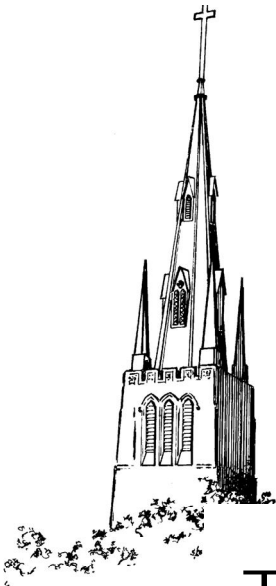


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Serving Christ from the Heart of Downtown Durham: **Experiencing** the Love of God through Jesus Christ, **Sharing** God's love in word & deed, **Inviting** others to faithful living in the Kingdom of God

FEATURE

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well the state of mind of many of us in America today. We have witnessed dramatic market losses, the collapse of the world's largest insurance company, and many bankruptcies and mergers. Every day seems to bring another piece of economic uncertainty.

Join us in worship through October for a sermon series entitled *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. Our nation is experiencing what many have described as the "American Nightmare." Increasing consumer debt, declines in savings, lower income growth, and a volatile stock market are all a part of our economic insecurity. We have lived in a society that tells us "you deserve it now," whether or not we can afford it or really even need it.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, over the first four weeks of October, we will be having a church-wide study and worship emphasis called *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship and small group study. We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on October 23rd.

I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

In Christ,

Rev. Taylor Mills

Schedule of Topics:

October 2: "Faith in the Midst of Financial Crisis"

October 9: "Living Within God's Provision"

October 16: "Defined by Generosity"

October 23: "Consecration: Coming Before God"

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birthdays

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| 10/1 Blake Rogers | 10/13 Thomas Eamon |
| 10/2 Bill Stewart | Larissa Oryshkevich |
| 10/3 Louise McCrackin | Alexander Stewart |
| Marcia O'Neal | 10/15 Felix Markham |
| 10/5 Wade MacDonald | 10/16 Russell Richey |
| Vickie Odom | 10/18 Cornelia Mason |
| 10/7 Kyle Wiggins | 10/19 Linda Stewart |
| Joshua Benson | 10/20 Lou McCutcheon |
| 10/8 Sara Kerley | 10/21 Sarah McGiverin |
| James Vollers | 10/21 Elizabeth Leathers |
| 10/9 Kendra Jones | 10/23 Clinton Rogers |
| Wyatt Harris | 10/24 Carolyn Warden |
| | 10/30 Travis Fountain |

Happy Birthday! *If you have an October birthday and it is not listed here, please contact the church office!*

GREETERS

- 10/2 Carl & Dale Ross
- 10/9 Carl & Dale Ross
- 10/16 Debbie Fletcher & Michele Jones
- 10/23 Debbie Fletcher & Michele Jones
- 10/30 Donald & Nita Gaye Gladstone

FLOWERS

- 10/2 The family of Bess Raper
- 10/9 Need Volunteer
- 10/16 Need Volunteer
- 10/23 Need Volunteer
- 10/30 Dougal & Angela Fountain

SUPPLICANTS

- 10/2 Communion Sunday
- 10/9 Leland MacDonald
- 10/16 Jenny Knott
- 10/23 Jim Ayres
- 10/30 Pam Guidry-Vollers

READERS

- 10/2 Magan Stubblefield
- 10/9 Krista Harris
- 10/16 Linda Clark
- 10/23 Annette Morgan
- 10/30 Tyler Williams

NURSERY

- 10/2 Joan Pepper
- 10/9 Karen MacDonald
- 10/16 Elaine McVey
- 10/23 Dougal & Angela Fountain
- 10/30 Steve Harris

USHERS

- Bob Gordon, Captain
- Alex Crowell
- Elizabeth Benson
- Marie Montague

ALTER GUILD

- Karen Westervelt
- Susan Osgood

ACOLYTE

- Camani Turner

BADGE TABLE

- Kent & Kristen Foss

COMMUNION STEWARDS

- Nicole & Justin Baker, Duane Osgood

MEMBERSHIP



Congratulations Tyler Williams!

Duke Divinity School senior and Trinity UMC member Tyler Williams became a "Certified Candidate" through Durham District Committee on Ordained Ministry in September! This is the step before he goes to the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry in search of "Provisional Membership" as a clergyperson upon graduation. Congratulations Tyler!

Confirmation

We are excited to plan a Confirmation Sunday on **October 9th at the 11AM service** when some of our youth who have been attending many weeks of confirmation classes will be ready to make their professions of faith!

New Member at Trinity

Tim Wollin joined Trinity on September 18th, 2011. We welcome Tim into the Trinity family!

Baptism

Congratulations to the Swain family for Samantha Claire Swain's baptism. She is the daughter of Katherine and Wesley Swain and niece of Taylor and Betsy Mills.



Bess Raper

There will be a memorial service for Bess Raper on Sunday, October 2nd at 2:00pm with a reception in the Parlor to follow.



Stephanie & Charles Bradley

Congratulations to Stephanie Trebes and Charles Bradley who were married at Trinity on September 24th!

Anna Iroler & Brittain Woods

Anna Iroler & Brittain Woods will be getting married on October 15th at Trinity!

THANK YOU

Dear Trinity Family,

I can't express how much your visits and comforting thoughts helped during this sad time. Also many thanks to all at Trinity for guidance and support in planning everything. We miss Dad greatly, but we celebrate his wonderful life and hold dear the many memories. We are truly blessed.

John Coupland

Thank you to Liz & Reggie Allred for their generous donation of coffee that is served each Sunday by the elevator! All are invited to enjoy coffee and a light snack after 8:15am.

Trinity UMC,

On behalf of the 100 Men in Black Chorus, please accept my sincere appreciation for your hospitality and kindness shown to us during our recent worship experience with you on August 25th. I especially want to thank Josh Stout, Betsy Taylor, Bob Gordon, Jim Ayres, Duane Osgood, your usher ministry, and office staff. We were blessed with your kindness, and won't forget the friendships made. Please keep us in your prayers!

Sincerely,
Marlon West, Director

NEWS & EVENTS

Improvements to our Service

Sarah McGiverin, our Worship Advocate, approached me several weeks ago with a suggestion to switch around a couple of elements in our worship services. I reviewed her suggestions very favorably and combined them with suggestions from Betsy Taylor, the Worship Committee, and others. After a prayerful process of discussion the changes and the reasons for them with many throughout the church, I would like to make you aware of them. You'll see in the accompanying diagram below that the underlined items are the parts being changed.

The new order will maintain all the essential elements of our service, reflect the best of our worship theology, and accomplish the following new goals:

1. The Prayer of Confession, Assurance, and Pardon will be before the Passing of the Peace,
2. The children will remain in the service long enough to hear the Gospel reading, and
3. The choir will have their own "stand-alone" Anthem rather than sharing their time with the receiving of the Offering.

Consideration is also being made to honor the time commitment of one hour that worshippers are making by coming to our services. In order to bring about these changes to the 11AM Worship Service, we will be implementing a ministry of "Lay Liturgists." This will mean that it will be several more weeks before we can fully identify and train these liturgists, thus several weeks before we make the outlined changes.

Many thanks to all the leaders, staff, and volunteers who are working on making these improvements a reality.

-Pastor Taylor Mills

Current ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

GATHERING
PRELUDE
*GREETING
*OPENING PRAYER
*HYMN
*THE PEACE
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION
WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

PSALTER/OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
CHILDREN'S SERMON
*GOSPEL LESSON
SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER
OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND SERVICE
THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY
Etc.

Proposed ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

GATHERING
PRELUDE
*OPENING PRAYER (or GREETING)
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION
* SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION
* WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON
*THE PEACE
*HYMN

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

PSALTER/OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
ANTHEM
*GOSPEL LESSON
CHILDREN'S SERMON (perhaps followed by a short bit of music)
SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER
OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND SERVICE
THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY
Etc.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Handbells, 6:00pm, Pine Room

Choir, 7:30-9:00pm, Pine Room

Come one, come all -- Chancel Choir begins at 7:30 p.m. and the Trinity Ringers Handbell Choir begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Pine Room. **Childcare is provided!** Please come and join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and song (or bells). If you are interested in ringing bells and can read music, please contact Betsy Taylor, Music Director, at 967-7697. If you can sing -- just show up on Wednesday night! We would love to have you! See you soon...

Adult Bible Study, 6:30-7:30pm, A/V Room, led by Russ Odom

Join us for a twelve week study of *Psalms: Prayers of the Heart (Lifeguide Bible Studies)* by Eugene Peterson, which began on Wednesday, September 7th. **Childcare is provided!** The Psalms show us how to relate to God as we pray our doubt, fears, and anger. Here we find the best place to explore who we are and what God means to us. Please email magan@trinitydurham.org to sign up!

Childcare is now provided Wednesday Evenings from 6:00-9:00pm!

YOUTH & CHILDREN

Sunday School Subs Needed

Our Children's Ministry is blessed to have teachers committed to teaching Sunday school each week, but sometimes even they get sick or go out of town. If you are willing to serve as a substitute teacher for a children's Sunday school class, please email magan@trinitydurham.org. Thank you for your help!

Safe Sanctuary Training

Willing to volunteer with children and youth? Please attend the Safe Sanctuaries (UMC's policies for reducing the risk of abuse in the church for children and youth) training on Sunday, October 2nd at 8:45am in Magan's office. Email magan@trinitydurham.org if interested.

YOUNG ADULTS

The young adult program has taken off with events such as lunches, game nights, cook-outs, and community service projects! If you are a young professional, college or grad student, keep your eyes open for upcoming events! Have questions or need more details? Contact Lauren Williams at lauren.williams@duke.edu or (954) 579-1204

Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 2011

BUDGET		<i>The left side set of numbers is where we should be in the budget to the date of August 30, 2011.</i>	ACTUAL INCOME	
Contributions:	\$232,000		Contributions:	\$208,834
Other Income:	\$44,533		Other Income:	\$48,532
TOTAL:	\$276,533		TOTAL:	\$257,366
BUDGET		<i>The right side set of numbers are the actual income and expenses that we have had up to this point of the year.</i>	ACTUAL EXPENSE	
Apportionment:	\$44,359		Apportionment:	\$33,270
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$68,200		Utilities & Maintenance:	\$60,982
Personnel:	\$133,933		Personnel:	\$130,961
Other:	\$30,333		Other:	\$22,925
TOTAL:	\$276,825	<i>The DIFFERENCE is the amount our expenses have exceeded our income.</i>	TOTAL:	\$248,138
DIFFERENCE:	(291)		DIFFERENCE:	9,228

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & GROWTH

Fellowship Committee

On the night of Friday, October 21, at 7 o'clock, Paul and Jane Mickey will host the Fellowship Committee for a Fall Festival in their home. Members are invited to bring side dishes made from apples, pumpkins and squash and other fruits and vegetables, or they might want to bring a dessert. The Mickeys will plan a Pork Tenderloin for the entre.



This occasion will give the old members moments to share stories and wisdom with the new members.

Seeking to Serve? Contact Rev. Mills

This is the season in which persons and their spiritual gifts are matched with the church's needs in various teams and committees. If you have felt God stirring you to some ministry in our church life together, please make an appointment with Rev. Mills very soon. The Committee on Lay Leadership (formerly "Nominations Committee") will be meeting soon to make preparations for 2012.



The Pastor Will Be Away

On Nov. 1-2 he will be away as part of his participation in the "Clergy Health Initiative of Duke Divinity School.

Rev. Mills Away

On Oct. 10-11, Pastor Taylor will be at Duke Divinity School for Duke Convocation and Pastor's School.

Habitat Kickoff for Durham District

On Monday, October 3rd at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall there will be a kickoff dinner for the Durham District Habitat House. Any and all volunteers are welcome! Contact Russell Odom or the church office at 683.1386 for more information.

Vision Team Update

The Vision Team continues its work by reading Part III *Deep Change* by Robert E. Quinn. Our first September meeting included a discussion of Part III of the book, which is about organizational change. Quinn is challenging us to identify any of the major impediments to change, which include dominant coalitions, cultural resistance, and what he calls the "tyranny of competence."

The team did identify some coalitions in our church, which include the staff, the laity, the various age groups, ministry teams, informal teams, affinity groups, and the formal committees. However, we did not identify any informal coalitions that could be considered dominant or aggressive. Additionally, Trinity is blessed with many people who are quite competent in many different areas. This allows us to avoid Quinn's "tyranny of competence," where only one member is qualified to do a certain task, and can use his or her competence to veto needed change. In our upcoming meetings, the team will be discussing local Durham demographics.

All Saints Service

November 6th will be the date of our All Saints Remembrance Service at the 11AM worship hour. We will remember each person from our congregation that has gone to be with our Father since the last All Saints service. Family members of the departed are encouraged to attend. May blessings always be upon the saints.

UMW

On Monday, October 3rd at 11:00am, there will be a combined meeting in the Parlor. The program for this meeting will be Jenny Knott. There will be a Communion service before lunch.

Pecan sales have started!! Place an order with one of the women OR in the church office. They are still only \$8.00/lb. They will be here the second week of November, before Thanksgiving.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & GROWTH

Welcome New Ministers of Visitation and Youth

Jason Knott, a Duke Divinity student and husband of our new Office Manager Jenny Knott, was unanimously chosen by the Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee and Rev. Mills to be our Minister of Visitation. This position is just five hours per week but provides vital links between our church, our pastor, and our homebound and sick members.

Magan Stubblefield, who continues in her primary role as Director of Christian Nurture, is turning the visitation ministry over to Jason while she begins a five hour per week role as our new Youth Minister. She will be meeting with middle-school and high-school age persons and their parents throughout our congregation and forming a consistent ministry to youth.

Thanks be to God for providing us with excellent staff to equip and compliment the ministry of our laity!

Pastor Taylor Mills

Popular Christian Singer/Songwriter Derek Webb to Perform at Trinity UMC

On the evening of November 12th Trinity UMC will host singer/songwriter Derek Webb for a concert in conjunction with the "After the Yellow Ribbon" conference being held at Duke



Divinity School. Information can be found at <http://divinity.duke.edu/after-the-yellow-ribbon>.

According to the organizers of the conference, "After the Yellow Ribbon is designed to stimulate conversation between the church, military and academic communities so that all might approach service members and veterans as human beings, and more fully understand and heal the unseen wounds of war (including PTSD and moral injury)."

Speakers at the conference will include military leaders and theologians. The public is invited to attend the concert. Concert tickets are included in the conference registration fees. The general public may purchase tickets for \$10. Limited door tickets may be available, but are not guaranteed.

Durham District Mission Team

Pastor Mills and a couple of other Trinity UMC persons have signed up to be part of this short mission trip to the New Bern area to help with Hurricane Irene relief. Would anyone else like to go? Call, email, or come by the office to let us know ASAP.

The District Superintendent, the Rev. Gray Southern, says:

We will have teams going from our district on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 18-19. We will leave from McMannen Church on Tuesday morning, October 18, at 8:00am to go to the New Bern area where we will use a church as our base, sleeping and showing there. We will have lunch that day and then work that afternoon and the next morning (Wednesday, October 19). After lunch, you can either return home or to work on in the early afternoon and then go home. The only costs will be gas to travel, \$10 for food, and dinner (we will go out to eat on our own in small groups). Please let me know by September 30, if you want to join the team.



Charge Conference and Budget Planning

Our Charge Conference has been scheduled for November 20th at 3PM. It will be held at our church building and Aldersgate UMC will be our guests, holding their Charge Conference here that afternoon too.

Couponing Tips & Tricks 10/15 & 10/22

So you came to a Couponing Tips & Tricks session already? Great! But now that you have tried things out, you have more questions. No problem! Maybe you didn't come to our sessions but have been couponing on your own and have hit a snag. No worries! Welcome to Couponing Tips & Tricks Level 2. Join Pam Guidry-Vollers in the Pine Room Saturday, October 15th at 10 AM when we will go beyond the basics of couponing and address the things that have worked for you, the things that have not and everything in between. There will also be a beginning Couponing class on October 22nd at 10am in the Pine Room!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Every Monday	Weekly Staff Meeting, 9:30am
Every Wednesday	Weekly Prayer Group, 9:45am, Parlor Contemplative Prayer Group, 12:15pm, AV Room Handbell Choir, 6:00pm, Pine Room Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm, AV Room Chancel Choir, 7:30pm, Pine Room
Every Thursday	Men's Prayer Group, 6:30am, Parlor
Every Sunday	Worship Service at 8:45am (Weekly Communion), Parlor Sunday School, 9:45am, Classrooms Worship Service at 11:00am, Sanctuary Knit Together, 4:00pm, Classroom 3
Saturday, October 1	Confirmation Retreat
Sunday, October 2	Safe Sanctuaries Training, 8:45am, Magan's Office Memorial Service for Bess Raper, 2:00pm, Sanctuary
Monday, October 3	UMW Combined Meeting, 11:00am, Pine Room Habitat for Humanity Kickoff Dinner, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, October 9	Confirmation Sunday Committee on Lay Leadership, 2:00pm Vision Team Meeting, 4:00pm, AV Room
Monday, October 10	Allred/Shoaf ChristCare Group Meeting, 9:30am, Parlor Croasdaile ChristCare Group Meeting, 10:15am, Croasdaile ChristCare Leader & Equippers, 6:45pm, Parlor
Tuesday, October 11	Trustees Meeting, 6:00pm, Parlor Finance Committee Meeting, 7:15pm, Parlor
Thursday, October 13	Jones' ChristCare Group, 7:00pm
Saturday, October 15	Couponing Tips & Tricks (Level 2), 10:00am, Pine Room Anna Iroler & Brittain Wood Wedding, 5:30pm
Sunday, October 16	Administrative Council Meeting, 12:30pm
Monday, October 17	Urban Ministries Community Kitchen, 6:00pm
Tuesday, October 18	Middlers Fellowship Group, 6:30pm
Friday, October 21	Fellowship Committee Fall Festival, 7:00pm, The Mickey's House
Saturday, October 22	Couponing Tips & Tricks, 10:00am, Pine Room
Sunday, October 23	Committee on Lay Leadership, 2:00pm Vision Team Meeting, 4:00pm AV Room
Monday, October 24	Allred/Shoaf ChristCare Group Meeting, 9:30am, Parlor Croasdaile ChristCare Group Meeting, 10:15am, Croasdaile Fellowship Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
Thursday, October 27	Jones' ChristCare Group, 7:00pm
Sunday, October 30	Pancakes for the People, 8:00am

Save the Date!

Saturday, November 12
Derek Webb Concert
Sunday, November 20
Charge Conference,