



# Celebrating 50 Years!

TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF CAPE COD  
WHERE A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SHAPES A LIFETIME

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## Celebrating Our 50th ~ Great is HIS Faithfulness

Trinity Christian Academy of Cape Cod has reached a milestone – our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** Trinity School of Cape Cod was first established in January 1967 as a nonprofit independent school for the purpose of providing a strong academic education centered in historic Christianity and founded on the basic truths of the Bible. We first opened our doors with a pre-School and kindergarten program in South Yarmouth using two buildings owned by the Evangelical Baptist Church.

**Since our humble beginnings in 1967, our school has experienced many changes:** a new name, Trinity Christian Academy of Cape Cod, a new campus, a new Creative Arts and Activity Center and new classrooms. We have expanded academic and extra-curricular offerings and we added a high school program. Since 2009 our enrollment has grown by 50 students. As we look back at all these changes, we are reminded that God has been faithful each step of the way.

With an enrollment of 164 students this year, I am pleased to share that eight of our

classes are either close to capacity (14-16) or at capacity (17). For the first time in the history of the school, we have two homerooms for 4<sup>th</sup> grade with two faculty members team teaching!

**The growth of our enrollment is attributed to the faithfulness of those who support Trinity.** Every year I am amazed how God uses His generous people to make it possible for many of our students to attend. In addition to the financial aid that students qualify for, friends, relatives and anonymous individuals with generous hearts step forward to give to specific students knowing that there is no tax benefit for them. They give because they know the impact that a Christian education will have on the life of a child.

*One of our new students excitedly shared with his parents, "This school is going to change my life!" I think that statement pretty much sums up what Trinity is all about!*

This year, 53% of our students are receiving some type of financial aid or scholarship.

As we look forward to TCA's future, our commitment to the mission of the school is stronger than ever and **your support is crucial.** Each year we must balance the financial needs of operation and the financial needs of Cape Cod families. This year, we must raise \$65,000 for our Annual Fund.

At this time of year, I recognize that there are many organizations asking for your support. On behalf of our students, families, faculty and board, I thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of your year-end giving. All contributions to the Annual Fund are tax-deductible and we have enclosed an envelope for your convenience.

In closing, I invite you to Trinity Christian Academy's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Gala on Friday, May 5, 2017 followed by the Back-to-Campus Event on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your prayers and for your support.

Great is HIS Faithfulness,  
*Ben Haskell*  
Headmaster

*Save the Date ~ 50th Anniversary Gala*

*Friday ~ May 5, 2017 ~ 6:00 PM*

**FEATURING THE ANNIE MOSES BAND IN CONCERT**

The Annie Moses Band has been inspiring and entertaining audiences for over a decade, bringing their distinctive style of music across the US and around the world. A captivating blend of folk and classical, the Annie Moses Band is a talented ensemble of songwriters, singers, musicians, and siblings combining technical skill with exhilarating showmanship. The Band's innovative sound has delighted audiences in record breaking numbers of airings on PBS and on stages as diverse as Carnegie Hall and the Grand Ole Opry.

Award winning composer, Bill Wolaver, weaves musical styles together into cinematic arrangements while the virtuosic siblings bring Juilliard-honed chops to Nashville-styled music-making. The Annie Moses Band combines the best of beloved genres in a style that unifies audiences, young and old, classical connoisseurs and roots enthusiasts, jazz aficionados and bluegrass buffs. This is outstanding music! The Annie Moses Band has been featured in Wall Street Journal Online, Southern Living, PBS, Fox News and Good Morning Dallas.



**TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY'S  
50th Anniversary Gala & Scholarship Fundraiser**

Friday, May 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM

The Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis  
**SEAT ~ \$100.00 or TABLE / 8 ~ \$800.00**

Event Sponsorships Still Available

Contact Peg Haskell

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**On-line Reservation Available**

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The Gala will include dinner, program and concert. An opportunity for the local community to make a difference in the lives of the youth on Cape Cod will be presented. Funds raised at the Gala will benefit the TCA Scholarship / Financial Aid Fund.



Dedication of the Creative Arts & Activity Center 2013  
TCA Board of Trustees and Mr. & Mrs. Haskell

**A Challenging Word !**

I began teaching at Trinity School in 1971, when the school was only 4 years old! How different it is today from those early years, when classes were held in the converted rooms of houses and in the basement of Evangelical Baptist Church in South Yarmouth. Trinity was 37 years old when it moved to its present campus. That is a story of God's provision and miracle after miracle. Mr. Paul Lorusso and Mr. Ken Hassett were used by God to bring this present campus into reality and I remember a group of us walking around this land, consecrating and claiming it for the Lord Jesus Christ. This 50th anniversary is an occasion to praise and glorify God and to remember His blessings over the years! Please join me as I continue to pray for the Board, for Ben and Peg Haskell, for the teachers, parents, and students of Trinity Christian Academy. I would challenge us to do one more thing. Let's dedicate ourselves to seeking a vision for the next 50 years. What new thing does God want to do at TCA ?

*Sharon VanWickle*

Teacher & Principal 1971 ~ 2007

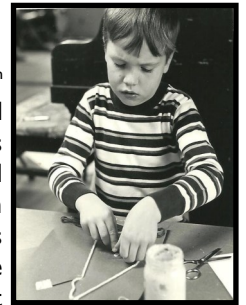


**LEGACY**



**From the Heart**

On the occasion of Trinity Christian Academy's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it is so very important to look back and rehearse the goodness of God. How far our Father has taken us! How great is His impact in the lives of students and faculty alike as we work to undergird the quality education received at Trinity with kingdom principles which will bless and guide our students throughout their lives. From the vantage point of today we look with wonder and gratitude at humble beginnings; the vision and obedience of Helen MacGregor in opening the school, the faithfulness and commitment of faculty throughout the years, the blessing of those who come alongside to help fulfill the vision, all through the gracious leading of our God. Truly, as we look at the current campus, the buildings and grounds, the record setting student population, the curriculum, accreditation standing, and the outstanding faculty, we see the hand of God. As Trinity Christian Academy continues to honor our Father through this ministry of Christian education, continued blessings and abundance will be the result. We praise Him for His faithfulness and His provision! God is so good!

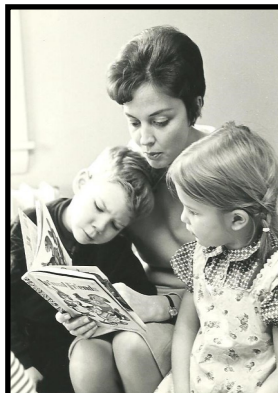


*Merri Grodecki*

Teacher & Headmistress 1998 ~ 2009

**A Fond Remembrance**

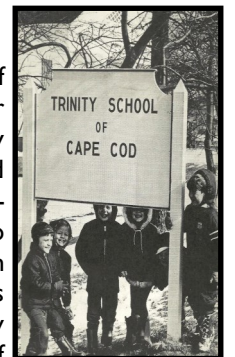
*Pastor Ed Lindquist*



In 1966, I served as a new pastor at the Evangelical Baptist Church of South Yarmouth. One day, Don and Helen MacGregor asked me and my wife Roberta what we thought about starting a Christian school on Cape Cod. We told them; "Go for it!" Soon after, they organized the school, asking if I would serve on the Board of Trustees. I agreed and became a member along with Pastors Steve Brown and Carlyle Smith, Myron Savage, and public school teacher, Ferne Davis. Helen and Don started the school with a nursery and kindergarten meeting at the church. Roberta Lindquist taught the nursery and Dorcas Thompson had the kindergarten. Both were graduates of Gordon College and Wheaton College respectively. Today, Trinity Christian Academy offers grades Pre-Kindergarten – 12 located in their own buildings. God has honored the faithful service of all involved. To God goes the glory!

**An Enduring Legacy**

Fifty years ago, Helen MacGregor birthed Trinity School of Cape Cod in obedience to the Lord. Her vision for a superior education bathed in grace and truth took root. The early years were critical to establish the firm foundation required for an enduring legacy. Scores of dynamic, God-fearing, Jesus-loving board members, faculty and staff worked tirelessly to make Trinity into the best private, Christian K-8 school in Massachusetts. From Falmouth to Provincetown, families were drawn to the South Yarmouth campus because they knew glorious things happened within the humble walls of four little cottages. The Dorothy Otis education building, the Red House, Pond St., and the Hunt Memorial Library pulsed with the love of the Lord and high expectations for learning. In those days we quoted John Rustin often: "When love and skill mingle, expect a masterpiece." Love and skill mingled at TSCC in remarkable ways. Love and skill still mingle today at TCA. Hundreds of children, some now in their fifties, bear the profound mark of the Master because of it. Thank you, Evangelical Baptist Church, for nurturing our growth during our early years. We are in your debt for ever ... Great is His Faithfulness !



**Gary B. Arnold**

Headmaster February 1980 - July 1987



## Happy 50th Anniversary !

Trinity holds a very special place in my heart! It has been a part of my life since 1971. I certainly have been richly blessed as God has led me on this incredible journey of serving Him as a teacher at Trinity for 44 years! Many people played a role in the molding and shaping of the teacher I became. Wise administrators, phenomenal teachers, wonderful parents and my cherished students all left deep impressions and positive influences in both my spiritual and educational life. My precious students were the absolute joy of my teaching career! What a privilege it has been for me to plant countless seeds in the hearts and lives of my students about Jesus and then to be able to watch many of them grow in their love for Him over the years!! Above all, I wouldn't be anything without my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! He gave me this awesome gift of teaching and it has been my honor to have served Him and glorified His name all these years at Trinity!!

**Joy Wordell**

Teacher 1971-2015

## Alumni News ~ Where are they now?

**Dameon Goode (1988)** - Graduated from Wheaton College in IL, he married Susan Hoover (daughter of former TCA teacher Mrs. Hoover) in 1999, now lives in Alabama with their two boys. The family visits the Cape every summer and keeps up with alumnus Clifton Berner and Dameon's Dad, former Principal and his Mom, former TCA French Teacher.

**Erin Dubis (1991)** - Attended Cape Cod Community College and majored in early childhood education. Erin has worked as a teacher and aide. Married to James, they have one child who now attends TCA. Currently, Erin is working at TCA in the After School Program.

**Lindsay Edwards (2003)** - "The foundation that I received prepared me to embrace an ever changing educational landscape. Also, the students in my class felt like family and the teachers were my mentors. I received my BA from Springfield College in 2011, and worked in higher education admissions for four years, and this fall have started a master's program at Springfield College in School Guidance Counseling."

**Chanda Maraj (2005)** - Chanda has been busy pursuing her education and received her B.S. in Business Administration from Walden University. She is working on her M.S. in Management and Leadership from Western Governors University. Having grown up on Cape Cod, Chanda has worked in the ER at Cape Cod Hospital, but will be relocating to Port St. Lucie, FL to further her career opportunities.

**Brittany Ann Decoste (2007)** - Is working on her MBA at Western Governors University and has been a preschool teacher for nine years. Brittany and her fiancé currently live in Centerville with daughter Gabriella Claire. Chanda and Brittany are still close friends from Trinity!

**Kyle Lincoln (2009)** - Was recently married, and is currently working on two post-graduate degree programs at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary for pastoral ordination and licensure to become a counselor.

**James DeLuca (2010)** - Attended Boston Baptist College where he met his wife, Jamie. Upon graduation, James was called to a student ministry internship in Charlotte, NC. Recently, God opened a door for the DeLucas to move to Lynchburg, VA and to be employed by Liberty University. James is also working with the band Sidewalk Prophets. "God is incredible and TCA has definitely been my foundation; not only when it comes to my education but, with my walk with Christ."

**Ben Lane (2011)** - Graduated from Massachusetts Maritime Academy in December of 2015 with a B.S. in International Maritime Business. He recently has accepted a position in his field.

**Courtney Eaton (2011)** - Is currently working as a hair stylist and is engaged to Kyle Nuss, a United States Navy FC3. A wedding date of October 22<sup>nd</sup> is set and they will be moving to Mayport, FL.

**Audrey (Tirrell) Prisco (2011)** - "My time at Trinity (both as a student and a teacher's aide) established some of my deepest relationships--with friends and with God. Friends from Trinity introduced me to my husband and are 'aunties' to our baby, Adalind."

**Emily Clarkson (2012)** - Graduated from Crown College with a major in Biblical Studies & Discipleship and minored in Youth & Family. She is certified to teach E.S.L. She works at Trinity as a teacher's aide. Emily is engaged to Jonam Wang. A January wedding is planned.

**Kitana Kalil (2014)** - Is attending Wheaton College in MA, studying art, graphic design and Japanese this semester. TCA served as a guide for her interests in languages, art, and technology. TCA leadership classes and speech meets prepared me well for college presentations.

**Garrett Bishop (2014)** - Is attending Eastern Nazarene College and is the first person in his family to attend college. With the help, guidance and prayers of the TCA teachers & staff, his dream of majoring in Social Work has become a reality!

**Joseph Willey (2016)** - Is in the final process of enlisting into the United States Marines Corps and hopes to be a Military Police Officer.

**Alora Hickman (2016)** - Is attending Union University in Tennessee and plans to study English. Alora was inspired to go into teaching due to the amazing teachers at Trinity who helped her find her voice!

## BACK ~ TO ~ CAMPUS Alumni & Friends Event

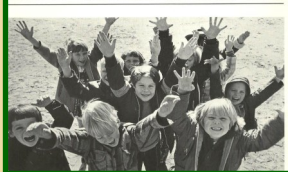
**SATURDAY ~ MAY 6, 2017**

**10:00 AM ~ TCA CAMPUS**

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

MEET & GREET ~ CAMPUS TOURS

TRINITY SCHOOL OF CAPE COD



### **WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE**

**\*PICTURES & STORIES\***

**Mrs. VanWickle & Mrs. Wordell**

JOIN US FOR THIS **FREE EVENT!** RSVP ~ APRIL 24, 2017

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