

# TRINITYINFO

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

MARCH 2010

## Night of Praise

Cran-Hill Ranch and Trinity Fellowship are teaming up to do another night of praise at Biggby restaurant on Friday, March 12, from 6:00-9:00 pm. Make it a date night or join some friends for dinner and go to Biggby after to have some fun! Tell all your friends and family so we pack the house as we take the love of Jesus into our community.

## Praise Fest

Praise Fest is coming up on Thursday, March 18, starting at 7:00 pm in the Outback. This month's is being led by Chris Hanson. No meal is being provided so come and enjoy the music with us in the Outback.

## Kitchen Training

Training for those interested in being approved to prepare food and do other work in the ministry center kitchen is scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 16, at 6:30 pm. It is required that one is in attendance during the entire time, so plan to arrive on time and remain throughout the approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hour session. Contact Bill Stanek at 734-516-7856 with any questions.

## MISSION TRIP TO L'ARCADA IN SPAIN

Tuesday, March 30, a construction team led by Bill and Carolyn Stanek will leave for Banyoles, Spain. The Native American shirts Trinity Fellowship made last fall will be taken along on this trip. Work will be done on a new element for the low ropes course, doing other upgrades, and constructing some steps and a walkway to this area. A portion of the maintenance area will be enclosed to house equipment. Other maintenance work will be done as well as planning for dining hall and bathhouse enclosures. On Easter they will be worshipping with believers in Girona, Spain. April 9 is the return date.

Please be in prayer for the team that they will be an encouragement and blessing to the L'Arcada staff who is eagerly awaiting their arrival. Prayer for safety, good travel and working conditions, and family back at home is also appreciated.

## Phone Number Updates

Have you eliminated your land line or changed cell phone companies? We are working on an update for the in-house Trinity Fellowship phone list. If you have had a change, or your number hasn't been included before but you would like it to be, please let us know by either filling out one of the information cards in the Fellowship registers, or calling the office with your information (796-2600). Thanks.

## Ministry Related Pictures

We will be updating the pictures on our website. If you are willing to take pictures of some ministries in action, I would love to know that. Or, you may already have ministry-related pictures that you think would be appropriate, please contact Paula at the office (796-2600).

## Spring Ahead!

Daylight savings time begins! Be sure to set your clocks ahead on Saturday night, March 13, so that you won't be late for church on Sunday, March 14.

## Child Dedication Service Planned

A child dedication service is being planned for Mother's Day, May 9. Be watching for information regarding a meeting for parents interested in having their children dedicated.

Children's Ministry and the Elders are looking for a small team of individuals with the gift of hospitality and/or administration to help make these dedication services special and encouraging milestone events. This team would help with such details as preparing invitations and dedication gifts, plan a simple reception, make arrangements for sound, projection, and photography needs. There are approximately three dedications planned a year. If you are interested in this ministry to welcome the little children to Jesus, please email [trinity@fastmail.net](mailto:trinity@fastmail.net).

# KidConnect News

Connie Lossing: Children's ministry Director

## A new Day is coming for KidConnect

"Make new friends, but keep the old, one is silver and the other's gold."

When I was a little girl, we sang those lines at girl scout camp. The wisdom can apply to more than just friendships. As Children's Ministry looks to the fall, many changes may be coming. I'd like to encourage us to embrace these changes as "silver friends" that can enrich us. Please be assured that the "golden friends" of our values are being kept.

Silver = KidConnect Both Services. Gold=Every child known, every child welcomed.

This is the biggest change. Many have asked, "Is this necessary?" Right now we have 53 children on our 2nd/3rd grade attendance sheet. In January, that class consistently had 30-32 children in attendance which is close to full capacity for that room. Next year's K-1st class has 56 children on the attendance sheet. Yes, in order to keep our golden friend values "every child welcomed, every child known, it is necessary to welcome this silver friend.

Silver=New Name—New Look. Gold=God centered, kid-friendly, engaging.

Due to some facility changes, this summer is a great opportunity to give Children's Ministry area a new look that says "This is a place that welcomes and engages kids." The name KidConnect reflects our values, but doesn't lend itself real well to visual images. Before we decorate, now is the time to change the name IF we want to. One idea thrown out that has some great possibilities is Route 66: A journey through the 66 books in the Bible. The halls could have road signs, stop lights, maps, storefronts, all very visual tie ins. We would love to hear your ideas...for KidConnect, Route 66 or any other ideas. Whatever changes occur, even with a new director coming on board, please know that the core values are not changing. Parents are and will continue to be valued as the key force in a child's spiritual growth.

Volunteers will continue to strive to make Sunday mornings engaging, relevant, and a place where children feel known, welcomed, and valued. CM exists to assist families, so keep the communication lines open please.

Mark your calendars, call your friends, make a reservation and get ready for a great time of fun, fresh air, and fellowship out at CranHill Ranch. We will begin taking reservations Monday, March 15, at Trinity's office. Cost for family camping is \$37 per night. (Campsite or room in lodge) Sites have water and electricity and access to the lodge which has showers, a full kitchen and meeting room. Price includes: access to beach and many camp activities including special daily family activities. Other activities are available for an affordable fee. You can camp a week or just a couple nights. Special Deal: Book Monday through Saturday and get Sunday the 11th free! Reserve and pay before May 1 and save \$7 a night. This is Cran Hill's special Winning at Home week. Doug Swink from the Winning at Home Radio Ministry will be encouraging families again this year.

### Take Note:

- Ten K-3rd graders made commitments to Christ last month.
- Twenty 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are going on retreat with to Cran-Hill next weekend.
- No class April 4th and April 11th.
- 4th and 5th grade are supporting a compassion child. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, talk to Dawn or Connie.

### Winning at Home Family Camp At CranHill Ranch: July 11 to July 18

#### Help Wanted:

Preschool Story Tellers: 10:45 Service: 3-4 week commitment.

Elementary Large Group Teachers: Use scripts to prepare and present engaging lessons to K-3rd grade students.

MidWeek Preschool Bin Packer: Prepares the materials for the preschool classes.

Family Camp Administrator: Keeps track of reservations and other details for Family Camp.

Décor and Design Team: KidConnect may be getting a name-change and a facelift this summer. If you have ideas, we want to hear them!

Nursery Workers: Once a month or every other week.

## Attention

High School Juniors through Young Adults who can say "That's me!" to the following questions:

Do you love God?

Do you love hanging around with kids?

Would you like a summer job that can make a BIG difference for God's kingdom?

Are you willing to be stretched so that you can grow in your spiritual gifts?

Do you believe that you can be a missionary in Big Rapids?

KidConnect is looking for two or three summer staff: These exceptional young people will work together as they plan and run the summer KidConnect, brainstorm a family/Kid Outreach event, help with Family Camp out at CranHill Ranch and more. Interested? Call the office, mail or e-mail your resume to Connie Lossing, [clossing@charter.net](mailto:clossing@charter.net). This is a part-time paid ministry position. Summer-staff raise part of their support like a short term missions team.

## Kids 'Jump to It' and raise almost \$4,000 for Haiti!

On a chilly February afternoon, over 50 children and young people (plus many of the adults who came with them), jumped their hearts out for Haiti. Our youngest Jumper was in preschool, our oldest a grandma.

Not only was jumping good exercise it was great for the heart. Amber, from GLOW Ministries stretched our hearts as she shared about Haiti during the break. Kids were surprised to learn that many of the kids in the schools that GLOW serves eat only one meal a day. . . the school lunch of fortified rice and beans that GLOW provides. Their eyes and hearts were opened to the thought of children, like themselves, who might leave school on Friday and not eat again until Monday's lunch. Kids had a chance to make "mud cookie" necklaces and heard of families making pies out of mud just to put something in their stomachs. We heard how GLOW works alongside the Haitian pastors to feed the people Spiritually as well as physically.

Parents imagined what it would be like to have had our food prices double since 2007 and then double again since the earthquake. We learned that when GLOW buys a "container" of the soy fortified rice, beans and dried veggies that it cost about a nickel a meal. That meant that every dollar raised would feed 20 people! By the end of the rally pledges were tallied for close to \$3,000. As adults and children have collected pledges and spoken with friends that amount has risen to an estimated \$4,000. That's 80,000 meals!

This event was hosted by KidConnect and planned by Big Rapids Quakebusters. If you would like to find out more about GLOW Ministries International or Big Rapids Quakebusters, contact Sherri Slomp at 527-1960. Their current project is "A Mile of Nickels" (GLOW stands for God's Love to Orphans and Widows.)

Summer Outreach:

VBS?

Sports?

Worship Arts?

We have the place,

We have volunteers,

We have materials,

What we need is a fearless leader or two.

Are you ready, willing and able to take the love of Christ to the kids in our community?