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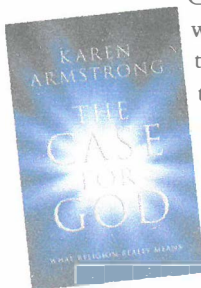
What's New in the Trinity Library?

Gloria Colvin
Trinity Librarian

The Trinity Library has a number of recent books by some of today's leading religion writers. The following excerpts from reviews provide brief descriptions of several of these books.

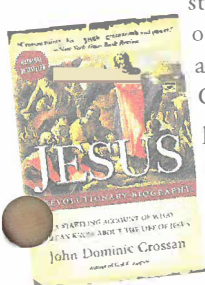
The Case for God by Karen Armstrong

"Karen Armstrong, in writing *The Case for God*, provides the reader with one of the very best theological works of our time. It brings a new understanding to the complex relationship between human existence and the transcendent nature of God." -*The Right Reverend John Bryson Chane, D.D., Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Washington, D.C.*



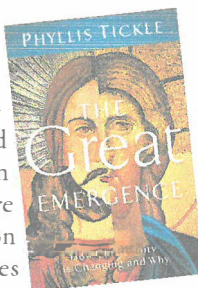
Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography by John Dominic Crossan

"Based on Crossan's more scholarly text, *The Historical Jesus* (1992), this biographical study makes the author's view of Jesus as a social revolutionary available to a wider audience. Crossan clearly defines the problem of trying to locate the historical Jesus in the midst of myth, and he tells readers how he intends to find that Jesus: through cross-cultural anthropology, Greco-Roman and Jewish history, and literary and textual evidence." -*Booklist*



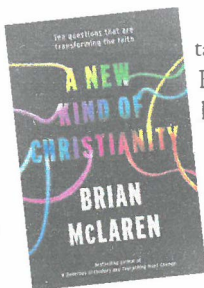
The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why by Phyllis Tickle

"Long an astute observer of religion, Tickle examines a phenomenon she refers to as the Great Emergence, a once-every-500-years trend within Christianity, in which a new and "more vital" form of the religion emerges. She believes such a development is happening now." -*Booklist*



A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions That Are Transforming the Faith by Brian McLaren

"A new reformation is taking place in Christianity. Brian McLaren is one of its leading voices and *A New Kind of Christianity* is a roadmap for this reformation." -*Adam Hamilton*



An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith by Barbara Brown Taylor

"Author of an acclaimed memoir (*Leaving Church*) and a gifted preacher, Taylor is one of those rare people who truly can see the holy in everything. Since everyone should know such a person, those who

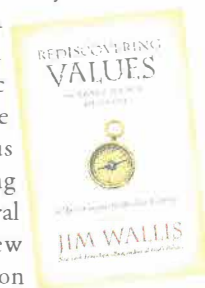
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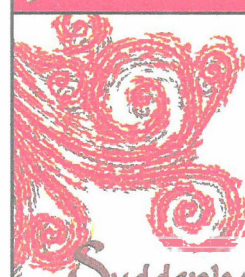
don't can—no, must—read this book, with its friendly reminders of everyday sacred." -*Publishers Weekly*

Rediscovering Values: On Wall Street, Main Street, and Your Street by Jim Wallis

"Jim Wallis argues persuasively that the financial crisis is also a moral crisis. A vivid storyteller and prophetic voice, he shows how the worship of markets has led us astray -- and how repairing the economy requires a moral awakening and a new commitment to the common good." -*Michael J. Sandel - professor of government at Harvard*



Pentecost Sunday



Suddenly

"A SOUND LIKE THE BLOWING OF A VIOLENT WIND CAME FROM HEAVEN AND FILLED THE WHOLE HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE SITTING." ACTS 2:2

Pentecost Sunday is observed on May 23 this year. Pentecost celebrates the moment when the holy spirit was manifested to the disciples in the form of a violent wind and tongues of fire.

Pentecost also marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from February 10, 2010 through March 15, 2010:

In memory of **Peggy Wells Hughes** from Bill and Alice Grow, John and Martha Larson, Pamela Wells, Cliff and Annell Holler, "Toots" and John Thomas, Aren and Ward Moncrief, Frank and Sarah Shaw, Louis and Margaret Fischer, Dr. and Mrs. Glen Barden, Joyce and George Carefoot, James and Valarie Easterling, Fred and Sally Robbins, Warren and Judy Goodwin, Ron and Gail Hock, Justice and Mrs. P.L. McDonald, Bill and Paula Smith, JCHS Class of 1957, Herbert and Linda Demott, John and Martha Larson, Joanna Novcy, Patsy and Mark Bates, John and Ellen Lewis, Jerry, Sue Ann, Leslie and David Williamson, Julian and Jeanne Hamilton, John and Marjorie Finlayson, Sue and Bill McKemie, Bettie Jane Grant and family, Tommy and Bertie Culbreath, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Wadsworth, Thomas and Jacqueline Perrin, Charles and Pamela Shields, Ann and Carl Croft, Elizabeth Jewett, William Moncrief, Pep and Bruce Culpepper, Bill and Margaret Stallworth, Cynthia and Bill Smith, Jim and Rochelle Davis, Bill and Marylee Peebles, Bob and Beverly Burleson, Rex and Nelda Toothman, Dr. Mart P. Hill, Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Cottrell, David and Joyce Batt, Leslie and Palmer Williams, Roger and Agnes Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kreimer, Nancy and Buddy Holley, David and Deborah Fonvielle, Dick and Joyce Peters, Donald and June Alford, Ginny Anthony, Bob and Linda Yates, Lucy Trawick, Dick and Pat Winchester, Kevin and Susan McGonigle, Ward and Ruth Wagner, Dodie Anderson, Larry and Connie Durrence, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McDaniel, John and Eleanor Hawkins, DeWitt and Neddy Sumners, Lawrence and Kathleen Rich, Robert and Jan Porter, Earline and Larry Adkison, Rhett and Hector Morales, Mary and Charles Harvey, Colin and Phyllis English, James E. Pumphrey, Ernest and Elizabeth Ann Korst, Susie and Jim Ware, Carrol and Mildred Dadisman, John and Jenny Bryant, Helen Overstreet, Phyllis and Dick Hopkins, Nola and Wayne Heath, Ernest And Andrea Kelly, Dan Steele, James and Rosemary Justice, John and Mary Leslie Olson, Orson and Eleanor Smith, Walli, Tricia, and Wallace Beall, Robert and Peyton Deison, Judy Culbreath, Janey and Sterrett Campbell, Drs. Marci and Glenn Beck, Michelle Bragg Hogan, Hume and Ann Coleman, Gerald and Mason Harris, Betty Farkas, Tina and John Williams, James and

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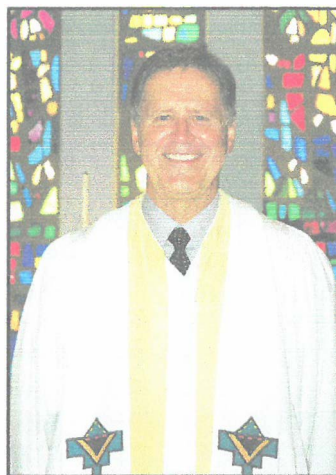
By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

*Laughter is like changing a baby's diaper
It doesn't solve any problems permanently,
But it makes things more
acceptable for a while*

I was blessed with a mother who had a wonderful sense of humor. One of the first things that attracted anyone to my mom was her smile, her laughter, her puns, and her silly jokes...and she had a barrel of them. Anytime we talked on the phone I could count on her saying..."Did you hear the one about...?" (Many times I HAD heard it, but it did her good to tell it again and for me to hear it again!). No matter what we were talking about...the seriousness of her own health at the time, or my dad's Alzheimer's, or the problems of a friend...I knew the conversation would always end with a bit of laughter.

I remember the silly joke she told (numerous times) about the three men who were in the waiting room of a hospital anxiously waiting for the nurse to come out and tell them about the birth of their children. (You can tell how old the joke is!).



The nurse came out and told the first man: "Congratulations, Mr. Jones, you are the proud father of twins!" Mr. Jones said, "That's wonderful. But what a coincidence, I work for Doublemint!" A little later the nurse came out again and said, "Congratulations, Mr. Smith, you are the proud father of triplets!" "That's great," said Mr. Smith, "but what a coincidence,

I work for 3-M." About that time, the third man turned to the nurse and said, "I'm getting out of here! I work for 7-Up!"

I had a long day yesterday and the recollection of Mom's silly joke helped put me in the frame of mind for a good night's rest. I suspect a bit more laughter throughout the day would make ALL of our days and nights better. Look around you, lighten up, and have a good, hearty, holy laugh!

By the way, for you serious Christians out there who need permission...laughter IS biblical!

You are loved,

Wayne

Rosalind Sledge, Julian and Betty Proctor, Giles and Diane Toole, Gary and Brenda Bailey, Mike and Debbie Huey, Leslie Williamson, WD and Virgie Harrod, WD and Judith Henderson, Lloyd and Sally Jett, Sam and Mary Margaret Rogers, Joe and Marilyn Williams, Burlingame Country Club, and Betty Ann and Benson Skelton.

In memory of **Mary Ann Helton** from Bill and Marylee Peebles, Nancy Waugh, Ledley and Oberley Brown.

In memory of **Mary Ann Cannon Hartwell** from Rebecca Stevens.

In memory of **Emily Davis Jenkins** from Cynthia and Bill Smith, Jim and Rochelle Davis and Dr. Mart P. Hill.

In memory of **CJ Hodges** from Ron and Gail Hock.

In memory of **Gayle Landrum** from Dick and Pat Winchester.

In memory of **Blanche Halley** from Susan Garnett.

In memory of **Francis J. Black, Jr.** from Susan Garnett.

In memory of **Mary Elisabeth Black** from Susan Garnett.

In memory of **Clifton Wight Quinly** from Dabney Moloney.

In memory of **Mary Blackburn** from UMW Circle 9.

May Music News

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

Friends of Music Update

At Trinity, there are many friends of music. This has been a church that has supported and encouraged its music ministry for a long time. Donations to our new Friends of Music ministry are increasing rapidly! We are especially grateful to those who have contributed in memory of Peggy Hughes, who passed away March 14, 2010.

She was an ardent supporter of music here at Trinity. Her work as one of the two primary fund raisers for our magnificent organ is well known. Now, again, Peggy's love for music at Trinity Church continues by giving this fledgling project a huge boost! We have sufficient funds to schedule some special events, which we hope to announce soon. Interested in supporting Friends of Music? Donation forms are available at the church office and soon, from our church website.



Claire Huggins plays Minn in the recent NETkids production of *Table for five, thousand*. Pictured behind Claire is Hannah Moncreiff. In the picture at right, members of the Omega choir thank God for the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

Come, Sing with Us

Our Chancel Choir shrinks a bit each May-June with members going out of town more frequently. We could use a few more singers! If you cannot sing with the choir on a yearly basis, perhaps you can help us out during these two months. The choir will rehearse Wednesday nights, 7:30-8:45 pm

in May, plus June 9. The choir will sing on Sundays through July 4. The music during these two months is generally on the "easy" side. Interested? Please contact me so we are sure to get you into the church (doors are locked for safety reasons on Wednesday nights) for your first rehearsal. If you can attend at least half the rehearsals, please join us!



The UMW May Program

Nancy Kerce will present the program for the May meeting which will focus on prayer and self-denial. This is one of two special meetings each year.

This is the time, following Easter, of gratitude and recognition.

Members are encouraged to determine a sacrifice each day and save the money that would have been spent on that sacrifice, and give that money to the collection at the May luncheon meeting.

The funds from that collection will be donated to missions (such as Haiti) in the United Methodist Church through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

UMW Circles to Meet

Circle 1 will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, May 10, with Margie Mixon, 2219 Demaron Road.

Circle 2 will meet in the church library immediately after the UMW luncheon meeting on Tuesday, May 4.

Circle 4 will meet in the church library on Tuesday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m.

Circle 5 will be eating out. Call Patti Oakley, 877-4898 for details.

Circle 6 will meet at the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 Randolph Circle, at 6 p.m., Monday, May 10.

Circle 8 will meet at noon, Wednesday, May 5, at Saint John's Cafe.

Circle 9 meets Tuesday, May 18, at 10 a.m. For details call Liz Smith, 576-1533.

Circle 10 meets Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. with Charlotte Mathews, 424 Blue Dolphin Lane.

Day on Campus

Gloria Colvin
Florida UMC Children's Home Liaison

On March 20, a group of seven from Trinity set out in the early morning hours for a trip to Enterprise, Florida to visit the United Methodist Children's Home. Thanks to Bill Fritchman, our intrepid driver, we arrived in good time to join more than 1,700 other Florida United Methodists for the opening program of the "Day on Campus." Being part of such a large group of people who share a commitment to the Children's Home was an awe-inspiring experience that made us realize the collective impact that we have as members of a church in the Florida United Methodist Conference.

Residents and staff from the Children's Home entertained the audience with musical and dance performances, and they presented awards to individuals and churches that have demonstrated exceptional support of the Children's

Home. Following the program, we enjoyed a lunch served under a giant tent and then toured the campus.

The physical campus is large and contains eleven cottages where children live in small, family-like settings. Each cottage has two sets of house parents who rotate one week on and one week off. The teenage residents were the hosts and guides for our visit to the middle school boys' cottage. Our guide proudly showed us his room, the kitchen where meals are prepared and served family style, and the great room where many



Trinity was well represented at the "Day on Campus." Those who attended were, (left to right) Bill Fritchman, Lillian and Buddy Byrd, Kim Simpkins, Gloria Colvin, Jimmy Duncan, and David Kerns.

of the residents gathered to watch tv or play music. The campus also includes a chapel, counseling centers, child care center, gymnasium, and administration building. The Home offers an impressive array of support services and a devoted and caring staff to work with the children, most of who have come from difficult and damaging

family situations. Our support, along with that of other United Methodists in the state, makes a positive difference in these children's lives.

Change the City Goes to Tallahassee Girls Choir of C.H.O.I.C.E.

Sabrina Denmark
Church and Society co-chair

This month's Change the City recipient is **The Tallahassee Girls Choir of C.H.O.I.C.E.** This group's focus is to develop girls, ages eight to eighteen, into young women who have

social and cultural graces, various musical styles, and the arts.

They make a difference by:

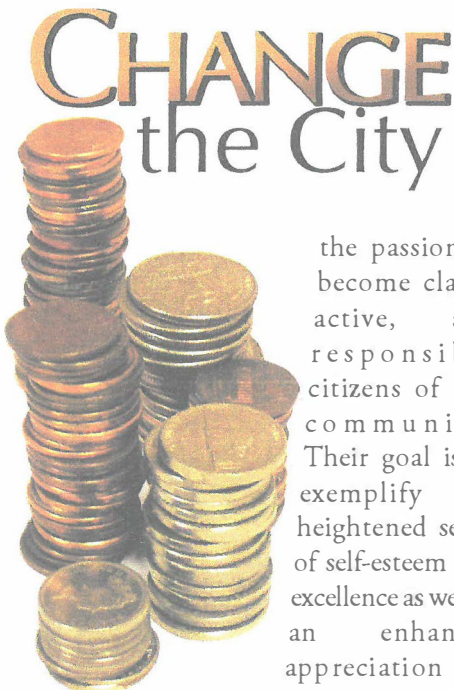
- (1) providing opportunities and experiences that will uplift, empower and enlighten them regarding life's lessons and the arts;
- (2) instilling values (Character, Honesty, Originality, Integrity, Confidence and Excellence) that will enable the young ladies to make wise and informed choices as they experience life's journey, and;
- (3) fostering positive attitudes, confidence, and self-esteem.

They meet

every Tuesday and Thursday at Bethel A.M.E. Church where they are taught to sing and perform. They learn dance and movement in order to unify song with dance. **The Tallahassee Girls Choir** will have recitals and different performances throughout the year.

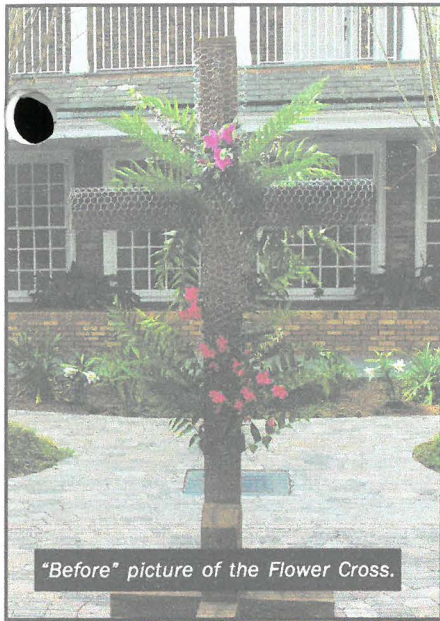


The Tallahassee Girls Choir of CHOICE performs throughout Florida to a wide range of audiences.



the passion to become classy, active, and responsible citizens of this community. Their goal is to exemplify a heightened sense of self-esteem and excellence as well as an enhanced appreciation for

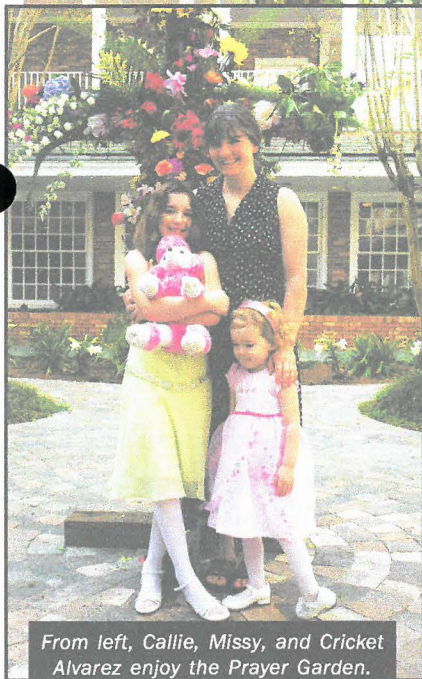
Easter 2010



"Before" picture of the Flower Cross.



Natalie Jump and Tori Bradley get their Easter picture taken.



From left, Callie, Missy, and Cricket Alvarez enjoy the Prayer Garden.



Dale and Marie Bradley stand in front of the Flower Cross.



Reverend Wayne, and Beth Curry, and Reverend Tony, and Debbie Fotsch, with baby Christian relax after the Easter services.

Here's what's happening with the Youth in May

Kelly Rains Jordan Perry
Youth Director Youth Intern

A Note from Kelly ...

How do you like to spend your weekends? Do you like heading to the beach or taking a picnic to the park? Do you like to relax, sleep in, treat yourself to a nice meal out, or go shopping? Or would you rather starve, sleep uncomfortably, and serve others? That's the perfect weekend if you ask



The 30 Hour Famine group proudly display their backpacks (at left) before going in for a little competitive bingo with the local retirement home pros.



Rachel Bielling directs laundromat traffic to make sure things don't get overloaded.

me and that's exactly what we did last weekend with the youth! For our 30 Hour Famine this year we thought we would change it up a bit and challenge the youth to even more, as if not eating for 30 hours wasn't enough, right? The famine started right after lunch on Friday and ended with dinner on Saturday. On Friday we loaded the bus, each person bringing only a pillow and a jacket with them (nothing else), and headed to Marianna. But how much do you really need when you are starving for 30 hours to help feed children across the globe? It was the perfect weekend and we had a blast. Not only did our youth realize they could do without food, clothes, and bedding, but they could also have fun at a laundromat (which many of our youth had never been to before), playing bingo with



Edna Foxworth shows her winning card while playing "cross" bingo at the retirement home.

UNDERGROUND ministries



Upcoming Youth events for May

- May 1 Confirmation Banquet 6:00pm
- May 2 Confirmation Sunday 11am service
- May 2 Youth Praise Band 4pm, Youth Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- May 5 Last Wednesday Bible Study (4:30pm Mid-High, 6:30pm High School)
- May 9 Youth Choir sings 8:30am & 11:00am services
- May 9 No Youth Praise Band, No Youth Choir, UMYF 6:00pm (Movie Night)
- May 16 Graduate Sunday 11:00am service (breakfast in Parlor 9:45am)
- May 16 Youth Praise Band 4pm, No Youth Choir, UMYF 6pm
- May 23 Youth Praise Band 4pm, No Youth Choir, UMYF 6pm
- May 23 Guatemala Interest Meeting 8pm (rising 9th grade and up)
- May 30 Rising 6th Grade Picnic 12:00pm (The Underground)
- May 30 UMYF Stock the Pantry Party 6:00-8:00pm (No Praise Band, No Choir)

Other Upcoming Events

- Jun. 6 "School's Out" Party 6pm (Youth Praise Band 4pm)
- Jun. 9-12 Mid-High Mission Trip to Orlando
- Jun. 13-18 ... VBS
- Jun. 20 Movie Night
- Jun. 27-
- Jul. 2 Youth Week
- Jul. 12-17 Camp in Leesburg
- Jul. 25-31 Sr. High Mission Trip to New Orleans
- Aug. 8 Youth Sunday

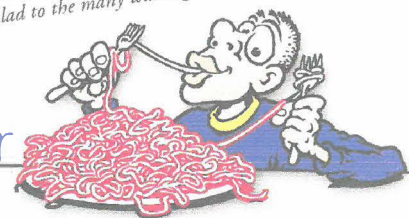


"Do you want fries with that?" No, fries weren't available, but lots of salad and delicious spaghetti was eaten at the Spaghetti fundraiser during Springtime Tallahassee. Helping out in the kitchen were from left, Bob Hamm, Courtney Hamm, Debbie Henderson, Savannah Sterling, Ginger Parsons, and Sheryl Hamm.



Maria Parsons and Cassie LaJeunesse prepare to serve some of those heaping, healthful plates of spaghetti and salad to the many waiting patrons.

Thank you Debbie and Sheryl! 2010 Trinity Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser



Anna Drake applies nail polish to a retirement home resident as part of the service portion of the weekend.



Jim 'Bingo Caller' Henderson, youth volunteer extraordinaire, participated in all of the activities including the 30 Hour Famine!

**30
Hour
FAMINE**



Jordan Perry helps Colin McDuffie and Matthew Huggins launch their canoe.



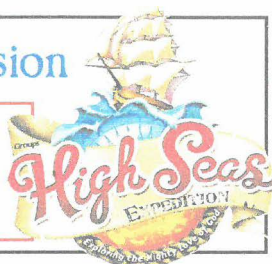
Cassie LaJeunesse, Matthew Huggins, Brett Ingram, Chris Agoranus, and Savannah Sterling proudly display the blanket they made for Project Linus.

VBS Sign Up for Jun. 14-18 Session

Early Bird (by May 1): \$15 child/\$35 family

Deadline for all Preschool May 1

After May 1: \$25 child/\$60 family (Elementary only)



Habitat for Humanity

Ron McCranie
Habitat liaison

Spring is in the air! What better way to greet it than being outside in the fresh air and sunshine, building a home!

Area Methodist churches are partnering with our Presbyterian brothers and sisters to sponsor a new Habitat home. Work began back on Feb. 27. The build is located at 2475 Pennlyn Drive in the Tallahassee Highlands neighborhood off Centerville Road, and will be the new home of Erica Clayton and her two children.



Trinity members Nancy Duncan, Karen Russell, Beth Butcher, and Cathy McCarty relax for a brief lunch after a busy morning of working on the Habitat House at Pennlyn Drive.

Volunteers come together on Saturdays to help build the home. As in the past, there will be a variety of opportunities; from providing breakfast or lunch to painting and landscaping.

May 8, 15 and 22 will be devoted to preparing for landscaping and putting final touches on the home. We have a real need for folks on those days. So if you've just been itching to get outside and play in the dirt during this beautiful weather, drop me a note.

Please consider coming out to help in this very worthwhile ministry. Family and friends are welcome too. You don't need any special skills; just enthusiasm and a willingness to help a deserving family achieve the dream of owning a home. Fun and fellowship are guaranteed, so pick a Saturday (or two) and contact me at 671-4815 or mcranie@hotmail.com to sign up.

End-of-Life Planning Seminar

Wednesday, May 12 at 6:15

Special Event

Make plans now to attend this special "End-of-Life Planning Seminar." The purpose of this class is to assist you in expressing your wishes regarding what happens at the time of your death. The class will be hosted by Tom Wilkinson of the Florida United Methodist Foundation, Inc. It is intended to assist the grieving and provide them with valuable information.

This is your chance to help your family after your death. It covers everything from your burial plans to legal and financial forms.

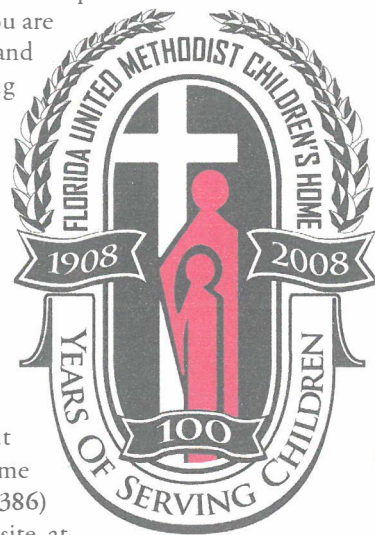
Find comfort in knowing that you are conveying helpful information about yourself to your family, pastor and friends.

Fifth Sunday benefits Florida UMC Children's Home

The wonderful month of May offers Trinity another chance to help fund the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Trinity, and other churches throughout Florida, give a special offering on each of the fifth Sundays during the year.

When you put your check in the special Children's Home envelope, you are providing for the interests and well-being of deserving children, youth and families. Through your gift to the Children's Home, the influences of God's tender mercies, and noble human compassion, are combined for a lasting benefit - preserving and transforming life.

The Children's Home has a wide variety of giving plans. For more information about these plans, and how the Home benefits Florida, please call (386) 668-4774 or visit their website at www.fumch.org.



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