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# Monthly Tidings

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*Because of God's love for us through Jesus Christ, we exist to worship, grow, and serve.*

## A Life of Generosity – Committed to Christ

Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt  
Senior Pastor

### Which one are you?

As we prepare to conclude our Stewardship emphasis this Fall, I've been thinking a great deal about generosity. I've been able to remember those persons who were not only generous to me along the way, but who truly lived a life that seemed to be always giving. A wonderful mentor in my life often shared with me that there are basically two kinds of people in the world; "Givers"

and "Takers" – and he modeled for me what it meant to be a "Giver" – learning to be generous with my time and my resources.

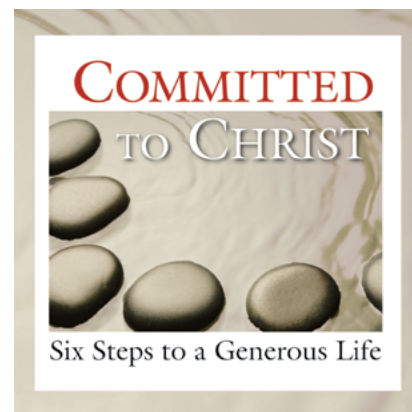
### Feed the Hungry

It seemed he was always giving away his time to someone who needed a listening ear. If there was someone who looked hungry, he would go over to the nearest fast food restaurant and bring them

back a burger and fries. I often wondered how he ever had any money in his pocket, as he so often seemed to be buying someone lunch or helping out a person in need.

### Hands and Feet

Generosity is often something we have to learn. We tend to be self-centered and inwardly focused as human beings. From an early age, we try to learn what it means to share and we often spend a great deal of time with our children and grandchildren modeling for them or teaching them that as a disciple of Jesus Christ, we are called to be God's hands and feet in the world.



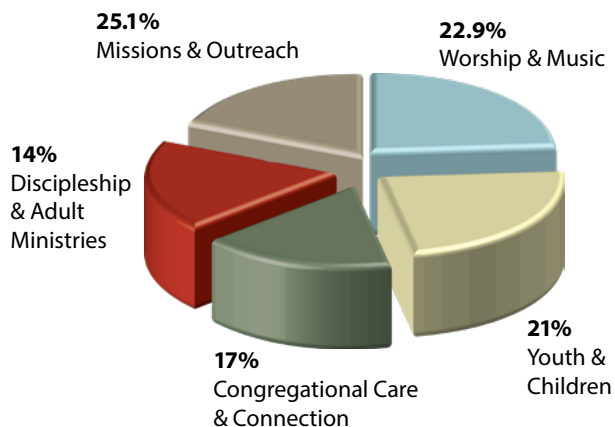
### Ask Yourself This

I want to leave you with some questions to reflect upon as we conclude our Stewardship Emphasis, Committed to Christ:

1. Where have I been generous today in praying for someone else?
2. Have I set aside some time today to read my Bible and reflect on what the Holy Spirit might have to say to me?
3. When and where did I worship this week so that I might experience the presence of God?
4. Did I find an open door to share my faith with someone who needed encouragement?
5. Who have I been able to serve today who was in need?
6. How have I been able to give to someone today who needed encouragement?

*(A Life continued on page 2)*

### Every Dollar Counts\*



\* These categories represent the respective percentages of Trinity's 2019 total budget of just over \$1.95 million, an increase of 3% over last year's budget. Fixed operating costs such as staff salaries, administrative costs, and facility expenses have been appropriately distributed through these categories. (Trinity Preschool, serving 75 children, is not included. It is self-supporting, except for its facility, which is provided and maintained by the Trinity congregation).

## Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from August 10-September 10:



In memory of **Griffith Pugh, Jr.** from Burt Hayner.

In memory of **Bill Douglas** from Judy Levy, and Bill and Alice Grow.

In memory of **Gail Hock** from Bill and Alice Grow, and Bill and Cynthia Smith.

In memory of **Virginia Cook** from Bob and Martha Tilden, Bill and Paula Smith, and Bill and Alice Grow

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## Homeless Mats

Rose Glenn  
Chair, Mats for the Homeless

Mats for the Homeless Group will meet **Thursday, October 11** from **10:30-noon** in the **Conference Room**.

We need people to crochet. The mats are made with a single crochet stitch which is easy to learn if you need help.

Christmas is getting closer and we do not have enough mats made.

If you are saving bags for us, please remember to fold them or just leave them flat. Crunching the bags requires a lot of work to get them ready to cut.

A word of thanks to the person who saved the Kroger bags. The bags were folded and rolled so nice and I got a lot of plans out of them!

For more information please contact Rose Glenn ([BudsThorn@comcast.net](mailto:BudsThorn@comcast.net)). I hope to see you at the next meeting in October!

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## A Life of Generosity

The generosity of our Prayers, Study, Worship, Witness, Service, and Giving represents our Commitment to Christ and his Church. As you seek to live a life of generosity, may you be strengthened in your commitment to Christ and to others!

I Love Being Your Pastor,

## Church-wide Picnic Oct. 6

Hello Trinity family! We hope that you have marked your calendars for **Saturday, October 6** for our church wide picnic. The picnic will run from **10:30-1:30** out at **J Lee Vause Park**, 6024 Old Bainbridge Road (Pavillion 2). Please come for as little or as long as you are able!

This will be a **potluck lunch**, please use the sign up link below to let us know that you will be coming and what you are bringing.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e45a4af2da0fe3-trinity>

Hope to see you all there!



Stewardship Sunday will be October 14. Bring your commitment card!



There will be lots of delicious goodies at the picnic on October 6!



Don't miss this year's Church-wide Picnic at J Lee Vause park on Saturday, October 6 from 10:30 - 1:30.

# Music news for October

Mark Repasky  
Music Director

## Children's Celebration Sunday - October 21

Dr. Nick Quinton will present a timely sermon for all three services in this special children's service on **October 21**.

This is a great way we can help the children better understand and appreciate worship services at Trinity. On



Adriana Fortier performed a beautiful violin solo during worship recently.

this special Sunday, with careful guidance they get to be worship leaders!

So, come, help us celebrate with Trinity's children as they lead us in worship.

Did you know we have a lot of children who love to sing? There is the **Cherub**

**Choir** for 2-4 year olds that meets each Sunday morning with leader **Jess Cloud**. Trinity also has a large preschool program under the leadership of **Director Stacey Duggar**. The preschool has about 60 children in classes for ages 2 years - 4 years. I meet with them once a week for music classes. There's some high energy in those sessions! Our **Sunday School Choir**, kindergarten through 5th grade, meet with **Viktor Billa** and me once a week at the beginning of the Sunday school hour. We have a fun time and sing/learn about our faith. Our two **NETkids Choirs** meet on Wednesday afternoons. NETkids is a wonderful ministry led by Allison Corrigan and it is growing, with over 40 participants! We have a busy schedule during the school year with at least 3 visits to retirement centers, singing at the Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m. service, Music Ministry Sunday in late January, and presenting our musical at all three services in late April each year. **Yuliia Billa** leads the K-2nd grade choir and I lead the 3-5th grade choir.

Perhaps you have a child of this age who would

like to join us! All of these music groups sing and help lead worship a few times each year. So, when you hear that they are singing, come early and enjoy the energy and enthusiasm of Trinity's children! It is always a joy to see and hear the children perform!

## Adults can sing too!

Did you know we have choirs for all ages? The previous few paragraphs described children and youth. Our adult choir (Chancel Choir) is the busiest choir in the church. All of these groups accept new members at any time of the year. There are no auditions. Contact me ([mrepasky@tumct.org](mailto:mrepasky@tumct.org)) or simply come to one of our rehearsals and we will plug you in!



The NETkids choirs with Yuliia Billa (far left) and Mark Repasky, (far right).

## Big Bend Front Porch hosts Fall Festival

Mike Toluba  
Campus Paster, FSU/TCC Wesley Foundation

Big Bend Front Porch is hosting our Annual Fall Festival for McKenzie's Clothing Closet on **Saturday, October 13**.

There will be fun for the whole family—Coat Day, the Clothing Closet, Farm Share, free hot dogs, and activities for kids. Vendors include Ability 1st, Big Bend Cares, Voter Registration, and free haircuts from Lively Technical School of Barbering. We would love for volunteers to come and serve at our Fall Festival. However, we

would love for churches throughout the district to share about our Fall Festival with your neighbors in need as well.

Get ready for winter at our Fall Festival. For more information call, 850-363-9076 or email [info@bigbendfrontporch.org](mailto:info@bigbendfrontporch.org)

Big Bend Front Porch is a ministry of the Northwest District of the United Methodist Church, visit us at [www.bigbendfrontporch.org](http://www.bigbendfrontporch.org)

## Chicken Pilau

Chaires UMC is holding its Annual Traditional Chicken Pilau on **Thurs., Nov. 8**, from **4-8 p.m.** It will include pilau (chicken and rice),



green beans cooked with smoked ham, coleslaw, saltines, a dessert and iced tea or coffee; all for \$10 per plate (children 5 and under eat free). No advance tickets sold!

Chaires United Methodist Church is at 9243 Parkhill Road,

# Local Missions supports: Elder Care Services

Mary Stephenson  
Local Missions Committee Member

Elder Care Services (ECS) has been providing services to local seniors since 1970. Their mission is to improve the quality of life for seniors and their caregivers.

## Meals On Wheels

You are probably familiar with Meals on Wheels, the ECS sponsored program which delivers nutritious meals to homebound seniors. Trinity UMC has provided volunteers to deliver meals on Martin Luther King Day for over 25 years (see photos below). If you're interested in participating in this mission activity, please look for information in the bulletin prior to MLK Day.

## Caregiver Respite

In addition to Meals on Wheels, ECS

offers services such as senior adult day care, caregiver respite services, transportation services, personal care services, emergency energy assistance, emergency food pantry, medical equipment loan, and volunteer opportunities for those 55 and older.

## Senior Companion Program

There are many ways for you to get involved in ECS's mission to help local seniors. Do you have a car and free time during the day? If so, they are always looking for volunteers to deliver for Meals on Wheels on a regular basis or you could help provide transportation for at-risk seniors to medical appointments and other errands. Do you enjoy spending time with seniors and having interesting conversations? If so, consider the Senior Companion program. Do you love sharing the joy of Christmas with others? If so, look into their Elder

Elf program where you can help provide gifts to a senior in need who otherwise might not have anything for the holiday. Are you a senior who loves spending time with children? If so, consider becoming a Foster Grandparent for a child in need.

## Trinity Provides Help

Trinity's Local Missions Committee provides financial support to Elder Care Services to support their efforts to help local seniors and their caregivers. If you feel moved to help them in other ways, please consider some of the opportunities mentioned above or contact them to find out how else you might help. For more information on Elder Care Services, please visit their website at [www.eldercarebigbend.org](http://www.eldercarebigbend.org).



Melanie and John Robert Quinton get ready to deliver meals in 2012.



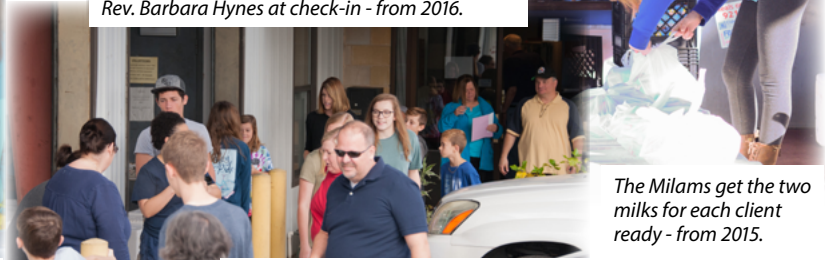
The cooking crew with Trinity members Tom Denmark, Clayton Bailey, Cathy McCarty, and Margie Smith - from 2015



Elaine Freni checks her delivery route - from 2017.



Rev. Barbara Hynes at check-in - from 2016.



The Milams get the two milks for each client ready - from 2015.

Part of the fun is the chaos as everyone readies their food for delivery - from 2017.

## Hats for Friends meetings

Ann Jenkins  
Chair, Hats for Friends

Hats for Friends will be meeting once a month this fall. There will be a notice in the Bulletin about these meetings and we encourage interested people to join us. Meetings will be held the third Tuesday of each month, beginning in September in the Trinity UMC Conference Room from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (**Tuesdays, October 16, November 20, and December 18**).

A brief report/update will be offered at each meeting, beginning at 10:30 a.m., followed by a "get together" to prepare for the December 25 Annual Christmas Dinner (lunch-time) hat/scarf distribution, and for members to knit, crochet and socialize. Instruction in knitting, crocheting and using the knitting looms will also be available at these meetings. Please join us!

## Operation Christmas Child

Nancy Bedford, Communications Officer

Trinity UMW is collecting gift filled shoeboxes for distribution to children worldwide. Our goal is to collect 100 boxes. OCC boxes are available throughout the church. Please take any empty box, including an instruction pamphlet, and return the filled box to the Welcome Center during November 1st-6th (We have limited storage space.) If you don't enjoy shopping but would like to participate, donations of \$9 to cover the cost of shipping are appreciated. For more information contact Linda Phillips (524-4243) or Barbara Ware (421-0207).

# Becoming Fit at Church in October

Health Wellness Team



*Staying Strong - Tuesday/Thursday 9:30 a.m. (Taught by Ruth Ann High or Beth Curry, Jaqui Griffith as guest instructor from time to time).*



*Variety Mix - Tuesday/Thursday 11 a.m. (Taught by Amy Leach or Beth Curry).*

## Become Fit at Church!

Please come join us for BFC (Becoming Fit at Church) exercise, and have a great time of fun and fellowship! Drop in to any class - any time. The suggested donation is \$3 and it is all donated to community service.

**Fit Mix** exercise began in September with Lay Academy and is led by Elaine Freni. This is a circuit-style class which incorporates strength and cardio into one workout. You will target all muscle groups for a full body training session and increase your stamina and aerobic fitness. Be ready to break a sweat! Intermediate to advanced.

Drop in to any of these classes—you are always welcome! Suggested donation \$3 per class and 100% goes to community service. Registration for Fit Mix may also be made through Lay Academy.

Contact Beth Curry - [BFCSeries@yahoo.com](mailto:BFCSeries@yahoo.com) about Staying Strong or Variety Mix.

Contact Elaine Freni - [elainefreni@gmail.com](mailto:elainefreni@gmail.com) for more info about Fit Mix.

## BFC Calendar



*Drop in any time!* *Classes in the Parlor*

### BFC Series Exercise Classes\*

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

- 9:15 - Staying Strong
- 11:00 - Variety Mix\*\*

\*\$3 suggested donation \*\*Nursery by reservation only

— **Wednesdays** —

**Fit MIX** began in September on Wednesday nights at 6:30 as part of **Lay Academy**

For more information about BFC, please contact:

**Beth Curry** ([BFCSeries@Yahoo.com](mailto:BFCSeries@Yahoo.com)), **Amy Leach** ([AmyCLeach@hotmail.com](mailto:AmyCLeach@hotmail.com)), or **Elaine Freni** ([elainefreni@gmail.com](mailto:elainefreni@gmail.com)).

## UMW in Ministry speaker is Joy Jinks

Nancy Bedford  
Communications Officer

UMW in Ministry will meet Tuesday, October 2nd at 11:45 a.m. in Moor Hall. The speaker is Joy Jinks, author of, "Dynamic Aging, I Intend to Live Forever... So Far, So Good." She is the co founder

of "Swamp Gravy" in Colquitt, Georgia. Everyone is invited to attend even if you aren't a member of UMW. Monthly meetings are an opportunity to enjoy

fellowship, informative programs and a delicious lunch! Please call Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 for reservations. Hope to see you there!

## UMW Circle Meetings

### The Pecans Are Coming! The Pecans Are Coming!

Order your pecans now—September 12-October 10. They'll be ready for pick-up in early November!

Order forms are available in the Welcome Center or from UMW members. Prices are the same as last year! Checks should be made to UMW with "pecans" on the memo line. Proceeds from this, our major fund raiser, support local UMW missions such as HEO. We appreciate your support!

**Alpha Circle:** Monday, October 8 at 10 a.m. Westminster Oaks. Contact Cynthia Smith chair.

**Dorcas Foster Circle:** Tuesday, October 2, at 1 p.m. in the church library. Contact Nancy Waugh, chair.

**Mary Martha Circle:** Monday, October 8, at 6 p.m. 2104 Randolph Cir. Contact Julie Pararo, hostess/chair.

**Sojourners Circle:** Wednesday, October 3, at noon Cafe at St. Johns. Contact Marti Chumbler, chair.

**Susanna Wesley Circle:** Tuesday, October 16, at 10 a.m. For location contact Liz Smith chair.

**The Voice Circle:** Thursday, October 18, at 7 p.m. Contact Patti Oakley chair.

Watch the bulletin and website, [www.tumct.org/connect/](http://www.tumct.org/connect/) (then select UMW Circles) for details as they become available

# New members join church family

**Tomoka Brady:** After college, Tomoka went racing - Professional Performance Racing Engine Builder and Designer,



Tomoka Brady

Series-- International Motorsports Assn; NASCAR; Indy 500, Sports Car Club of America and Southern California Timing Assn-Bonneville Land Speed World Finals and Federation Internationale de l'Automobile. She is also already very active at Trinity as a member of the John Wesley Bible Study Sunday School Class, Orchestra, Woodwind Ensemble, and Chancel Choir!

**Anne Emborsky:** Anne grew up in Western New York State and moved to Tallahassee in the mid 80's. She works as a Dispatcher for the State of Florida. When she is not working, she enjoys riding her horse and tending to her small farm outside of Tallahassee.

**Patti Groh:** Patti lives in Cairo, GA with her teenage daughter, Elizabeth. She is



Anne Emborsky

the Assistant Manager at Goody's and also works here at Trinity as our Sunday Sexton.



Patti Groh

**Cindee Zurko:** Cindee was born and raised in New Orleans and moved to Tallahassee in 1989 to attend FSU. She eventually graduated with a B.S. in Library and Information Studies and became a

Systems Programmer and later a Computer Audit Analyst with the State of Florida. In 2006, she married her husband, Grant and together they have a daughter, Katherine (11), and a son, Ben (10). They are in sixth and fifth grades respectively, at the School of Arts and Sciences on Thomasville Road. They enjoy family outings, such as camping with the Boy Scouts, listening



Cindee Zurko

to Ben play the guitar, attending The Tallahassee Ballet's performances to watch Katherine dance, and Grant participates as a Team Leader in the LEGO Robotics Club they attend after school. Long time members of Vantage Church, they found themselves not having many kids their age, and when their ballet friend and TUMC Children's Director, Allison Corrigan, told them about the amazing Youth Group and Youth Program at Trinity, they decided to become members. The family is looking forward to Katherine's confirmation in May, and Ben is excited about becoming an Acolyte. They both love their Sunday School/ Youth Group classes!

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## New Business Administrator Laura Fordham

It is with excitement that we announce the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) has approved and hired a new Business Administrator! On August 14, Laura Fordham began as our new Business Administrator. Laura is a member of Trinity and has a deep love for our church. She is acquainted with our mission to worship, grow, and serve, and brings to this position the incredible talents of accounting, organization, and a love for people.

Laura and husband, Corey, have three children, Izzy (13), Will (11), and Jacob (7).

This position is foundational to our organization, thus there was a lot of discernment and careful consideration involved throughout the search process. The SPRC conducted two rounds of interviews to ensure that we found the best possible candidate. We know that Laura will be a great addition to the Trinity staff!



# Youth Happenings in October

Lisa Prasse Ty Revell  
Youth Director Youth Ministry Intern



## A Note from Lisa ...

With the school year in full swing, the regular rhythm of the youth program has begun to fall back into place. There are so many great opportunities for students ranging from 6th-12th grade. Many of you are very familiar with what goes on with the youth, but if you are new

learning. Sunday nights are a great way to interact with lots of different people.

We also have our Wednesday night Youth bible study, from 6:30-7:30 in the Underground. This time together offers a great opportunity to go a little deeper in a smaller setting. It really is the perfect time to grow your faith with all your youth friends and family.

In addition to regular events, we also have all sorts of other special things going on ranging from service projects, to trips out of town. We recently came back from Rock the Universe, which is a large Christian music festival at Universal Studios in Orlando. One event that is coming up in November that we are all really excited for is "Connect," at Warren Willis Camp. It's a full weekend retreat and the cost is only \$100. If you are looking to learn more about what youth

is about, this is a great trip to start!

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [lprasse@tumct.org](mailto:lprasse@tumct.org). Also, if you are not receiving weekly updates about all our upcoming events, send me an email and I will make sure you are on our list. Thanks for all that you do to support our youth here at Trinity!



A new crew of acolytes are trained for Sunday worship.



Possibly overheard at the acolyte training the other night. "Hmmm, it says here that you put on your acolyte robe **first**, and **then** you light your candlelighter thing." "No way!" "Way."

to Trinity or have not given the youth program a try, I would encourage you to find a place to plug in!

Our main time together is during UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) Sunday nights from 6-8 p.m., where we come together for food, fellowship and



The traditional group photo taken in front of the Universal globe!

## Upcoming Events

**Oct. 21** .....Youth/Children's Sabbath

**Oct. 28** .....Confirmation Bibles presented; Youth Choir resumes; Halloween Party at UMYF

**Nov. 1-18** .....Christmas Tree Fundraiser!

**Nov. 9-11** .....Connect Retreat at Warren Willis

# The Festival of Wisdom and Grace

Nancy Bedford

Communications Officer, United Methodist Women

Each August, a group of Trinity members journeys to Lake Junaluska, North Carolina to attend the Festival of Wisdom and Grace, "a conference for finding purpose and renewal in the second half of life". For three days hundreds of participants from across the Southeastern Jurisdiction engage in worship, study, fellowship and recreational opportunities in this beautiful setting.

Outstanding worship leaders this year included Rev. Heidi Neumark, author and speaker from Manhattan; Dr. Clayton Smith, author and teaching pastor just retired from Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, Kansas; Rev. Roger Dowdy Founder/Director of CROSS-PATH ministries in Richmond, Virginia; and Rev. Mitzi Johnson ordained Elder in the NC conference. In addition to leading worship services, they also led workshops and engaged with attendees during meals.

Lodging is in the modern Terrace Inn where many rooms feature breathtaking views of the lake and mountains. Buffet meals onsite provide a large variety of outstanding food choices in an informal setting with friendly staff ready to assist with everything from beverages to clearing tables.

During free time guests meander along the shore on the Rose Walk, stroll the walking trail around the lake, or admire the many lovely flower landscapes. Some visit Inspiration Point or meditate in the Gattis Meditation Garden, Biblical Garden or Cornelia Bryan Native Garden.

At the conclusion of the Festival, Trinity members enhanced the trip with an extra night at Flat Rock. This year we enjoyed meeting John



Trinity members who attended the week-long Festival of Wisdom and Grace included, from left, Nancy Kerce, Nancy Bedford, Dr. Nick Quinton, Janet Stainer, Myra Blanchard, and Judy Levy.

## Search the Trinity Library From Home

Gloria Colvin

Trinity Librarian

The catalog for the Trinity adult and children's libraries is now available online. A link on the Trinity website: <https://tumct.booksys.net/opac/tumct/index.html#menuHome> provides access to the catalog and there you can search by author, title, subject, or keyword to see what books are available. The libraries contain many books of devotions, various translations of and commentaries on the Bible, information on major theologians, world religions, the history of Christianity, and Methodism, as well as writings on

a variety of contemporary themes and issues. Books for elementary-age children include Bible stories, holiday-related topics, and picture books dealing with religious or moral values.

The library is located near the Welcome Center and is open on Sunday mornings before the 11:00 service. During the week, staff in the church office can open it for you. All materials borrowed from the library should be checked out by writing your name and the date on the card found in the book and leaving the

card in the check-out box. Books should be returned within 3 weeks. If there is a title you'd like for the library to acquire, please leave the author and title in the suggestion box.

Now that these resources are more readily accessible, take time to explore them when you are preparing for a Sunday School lesson, looking for a devotion, wondering about some aspect of Christianity or other religions, needing to be uplifted, or wanting to read something thought-provoking.



Rev. Dr. Wayne D. Whitt, Senior Pastor  
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Dr. Nick Quinton, Director of Adult Discipleship and Education  
Rex Adams, Director of Communications