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Columbia Seminary President

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Dr. Stephen A. Hayner
President, Columbia Theological
Seminary

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Hayner will be our
guest preacher on
Sunday, May 2.

Trinity Welcomes New Columbia Seminary President as Guest Preacher

Trinity Church is pleased to welcome Columbia Theological Seminary president Dr. Stephen Hayner to the pulpit on Sunday, May 2.

Dr. Hayner has been an ordained pastor in the PC(USA) for 37 years, serving in church, teaching, and mission roles. After graduating from Whitman College with a degree in English literature, Steve went to Harvard University to earn a M.T.S. degree in Semitic languages and literature. He received a Th.M. degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in 1973 and was ordained and installed at University Presbyterian Church in Seattle where he served for 11 years. Steve completed his Ph.D. in 1984 at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. Later that year he was called to be vice president for student life at Seattle Pacific University. In 1988 he became president of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, a non-denominational discipleship ministry to students on campuses across the country. From 2001 to 2003 he served as associate pastor in two congregations in Madison, Wisconsin. From 2003 to 2009 he was the Peachtree Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth at Columbia and was appointed president of the seminary in 2009. He has served on a number of national and international boards, including World Vision, International Justice Mission, Christian International Scholarship Foundation, and Presbyterian Global Fellowship.

Steve is married to Sharol Rhodes. They have three children and two grandchildren.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.

APRIL 25
"Hard to Believe"
John 10:22-33
Rev. David Burns

MAY 2
"Come and See"
John 1:35-46
Guest preacher: Dr. Stephen Hayner

SACK IT TO 'EM

BUCKHEAD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

In 2009 BCM fed the hungry with 28,233 bags of groceries.

In 2010 the need is even greater than last year. During the month of April, please support Trinity Church's semi-annual food drive to benefit the food pantry at BCM.

Trinity is one of 28 Buckhead churches which financially support this ministry, whose mission is to provide compassionate and emergency assistance to individuals and families facing hardship. This faith-based organization is one of the main recipients of our church's mission dollars. A good percentage of the pantry's food comes from church-sponsored food drives such as ours.

There are two ways in which you can help:

1. Purchase or collect items listed and deliver to the church.
2. Write a check to BCM and put "TPC Food Drive" on the memo line.

Collection boxes and grocery bags are clearly marked and are located near Five Points, at the top of the ramp near the reception desk, and in the hall near the parking lot entrance to Building D.



Shopping List

For a Family of Four

- instant oatmeal or grits - 1 box
- jelly - 1 jar
- soup - 4 cans
- dried beans - 1 bag
- rice - 2 bags
- peanut butter - 1 small jar
- cornbread mix - 2 boxes
- macaroni and cheese - 4 boxes
- chicken broth - 1 can/box
- spaghetti - 1 box
- spaghetti sauce - 1 jars
- canned vegetables or beans - 5 cans
- canned tuna - 4 cans
- Ramen noodles - 8 packages

Hygiene items

- shampoo
- conditioner
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- deodorant
- razors
- shaving cream
- feminine hygiene items
- toilet paper
- detergent

Important: Please check the expiration date of all donations! Please give "regular"-size packages. Most BCM clients must take their food on the bus, and large packages are difficult to carry.

More Taxes or Less Service—The State Budget Quandary

Thursday, May 13

7:00 p.m. • B110

DR. DAVE SJOQUIST, The Dan Sweat Professor of Public Policy and Director, Fiscal Research Center, Georgia State University
ALAN ESSIG, Director of the Georgia Policy and Budget Institute

The Justice, Advocacy and Public Policy Committee is sponsoring a study of the state budget on Thursday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. As the media reports, the state is facing a severe fiscal crisis. There have been significant reductions in funding for all state services, resulting in shortened school years in some districts, furloughs for teachers and state employees, and a reduction in the level of service that many expect. There is legislation under consideration by the Georgia General Assembly that will create a commission to undertake a study of our tax system may lead to a more stable and predictable source of revenue. This session will examine the various revenue sources that provide support of essential state services, and will consider their relevance for the 21st century, and how Georgia's revenue sources compare to those of other states. The concluding segment will focus on how state revenue is spent to support the existing state services. Both Dave and Alan have extensive experience and expertise in working with the state budget and will be able to give us valuable insight into these matters, as well as a foundation for more effective advocacy on behalf of those for whom Christ charges us to care. This is one of the educational activities that will lead to a political forum for political candidates in the fall of the year.

Agape's Spring Benefit



Thursday, April 29 | 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Ansley Golf Club in Midtown

Agape Community Center will host its 3rd Annual Spring Benefit Thursday, April 29, 2010, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Ansley Golf Club in Midtown.

The fundraiser, titled "Giving Wing to Better Tomorrows," will feature a cocktail buffet, a live auction, and special guest speaker Monica Pearson, Emmy Award-winning anchor for WSB-TV Channel 2.

"In an effort to continue helping those affected by the economic downturn and recent area floods, we are hopeful that this event will bring in funding to serve the dozens of families that come to us every month for support," said Nell Benn, Agape's executive director. "The demand in our service area for assistance with rent, utility bills, food, and the overall encouragement offered through the programs at our center, has nearly doubled this year, thus increasing the importance of this event."

The evening's theme, "Giving Wing to Better Tomorrows," coincides with Agape's butterfly logo, which represents rebirth, or giving the community new hope that they can achieve and succeed.

"From Former Mayor Shirley Franklin to Ron Clark, each year we have been fortunate to have wonderful keynote speakers at our annual fundraiser," said Bonnie Harris, president of Agape's board of directors. "We are even more delighted that Mrs. Pearson will join us this year in raising awareness about the good works of this fantastic organization."

Agape is an eminent model in Atlanta for successfully providing programs that empower families to break the cycle of poverty. Its strong volunteer base provides vital connections for the children, families, and seniors of the Bolton Road area in Northwest Atlanta. Proceeds from this event will enable Agape to continue, as well as to expand, its many vital programs, including:

- Providing 150 children tutoring and nutritious meals each week
- Assisting more than 60 middle and high school students in completing college tours
- Allowing more than 50 families in crisis to keep the heat and electricity on in their homes
- Helping 80 youth to participate in a five-day-a-week summer camp for the entire summer

Spring Benefit tickets are \$125 per person. To purchase tickets or to become an individual or corporate sponsor, call 404-367-3950 or email nellbenn@agapecc.org.

Church School Session V

Adults

BIBLE

The Bible, Canon and Biblical Interpretation – Scripture as Transformative

Teacher: The Rev. David Burns and Dr. Bill Brown

7 weeks: April 11 – May 23

Room: B112

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND ADVOCACY

Exploring Contemporary Issues Through Film

Teachers: Trinity members Richard Howerton and Lasley Gober

7 weeks: April 11 – May 23

Room: B104-106

THEOLOGY AND ETHICS

Living the Question: Challenges to Orthodoxy

Teachers: Rev. P.C. Enniss, Rev. Katie Givens Kime

7 weeks: April 11 – May 23

Room: Williams Hall C

ONGOING CLASSES

Common Ground

Coordinators: Trinity members Jill Stewart, Kathy Friestad, Lesley Carroll

Room: B108

Roots

Coordinators: Trinity members Allison Builder, Leslie Byars, Kyrasia Waldron

Room: A116

Youth

JUNIOR HIGH (6th-8th grade)

- Sixth Grade, Room D214
- Seventh Grade, Room D210
- Eighth Grade, Room D202

SENIOR HIGH (9th-12th grade)

Rooms: D223, D221, D208

Rockin' the House (of Worship)

Teacher: Haddon Givens Kime

12th-Grade Faith Review

Teacher: Bonnie Harris and Richard DuBose

Children

2'S AND 3'S

God Loves Me

PRE-K/4'S, KINDERGARTEN, 1ST AND 2ND GRADES

Walk with Me

3RD GRADE

Walk with Me

4TH AND 5TH GRADES

ROAD Trip

Parents' Morning Out Registration

Parents' Morning Out is a two- or three-day-a-week program for Trinity's youngest children and their parents. PMO provides quality weekday morning faith-based child care and early childhood education for children from the ages of six months to three years (by September 1, 2010).

Program Details

- Continued year-round program (September 2010 through August 2011)
- Openings for children ages six months to three years old (by September 1, 2010)
- Four age groups and eight classes
 - o Classes assigned by birthdates
 - o The Infant and Young Toddler classes meet either M/W or T/Th
 - o Toddler II classes meet either M/W/F or T/Th
 - o Super Toddler classes meet either M/W/F or T/Th
- All classes meet from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- Tuition rates (paid annually or semiannually)
 - o Two-day, \$2,436
 - o Three-day, \$3,129
 - o Non-refundable registration fee, \$100 per child

Wednesday, April 28, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. is the time for new families to register for the fall program. (Note: Current families have pre-registered for next year.) The registration table will be in the Lobby (the area just up the ramp from the Reception Desk). Spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis. A completed registration form, the child's immunization record, and a nonrefundable deposit of \$100 are required to hold your child's spot in the program. If any spaces are open once Trinity members have registered, we will consider opening the program to the community in May.

Contact Cecilia Garner (404-495-8457 or cgarner@trinityatlanta.org) for additional information.

Groups and Gatherings

Faces of Wisdom

Faces of Wisdom: Women's Gathering meets at 7 a.m. on Wednesdays for breakfast and study. All women are invited to join the "Faces" for breakfast and discussion.

Men of Trinity Breakfast

Join the Men of Trinity at their weekly breakfast in Williams Hall at 7:27 a.m. each Friday. Cost is \$5; reservations are not necessary.

The Tent

Join a community of Trinity women of all ages and stages in life as we embark on a new journey to explore "living deeply." We use a variety of enriching resources: praying and quiet time to connect with God and ourselves; writing our thoughts and insights; exploring the many levels of selected books and writings; discovering what matters most to us and touches our souls; and dialoguing as a group. Our intergenerational group meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Previous attendance is not required. For more information, call Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428.

Trinity Career Network Group

The Trinity Career Networking Group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 5 to 8pm in Room B-112. The purpose of these meetings is to provide job search help for Trinity members and non-members who seek employment opportunities. We work on interviewing skills and provide a forum for networking with recruiters, human resources professionals, and business leaders. We provide resume-writing assistance to those who need help

with their resumes and their marketing plans. We also enjoy a dinner together, to build camaraderie among the group.

On the second and fourth Thursdays of each month participants will meet with Bill Carr, Pastoral Counselor in Residence, from 5 to 6:15 p.m. For more information and registration, call 404-495-8426. This ministry of Trinity is provided without cost to participants.

39 and Holding Spring Party

The 39 & Holding/Forever Young fellowship group will celebrate spring with a white elephant/spring cleaning party at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, at the home of Cam and John Fenton. Each person is asked to bring a fun/ funny gift to be exchanged. Cost is \$15 per person. Checks should be made out to Trinity Presbyterian Church and mailed by April 24. Your check is your reservation.

Save the Date - Senior Adults Trip

The Senior Adults will take a trip to Annapolis and the Maryland shore September 16-21, 2010. The highlight of the trip will be a tour of the U.S. Naval Academy. Details will follow. For more information, call Bettye Sue Wright at 404-495-8438.

Women's Link Spring Dinner

All women of Trinity Church are invited to the annual Women's Link Spring Dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, in Williams Hall. Soprano Anne-Marie Spalinger will present the program. For more information or to make reservations, call the church office at 404-237-6491.



New Baby Welcome Program

Over the past couple of years, a dedicated group of volunteers have prepared and delivered a casserole to church families celebrating the birth or adoption of a new baby. During this time, more than 65 families have received a delicious casserole, along with a beautiful printed blessing that can be said before the meal. On the basis of the growing numbers of new babies within the Trinity church family, we need to increase our list of volunteers.

Flexible scheduling, coordination by e-mail, and easy-to-follow recipes allow volunteers to serve Trinity while bringing a smile to the face of new parents. The goal of the program is to limit volunteer requests to once or twice a year. This is a great way to serve the church through the gift of hospitality from your own kitchen!

Many thanks for your support of this initiative.

To volunteer, please contact New Baby Welcome Program coordinator, Susannah Parker: the_parkers@hotmail.com or 404-350-8830.

Family Night Supper

Family Night Supper is held at 5:45 each Thursday. Cost is \$7 per adult, \$4 per child; the maximum cost per family is \$20.

Volunteer cashiers are needed from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, contact Veronica Ridenhour at 404-495-8440.

April 29

spaghetti • vegetable lasagna • squash • green salad • mixed fruit • cake • vanilla bean ice cream

May 6

fried chicken • macaroni & cheese • turnip greens • green salad • mixed fruit • brownies • vanilla bean ice cream

Reservations:

404-237-6491

nireland@trinityatlanta.org
www.trinityatlanta.org

Pastoral Care

To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, contact Veronica Ridenhour, Assistant to the Executive Pastor, at 404-495-8440 or veronr@trinityatlanta.org

Keep in your prayers

Brenda Arnold
Tom Barrow
Kathy Bernhardt
Ann Carlyon
Van Fraser
Patti Gambrell
Gorman Garber
Nancy Ireland
Brent Karasick
Rose Oglesby
Debbie Overby
Jim Pilcher
Arleen Schotanus
Von Welch

Family members

Ruth Blackstock's father,
Bill Blackstock

Rick Bradshaw's sister,
Julie Dickerson

Barbara Byerly's cousin,
Catherine Wolfe

Alison and Chris Thomas'
daughter, Sophie Jane Thomas

Long-term care

Money Allen
Betty Ambrose
Ruth Burton
Jim Dodd
Barry Graham
Marilyn Haney
Vivian T. Jones
Wilma Redfearn

Deaths

Michael Watters' mother,
Margaret Watters

Bill Daugherty's brother, the Rev.
Lawton Daughterty, April 4, 2010

Robert (Bob) Redfearn, April 6,
2010

Betty Sue Wright's sister-in-law,
Lorraine Wright, April 8, 2010

Births

James David "JD" Wickland, son
of Elizabeth and Mitch Wickland,
born April 5, 2010

Andrew Mitchell James, son
of Mary and Frankie James
and great-grandson of Chuckie
Ellithorp

Baptisms

*The following children were
baptized on April 4, 2010:*

Ethan Tyler Cochran, son of
Wendy and Michael Cochran

Helen Grace Cochran, daughter
of Wendy and Michael Cochran

Serving in Iraq or Afghanistan

Adam Hauseman, son of Diane
and David Hauseman

Mark Vanzant, cousin of Margie
Deer

Military personnel

During its weekly meeting,
the Trinity staff offers prayers
for Trinity members. As this
practice continues, the staff
would like to add to the prayer
list members who are serving
in the military, particularly those
in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you
would like to add a name to the
list, contact Veronica Ridenhour
at 404-495-8440 or veronr@
trinityatlanta.org.

Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are lay
caregivers who provide one-
to-one Christian care to those
facing a crisis or life challenge.
Stephen Ministers are available
upon request and on Sunday
mornings in the church parlor.
To meet with a Stephen Minister,
contact Calico Perry at 404-355-
1201 or candtperry@aol.com.



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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

For the May 9 issue, April 28

For the May 23 issue, May 12

To submit an item for publication,
contact Esther Patrick, Director of
Communications, at epatrick@trinityatlanta.org

For a complete list of events, visit www.trinityatlanta.org

EVENT CALENDAR

April 25 - May 8, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:45 a.m. New member class 12:00 p.m. 7th-grade parents meeting 6:00 p.m. Graduating seniors banquet	26 9:30 a.m. BBOP Education Committee 6:00 p.m. BBOP Chairs	27 12:30 p.m. The Third Chapter 6:30 p.m. MOMS Group	28	29 11:45 a.m. Common Ground discussion 6:30 p.m. PMO Board	30 6:00 p.m. Kids' Night Out	1
2 9:45 a.m. New member class 12:00 p.m. 1st Sunday congregational lunch 5:00 p.m. Bridge Sunday	3 9:00 a.m. Bible study tutorial 10:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry 1:00 p.m. Heritage Committee 5:45 p.m. Mission Ministry Committees	4 11:00 a.m. Women's Link Board 5:00 p.m. Adult Education Committee 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry	5 8:00 a.m. Property Committee 9:30 a.m. Children's Ministry Committee 10:00 a.m. The Tent 12:00 p.m. Trinity Men's lunch	6 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee 7:00 p.m. Novel Ideas	7	8

RECURRING EVENTS

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship	9:00 a.m. Parents' Morning Out	6:30 a.m. Senior high Bible study	7:00 a.m. Faces of Wisdom	9:00 a.m. Parents' Morning Out	7:30 a.m. Men's breakfast
9:45 a.m. Church school	6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 304	9:00 a.m. Parents' Morning Out	9:00 a.m. Parents' Morning Out	9:00 a.m. Yoga	9:00 a.m. Parents' Morning Out
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir	6:30 p.m. Yoga	11:00 a.m. Tai chi	6:30 p.m. Disciple III class	4:00 - 5:45 p.m. Children's choirs	9:30 a.m. Disciple III class
6:00 p.m. Youth supper			7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	5:45 p.m. Family Night supper	
6:30 p.m. PYC			8:00 p.m. AA meeting	7:00 p.m. AA meeting	