



THE WELCOMER

"Welcoming our Neighbors to Jesus Christ and His Church"

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SPIRITUAL LESSONS from MY SURGERY

Election Primaries
Tuesday, Sept. 5

Ken Cave Picnic
Saturday, Sept. 23
12:00 noon
Mrs. Lynne Cave
Enyart, Speaker

Intelligent Design
Sun Dome
Friday, Sept. 29
7:00 p.m.

Care Fest
Saturday, Sept. 30

Travel Club
Jeff Liu, Speaker
Friday, Oct. 6
11:00 a.m.

Raise the Roof
Coachman Park
Clearwater
Oct. 14
6:00 p.m.

Fall Festival
October 21
11:00 a.m.

The first and overwhelming lesson I learned (or re-learned) from surgery was to be dependent on the Holy Spirit. This is clearly taught in the Bible, e.g. Zechariah 4: 6b says, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord Almighty." That seems like a simple concept, but it goes against our human grain. But if we could learn to trust God and tap into His mighty power, instead of depending on ourselves – what a difference it would make!

The problem is that we humans tend to be self-reliant. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve did not resist Satan's temptation. They should have obeyed God's revealed will, but they considered the forbidden fruit and concluded "that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it." (Gen. 3: 6) If they had trusted in God, instead of following their own ideas (and Satan's ideas), the whole sin problem and death would never have occurred. But, unfortunately, we think we are smarter than God.

As I recuperated from my "minor, out patient" surgery, I experienced some pain and soreness. But my overwhelming experience was weakness and fatigue. I could not do nearly what I was able to do before my surgery. I needed others to pick up things for me and carry those things to their proper place. I took 2 or 3 times longer to walk from the Manse to the Church. I had to ask for help in many areas.

During this period of weakness, I often called out to the Lord for help and for strength to do things which I previously could do without thinking about it. Why am I so self-reliant when I am stronger? Why don't I call upon the Lord every moment of every day?

I also re-learned my success as a Christian does not depend on my strength and abilities, but on the Lord. Paul teaches us that God looks at success differently than we humans evaluate success. We compare with each other and think that "survival of the fittest" is true. However, I Corinthians 12: 9-10 says, "But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness!' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phillipians 4: 13) May that be my motto and the motto of every Christian. May we learn to live in Christ's power, depending on Him moment by moment. May we learn that success in God's eyes is not how much we get in this life, but how we learn to depend on the Lord and live in His strength. Then - regardless of whether we are "fit as a fiddle" or "sick as a dog" – we can depend upon the Lord and accomplish His will by His power. Again, it is "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit" says the Lord Almighty." (Zech. 4: 6b)



Look Ladies

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
SEPT. 9 - 10:30 A.M.

This meeting will start out our new year of our "WOMEN'S MINISTRIES", We invite all women of our church to come and be a part of this. We will attempt to reach the needs of all of our women through special activities such as prayer groups, Bible studies, social events that promote greater fellowship and many more ways to meet these needs. The first meeting for 2006-2007 will be a covered dish luncheon. Please sign up on the chart in the kitchen with your favorite dish to bring.

Mary Howell will introduce our new Bible study of the book of Luke.

We are very proud to have two of our women active in our state organization: Mrs. Jennifer Gilkison as new Florida Women's Ministries' President and Mrs. Karen Mickler, our new Women's Ministries' Secretary. Both were installed as 2006-2007 officers at Florida Ministries annual meeting at Trinity ARP on September 26, 2006.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY FUN & FELLOWSHIP
RESUMED SEPT, 23RD WITH 65!

There are classes for every age group plus a light meal served at 6:15. Pam Tinker & Francis Marie prepared the meal. If you can take a turn at preparing a meal, please sign up on the chart in the hall. (You will be re-imbursed for cost.)

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VOLUNTEERS AS ADULT SUPERVISORS:
NEEDED AT 6-7:00 PM & 8-8:15 PM

TRAVEL CLUB

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1-11:00 AM

This month's video will be a little different (and a little longer). Entitled "BLUE BUTTERFLY" it will be in story form but with beautiful scenery from Costa Rica. Sandwiches for the month are to be Reuben on Pumpernickel or Cuban.

DON'T MISS THIS!!!

Congratulations!



NEW ARRIVAL

Meri Kay Nelson became a new grandmother July 28th. Her son Mike & Katie his wife are the proud parents of a little girl, Lilliana Mary weighing in at 8#.



Drivers Needed

Volunteer drivers who could pick up people who need rides to and from church events are needed.

If there are enough volunteers, each driver's turn could be scheduled for just once each month.

This would involve leaving home a little early, and getting home a little later, but your help would mean so much to those who do not drive or have no transportation.

If you could help in this service for fellow church families, please call the Church Office (961-5836) or Janet Burley (380-4454).





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Caitlin Christine & Steven Lane Weisbrod request the honor of your presence at their marriage on October 14, 2006, at the Chapel of the Park in Gatlinburg, TN. All Trinity members & friends are invited. You may reply and/or send regrets to Steven and Caitlin at:

3833 North Oak Street, Ext. #179
Valdosta, GA 31605

If you plan to attend, they request your RSVP prior to the first of September. See the bulletin board in the hall for more information..



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THANK YOU...



Tom & Jeanette Thompson, Dot Brown and Florence Smith wish to let their Trinity Family know how much your prayers, cards, calls & plants meant to each one of them. They all felt your love. Pastor Coad and Margaret Lovern also add their thank yous for your love and concern during their recent surgery and therapy,

IN SYMPATHY

Several of our members have lost loved ones recently. Shirley Calhoun an uncle, Al Bailey who lived in Indiana recently went to be with the Lord. Shirley was able to go to Indiana for the funeral.

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JV & Helen Horne and family feel the loss of their brother-in-law, George Radford who lived in Inverness Florida. He and his wife Margie were married for 64 years. He passed away August 13th.

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Dennis Salonko lost his mother, Jean Johnson August 5th in Trenton, Florida.

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Carolyn Hague lost her brother, Charles Travis in Ohio

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Ola Patton & Barbara & Ed Vogel & Family recently lost an aunt, Mrs. Windell Yates.

Our prayers, love and sympathy go to each member & their families.



WOMAN'S PLACE UP-DATE

A Woman's Place Ministry reported that Trinity & other individuals & churches raised \$20,000 toward the purchase of their new 4D ultrasound through the Baby Bottle Boomerang program.

TRINITY REACHES OUT

Have you noticed how Trinity is becoming more involved in activities of the community?

We are excited to announce that Mrs. Nancy Conwell is going to teach a class on Providential History on Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. The class is made up of about 12 home schooled high school students. Please pray for this class, which the Session sees as an extension of Trinity's goal of LOVING & EQUIPPING GOD'S CHILDREN. Call Pastor Coad (961-5836) if you have questions or concerns.

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TOPS is another reaching out opportunity. This group meets on Tuesdays and their object is to help one another control their eating habits.

MEMO:

Our church will again be used as a voting spot for the community.

PRIMARY VOTING ON SEPT. 5
REGULAR ELECTION ON NOV. 7

DEACONS KORNER

Deacons serving for the month of September will be Don Despres and Eric Dundore.

ATTENTION ALL MEN

THERE WILL BE A FELLOWSHIP
BREAKFAST SEPT. 16TH-8 AM

NO WORK DAY!

SPECIAL THANKS: Your beautification project was wonderful. The new flowerbeds made the church entry so bright and friendly.

MISSIONARY NEWS

After 11 years of ministering to youth in Berlin, Germany, the Burklines are returning home to Lake Wales, FL. Please remember them in prayer: Heiko, Kay, Stephan (Wheaton College) Yannick and Micah.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPT. 1 Mary Howell
4 Caleb Wisley
5 Isobel Mooney
6 Christie McCarty
8 Florence Boyette
Chad Ewing
Jimmy Lai
9 Kristie Gianopulos
Abraham Henning
Tami Lang
17 Karen Mickler
21 Sofia Wisley
24 Helen Horne
28 Savannah lover
30 Alex Acaba



KEN CAVE PICNIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

This is a fun time for our church as well as a time to remember a great former pastor. It will be held at the Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Grounds. The speaker will be Mrs. Lynn Cave Enyart. Trinity will provide all the food by our own barbeque chef, Tom Carrow. You can just come and enjoy.

LOOKING AHEAD; FALL FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 21

Marilynn Salonko is leading our church in providing a fun time of fellowship & games for the neighborhood. Food, drinks & games free.