



TRINITYINFO



TRINITY FELLOWSHIP EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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Membership Class

by Paula Nunn

A membership class will be held on Saturday, February 18, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for those who are interested in becoming members. The class will cover the requirements for membership, but is open to anyone who would just like to learn more about Trinity Fellowship. Those planning to attend need to RSVP to the office. There are materials that need to be reviewed prior to class. There will be a short break for people to pick up fast food, or better yet, bring a "brown bag" lunch and enjoy some time of fellowship while eating together. Childcare is NOT provided. Please RSVP by February 1, by calling the office (796-2600).

The Mission Board Needs Your Help

Do you like to receive birthday cards when it's your special day? Do you appreciate it when someone remembers your wedding anniversary? Suppose you were far away in a foreign country, away from your parents, friends, church, and other important people in your life. It would mean a lot to you to get a message from home, wouldn't it? How many of our missionaries have you remembered with a card on their special days in the last year?

The Mission Board realizes how difficult it is for you to keep up with all of our missionaries and their children as they celebrate milestones in their lives, so for the past several years now, we have been attempting to prepare a birthday/anniversary page on which you can write a brief message. This process has been orchestrated by one person who is looking for a little assistance.

If you would be willing to help by soliciting messages from our folks in the congregation on Sunday mornings between the services, please contact the church office. Cards, addresses and the printed message sheets will be provided. We just need a friendly face and a little of your time. Thanks.



Library News

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The Trinity Fellowship library has been moved from the office area to the hallway just outside the office. This has freed up some additional workspace in the office, but also makes the books more accessible for people to use even when the office is closed.

Books are arranged with the fiction and biography sections first. In addition to the books in the hallway, reference materials (which are not to be removed from the building), and some commentaries which can be checked-out, are still located in the office area. A list of books by title, author or subject is available in the office area. Some of the newest books have not been added to the lists yet (the ones with hand-written labels).

If you haven't used the library before, it is "self-serve" check-out. Check-out cards are to be left in the file box on top of the book return, located just past the first set of shelves. If you have questions about books in the main library, feel free to check with Gary Rolston or Linda Kacel.

Other Resources: As a reminder, Small Group Resources are located in Room 112. There is also a Powerhouse library located in Room 105 with books for teens, parents and resources for Powerhouse ministry leaders. There currently isn't a children's library.



Calling all Craftsmen

Calling all craftsmen! More accurately, craftsmen did you know that there is already a "calling" on your life and your craft.

The LORD said to Moses, 2 "See, I have called by name (a craftsman), 3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, 4 to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, 5 in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft. (Ex. 31)



If you are gifted in the crafts and would like to find a way to give Glory to God through your craft, I invite you to consider joining the new **Creative Design Team**.

Ex 36:2 And Moses called ... every craftsman in whose mind the LORD had put skill, everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to do the work.

*Ex 28:1 Consult with the skilled **craftsmen**, those whom I have gifted in this work.*

Are you a visually driven person? Do you create things...with paint, paper, fabric, the computer, photography, ink, wood, glass, or anything else? Do you ever think "it would be so totally cool if they did this, or that?" We would like to free you to worship God with your gift. We are in the process of creating a **Creative Design Team!** The purpose of this team is to be a part of the worship planning to design and implement creative elements that will enhance the worship experience for all who enter the Trinity Fellowship services. Would you pray and consider if God is calling you to a ministry like this, where your gifts can be used to encourage God's people in worship and ignite the call in their lives.

Questions? Contact the church office for more information.

Ministry Promotions

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If you have a ministry event that needs to be publicized, in addition to the weekly announcement sheet and monthly TrinityInfo, there are several additional avenues for communicating information to the congregation. To manage the number of events and means of communication, it will be necessary to contact the office and fill out a request form at least three (3) weeks in advance of when you are wanting to promote your event. A request is not a guarantee that the event will be able to be scheduled for that time. We are seeking to give highest priority to those events that help the church body fulfill the Vision 2013 goals.



HELP WANTED: FOR JOURNEY OF ENDURANCE. NO WAGES. COLD MORNINGS. SOME DARKNESS. SOME DANGER. SOME TRAINING. SOME CRITICISM. NO HONOR. NO RECOGNITION. NO APPLAUSE. FREE COFFEE.

CALL 231-796-2600.



Use Scrip for Valentines!



Planning to take your valentine out for dinner? Some of the restaurant scrip cards: OutBack Steak House, Red Lobster, Panera Bread, Subway, Applebee's, Wendy's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Blue Cow Café and many more.

Purchasing a special gift or a box of chocolate for your valentine? Consider a using a Scrip card for Roger's Jeweler's, Living Water, or JC Penney. Meijer Scrip cards now come in \$25, \$50, and \$100.

When you purchase Scrip Cards at Trinity Fellowship, you bless the students of PowerHouse Student Ministries. Scrip is available every Sunday between services from 10:15 to 10:45 am.



Volunteer Needed: A volunteer is needed to purchase cookie supplies once every six weeks or so in the winter months. If you can make a trip to Meijer or WalMart, please call the office at 796-2600.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Let us help celebrate your birthday/anniversary with you! Email trinity@fastmail.net or call the office 796-2600 with your information.



Have you heard about Real Life Campus Ministries?



Are you college age? Do you desire to grow in your walk with the Lord? Do you long for friends that have this same heart? Is worshiping with others your age something you are looking for?

If you answered yes to any of the above, you need to check out Real Life. Real Life is a student organization at Ferris State that believes that 'real life' is experienced in knowing God through the person of Jesus Christ.

We meet each Thursday night at 8:00 pm right on campus in Quizno's for worship and a message that relates to your life as a student seeking to know God more. We also have Bible studies throughout the week as well as parties, retreats and other events.

Check us out on facebook by searching for Real Life-Ferris State U for a calendar of events or text Mark at 231 250-6455 or Bernadette at 231 580-7465 for more information.

New Prayer Ministry Name

Moms In Touch has changed its name to Moms In Prayer International. The mission is still the same - to impact children and schools in our communities for Christ by gathering mothers to pray. Students encounter struggles and temptations everyday and need us to stand in the gap on their behalf. It is our desire that every school would be covered with prayer.

To start a group or learn more about this vital ministry, go to www.momsinprayer.org.

Festival of the Arts

This is the fifth year of the Festival of the Arts celebration in the Big Rapids community. If you would like a listing of events for February, please feel free to take a booklet from the counter in the office.



Children's Dental Health Fair



The teeth of a child are precious and the designation of February as National Children's Dental Health Month aims to further drive that point home to parents and their children. Helping the cause is Ferris State University's Student American Dental Hygiene Association whose members are reaching out to the community through the annual Children's Dental Health Fair from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, on February 11. The fair is open to children age 13 and younger and is being held in Ferris' Dental Hygiene Clinic. Participants are eligible for free exams, X-rays (for qualifying patients), sealants and fluoride treatments. Games, prizes, snacks and face painting will be available as well! First come, first served basis.



Family Winter Fest

You are invited to have a play day with your family at Cran-Hill Ranch on Saturday, February 4, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. There will be a free meal from 11:00 am -3:00 pm. Lots of activities - snowshoeing, broomball, tubing, horse-drawn wagon rides, ice-skating (bring your own skates), snow boarding (bring your own board), indoor game room, ice-climbing, pony rides, cross-country skiing. Cran-Hill Ranch is located just 10 minutes east of Big Rapids (14444 17 Mile, Rodney). For more information call 231-796-7669.