

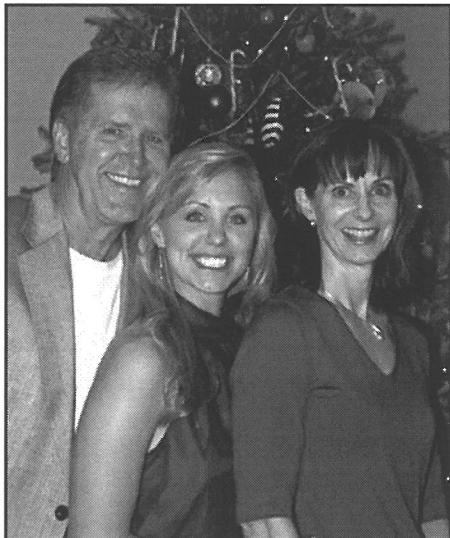


Trinity's Mission: We are a community of Christian disciples building pathways through which God's love is realized.

Meet Trinity's new Senior Pastor - Rev. Wayne Curry

New Senior Pastor, Wayne Curry, will begin his ministry at Trinity with his first service on July 6. He was kind enough to answer a few questions in order to get to know him better. Below are his responses.

Q. How and when did you receive your call to ministry?
A. I was at a Men's Retreat in Leesburg when I sensed in a powerful way that God was calling me into the ministry. I started going through the doors that were opening before me and God has given me the awesome privilege of serving as a pastor for the past 35 years.



Meet the Currys. The new Senior Pastor, Wayne Curry, daughter Brittany, and wife, Beth.

Q. Where was your first church and what years were you there?

A. When I was in my last month of seminary my district superintendent, Harold Buell, called and told me my first appointment in the Florida Conference would be as an Associate Pastor at Christ United Methodist Church in St. Petersburg and he was going there as the new senior pastor! I spent four years at Christ Church and in 1979 was assigned to Palm Harbor UMC. In 1988, I was appointed to Anona UMC in Largo. After five years at Anona I was appointed to First UMC in downtown Orlando where I served from 1993 to 2001. Before he died, Bishop Cornelius Henderson asked me to become a district superintendent. I did not have the privilege of serving with him but have had seven wonderful years serving

with Bishop Tim Whitaker on the DeLand District for four years and on the Gulf Central District for the past three years.

Q. What did you learn from that initial experience as a minister?
A. At Christ Church I worked for two very different senior pastors, Harold Buell and Bill Roughton, both with incredible gifts. Harold taught me the importance of patience and the power of non-anxious presence. Bill taught me the value of evangelistic enthusiasm and passion expressed not only from the pulpit but in daily living.

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Welcome Associate Pastor Tony Fotsch

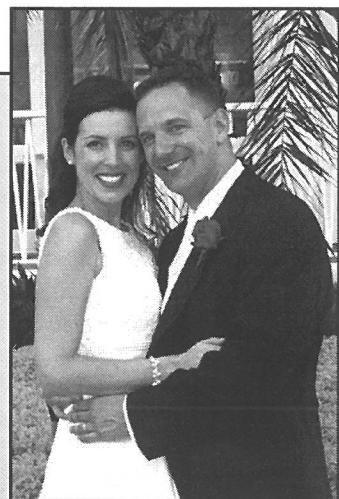
Not only is Trinity getting a new Senior Pastor, but it is also getting a new Associate Pastor, Tony Fotsch. Please read his responses below to some questions about himself.

Q. How and when did you receive your call to ministry?

A. I could probably say that I first received my call to ministry back when I was a teenager, and made that acceptance and commitment to Christ as my Lord and Savior. However, most distinctly, I recognized the calling sometime in

Upcoming Sundays in June/July

- **June 1** "The Last Supper" Marvin Goldstein - piano
- **June 8** Rev. Willis' Last Sunday Music: Classical to Country
- **June 15** Father's Day Rev. Vance Rains Wesley Foundation FSU
- **June 22** Rev. Barbara Hynes
- **June 29** Youth Sunday
- **July 6** Rev. Wayne Curry & Rev. Tony Fotsch 1st Sunday



1999-2000. At that time, I was ready to move beyond my first job within my career in the field of Naval Architecture and Offshore Engineering. As I was considering

Tony and Debbie Fotsch new roles and positions, one of my main considerations was to have more time to do ministry work. This began about a 1-1/2 year journey of prayer, counsel, and fasting to Please continue reading on bottom of page 5.

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from April 8, 2008 through May 10, 2008:



In memory of **Florence Betts** from Shirley Conekin.

In memory of **Mary Blackburn** from United Methodist Women Circle # 9 (Scholarship fund).

In memory of **Donald Hartwell** from Alice W. St. John and Bill and Clara Jane Smith.

In memory of **Rose Pugh Howe** from Clifton W. Quinley (for HEO) and the Wesley Fellowship Class (for Gordon Greathouse fund).

In memory of **Bonnie Mannheimer** from Dr. Mart Hill.

In memory of **Griffith T. Pugh, Sr.** from Lee Everhart, Dr. & Mrs. Ledley Brown (Organ fund), Marion F. Buford, Mr. & Mrs. James A. Ball, III, and Dana M. Preu.

In memory of **Bill Sinclair** from the Wesley Fellowship Class (Gordon Greathouse fund). In memory of Howard and Norma Smoyer from Margarete P. Warwick.

In memory of **Howard W. Smoyer** from Bill Moncrief, Dr. & Mrs. Ledley Brown, F.W. Caraway, Mr. & Mrs. John Olson, Sr, and Dr. Mart Hill.

- In Honor of -

In honor of **Grace Ame Russell** from Mr. and Mrs. George Cothran.

VBS needs your help

It's that time of year again. We are preparing for VBS and we have a great need! We need about 12-15 Cool Whip tubs. If you can help us out, please leave them behind the counter in the **Welcome Center**. Thanks so much.

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On the right track

By John G. Willis, Jr.
Senior Pastor

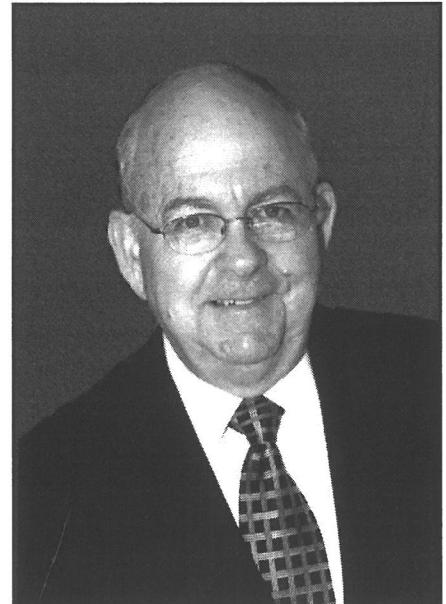
As a child I can remember the joy I would experience with my model trains. I used to love to lie on the floor and watch them go by (actually, I still enjoy this). However, sometimes I would throw a switch and the train would head down a different track. That's what is happening now.

Sunday, June 8 will be my last day with you. July 6 will be the first Sunday for your new Senior Pastor, the Reverend Wayne Curry, and new Associate Pastor, the Reverend Tony Fotsch (see articles on page 1 for each pastor). I have known Wayne for years. I feel very good about leaving you in his hands. I know he will do an incredible job and you will love him (trust me on this one!) He is the real deal!

Over 36 years ago when I began this journey into ministry, I didn't know and couldn't have imagined all of the wonderful things God had in store for me. However, I am even more excited about this new phase of life today than I was then. I don't know where He will lead me, but I do know that with Pat by my side, it is going to be even more amazing and wondrous than the past 65 years have been!

One thing I have discovered here at Trinity is that I am not the engineer — God is. I guess what I am is the porter: "Can I help you with your baggage? Let me lighten that load for you. Here's a newspaper, sir. I've got some good news for you. Last call for dinner in the dining car, madam. It's really a banquet at the Master's table."

While I will have to get off at the next stop, I know for certain that this



train called Trinity is on the right track and bound for glory.

God bless you,

We would like to thank our Trinity family for the marvelous retirement celebration this past Sunday! It was such a wonderful day, and one we will remember the rest of our lives! The celebration reminded us, again, of all the love and support we have felt these past nine years. Thank you for the generous love offering. It is gratefully appreciated! We love you and pray God's richest blessings for each of you as we begin this new phase of our lives.

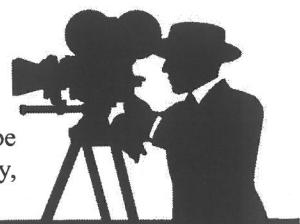
John & Pat

Friday Flicks for June and July

Barbara Hynes
Minister of Programs

The **Friday Flicks** have been selected for June and July. And, they are bound to be fun and thought provoking. For June the film to be presented will be "Arsenic and Old Lace." It will be presented by Victoria Donelan, and it will be shown in Moor Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 27.

In July, the film will be "To End All Wars." It will be shown on Friday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m. with Barbara Hynes presenting.

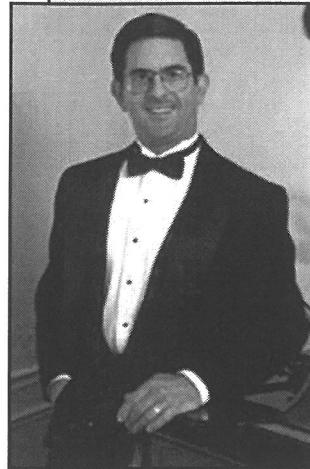


Music news for June and July

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

Friends

A relationship developed in recent years between Rev. Willis and well-known pianist Marvin Goldstein. He has participated in our worship services a number of times recently and has asked to come back and share his talents with us once more before Rev. Willis retires. We are pleased to welcome Marvin to our 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, June 1.



Marvin Goldstein

Pastor Wayne Curry continued from page 1.

Q. How would you describe your ministry style?

A. I would say my style of ministry is collaborative. I love helping to build a team of staff and laity who are passionate about making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Q. What would you say is your most important personal achievement?

A. That's hard to say. Every church I've served has been special and unique with its own set of opportunities and problems. Each church I have served has seen growth and I would like to believe that each church was stronger when I left as God was able to use my gifts in combination with the gifts of the laity.

Q. Where and when did you attend university?

A. I attended Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. I went to school full time in the evenings and worked full time during the day for the CIA as a courier. (Curry the Courier!)

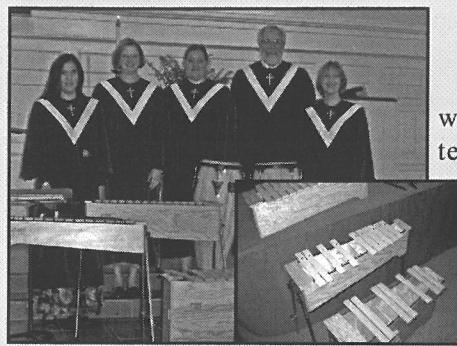
Q. What was your major course of study?
A. I majored in Psychology and History with a minor in Education.

Q. Where did you attend seminary?
Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 1973-1975

Q. What degrees have you attained

Not Too Late

The final practice for Chancel Choir until mid-August is Wednesday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. We will be practicing anthems for June 8, 15, and 22 which means you can sing three Sundays with the choir! It gets a bit lonely in the choir loft at this time of the year; additional singers are greatly appreciated.



Pictured above are Orff players from a previous year's performance, from left, Elizabeth LaJeunesse, Sally Huggins, Kristen Dow, Mark Repasky, and Cindy Repasky. Some of the Orff instruments are pictured in the inset.

will be based on song texts from the 1854 edition of Southern Harmony. All the music in the book is written in shape-note, a unique notation system associated primarily with the rural South.

There is an active shape-note singing organization right here in Tallahassee!

Handbells Sunday

Trinity Ringers is trying something different. They did not rehearse in April. Instead they will rehearse in July and provide special music at our 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on July 27.

Orff Sunday

Once a year we let some of our most talented adult musicians "play" with these beautiful instruments. They share the results with the congregation on Sunday, July 13. The Anthem and Offertory Music

A. Bachelor of Arts degree from Florida Atlantic and Masters of Divinity from Candler.

Q. How long have you been married to Beth.

A. Beth and I have been married for 20 years.

Q. How many children do you have?

A. I have two sons by my first marriage, Marshall who is 32 and is the manager of a Bennigan's Restaurant in Tampa and Chris who is 27, married, and living in Portland, Oregon. Beth and I have Brittany who turns 18 on July 5th. Earlier this month she graduated from St. Petersburg Collegiate High School with her High School diploma and the next day from St. Petersburg College with her Associate of Arts degree. Brittany is attending the University of Central Florida majoring in Graphic Design.

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. I really enjoy photography.

Q. What do you do when you want to relax?

A. Stay at home with my wife and have a nice quiet dinner and evening together.

Q. What is your favorite place on earth?

A. Some of my ancestors established Green Turtle Cay in the Bahamas and I find it to be one of the most beautiful places in the world.

Q. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

A. I have had the privilege of leading numerous pilgrimages to the Holy Land and every time I

go find it a time of deep spiritual renewal. One of these days I would like to hike the entire Appalachian Trail.

Q. If you could have dinner with one person, living or deceased, who would it be?

A. Living...Frederick Buechner, an author and theologian who I read and quote often.

Deceased...Not to be overly sentimental, but I would like to spend a long evening with my mom and dad and share with them some things I should have shared with them when they were living. They were remarkable people who loved the Lord and loved the church.

Q. Who is the person who was most influential in your spiritual life?

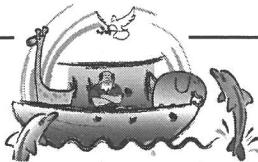
A. My former father-in-law, Orville Ripley, was a United Methodist pastor in Florida for 40-some years and served a variety of churches. He nurtured me as a young man and helped nudge me to listen more closely to God's call on my life. He was appointed to some difficult churches but turned all of them around by just loving the folks and blooming where God had planted him.

Q. What is your most unusual talent?

A. This might get me into trouble, but I have a talent for remembering people's names. I wish it was a photographic memory but it's just something I work really hard at because it think it's important.

Preschool happenings

Stacey Duggar
Preschool Director



Preschool Mother's Day Celebration



The preschool children celebrated with their mothers at the annual Mother's Day Luncheon, held in Moor Hall. The children worked hard on a special present for mom (a "bronzed" shoe), sang some songs and were – for the most part! – on their best behavior at the luncheon!



Another year passes and another class of 4-5 year-olds gets ready to leave Trinity United Methodist Preschool for "big school." We are so proud of these kids and know they will do their best next year in elementary school. Front row: Ian McCaul, Shakyla Gantt, Hayden Maine, Mason Gainey, Matthew Swanson. Second row: Sydney Wylie, Gene Sutton, Deanna Kallinger, Maggie-Hayes Snyder, Joshua Limburg, Iyanna Keys, Rylee Roper. Standing on stairs: Brenna Burns, Chase Duclos, Aidan Carrasquia, Ashlyn Pinner, Carter Nash. Class teacher (not pictured) is Mrs. Candace Duclos.

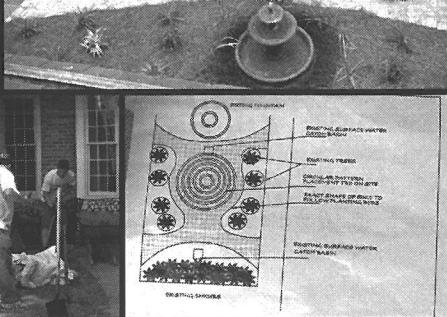
John T. Sewell Prayer Garden gets a new look - just in time!

Trinity got a recent facelift (rough plans are at the bottom center of this page) on the interior courtyard prayer garden. A new path configuration, a new decorative fountain, new plants, and a whole new look. All of this just in time for the farewell party for the Willises.

At left, Brett Ingram, Maintenance Supervisor, directs the initial grading. Below, members enjoy the new garden during Rev. John and Pat Willis' farewell celebration. At right, a worker plants some flowers in a raised bed.



At left, workers from Native Nurseries finish grading the areas for plants. At right, the electrician wires the fountain.



HEO Summer Snippets ... a few notes before summer!

Rita May
HEO coordinator

HEO Executive Committee

Recently, Trinity's HEO Executive Committee got together for our twice - yearly meeting. Peggy Parkey, Chair, welcomed our members - Donna Frinks, Toni Hale, Nancy Kerce, Sheila Merlau, Kathie Pope, Sylvia Sanders, Ronda Work, and Jean Young.

This group is filled-to-the-brim with good ideas and enthusiasm for HEO. Members provide valuable oversight and support to HEO programs throughout the year.

• Might you like to build or donate a wooden quilt rack for Trinity prayer quilts? The Wayne Cook family generously let Trinity use their family quilt rack during their time in ministry here. Now that they are in Monticello, HEO is on the lookout for someone who might be able to build or donate a quilt rack for use in the sanctuary for Trinity prayer quilts. Please give HEO a call at 222-1120 if this is something you might like to do!

- The HEO Food Pantry - summer food needs! During summer there is continued need for Trinity "Snack Packs" for those who are hungry who come to our doors. Before we leave for summer trips, the HEO Food Pantry Ministry Team would be grateful for any of the listed food items to stock the

Trinity cupboards for the summer months. Thank you for dropping items off in the HEO food bin in the donation closet at the entry of Moor Hall.



The HEO Steering Committee in the library, from left, Peggy Parkey, Chair, Jean Young, Sheila Merlau, HEO Coordinator, Rita May, Donna Frinks, Sylvia Sanders, Ronda Work, and Nancy Kerce. Others members not pictured are Toni Hale and Kathie Pope.

When you, or a Trinity member you know, could use a helping hand from HEO, please call Monday through Wednesday mornings, at 222-1120 or email rmay@tumct.org.

Suggested Food Items for HEO

- Individual bottled water and juice boxes
- Granola bars, individual packs of crackers, pretzels, cookies, trail mix, nuts
- Flip top cans of protein rich foods — Vienna sausages, tuna, chicken, chili, beans
- Individual fruit cups and pudding cups

Pastor Tony Fotsch continued from page 1.

discern what was going on. I began to realize that as much as I loved Naval Architecture, I loved being involved in ministry even more. Yet, one of my biggest hang-ups about a calling into ministry was simply the magnitude of such a call. Thankfully, after all this time of discernment, a late-night prayer at the end of my bed allowed me to receive the gracious assurance from the Lord that I was indeed being called to this amazing vocation and life.

Q. What would you say is your most important personal achievement?

A. Another great question! Primary response: the honor of marrying my wife, Debbie ;-). (Can I hear a big "awwww"?) Secondly, though, has been to complete the Ordination process within the United Methodist Church.

Q. Where and when did you attend university? What was your major course of study?

A. Undergraduate studies were at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. I started in a dual-degree program for Architecture and Engineering - the idea being that if I was going to design a building, I wanted to be sure it was structurally sound, as well. In my junior year, I decided to follow a long-held, but silent dream to become a Yacht Designer. So, I completed my undergraduate studies with a major in Civil Engineering, specializing in structures. I attended Graduate School at the University of California

at Berkeley. I studied Naval Architecture and Offshore Engineering. Ship's Structural Design was my favorite topic, but my Thesis work focused in the field of Advanced Hydrodynamics. (In laymen's terms: how ships and objects move in the water;-)).

Q. Where did you attend seminary?

A. Asbury Theological Seminary, Orlando campus.

Q. What degrees have you attained?

A. Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Master's of Engineering in Naval Architecture and Offshore Engineering. Master's of Divinity (like you could ever "Master" divinity!)

Q. How long have you been married to Debbie?

A. At this time, 7 wonderful months!

Q. How many children do you have? (Okay, I know you have only been married a few months, so ... never mind.)

A. Well, in this day and age, there is always that possibility ... But, no, we have no children. We hope to change that soon, though!

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. Exercise and athletics; running, swimming, biking (still have that Triathlete blood in me); reading; watching movies;

Q. What do you do when you want to relax?

A. Head out to the beach; read a good book (or The Good Book); watch a movie; go biking or running.

Q. What is your favorite place on earth?

A. The Beach! No wait - the Florida Keys! No wait - The St. Croix River! No wait - Santorini, Greece (OK, that's Debbie's, but I love the pictures!) Well, for that matter, in the arms of my wife! (Can I get another big "awwww"?)

Q. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

A. Wow, as you can see from my previous response, there are a LOT of places. But, the Holy Land probably tops my list.

Q. If you could have dinner with one person, living or deceased, who would it be?

A. My impulsive answer would be my mom, Judie Fotsch, who passed away six years ago. But, really, the one person I would love to have dinner with would be Jesus. And, I don't say that just because I'm the new Associate Pastor ;-). Seriously, to just sit down for a couple hours and talk with Him - I mean really get down to the deeper things... Now, that would be something special.

Q. Who is the person who was most influential in your spiritual life?

A. Rev. Tim Smiley, my mentor during the Ordination process.

Q. What is your most unusual talent?

A. I can pick up things with my toes. Though I'm intrigued to read what Pastor Wayne wrote...

Youth news for June and July

Kelly Rains
Youth Director

A Note from Kelly ...

Well, ready or not (and most of my youth are ready), it's here. Summer is actually upon us and that means we are getting ready for some really great months with our youth. First and foremost we will be welcoming our newest youth (our rising 6th graders) to a special lunch on Sunday, June 1 to kick off our summer events. Later that same day **Youth Week** begins, which is a week-long event full of fun activities while growing in their faith. Following **Youth Week**, our youth will then participate in **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** by leading groups, worship, and activities. It is a great way for our youth to serve our church and have lots of fun while doing it. With only 2 days to catch our breath after **VBS**, we then load up a

bus full of children, youth, and adults for a week at camp in Leesburg. After we get back from camp we will then be preparing for **Youth Sunday, June 29**. We are planning some very creative and different things this year, so you don't want to miss it!

With all of that taking us only through the month of June, I am a bit overwhelmed just thinking about it! In July, we then head out on **two different mission trips**, first to the **Florida United Methodist Children's Home in Enterprise, Florida** and then to **Lone Tree Missions in Juarez, Mexico**. Both trips promise to bring new experiences for our youth as they go out into the world to serve. I look forward to this busy and exciting summer and encourage you to join us!

Youth Week 2008 June 1-June 7

FOREVER FRESH

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. HEBREWS 13:8

Sunday June 1: Program 6-8 p.m., Tie Dye T-shirt party 8-10 p.m.

Monday June 2: Program 6-8 p.m., Movie Night 8-10 p.m.

Tuesday June 3: Program 6-8pm, Messy Games 8-10 p.m.

Wednesday June 4: Tubing Trip 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday June 5: Program and Service Opportunity 6-10 p.m.

Friday June 6- Saturday June 7: Magical Mystery Tour all night lock-out 6 p.m. - 8 a.m.

Rising 6th grade picnic

All rising 6th graders and their families are invited to join us on Sunday, June 1 after

the 11:00 a.m. service for a picnic lunch

downstairs in the youth area. Other youth will be

there to welcome you and show you around.

Parents will have an opportunity to complete

important information and get all their questions answered. Hope to see you there!



From left are: Kara Colvin, Annabel Cherry, Susanna Zorn, Scott Griffith, Casey Chandler, Melissa Gilleland, Darryl Rudell. Not pictured, but present was Andrew Smith

Upcoming Youth events for June

June 1 Rising 6th Grade Picnic
12 - 2:00 p.m.

June 1-7 Youth Week

June 8 UMYF (VBS Training)

June 9-13 Vacation Bible School

June 15 UMYF

June 16-21 .. Camp in Leesburg

June 22 UMYF

June 23-28 .. Youth Sunday prep

June 29 Youth Sunday

June 29 UMYF

July

July 6-12 Children's Home Mission Trip

July 6 UMYF

July 13 UMYF

July 20 UMYF

July 21-30 ... Mexico Mission Trip

July 27 UMYF

**Keep checking
the website
for updated
information!**

www.geocities.com/undergroundministries

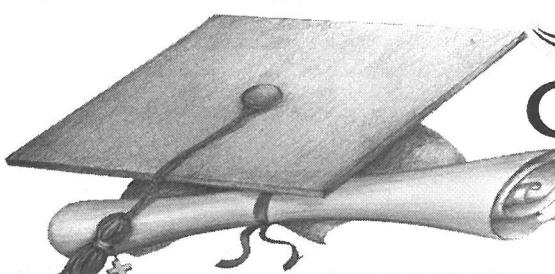
Graduation Sunday

Sunday, May 18 marked a special day for 8 of Trinity's senior high students.

This has been a class that has led worship, been active in the community and also helped, through mission work, people outside the community.

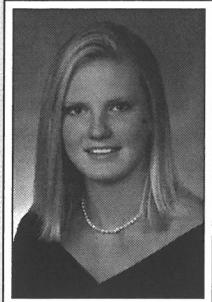
This is a class for which Trinity should be proud.

CONGRATULATIONS

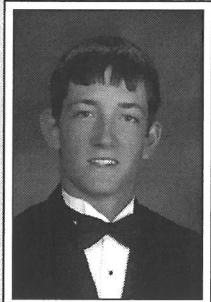


TO OUR GRADUATES 2008

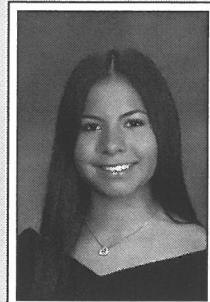
High School Graduates



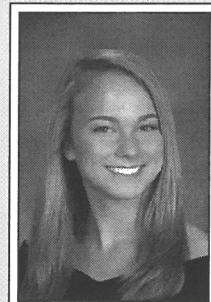
Susanna Taylor Zorn
Leon High School (FSU)
Daughter of Don and Taska Zorn



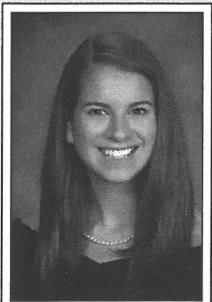
Darryl Jay Rudell, Jr.
Florida High School (TCC/FSU)
Son of Darryl and Ginny Rudell
Grandson of Ronald H. Melton
Grandson of Frances Nell Melton



Kara Leigh Colvin
Lincoln High School
(Elon University)
Daughter of Jesse and Gloria Colvin



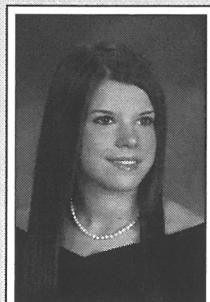
Casey Chandler
Leon High School (FSU)
Daughter of Peggy Dye



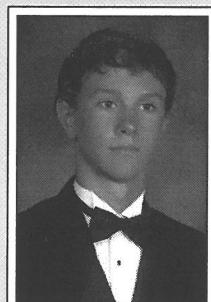
Annabel Christine Cherry
Chiles High School (UF)
Daughter of Gary and Barbara Cherry



Melissa Anne Gilleland
Chiles High School (FSU)
Daughter of Ben and Pat Gilleland



Elizabeth Anne Melder
Lincoln High School (FSU)
Daughter of Mike and Ann Melder



Scott Robert Griffith
Leon High School
(UCF)
Son of Fred and Jaqui Griffith

College Graduates



Craig Toth
Duke Divinity School
Master's of Divinity
Son-In-Law of Blue and Gloria Whitaker

Angela Toth

Duke Divinity School
Master's of Divinity
Daughter of Blue and Gloria Whitaker

Leslie McGlothlin
University of Mary Washington
Bachelor's of Arts (Cum Laude)
Daughter of Joe and Gail McGlothlin

Linzee Long
Florida State University
Bachelor's degree - Special Education
Son of Eddie and Dawn Long

Robert E. Long
University of Florida College of Law
Juris Doctorate
Son of Eddie and Dawn Long



Laura A. McDonald
Florida State University
Bachelor's of Science - Finance
Daughter of Robert and Patty McDonald
Granddaughter of Parker and Ruth McDonald

Jennifer Harrell

Emerson College
Master's of Arts in Theater Education
Daughter of Mike and Nancy Harrell

New members join in April

Trinity increased the church register by six persons on April 27 (which was too late to be included in the May Tidings). Some of the faces will be recognizable to Trinity members, so make sure to say "welcome" when you see them at church. Here are their brief biographical sketches:

Patrick Conn, joined Trinity from another denomination. His wife, Cassie, as well as his in-laws, Ben and Tricia Willis, are current members of Trinity. Pat and Cassie have one daughter, Helen, who will be 3 in June. He works for Schering Plough Pharmaceuticals.

Franklin and Cookie Darnell, also join Trinity from another denomination. Franklin owns Slade & Darnell Adjusters and has an aunt who is a Trinity member, Majel Barrett. Cookie enjoys taking care of her family,

gardening, and scrapbooking.

Chip Darnell, son of Franklin and Cookie,



From left, Jerald Price, Chip Darnell, Cookie Darnell, Franklin Darnell, Judy Green, and Patrick Conn.

sports and spending time at the beach.

Judy Green, is married to Trinity member,

Benson Green and joined Trinity from another denomination. Judy and Benson together have 4 children. Judy works as a fundraiser for the Department of Education/Division of Community Colleges. She enjoys spending time with family and time at the beach.

Jerald Price, who joined from another denomination, has lived in Tallahassee since 1971. He is a retired attorney who worked for the State of Florida as a legislative staff director. He learned about

Trinity through his volunteer work as a board member of ECHO, but also has Trinity connections to Warren May, Marti Chumbler and Dave Kerns. He has two grown daughters and will become a grandfather for the first time in October.

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brings his membership from another denomination. He works for Capital City bank as an Assistant Vice President. He enjoys

Big Bend Cares serves eight counties stretching across Florida's "Big Bend". The organization provides HIV/AIDS case management services and is the primary deliverer of education and comprehensive support to people in the region who are infected with or affected by the disease. Services

also include medical assistance, counseling and support groups, nutritional guidance and transportation assistance. Big Bend Cares offers a network of Clergy and caring individuals who are ready, willing and able to provide Pastoral Care and/or spiritual guidance regardless of denominational or faith affiliation.



Big Bend Cares

Ron McCrainie
Church and Society Co-chair

HIV/AIDS can be a very frightening and difficult disease. People normally experience a wide range of emotions and situations, from stigma and fear to anger and despair. The Big Bend Cares agency links those who are living with HIV to needed services and provides support to people affected by the disease.

Scientists have different theories about the origin of HIV but none have been proven and it is still unknown where the disease originated. The virus has existed in the United States since the mid to late 1970s when rare types of pneumonia, cancer and other illnesses related to immune system deficiencies were being reported. In 1982 formal tracking of AIDS cases began in the United States.

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