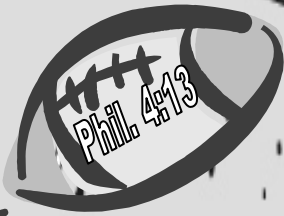


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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

## I. CHILDREN'S EDUCATION PROGRAM

### INFANTS AND TODDLERS

Room 120 and Room 115

Led by Kat Gallagher

Sundays, 9:15 Education Hour through end of 10:30 services

These children will be tenderly cared for so that their parents may attend adult education classes. Cribs are available for napping infants. Registration forms must be filled out for **each** child. Toddlers receive age appropriate lessons from David C. Cook's *Starting Steps*, and *Living the Good News*, which emphasize Jesus' love for them, and incorporate arts and crafts activities. For those children staying through the 10:30 service, please feel welcome to come get your child to join your family at the altar for a blessing or Communion. Many families do so just as Communion is beginning.



### PRE K AND KINDERGARTEN

Room 119

Age 3 by September 1st through end of K year

Led by Kristen Bryant

Sundays, 9:15 Education Hour through end of 10:30 services

Godly Play Plus will be offered at 9:15. Children will gather in #119 then process upstairs to Room 201 (their Sacred Space) for Godly Play stories. The focus during this time period will be the introduction of our faith and what makes it unique along with an opportunity to meet and interact with the Bible and its stories as an individual. Children do not come to us as empty vessels to be filled, but rather full of their own wonder and meaning to be developed and nurtured. This segment will fulfill this Holy task with respect and love.

Living the Good News will be offered at 10:30 back in room 219. Here, we will have a snack, bible study, singing, arts and crafts, and play activities. The curriculum is creative, varied and can be applied at home. Children will participate in both segments and are brought to their parents at the beginning of Communion *unless specified otherwise by the parent*.

## **FIRST & SECOND AND THIRD & FOURTH GRADES**

Room 211

Led by Debbie Parks

This group of children will utilize the curriculum *Living the Good News* to delve into Biblical stories and bring the weekly readings alive. Children in this age group are full of questions, answers and more questions! A choice of games, group play, arts, prayer and song will enable these children to explore Scripture and challenge themselves to find the answers they most seek while growing and developing their relationship with God. "Let the children come to me." Matthew 19:14

## **CLUB 56: FIFTH and SIXTH GRADES**

Room 210

Wizards and Wonders (A Harry Potter Bible Study)

Led by Gina Cox and other teachers

These experienced learners will enter "Hogwarts" set to explore their place in God's diverse and challenging world. They will use the varied methods of prayer, book study, bible study, drama, interpretive games, art and story telling all through the lense of Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff and Ravenclaw. In the process they will gain an opportunity to journey in faith in ways that are applicable to their lives as pre-teens transitioning out of the children's program and into the youth.

## **SOLEMN COMMUNION**

Room 201

Led by Debra Stinson and Dee Dugger

Solemn Communion classes for second and third graders (older children can also be accommodated) will begin January 31, 2010. It is a seven week program that takes place during the Education Hour, 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM, extending through to the end of Children's Chapel. Each week during the class and in Chapel, we will focus our study and meditations on two questions: *Who is Jesus?* and *What is the Holy Eucharist?* Children must be baptized in order to participate (last Baptism prior to this date is 1/10/10). Prior registration is necessary because of limited space and there is a \$25.00 registration fee. Registration letters will be mailed in January to all eligible children.

## **GOD AND COUNTRY**

Room as assigned

Led by various presenters

This program is offered in the Fall on a rotating schedule allowing the children to move through its different parts without repeating. This year, the *God and Me* (1st-3rd grade) segment will be made available on an as needed basis with a registration fee of \$10.00. The God and Country program supports several different scout / similar religious requirements. If you have questions or are interested in this program, please see Gina Cox.

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**  
**FIRST GRADE AND ABOVE**  
Led by Teachers and Clergy

Room 203

Children will begin the 10:30 service with their parents and will be led from the sanctuary before the first reading. They will rejoin their families during the Passing of the Peace. During Children's Chapel they will review the day's readings along with learning the meaning and importance of different aspects of our service including, but not limited to, the calendar of the Church year, significant prayers, and the items and symbols that make up our beautiful sanctuary. While Children's Chapel is a rich and enjoyable experience it is, by nature, a limited opportunity to speak to and reach the children on some aspects of our faith. It does not provide the in depth learning that occurs during the education hour at 9:15.

**ACOLYTES**  
Led by Cam Pierce

Church Nave

The word "acolyte" comes from the Greek word "*akolouthos*" which means a servant or attendant who waits on another. The Acolyte ministry originated from Old Testament times. At Holy Trinity, our acolytes serve an extremely important role for us all. Children may begin in this ministry as early as age 9 or 10, but rather than focusing on a specific age, readiness to perform the task in a spiritually appropriate manner is more important. If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful opportunity, please contact Cam Pierce at 375-1729 or at [camden\\_pierce@yahoo.com](mailto:camden_pierce@yahoo.com).



## II. YOUTH PROGRAM

### GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE

Room 217

Led by Garcia Barnswell

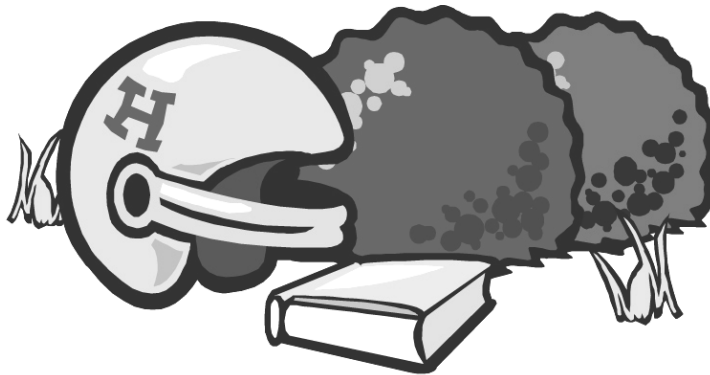
The Youth Group at Holy Trinity is open to all 6th - 12th graders. We meet every Sunday morning from 9:15 - 10:15, in the Youth Room (# 217) on the second floor of the education building for spiritual development. In this group setting, we discuss issues relevant to teens from a Christian perspective and the Biblical basis for our beliefs. We join together to learn, pray and enjoy fellowship. The youth group also meets every Sunday after the 10:30 service for youth-centered activities. Some activities are conducted at Holy Trinity in the youth room, and other activities take place off site. Our activities range from community service to “just for fun” events. A few of our past activities include; rock climbing, horse-back riding, tubing on the Ichetucknee River, Wild Waters, events at Camp Weed, charity events, 30-hour famine, Rock the Universe at Universal Studios, fund-raisers, movie nights, super secret events, Good Friday Experience, Paynes Prairie clean-up, Youth Sunday, and mission trips to Vermont and Denver. Please join us on Sundays and bring a friend! The only thing this group is missing is you!

### GOD AND COUNTRY

Room as assigned

Led by various presenters

This program is offered as needed in the following two parts, *God and Church* (grades 6-8) and *God and Life* (grades 9-12) for a \$10 registration fee. The God and Country program supports several different scout / similar religious requirements. Please speak to your youth leaders for guidance if you are interested in pursuing this program.



### III. ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

#### Sunday, 9:15AM Education Hour

##### **FR. JEREMY'S BOOK CLASS**

Library

Led by Fr. Jeremy Hole

This class determines the books they will read and discuss. Books do not have to be purchased or read to participate in the class. Newcomers are always welcome.

##### **NEWCOMERS CLASS**

Chapel

Led by The Rev. Louanne Loch

These 2 classes are an opportunity for newcomers to get to know one another and Holy Trinity through discussions about the parish, prayer book usage, and the Episcopal Church. If you have joined the parish in the past 2 years and would like to be included in the commissioning at the 10:30 service on Sunday, September 18, please phone the church office at 372-4721 by September 9. The classes will be held on Sundays, September 11 and 18 at 9:15 and meet in the Chapel. *Please note:* Inquirers / Confirmation classes will be announced at a later date to coincide with the Bishop's visit (TBA).

##### **KUELL HINSON INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY**

Room 209

Led by Chuck Parks

As we review our busy lives, it seems impossible to add anything more. Yet we recognize a yearning to grow in our knowledge of God and His Son, Jesus, and a desire to make our lives count for something ultimately. An avenue for accomplishing this is to get attached to a Bible study and see what God's word says to you. This is a lively study designed for discussion, questions, and sharing using the Sunday Lectionary readings. Please, come visit and see if it is helpful for you.

##### **WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP**

Room 216

Led by Sis. Ann Case, O.C.P.

The Women's Spirituality Group is an informal group discussion based on books, current events, and other materials relevant to women's spirituality in the Episcopal Church. We will have an organizational meeting on Sunday, 9/6 to plan the topics and goals for the class. All women of the parish are invited to join the group and bring your ideas and experiences. Schedules are hectic, kids get sick, you go out of town, etc. but please join us as often as you can . . . once a week, once a month or whatever you can manage! Contact Ann Case at [acase3@cox.net](mailto:acase3@cox.net) or 373-7067 if you have any questions.

**THE RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY**  
Led by The Rev. Louanne Loch

Library

The Rector's Bible Study will meet Wednesdays at 11:00 AM in the Library beginning on Wednesday, September 9. Please come casual and bring a sack lunch if you wish. All are welcome to come to one or all of the sessions as each class is self-contained. Please feel free to bring a guest!

**EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY**  
Led by Christina Ford, John Troupe and Ann Case

Library

EFM meets weekly for about 3 hours at a time for 36 weeks. It is a four year curriculum covering Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Theology, however, you only need to commit to a year at a time. The curriculum involves reading, discussion and theological reflection. Please contact Christina Ford if you are interested at 225-3648.

#### **IV. FAMILY OFFERINGS**

**FAMILY SERVICE**  
First Sunday of the month at 10:30

Page Parish Hall

This alternate service, with Eucharist, is a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to worship together in a relaxed atmosphere. Children of all ages are welcome to join their parents in the Parish Hall and pray together, sing together, feast together and offer up their thanks and blessings. This year's services will continue to offer strong roles for the children and lots of great surprises! Family Fellowship follows each service, with a chance to get to know the members of your church family who are walking the same walk "right where you are!" This year's dates are: September 6, October 4, November 8 (due to All Saints Day), December 6, January 3, February 7, March 7, April 11 (due to Easter) and May 2.

**FOYERS FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**

various locations

Foyers Dinners are a great way to get to know your fellow parish brothers and sisters. Whether you are brand new or a member for many years, Foyers is the best! It is a group of 6, 8, or 10 adults meeting once a month at each others' homes for a simple meal. Beer and wine may be served at the host's discretion. You pick the day of the week most convenient for you and the group will be formed. We usually meet from 6:30 p.m. to roughly 9:30 p.m. Come join us! Contact Bobbie Eller at 331-0839 or Kathi Schibuola at 386-462-9032. For luncheon FOYERS, which meets once a month in various restaurants in Gainesville, contact Joan Bearden, 372-4721.

## **MOM'S NIGHT OUT**

Led by Margaret Cauthon

Mom's Night Out is a group of women who get together on the last Wednesday of every month at rotating locations for food and fellowship. We come whenever we are able to, and we always have a nice time. The host provides a place to have the MNO dinner and has the option to provide a main dish. Guests can bring a side dish or dessert, but this is not required. If you are interested in hosting, choose a month below that works for you, but know that no one will ever be expected to host until / if you want to. If you have any questions please contact Margaret Cauthon. Can't wait to see you there!

Dates for the fall: September 30 - Margaret Cauthon; October 28 - Gina Cox; November / December combo — Dee Dee Locascio

Dates available: January 27, February 24, March 31, April 28, May 26

## **FOR DADS:**

### **BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW**

Lillycrop Reception Room

This international men's organization has been active in promoting fellowship, service, and worship for men since the 1800's. Holy Trinity became the 7th church in Florida to have a Chapter of the Brotherhood. Many projects will be considered for the Brotherhood to be involved in. Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Lillycrop Reception Room. Meetings feature devotion, fellowship, and service to the Church and Gainesville. Annually, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew hosts the well attended and enjoyable Oktoberfest, and those interested in helping put this great event together can simply find out more by attending the monthly meetings as they are able. For more information, please contact Doug Johnson, President.

## **HOLIDAY BAZAAR WORKSHOPS**

Flower Shop

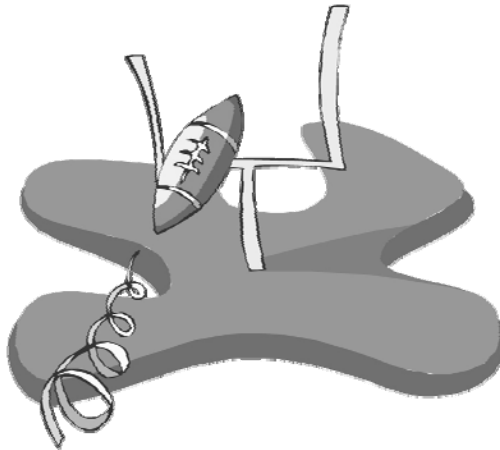
Held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Fall beginning at 10:00 a.m. this is a great opportunity to enjoy some fellowship and fun while working toward a great cause. While helpers will be in the flower shop well into the afternoon, please know you can come and go as your schedule allows. The Holy Trinity Holiday Bazaar is held in November right before Thanksgiving and offers among other things a large variety of beautiful handmade items. All proceeds benefit the church. No crafting experience necessary! There is always something that can be done, so please join in and bring a sack or order out for lunch.

## V. CONFERENCES AND RETREATS

### SPIRITUAL RETREATS AT CAMP WEED

Camp Weed is our Diocesan camp located outside of Live Oak an hour north of Gainesville. During the Summer it provides the children and youth of our Diocese with an excellent Christian camp experience. During the remainder of the year it hosts spiritual retreat weekends for children, youth and adults. Please see your Youth Leaders for information on Breakout, Be the Church, Happening, and other youth events.

**Cursillo** is a three day retreat which brings together a diverse group to share the richness of worship and broaden one's appreciation for our Church. Lay people conduct the weekend with two or three clergy members functioning as spiritual advisors. Cursillo strives to enrich and deepen your faith and to foster ministry among lay people. For more information you can visit the national website: [www.episcopalcurso.org/](http://www.episcopalcurso.org/) and to learn about Cursillo in this area please contact Rosie Warner at either 284-5851 or by email at [flutterby095@gmail.com](mailto:flutterby095@gmail.com).



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 19-23, 2010

VBS is a week long event for children aged 3 years -5th grade including not only those who attend our church, but invited guests of parishioners and even community members, as well. The week is organized around a theme and utilizes a rotation model to enable the children to have opportunities to learn in various different settings and in different ways. The main part of the program is the morning segment with an aftercare available for those needing childcare in the afternoon. This is a wonderful chance for adults to spend a week doing something “out of the ordinary” with the parish children, and a chance for the youth to volunteer as well. There are also multiple opportunities to volunteer in a “behind the scenes capacity.” For more on this year’s VBS theme please refer to the parish newsletters beginning in January 2010.