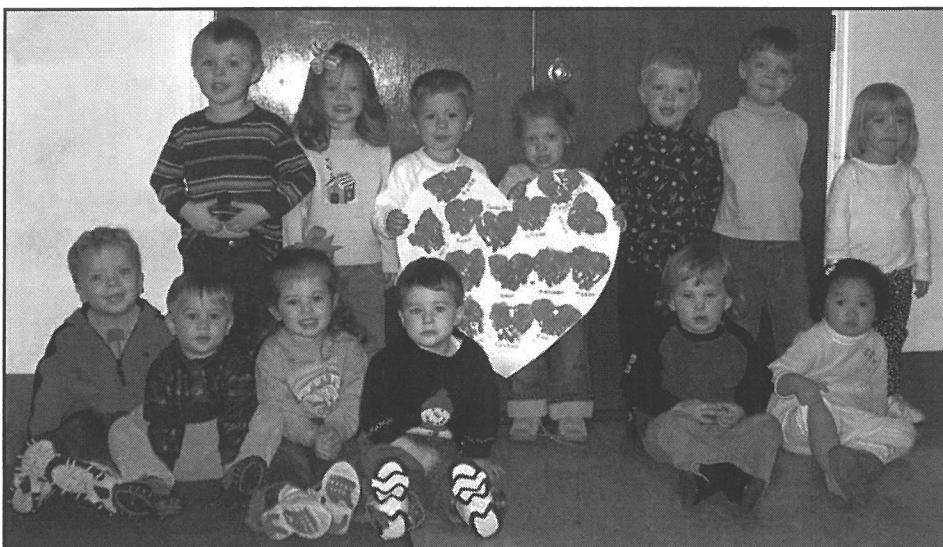
The display case, one of a four in the Aviation Museum at the Tallahassee Regional Airport, is full of memorabilia from Mr. Black's days as a pilot for the Air Corps and Eastern Airlines.



This plaque, found in the display case, was given to honor Mr. Black's many years of service to Eastern Airlines.



Preschoolers share a Valentine with McKenzie



"The children from Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Mahone's 2 year-old Weekday Preschool classes share a hand-print valentine with their friend McKenzie Conn and wish her a speedy recovery. Along with the card and wishes came the gift of a book and CD, which was purchased with money that the kids donated."

Trinity Treks for March

The Trinity Trekkers are travelling to the historic Mission San Luis de Apalachee located right here in Tallahassee. They will depart at **11:15 on March 14** from the gravel lot at Trinity, lunch at Crystal River (cost not included), and go to the Mission from there. Admission to the Mission is free of charge.

The Mission San Luis de Apalachee was the western capital of the mission system in La Florida from 1656 to 1704. The settlement boasted a population of over 1400 Apalachee Indians who resided at the hilltop mission center and in surrounding hamlets and farmsteads.

Call 222-1120 for more information.

Come sing in the SUN Service Praise Band

Is singing one of your spiritual gifts? Are you looking for a way to serve Trinity? Lisa Prasse, the SUN Service leader, is looking for someone to sing in the Circle of Friends Praise Band.

The SUN Service is a contemporary service that is accompanied musically by contemporary instruments such as guitars, drums, piano, and bass guitar. The service begins at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. The band practices each Wednesday evening.

If this sounds like something in which you would like to participate, please call Lisa at 222-1120 to set up an audition.



Ushers needed for both 8:30 and 11 a.m. services

If you are naturally friendly and like interacting with people, head usher, Chip Huggins, has just the volunteer job for you.

As we are evaluating our spiritual gifts and determining how best to serve our God, this is a service to the church that needs your support.

Whether you are male, female, young, old, a married couple, a family, single, or otherwise, Chip can find a place for you.

The schedule for being an usher allows for one month of service followed

by two months off. You will work a total of 16 Sundays per year, and be off for the other 36 Sundays. You do not need to work both services either. Just sign up for whichever service is more convenient to your schedule.

Or, if you are a people-person and love to meet other people face to face, Trinity also needs greeters. A greeter is the first person who comes into contact with our members each week and is also the face of Trinity to our Sunday visitors. Please call Reverend Wayne Cook at 222-1120 for more information.



Church talent shines on Music Ministry Sunday



The NETkids Alpha Choir includes children from kindergarten through 2nd grade.



The Chancel Choir is the flagship music organization at Trinity.



A special surprise for the congregation came as a wind ensemble led the Hymn of Dedication.



The NETkids Omega Choir consists of youngsters attending the third through fifth grades.



This years group of NETkids Orff instrumentalists were joined by vocalists Tori Bradley and Victoria Donelan for a version of "Seek Ye First" arranged by Mark Repasky.

Trinity's new Office Secretary

Please welcome Amy Kitchen, Trinity's new Office Secretary.

Amy has lived in Tallahassee all of her life and is married to Jason Kitchen.

She enjoys spending time with family,



Amy Kitchen

reading, traveling, and playing with her new dachshund puppy.

She likes Tallahassee because of the culture and theater. Now you have a face to put with the voice when you call the church office.

Coming Soon!

Vacation Bible School 2006

Watch for the sign up for this years VBS. The theme this year is "Fiesta! Where kids are fired up about Jesus." The dates will be June 12-16 and it always fills up fast. Don't miss VBS this year!

Why not try Trinity's Park & Ride

Tired of scaling the hill?

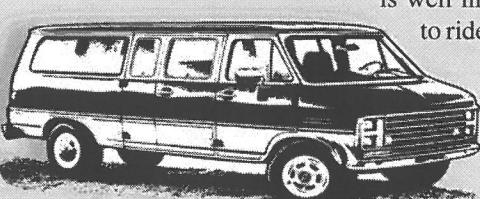
Relief is on the way for the weary. Trinity's version of "Park & Ride" is now in operation.

Let us pick you up in the Library parking lot and deliver you to the front door of Trinity.

It's so easy!

All you need to do is park in the Library lot, find the waiting area which is well marked and get in the van to ride up the hill. It's that easy.

Pick-up times are between: 9:30-9:50; 10:30-11:05 in the lot; and 12-12:15 in front of the church.



Trinity's Park & Ride

Trinity welcomes new members

January brought 12 new members to the Trinity community.

Make sure to welcome these new members when you see them and help make them feel like they have indeed found their new church home. They are:

Paula Barrett

- Paula and her husband Scott, have two children Dylan and Taylor. Paula is joining us today from another denomination.

Kevin and Casey Mahoney

- Kevin is a student and is studying Accounting. He was also in the military. Casey is employed by the Department of Environmental Protection as a Web Content Manager and is also in grad school for a Master's in Applied Politics and Policy. They are joining us today by certificate of transfer.

Scott Harrell

- Scott is employed by Home Instead Senior Care, Inc. He is joining us today by certificate of transfer.

Allison Johnson

- Allison is employed by Thomas Howell Ferguson, P.A. She is joining us today by certificate of transfer.

Elaine Freni

- Elaine is employed by the American Cancer Society as the Area Patient Service Representative. Her husband David is currently a member. Elaine is joining us today from another denomination.

Pam Lowstetter

- Pam is employed as a consultant. She has two children, Jamie and Michael. Pam is joining us today by certificate of transfer.

Ronald and Kathi Schoff

- Ronald is employed by H.B. Sherman and Kathi is employed by the Tallahassee Police Department. They have two children, Paula and Rhonda. Ronald is joining us today by reaffirmation of faith and Kathi is joining us from another denomination.

Lyndsey Cook

- Lyndsey is a Junior at Leon High School. She is the daughter of Wayne and Janet Cook and is joining us today by certificate of transfer.



Front row from left to right Paula Barrett, Reagan Rice, Kathi Schoff, Allison Johnson, Casey Mahoney, and Persis Rockwood. Back row from left to right Lyndsey Cook, Elaine Freni, Ronald Schoff, Scott Harrell, Kevin Mahoney, Charles Rockwood.

Charles and Persis Rockwood

- Charles is a retired professor of Economics at Florida State University and Persis is a Professor Emeritus at Florida State University. They are joining us today by certificate of transfer.

Reagan Rice

- Reagan is a physical education teacher at Hartsfield Elementary School and a realtor for Keller Williams. She is joining us today by reaffirmation of faith.

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

C. S. Lewis

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