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Trinity will partake in a district wide charge conference! To prepare for this our next administrative council will be church wide, meaning every member has a vote. So come out and see what happens when our church meets on October 16, Monday at 7pm.

Homecoming 2006

CALLING ALL MUSICANS!!!
CONTACT SUE @ 423 967 4288
WE NEED YOU!!!

It's that time of year again! Our Annual homecoming Sunday, October 15th at 10:50am.



Be sure to join us for a great morning worship service followed by a covered dish dinner. Don't forget to bring a dish (or two) and join in some great fun, good food and Christian fellowship. This year's worship will be a celebration of musical talents in our congrega-

tion. We will have a mixture of old hymns and newer music by all of our resident guitar and keyboardists

with special solos and choir specials. We hope to have a packed house this Sunday and if you haven't been to church in a while, this would be a great day to return. Everyone welcome!

APPLE BUTTER TIME

We will be making apple butter on October 19, 20, 21 – we need all the help we can get – peeling, washing cans, cooking apples, stirring, etc so make plans now to help as much as you can. Also, we are taking orders now for apple butter so please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or call Nancy Smith (466-8698) or Ruth Hutton (669-7498-home 669-1772-church). We need this information so we will know how many bushels of apples to purchase – this is important – so please let us know soon. Apple butter will be \$4 a pint and \$7 a quart.



NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUFF

Children

READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

To kick-off our new Wednesday night Children's Bible study, we will be sponsoring the GFL (God's football league). Our children will be divided into two conferences: OTC (old testament conference—girls) and NTC (new testament conference—boys). Each week as our children



learn more about the Bible, they will have opportunities to move their football down the field to score. At the end of our season, we will host a Super Bible Bowl trivia face off. The top scorer of each league will lead his or her team as captain. We thank the Faith Finder's Sunday School class who have volunteered to be league officials.

Youth

SING AND SIGN FOR JOY - WE HAVE A YOUTH CHOIR!!!!

Our youth will be meeting with Pastor Amy to form a youth choir. We will learn two musical pieces and sign language for the month of October. This stuff is super cool, so come on out and bring a friend on Wednesdays.



**CORN
MAZE
CONFU-
SION**

We invite everyone to travel with us to the Stickley Farm Corn Maze on Oct. 28. We will leave from church at 5pm and stopping along the way to eat dinner. Stickley Farm offers two mazes: The Gauntlet Haunted Maze and a children's maze and a haunted hay ride. The cost of dinner and maze is 19\$ children and 21 adults. Contact Amiee Rasnick to register (they need to know how many to expect!)

We ask that one parent from each family group travel with the children. Safety is our major concern with this request. If child or children want to go but no parent is available to attend, please contact Pastor Amy or Aimee Rasnick (669-1772) and we will make every effort to locate a chaperone for your child.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Please join us on October 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 for a Hot Dog supper and trunk or treat. Our youth will be selling hot

dogs to raise money for their spiritual retreat in January. Trunk or Treat will then begin at 6:00pm. Please bring your lawn chairs and pass out treats to our kids and the neighborhood kids. The holiday presents us with a unique opportunity to reach out into our community and let them know we care about children.



**One of our nursery's-
newest additions:
Jacob Noah Cobb**

*The father of
the righteous
shall greatly
rejoice; and he
that beget a
wise child shall
have joy of
him.*
Proverbs 23:24

YOUTH

*Join us at the Wier Dam for the baptism of Raven Crusenberry. Bring a side dish to accompany the chicken (provide by the Crusenberry family THANK YOU)

*During the month of October and Sunday, October 8, our youth choir will meet and prac-

tice.

*Faith Team parents are to meet to pick up a copy of our youth handbook on October 4 after Raven's baptism.

*Our youth will be helping with a fundraiser during TRUNK OR TREAT. If you plan to go on the RESURRECTION TRIP, come and help.



PASSPORT TO

RESURRECTION *Our youth will be earning the privilege attend a weekend spiritual retreat in Gatlinburg, called RESURRECTION by earning stamps on their "passports". Each youth will earn stamps for attendance and behavior for Sunday School, worship and Wednesday nights. Additional requirements include participation in fundraisers. LEARN MORE ON OCT 4!!!*

PARENTS

During Sunday School parents have a unique opportunity to sharpen parenting skills with Pastor Amy and Mindy Miller in the prayer room. We will begin the DVD biblically based, series Proactive Parenting. The first session is Parenting 101. Here is what we will cover:

- October 15** Navigating through troubled waters
- October 22** Developing a Parenting plan
- October 29** Managing the "Balancing Act"
- November 5** Keeping your Family Strong

We invite you to try out our new Sunday school class at 9:45am each Sunday. This is tailor made for parents.

Jake Sexton enjoying a meal.

FAITH TEAM PARENTS (Youth parents)
Please pick up a copy of your youth handbook and attend parents meeting on October 4 at the Weir Dam. This will hold valuable information about trips, fundraisers, outings and youth policies!

October 2, 2006

TRINITY UNITED
METHODIST

To all Trinity members,

Trinity's Finance
Leadership

Doug Sims
Finance Chair

Trustee Chair
Bob Sharp

Financial Secretary
Linda Roberts

Treasurer
Carolyn Denton

Lay Leader
Bob Bailey

Members at Large
Pete Lauzon
Bill Shanks
Ruth Hutton
John Wright

Thank you to everyone who has been so supportive toward obtaining the land adjacent to the church. The church members and supporters have been with this each step of the way.

The reality of where we stand at this point is that Harry Williams has withdrawn his offer to sell the property. When we originally talked with him there was no mention of the amount of land being conveyed to the church. The plat that was given to us to consider the property showed 5.744 acres, we mistakenly assumed that was the amount of property he offered to sale us. When the survey came back on the two pieces of property we desired it showed the total acreage to be 1.865 acres for both parcels (5.744 acres was the total on the entire Williams property). The bank had no problem loaning us \$44,394.15 per acre, but when that number escalated to \$136,729.22 per acre their guidelines would not allow a loan of that amount without an independent appraisal. Mr. Williams will not agree to an independent appraisal, he wants the original amount for the property or he is not willing to sell. The property will not appraise for the asking price so at this point in time we are at a stale-mate.

There was a called meeting after our morning worship service Oct 1, 2006 to discuss the land, it was agreed by those in attendance that we should remain positive and continue to raise money for the land.

This is not the news or result we desired, but we must have faith that if God wills us to have this land for expanding his works, a way will be provided.

Kim Goddard told Pastor Amy not to be discouraged but to continue on, this was more the rule than the exception to acquiring property.

We will plan on a pot luck dinner at the church after morning worship, at a date to be determined and announced, to have a question and answer session as well as an open forum so everyone will be informed of what is going on.

Your prayers are requested for this matter and your questions and concerns are welcomed.

Sincerely



PECAN PARADISE

The children and youth department has been given the opportunity to sell top quality pecans by the Calhoun Pecan Company. We will be offering seven different varieties: pecan halves or pieces, butter roasted or salted cashews and two gift tins. The 24 ounce Pecan Duet Gift Tin is filled with Double Dipped Chocolate Pecans and Pralines. The two pound Seventh Heaven is filled with double dipped chocolate pecans, creamy white pecans, pralines, whole crisp pecans, chocolate butter toffee pecans, chocolate honey baked pecans and sugar and spice pecans. We will begin accepting orders on October 8 (we will have samples that Sunday). We will be able to accommodate large orders for corporate Christmas gifting. These items will be delivered during the second week of November just in time for the holiday baking season.

Because we believe that God's house is a safe place, you will find safe sanctuary posters on church bulletin boards. The information will help in case any abuse happens in our building. Thank you. —
Pastor Amy

WORSHIP

Our church will be honoring those who have passed away the past two years. Normally, we only light candles for church members, but this year our worship team decided to open it up to any family who would like to have their loved one's name in the bulletin and light a candle in their memory. Please contact Ms. Ruth at the church office to add the name of your loved one to our list via phone or email. The date for that worship service is November 5.

NO CHARGE CONFERENCE!!

Our church will not be having a charge conference this year. Charge conference is the joint meeting with the District Superintendent in which every member has a vote on major church issues. Our church will be participating in a district wide charge conference on October 29 @ 4pm-6pm, Virginia higher education center at Virginia Highland community college. All church members are invited to attend. Our church will make major decisions during our next Administrative Council meeting, October 16th at 7pm. All church members have a vote so please come and be heard as we plan ministry for the upcoming year.

**THANKS TO BOB
BAILEY FOR PROVIDING
PICTURES FOR
OUR NEWSLETTER!**

Wednesday Night Menu

**October 4
(at Weir Dam)**

Bring side dishes to go with
Chicken

October 11

Homemade soup and
cornbread

October 18

Bring your own casserole

October 25

BBQ, Slaw, Chips

CALENDAR

EVERY MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Monday, October 2,9,16,23, 30—Lectionary minister

10:30am till noon

Tuesday, October 3,9,16,23,30—Beth Moore Study 10am

Wednesday, October 4, 11,18,25—Family Night 6pm

Special Events!

Sunday, October 15-HOMECOMING

Monday, October 16-Administrative Council, 7pm

Thursday, October 19- Apple Butter making

Friday, October 20—Apple Butter making

Saturday, October 21- Apple Butter making

Monday, October 23—Men's club dinner 6pm

Saturday, October 28—Corn Maze 5pm

Every person,

according to

his or her

heart, let them

give; not

grudgingly, or

of necessity,

for God loves a

cheerful giver.

2 Cor 9:7

Serving our church this month

Scripture Readers

October 1

Claudia Beach

October 8

John Wright

October 15

David Curtis

October 22

Linda Roberts

October 29

Mike Helton

Acolytes

October 1

Raven Crusenberry

October 8

Chelsea Sage

October 15

Skyler Crusenberry

October 22

Abbi Sage

October 29

Kim Crusenberry

Bread Delivery

Nancy Smith

Food Pantry

October 11

Alex & Nancy Smith

Opportunities to serve

Needed: Apple butter stirrers

Needed: someone who can fill

out our baptism/wedding cer-

tificates in calligraphy

Needed: Musicians and sing-

ers for worship

Call Church office to report for duty!

Pastor's out of town schedule:
10/5 10:30am mtng in Knoxville
7:30 pm mtng in Abingdon
10/11 9:30am district minister's mtng

Financial Update:

Total pledged toward Promised Land - \$187,681.53

Total given toward Promised Land - \$62,447.53

Total given toward budget to date - \$82,203.00

Average per Sunday - \$2,107.77

OCTOBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1 – Jim Sexton | 19 – Donnie Branson | 1-Lynn & Linda Roberts |
| 1 – Autumn Lauzon | 21 – Pete Lauzon | 1 – Vernon & Patsy Gross |
| 5 – Amy Holmes | 21 – Curnie Dunn | 5 – Rex and Phyllis Lawson |
| 5 – Thomas Jay Barlow | 23 – Jeff Ketron | 7 – Craig & Aimee Rasnick |
| 5 – Joshua Lee Barlow | 24 – James Smiley | 17 – Doug & Virginia Salazar-Buda |
| 7 – Arizona Scott | 25 – Megan Branson | |
| 7 – David Jones | 26 – Debbie Daugherty | |
| 8 – Chad Miller | 26 – Charles Denton | |
| 12 – Joyce Barb | 26 – Zachary Tolley | |
| 13 – Christian Privette | 26 – Morgan Sharp | |
| 13 – Bill Cahill | 29 – Chris Smiley | |
| 16 – Bill Tolley | 30 – Helene Denny | |
| 17 – Ruth Hutton | 30 – Kim Crusenberry | |

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF WE HAVE LEFT OFF ANY BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY INFORMATION THAT MAY PERTAIN TO YOU OR YOUR FAMILY.



Thanks to Doug Sims and company who have provided great worship in song this past month. We love those ol'hymns—keep 'em com'in!!!



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JOIN US:

Sunday School
Worship
Family Night
Boy Scouts

Non-Profit Org
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Sunday 9:45am
Sunday 11am
Wednesday 6pm
Tues and Thurs 7pm

Life is more than making a living!
LIFE TOGETHER WITH GOD!!!



Prayer List

MEMBERS

Winnie Hill
Joe Tolley
Georgia Poole
Bruce and Jackie Hamilton
Omah Lee Shaffer
Alma Ruth Hunigan
Coleen Pierce
Kathryn Myers
William "Boomer"
Daugherty
Patsy Hudson

FRIENDS

Kay Ferguson
Jonnie Cline
Billy McDaniel

SHUT-IN

Betty Hopkins
Jessie Fullen