

Trinity *Life*

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
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For The Journey Pastor John Wheat

September is here. Most schools are back in session either on campus, online, or both. As JD Templeton put it, "Spring Break 2020 is officially over." Church committees are meeting. Bible study classes are gathering. This summer we saw Children's Day Camps and Student Base Camp take place on our campus. We held a drive in Vacation Bible School distribution. It was an adjusted summer on our part, but not on God's. God is faithful to His purpose because that is His character. What God has begun, He will complete.

This month our Women's and Men's Bible studies will resume. On September 9th, our Adult Midweek Bible study will move back to the Family Life Center. Students will be moving back to the Chapel. Worship Kids will move to room 121. Good things are happening in September. Marriage Night will take place on September 12th with a video conference and a great meal. We are making plans for our Wednesday night meal to resume on October 7th.

You may have noticed some concrete work being done to allow for our new electrical lines to be bought into the church. Along with this will come the beginning of our ground breaking for our new building. Thank you Trinity Baptist for remaining faithful to our future together. God blesses the faithful stewardship of His people.

We took the month of August to look at Scripture that points in the direction of being for our community and those who live in it.

#ForKerrCounty, God is for people and therefore we should be for them also. That doesn't mean that we accept everything others are saying. It does mean that we see beyond what some say, to the life that God desires to redeem. God has not changed nor has His desire to use us as His children to make a difference where we live.

There are a lot of things that can detour us from the path on which God has called us to travel together. I am convinced that Scripture is true, therefore, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9. Let's stay focused on the path and do all we can to stay together.

We are blessed to have seventy plus years of history to draw from. We have been richly blessed by those who have gone before us and I am sure they do not want us to only remember what they have done. Instead, they would want us to take what they have given to us and expand it. When our memories exceed our dreams we become maintainers of the status quo and not expanders of the Kingdom. What we do for others, we hope they will do for others.

Our focus is still "on Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20

Pastor John



Stitchers for Jesus 5 Year Anniversary

By Cheryll Overla

In the spring of 2015 the Trinity Prime Time Choir took a trip to Arkansas to do a singing tour at several churches. At one church where they were fed supper before singing, Sue Stewart and Marvene Wallace became acquainted with one of the members, a lady who belonged to that church's sewing group. She told the two about the ministry of this sewing group; making dresses and boys shorts for missionaries and children's homes. She also showed them a storage room with packaged clothing ready to send out. Two hearts were touched and an idea was shared. "We think we could do this back at our church". After several conversations a first planning meeting was scheduled to "get their feet on the ground" and see how much interest there would be. On September 3, 2015, eleven Trinity ladies met, excited to serve in this new ministry. The ministry took off and has been going strong and growing for five years. Of the eleven original sewers, two are still with the group-Sue Stewart and Rita McFaddin. Two and a half years ago the ladies decided on a name and voted to call the ministry "Stitchers for Jesus".

The sewing group now has five different styles of dresses the ladies can choose to sew from. We have added girls shorts sets along with the boys sets being made. We make the shoe bags for the First Blessing shoe give away and this year several stitchers helped make face masks for the church family and for our local first responders and medical personnel. Also from time to time lap robes are sewn and quilted to be given to homebound and nursing home patients.

From the first meeting until present time over 2300 dresses and short sets have been sewn and sent locally and to other countries. We love this special ministry in which to serve and use our talents to help meet the needs of others. What a great group of which to be a part!

Cheryll loves road trips and being outside enjoying our beautiful Texas Hill Country.



Wisdom is the
principal thing,
therefore
get wisdom
and with all thy
getting get
understanding.

Proverbs 4:7



Yes, It's Christmas!



Rehearsals for our
Musical Christmas Presentation,
Noel Born is the King!
begin Sunday, September 13
from 6:00-8:00pm.

Come be part of this exciting
musical celebration of Christ's birth.

For more info call the Worship Ministry office.

Fall Women's Bible Study

Joy of Living: Romans, \$25
Wednesdays 10-Noon, 9/16-11/18
or Thursdays, 6:30-8PM, 9/17-11/19

DVD Bible Study: 1 Corinthians, \$15
Wednesdays 10-Noon 9/16-10/21

Sign up online at tbck.org/events or
Call the church office.
Childcare by reservation



Beginning 9/9
we will meet in
Room 121.

Wednesday Nights
6pm in Chapel
Kids 1st-6th Grade

Learning to Worship
through music, drama,
service & Bible study.
Hillsong Kids, Sticks,
Sign Language, & fun
time worshipping Jesus!

The Start of a New School Year Amid the Covid-19 Pandemic

Following are thoughts from some of those most directly affected by the pandemic and the beginning of a new school year. Make it your daily practice to pray for our students, parents, teachers, & all those involved with the education of our young people.

Will Reid: From my side of it, I am excited to have the opportunity to try to compete. I am blessed with kids who have some great God given talent to run and I want so badly for them to be able to complete the season and use that talent, especially the seniors. BUT, that being said, I completely understand that there is more to life than athletics and it is my belief that all of this is (and I want to say this carefully) a wake-up call from the Good Lord that we can do nothing without Him and we need to get back to putting Him first. And I say that about me first and foremost and then our school, our community, our State, our Nation and our world. I tell my kids all the time that life is longer than high school.

Vern & Crystal Stahl: Teachers are back in the buildings preparing our rooms for students to arrive. We are being trained on COVID safety protocols. We are training for both in person and virtual teaching. We are excited to be back in school but a little anxious about all the changes.

Melissa Morris: Our family is excited about the beginning of school, the kids are eager to be with friends & back in a regular routine. Our children are in Kindergarten and 4th grade. What concerns me most is the necessity for students to wear masks through the school day. I would love it if the kids could be without masks and feel the normalcy of life without the pandemic. As I visit with others, I feel like everyone is making the best choices they can for their family; for us it was to send them back to school.

Jodie Hooten: As a children's nutrition worker at Nimitz Elementary I'm a bit anxious as the new year begins. We are learning to do things differently than ever before. In the past students have had as many as five menu options from which to choose. But this year, at least to start, there will be only two menu options. Our cafeteria capacity will decrease to only 8 students per table. This makes it necessary to extend our serving hours so we can accommodate all the students. It will even look different with placemats & stickers showing students where to stand and sit. We expect the first few weeks will be stressful with these changes but we're looking to make things better and safer. I'm excited to see the kids. I've always enjoyed interacting with them, giving high-fives and fist bumps, now it will be air high-fives and air fist bumps. I'll miss the connection.

Avery Abshier: I am often asked, being a senior, if I ever imagined this highly anticipated year looking like this. Did I ever see myself wearing a mask through the hallways? Does armoring up with glasses, a mask, and gloves for athletic training seem bizarre? Would I have ever thought socializing could feel this limited? The answer is no. I never would have orchestrated my senior year in this way and yet, each day as I process the reality of what we are living through, I am met with purpose within this season. My senior year is unique, yet I am so excited for the opportunity to steward this year.

My heart is to be a breath of fresh air amidst our masked-up school. I am eager to encourage my peers as we suit up and train for a calling beyond the field. I long to touch lives with the love of Jesus, even at six feet apart. I am challenged to see these safety precautions as part of my warrior armor. Each day, suiting up with the Armor of God and styling it with a cute mask. The world is still desperate for the Truth that sets man free so BE THE LIGHT!



***This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Hide it under a face mask? No! I'm gonna let it shine!***



Will Reid
is a runaholic
because he is a
Blue Bell fanatic.



Vern & Crystal Stahl have
been educators
for 20 years.
They have 3
boys and love
to be outdoors!
They raise a
herd of Texas
Longhorns at
their ranch in Rocksprings.



Melissa Morris is
a childbirth doula
who loves rainy
days and Key
Lime LaCroix.



Jody Hooten has
played handbells
since the TBC
group was
formed. She &
Van have 4
grown children.



Avery Abshier
is going to be
a 2021 Tivy
graduate and
unlike many in
the youth, is a
proud, Crocs
wearing advocate.



Youth Update

By Elisa Keese

Normally, summer is my favorite time of the year. I get to go on vacations, to summer camps, and I get to spend more time with my friends. But 2020 has been so different. At the beginning of this summer, I was in a really bad place mentally and emotionally. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, I hadn't seen any of my friends in multiple weeks and all of my summer had been cancelled. After I found out youth camp was cancelled this year I was very disappointed. The idea of Base Camp was exciting to me but my expectations were very low because of the limited time to plan and because of how high my expectations

were for youth camp. However, Base Camp was one of the best spiritual experiences I've ever had. The speaker, Jake Edwards, was amazing. I learned a lot from him and took good notes on his sermons. The band was super engaging and everyone was raising their hands in worship which was awesome to see and experience. I got to watch my best friend, who I know has been struggling with things in her life, have a song move her to tears. I made new friends and developed deeper relationships with the old ones. This unusual summer has helped me grow in ways that could only have been possible amidst the pandemic.

Elisa is musically talented and plays keyboard with the 10:00 Worship band. She can be easily motivated with chocolate.



Met the Family Edition Challenge

Marcum
Watkins/Overla
Hawkins
Henson
Wheat
Parish
Templeton

Individual

D6 Challenge Recipients

Lehne Johnson
Willow Woodruff
Levi Stahl
Gadie Bowers
Lillee Dent

Congratulations!

Kerrville Central Update

By Chuck Coulter

Kerrville Central is a small group home-based Bible study. My wife, Missy and I started it two years ago but we were remodeling our home, so we've met in several homes and the name Kerrville Central stuck. We now meet at our home south of town every Monday at 6 pm. During the lockdown we kept in touch with texting and we even broke some of the rules and met with couples for dinner. We had our first group meeting last Monday and let me tell you how much we missed in person contact with our brothers and sisters. Missy and I joined Trinity about 4 years ago, Chris and Marit Hunter were instrumental in encouraging us to visit. It's funny how the Holy Spirit works when you aren't looking for change. Two years ago, we felt the serious pull of the Holy Spirit to serve, more than just attending church services, so we talked to Pastor John who gave us several needs for our church community and home-based Bible study was the one that jumped out to us. When we see a need we all pitch in to help our family in Christ. Missy, Karen Kammer and the two Tim's (Kammer & Matthias) undertook caring for one of our church members who was in need of home care. Our group built a wheelchair ramp and did home repairs as well as yard care until he went home to our Lord. Our group is close knit and involved in helping the homeless and the Salvation Army with food baskets and personal items. The entire group is an army of prayer warriors. II Samuel 23:10 sticks in my mind every time we pray, "Eleazar stood his ground and struck down the Philistines till his hand grew tired and froze to his sword. The Lord brought about a great victory that day."

Our group is small, 8-12 people, and we like it that way. It's intimate and close, we share our closest secrets and needs with each other. Everyone is accepted even if you have tattoos, piercings or purple hair! We laugh, cut up, share meals and life's stories of what God has done for us as we study His word. It's pizza night this week and we can hardly wait!

Chuck Coulter cooks the world's best brisket!



Trinity U

**Coming Sundays, 5:00-6:00pm,
beginning September 20, 8 Sessions
Watch for details!**

Pilgrims of Faith Update

By Jo Hancock

When finding ways to cope with the isolation I first experienced at the onset of COVID-19, I rediscovered my passion for reading since I now had an overabundance of time on my hands. Soon I had devoured every book on my "someday I'll get around to reading" list. Next I read Lisa TerKeurst's challenging question in "Finding I AM", "What if God's plan is to **change us** through this before He **changes our circumstances** in this?" Then when the newspaper was reduced to only three days a week due to economic constraints, I found myself reading every article on almost every page, and while doing so I came across a devotional by Jeff Anderson based on the life of Corrie Ten Boom. Her testimony was that God uses all we walk through in this world for greater purposes and good. The following quotes of wisdom came after she survived being imprisoned during the Nazi Holocaust but are pertinent to today's life circumstances:

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength."

"Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable and receives the impossible."

"Let God's promises shine on your problems."

"If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within you'll be depressed. But if you look at Christ, you'll be at rest."

Our **Pilgrims of Faith** class has navigated the Trinity 3- step plan thus far to bring us back together in Bible study both in person and via Zoom. **Truman Martin** has been dedicated to making sure our class is able to continue Bible study with whatever means the church has allowed, and he appreciates those who have volunteered to wipe down the chairs after class. Through the past several months we've been able to stay connected through the faithful efforts of **Bitsy Martin** and class care group leaders **Cathy Winslow, Sylvia Valencia, Gayle Petty, Gloria Goodwin and Jeanne Dame**. They have kept us informed of class members who have experienced being homebound, the death of a spouse or parent, heart ablations, knee replacements, kidney stones and concerns for children, grandchildren, family members, neighbors and friends who may be or have been exposed to COVID. Perhaps now more than ever, knowing the needs has led to our being more aware of the necessity of prayer. Again to quote Corrie Ten Boom:

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?"

Jo is a fourth-generation fan of birds and blooms whose pioneer spirit goes by the wayside when it's 100 degrees outside!"



TBC Women's Ministry Hosts

Amy Glass

for a Mosaic Holiday Craft Event

Friday September 11, Room 102

\$35 per session: 9-Noon, 1-4PM or 6-9PM



**Saturday, September 12th, 5-9:30 PM,
TBC Chapel, \$30 per Couple, Includes Meal**

MARRIAGE NIGHT

ONE-NIGHT LIVESTREAM EXPERIENCE

Learn more and register at tbck.org/events

Happy to  a CDO Kid
at Trinity!

SAVE
= the =
DATE
9-8-2020

Children's Day Out
for Babies thru Pre-K
begins September 8th.
Applications are on line at
www.tbck.org
Contact Beth Ann Brown
at 830-895-0100
for more information.

1st & 2nd Corinthians



Fall Men's Bible Study with Bill Parr
Thursdays, 10am—Noon, Sept 10—Nov 19
Sign up at tbck.org/events

Children's Ministry Update

By Kellee Parish

Fall is such a wonderful time of the year. In preparation for fall, back to school, & hopefully some cooler weather, we look forward to our Mother's Day Out Program (CDO) to begin on Tuesday, September 8th. It's such a blessing to hear their little preschool voices singing as they travel throughout the building.

Our exciting new fall community outreach event is Trinity's "Family Fall Fest". On Saturday, October 24th at 3pm in the Family Life Center our guest will be Keith Coast. You can check out his webpage at www.keithcoast.com. Keith has done many of our Preteen Camps and the kids will remember him for putting himself in a balloon, as well as being the author of "The Bacon Book" and Bacon Song. We will require tickets for seating but the event is free. Your family can sign up and get tickets in the church office after Labor Day.

Fall is also such a special time for our Four Year Olds as they join in worship with their families. They grow up so fast, what an encouragement to see our kids as they begin learning how to worship. Every fall we present promoted First graders with a new Bible. As they begin to read we want to make sure they have the most important book to read in their home. So many wonderful things to celebrate this fall!

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JOIN US FOR
FOOD,
FELLOWSHIP & FUN
SUNDAYS 8-10PM
IN THE FLC/GYM



Adopt-a-Grad

Help encourage the faith
of a Trinity 2020 High School Grad
with uplifting notes & care packages

August - May

The doors are closing fast on this
opportunity for you to minister to
our graduates!

Call Gina in the church office for
information or to sign up!

Trinity Three Step

We are Currently in Step 2.5



Sundays

Worship: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am
(Childcare for those 3 yrs & younger)

All services streamed at tbck.org/live
and on KCYR 101.5FM

Bible Study: Adults, 10:00am

Bible Study: Adults/Youth/Children, 11:30am

Wednesdays

Service at 6:00pm

streamed at tbck.org/live & on KCYR 101.5FM

Pickleball is back!

The TBC Gym will be
open for Pickleball on
Mondays and Wednesdays
from Noon to 1:00pm
beginning 8/31.

Come & Enjoy!



Thoughts from the Bedside as shared by Roslyn Houghton

November 19, 2016 a broken femur began a journey of surgeries, rehab, and seemingly unending recovery for Roslyn Houghton. Following surgery & facing physical therapy she felt incapable of the tasks being asked of her, Roslyn called out; "Lord, I don't think I can do this". God brought three thoughts to her mind;

- Be still and know that I am God
- You have divine appointments with people you would not otherwise meet
- My grace is sufficient for you

Roslyn describes God's grace like manna, you must use all of it every day, tomorrow God will provide more grace sufficient for the day.

This season of life has been a mission trip for which she did not sign up. Roslyn found opportunities to share Jesus with other patients, physical therapists, and medical staff. Matt Riordan, physical therapist and Trinity member, has helped her through many days of PT.

Eight months after surgery she was still in pain and walking with a cane. Then came a day when she could not stand or walk. November 9, 2017 she was heading into surgery again, this time in Houston. The result would leave one leg shorter than the other.

In July 2018 she had healed, rang the bell, said no thank you to the surgery that would lengthen her leg. She felt the necessity of a lift for her shoe was an option she could live with. The reality of the lift was more difficult to accept. Roslyn had yet another surgery to lengthen her leg and is only a few days from finishing the process.

Through it all, there were people who have been the hands & feet of Jesus to Roslyn. People who checked on her when she was in the hospital, others who made frequent calls & visits once she was home and provided meals, those who listened when she was frustrated and in pain, and many who prayed for her.

So, how can we effectively minister to those around us who are on a journey of recovery? What can we do to support them as they endure pain, isolation, and yes, boredom?

Have you ever said "if you need anything please let me know"? Did you mean it? We should all have those we can call upon when we need help. And if we offer help, we must be ready to step up to provide help when it is needed.

Have you thought "I should call, but they may be sleeping, I don't want to bother them"? Perhaps God is directing you to call at their moment of greatest need. Make the call, if you get voicemail leave a message, let them know God put them on your mind, and that you are praying for them.



*wednesday, September 9th at 6:00pm
in the worship center
4 year olds & their parents learn tips
to prepare little ones for Sunday worship.*



Worship Ministry Fall Schedule By Larry Danks

Things will look a bit different this fall for our Trinity Worship Ministry. The virus which has turned so much of our world topsy turvy has done the same for some of our groups.

The Worship Choir is currently meeting and is singing each week in our 11:30 am Worship Service. This group is open to any adults who would like to participate. We are rehearsing in the Worship Center pews at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings in order to maintain physical spacing as we sing.

The Prime Time Singers will meet in the Worship Center once per month for a time of rehearsal, hymn singing, prayer and fellowship. Because our ministry venues are not open to groups at this time we will meet on these dates: Sept 23, Oct 18, and Nov 13 from 10:00 – 11:30 am.

The Master's Ringers handbell choir will begin rehearsals again in January 2021. The very nature of handbell ringing does not allow for physical spacing and the lack of ministry locations to play this fall has compelled us to delay the start of rehearsals at this time.

We will begin rehearsals for our Christmas Musical on Sunday, September 13 at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center. We are preparing to share the joy of Christmas through song. If you are interested in singing with us this year, please contact the Worship Ministry office at the church.

As always, our largest choir is the congregation which meets each Sunday morning. Come prepared to worship well through song.

The Month in Review: August



8/5-Children's Day Camp



8/31-Back to School Prayer Breakfast



8/13-Farewell to Church Interns Roy Henry & Grace Shaw



Changes have begun at TBC!

- calendar Events**
- **Sundays: Worship**
8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM
All services streamed
Bible Study-Adults 10:00
Adults/Children 11:30
 - **Wednesdays:**
Mid-Week Service
6:00PM, also streamed
Adults-Worship Center
Students-Family Life Ctr
Children-Chapel
Choir Rehearsal 7:00
 - Sep 3-Stitchers for Jesus
 - Sep 7-Labor Day
(Church office closed)
 - Sep 8-CDO begins
 - Sep 9-Women's Bible Study begins
 - Sep 9-4's Go to Worship
 - Sep 10-Men's Bible Study begins
 - Sep 11-Women's Craft Night
 - Sep 12-Marriage Night
 - Sept 13-1st Grade Bible Presentation
 - Sept 13-Christmas Music rehearsals begin
 - Sep 23-See You At The Pole
 - Sep 27-Member Meeting

Looking Ahead



- Oct 1-Stitchers for Jesus
- Oct 17-Hill Country Baptist Associational Meeting
- Oct 24-Family Fall Fest
- Oct 25-Member Meeting



- Nov 1-Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov 5-Stitchers for Jesus
- Nov 22-Member Meeting
- Nov 26-Thanksgiving (Church office closed Nov 26-27)



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