

The Month Of June In Review



Calendar Events

- Sunday Worship 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM
All services streamed
Call by Wednesday for Childcare reservations
- Mid-Week Bible Study 6:00PM, also streamed
Adult-Worship Center
Students-Family Life Ctr
Children-Chapel
- July 1 Drive-In VBS Kickoff
- July 3 Church office closed
- July 8 Women's Bible Study begins-Colossians:
Wednesdays AM/Thursdays PM
- July 10 Youth Girl's Trip
- July 11 Youth Guy's Trip
- July 12 Bible Study on Campus begins
- July 15 Youth Camp Meeting
- July 15 or 29 Day Camp, grades 3-6 (completed)
- July 18 Women's Luncheon at Bella Sera
- July 21-23 Youth Base Camp
- July 28 Middle School Cookout
- July 30 High School Cookout

Looking Ahead



5: Day Camp, grades 1-2 (completed)
23: Member Meeting
TBD: Women's Prayer Breakfast



3: Stitchers for Jesus
7: Labor Day (church office closed)
9: Fall Women's Bible Study Begins-Romans
11: Women's Craft Night
27: Member Meeting
TBD: Men's Bible Study-1st Corinthians



For the Journey Pastor John Wheat

Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must also love one another. By this everyone will know you are My disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35

Jesus described what it would take to be His disciples most recently in our sermon series through the gospel of Mark. The denial of self and taking up one's cross and following Jesus were the commitments required. However, Scripture is clear to point out that others will know we are Jesus' disciples by how we love one another. An inner commitment that doesn't manifest itself in an outward action is confusing and questioned.

I am grateful for the way Trinity Baptist Church shows love for one another. We have opened our campus for worship services on Sunday mornings and it is so encouraging to observe how you greet each other. We are also grateful to hear from those of you who are choosing to connect with us through our streaming ministries. There are many new considerations for being church today. Whether on campus or from your home, we remain a family moving forward.

I hope you will enjoy our new newsletter called *Trinity Life*. We have evaluated most of the things we do and have reimagined and refined our efforts of staying together while getting information to the church. You will find interest stories alongside major church ministries and calendared events. *Trinity Life* gives us the platform of involving the whole church in both introduction of members and continued support of ministry direction. It is our aim to recognize all who call themselves Trinity Baptist Church and celebrate all that takes place between all our Bible study classes and Worship services.

Yes, these days are different than anyone would have imagined. But it is encouraging to see the steadfast faithfulness of God's activity among us. We are still filling the baptistry with water for baptisms and voting on new members at member meetings. God is good and we have much for which to be thankful. We truly are blessed to be a blessing. Many people are bringing their blessedness alongside ours to be an even greater blessing. To God be the glory!

In Christ,

Pastor John



Agape Class by Susan Lesser

The Agape Class is a discussion class, ranging in ages from late 50's to 90+. Mike Mullens is our teacher. Behind every good man, is a special lady, in Mike's case, his wife Patsy! Everything in our discussion is straight from the Bible, without written curriculum. Currently we're in 2 Peter and Jude.

Our class members are involved at Trinity in the church library, handbells, choirs, front desk, video ministry, and greeters. Our little senior class doesn't believe in being idle.

During this time of covid-19, we've been encouraging one another while we're isolating at home. You'd be surprised by how quickly we've mastered the art of ordering groceries online, navigating ebay and PayPal, FaceTime with the grandkids, surfing youtube and sharing links to videos with friends. Some of our group Zoomed the men's or women's Bible studies, and we learned how to stream the Sunday and Wednesday services. We've connected with neighbors over the back fence or from the porch. We went walking, or took a ride, just to get out of the house. Social distancing is now the 'normal'. If I actually aged a year every time I washed my hands and sang Happy Birthday to myself, I'd be as old as Methuselah!

Two dear people, Theron Hawkins and Bob Eure have gone home to our Lord. Glory hallelujah for the lives these men led, and the influence they had on the world, and on us. As Pastor John said, they are now more alive than we are!

No matter how dark the clouds, or how bad the storms of life, God is always there for us, open 24/7, no mask required. Micah 6:8 says "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God". I'm so blessed to be in this church, and with this group of people, who walks humbly, in faith, with God.

Susan Lesser: dog lover, bird watcher, still working because I love my customers, blessed to have lived long enough to be called senior, with all its privileges, challenges, and joys.



Proverbs 22:17

*"A merry heart
does good like
medicine"*

Through this
time of health
concerns and
social distancing,
trust in the Lord
for your
"merry heart".
As the
Bible says,
it does good
like medicine.



When Will We Sing Again? by Larry Danks

One of the biggest questions circulating around the world of church music is just that..."when will we sing again?" While there have been lots of opinions spread around there doesn't seem to be a consensus as of yet regarding just when it is safe for choirs to return. However...take heart!

The largest choir we have at Trinity Baptist is currently returning and singing weekly. Yes, believe it or not, our congregation is the largest choir we have. People are designed to sing in praise to God and to do that in the company of others. Nothing says that we must be in the choir loft to sing praise! The praises of God's people, young and old, are exactly what He has commanded and what He delights in.

When we come together for worship, take seriously your singing and allow the words to touch not only your mind and your lips but also your heart. Give the Lord Almighty praise when you are in the church building and it will be easier to live and verbalize your praise wherever you go! He is worthy of our adoration every day... allow your life to be that song of praise!



Coffee is Larry's drink of choice and a 2 cup minimum is required for creative thinking.

Children are welcome in all Church services. Childcare is provided for 3 years old and below by RSVP. Call Paula or email @ pbrucker@tbck.org child's name & service time.



Youth Ministry by Wes Henson



Summer is a busy time for most people. In the life and pace of teenagers, even more so! This summer, however, we are experiencing some new challenges and opportunities.

Like so much of the body of Christ at Trinity, the students have missed being able to gather together, laugh together, and study God's Word together. We are, however, enjoying the ability to come back together, even in limited capacities.

We are definitely looking forward to summer and the joy of gathering together. Cookouts, day trips, and Base Camp are going to be a great avenue for making memories and drawing closer to God.

During our Sunday afternoon small groups towards the end of May, we looked at the story of Jonah. One of the fascinating things for me through each chapter was God's love and care for each person in the story.

Jonah fled from the call of God, only to encounter a "great storm". As Jonah was being tossed over, he probably thought he deserved the consequences of being tossed over a boat in a storm, yet God's grace prevailed.

Later, as Jonah preached in Nineveh, God's grace won over again. What I found even more striking was the exact same grace that saved Jonah from certain death in chapter 1, when aimed at Nineveh, was enough for Jonah to lash out at God.

How many times do we do the same thing? The grace God so lavishly showers on us is the same grace we do not understand (or celebrate) in the lives of those we deem as unworthy. God's love is overwhelming. When we don't understand why God moves the way He does, God continues to move.

As we enter summer, pray for the students to rejoice over God's overwhelming love. Pray for the events and activities in which we will participate. Pray for God to change lives. Pray for health. Pray for relationships to be built. Above all, pray for God to be glorified in all we do.



Wes has yet to purchase meat that he's not willing to grill or seen a guitar he hasn't tried to justify buying.

Welcome New Members!



Micki Mann



Kathy Nicholson



Dorothy & D.J. Miller



Aidan Hawkins



CHILDREN/YOUTH/PARENTS
Families, we challenge you to let us buy your family a night out at Gatti's on us.
How?

Get your family together and learn some Bible verses & say them to Wes, Kellee or their assistants. For more info - pick up a packet at the church or call/email & we'll send one to you.

The TBC Women's Ministry
70th Anniversary Cookbook
\$10 each, they're flying off the shelf like pancakes (pg 174)
call Gina at 830-895-0100
Cookbooks make great gifts too!



Adopt-a-Grad

Who: A Trinity 2020 High School Graduate
What: Uplifting notes and care packages
When: August - May
Where: The kindness of your heart
Why: Encourage their faith
How: Call Gina today, 895-0100!

Coming to your adult small group soon!

VBS Drive-In Kickoff by Easton Brown

Hello, we'd like you to come to our kickoff party that is from 7:00pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday, July 1st at Trinity Baptist Church.

One reason you should come is because there will be fun and games spanning from all ages, oh and do not forget to bring a lawn chair with you. Another reason you should come is because Kona Ice will be there and, let's be honest, who doesn't like some good old Kona Ice. Don't think that is good enough? How about we give you a box that has some

fun VBS accessories in it that will guide in your quest to learn about Christ! If that wasn't enough, you get all those awesome things, but there will also be hilarious skits and great music. This event is mainly targeting kids and families. Just to show you that we are organized, when you register online, we will prepare your box so it's ready when you arrive. When you show up on July 1st, we will assign your car a number for the night and that will be your number for Kona Ice and for the rest of the event.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

Easton will be in 7th grade next year, he is excited to join the youth group and plans to play football this fall.



girls trip
2020

July 10 | 10AM - 7PM
cost - \$15
for girls who have completed
6th- 12th grade

Register by July 6 online at tbck.org

trinity student ministry

GUYS TRIP

July 11 | 10AM - 7PM | cost - \$15
for guys who have completed
6th- 12th grade

**Drive-In
VBS Kick-off**

July 1st * 6-7 pm

**Big Sea
Adventure!**

Parking attendants will be available
in Bluebell Parking Lot for Check-in.

Trinity Women's Ministry Supports Magdalene House

Magdalene House is a compassionate, Christian home environment serving women who are survivors of trafficking, prostitution, addiction, and/or abuse. The goal is to help these women heal, establish a relationship with Jesus Christ, and introduce them back into the community with job skills and the means to make healthy choices.

Needs include: paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning products, canned beans and vegetables. Also, gift cards from HEB or Walmart can be used to buy meats, frozen foods, and produce. As the Lord leads, please drop off your donation in the Chapel before worship on July 26.

Pray that...

- ◆ Each woman would receive Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior.
- ◆ Each woman would receive the healing only God can give – and become His light in the community.
- ◆ Wisdom in choosing curriculum and in meeting the individual needs of each woman.
- ◆ God would grow Magdalene House to provide for every woman who needs help.



Now to 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 3:20-21

Blessed to Bless by Truman Martin, Campaign Director

On September 1, 2019 Pastor John began a sermon series based on the Gospel of Mark which describes John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus, the calling of his 12 disciples and many other events in his life and ministry. Jesus interrupted the lives and livelihood of all 12 disciples and called them to become "fishers of men." His November 17, 2019 sermon from Mark 5:21-43 is titled Jesus Interrupted. It deals with various persons who INTERRUPTED Jesus to deal with their physical needs for healing. In the sermon, long before we had heard of Covid 19 or social distancing, he stated that some interpreters of the sacred pages of Scripture have called the book of Mark "the Gospel of Interruption." This invisible virus has interrupted our lives but through the marvels of technology (AKA mystery of technology) our TBC staff has helped us to employ tools such as Zoom and live streaming to hear and promote the Gospel message to our lost and fallen world.

The Gospel is not dead. Christian ministry continues to take place within our church and community. God remains on His throne and Jesus is at His right hand. Paul writes in Romans 8:28, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose." In verse 31, Paul asks the following question "What then shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Pray with me, "Father help me not to view interruptions as obstacles to my plans; help me to see them as opportunities to embrace your plan for my life and ministry." Amen

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18



What Defines You by Pat Hanna

What defines you? If you were asked to describe yourself, what would you say?

I began to think more about these questions a few years ago. A quick list of my adjectives would include wife, mother of two, grandmother of five, Christian, art lover, mystery or history book reader, and people person who enjoys helping others. When I began to look at the list I realized that I needed to rearrange it. First on my list of defining words should be Christian, a follower of Jesus. Because of *this* fundamental identity, all other describing words and phrases are secondary or of much less importance in life. This priority has become clear to me as I have studied the Bible.

Women's Bible Study (WBS) at Trinity has encouraged me to study and learn more of who God is, and know of His greatness, mercy, love and purpose for each person. When I recognize the sovereignty of God in this world He created, I know how to define myself. It is His word, the Bible, which has given this gift of identity to me.

WBS is a part of the Women's Ministry at Trinity Baptist Church for all women of Kerr and surrounding counties. There are two different formats that are offered on Wednesday mornings. One uses the Joy of Living's Bible book study that encourages women to look closely at a book of the Bible, its context and what it says in application for their lives today. This format has a weekly live lecturer

to enrich the study. Joy of Living is used on Thursday evenings as well, but without the live lecture. The second format is a video lecture study from a Christian author guiding women through the study of a book of the Bible and its application to their lives. WBS currently focuses on books of the Bible as study material, so that women can learn what God has to say about Himself, His creation, each of us, and His plan for life. The two formats meet separately on Wednesday mornings, 10-noon, or Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 8:00 to discuss what we have discovered in our daily Bible studies. Bible studies are scheduled from September to May with a summer session in July to encourage continued daily study, Christian growth and deepen fellowship with other women.

WBS will offer a 4 week summer study in Colossians beginning July 8 (Wednesday mornings) or July 9 (Thursday evenings). The fall studies are Joy of Living's Romans and Melissa Spoelstra's video study of 1 Corinthians. We would be delighted to welcome you, get to know you and discuss God's word. Please call the TBC office, 830-895-0100 to sign up for a study. As we study the Bible and speak of how it guides us, we find common ground to form friendships and begin to walk **in faith** with one another.

Are you looking for what would define you? WBS welcomes women to come and study the Bible together and see what God has to say about Himself and you.

Pat's love of art has taken her across the pond to see the Renaissance in Italy.



If you attend our services in person or via streaming please take a moment and complete our online Connection Card at TBCK.ORG/connect-card. Share with us your prayer needs, spiritual questions, and comments. *We want to hear from you!*

Ignite Class by Boyd Robinson

The Ignite Class has 16 members enrolled with two teachers that alternate Sundays for bringing the lesson. The study material used is the LifeWay Explore the Bible. We are currently studying the book of Romans. The smaller size class has unique advantages in that all are involved in the study discussions and sharing of ideas from their life experiences and personal study. At the same time each person is acknowledged and every Sunday, every person has plenty of opportunity to ask questions, share prayer needs and share their insights freely. The smaller size allows for plenty of empty spaces for visitors and plenty of opportunity for the growth of the class. Come join us if you are looking for a more intimate and friendly group to study God's Word with. Once Bible Study classes are back in the building, we will meet at 11:30 in room 208.



Boyd and his wife Julie are former missionaries to Guatemala and have been Trinity members since 2017.

A Taste of Italy!

Women's Luncheon at Bella Sera

Saturday, July 18, 11 AM



Call the church office to sign up
Space is limited to 30
"Dutch Treat"

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH



worship · connect · serve
Kerrville, TX

*We worship God,
reach people,
make disciples,
and serve others,
in the name of Jesus
for God's glory.*



Staff Spotlight Frank Brooksher "A Late Calling"

From the time I was 6 years old I can remember going to church. Usually I was taken with a younger sister and dropped off at a Baptist church in our neighborhood. When I was 15 years old I accepted Christ as Lord of my life at a James Robison youth revival. I was baptized in the same church I grew up in, but with no youth group I reverted back to a "worldly attitude".

I joined the Houston Police Department right out of college in 1968. That same year I married my precious wife Judy and the following year our daughter Tanya was born. My wife who was raised Catholic accepted Christ after we had been married for 4 years and became the spiritual leader of our family. I was busy working long hours and numerous extra jobs to have all the good things I thought we needed as a family.

As a police officer I was always quick to judge others and it was no different when I was around Christians that Judy associated with. I would sometimes attend church with her but felt more comfortable around other police officers.

In 1992 I felt a desire to move my family from the big city rat race and head to Colorado to escape the madness. I retired in February 1993 from HPD and accepted a position with an assignment in Estes Park Colorado. My family and I started attending Estes Park Baptist Church and I began to be stirred by the Holy Spirit.

One day my Pastor asked to visit with me. He asked me to start praying about how God could use me to serve others in ways outside law enforcement. That night while laying in bed, I began to pray. I distinctly remember the Holy Spirit tell me that it was time to serve Him and walk down a righteous path in my life. From that moment forth the most important thing was turning my life back over to Him.

I retired from law enforcement after 33 years and left the cold winters of Estes Park and moved to Kerrville in January of 2000. I left behind my Bible Study teacher, Bob Risch, that had the most influence in my life about how to serve the Lord. He mentored and taught me in so many ways I could not count.

In 2000 Judy and I joined Trinity Baptist Church. As a deacon I knew that being obedient to God in loving service to others was what I enjoyed the most. In May of 2015 Pastor John asked me to pray about becoming a pastoral care minister. Instantly, God spoke to me and said this ministry was where He wanted me. Sharron Hawk, and I began to reach out to individuals and families in our church and the community and we have been blessed to lead a team of dedicated volunteers at Trinity for the last 5 years. We could tell endless stories about the love of Christ at work in our lives and the lives of those to whom we minister.

Just when Sharron and I thought we had a handle on our ministry, things changed overnight. I remember going to Peterson Regional hospital in early March, 2020 to pray with a church member, when I was met at the front door by hospital staff and refused admittance because of the Covid-19 pandemic sweeping the world. Though the methods change the mission continues. I will continue to praise the One who is Holy and Righteous until He calls me home.

When Video Ministry goes from 0 to 60 in Nothin' Flat!

(At the same time your church attendance goes from 500 to Zero)

Trinity has been streaming services for several years now, but when churches all across the nation began streaming on Sunday mornings we began to experience an issue with bandwidth, which caused our streaming to glitch or freeze. We worked to resolve the issue by adding Youtube as an alternate platform for streaming.

Before the pandemic we would average 150-200 viewing our streamed services. That number increased to about 1,000 weekly viewers, which doesn't include those watching via Youtube. You might be interested to know our streamed services reach as far as Russia and China.

Typically, we use teams of 5 volunteers for each streamed worship service. But with the social distancing mandate came the need to reduce our number of people on campus. While we can accomplish streaming with only one volunteer it's quite stressful, and the opportunity to change camera angles is non-existent. With careful scheduling we managed to use a minimum number of volunteers and accomplish the task.

Streaming our Mid-Week Bible Study has been really exciting. We began using the green screen to utilize a different background. Fine tuning the settings in order to present a good quality video was challenging and rewarding when it all came together. Recording, editing, and finalizing the video is about a 5-hour process for a 1 hour service.

I can't say enough about our amazing volunteers, they range in age from 8 to 90! One team is completely made up of children. Social distancing is still having an effect, especially for our older volunteers, but their earnest desire to be here is evident. Since we are now streaming all three of our services, we have a number of volunteers working on multiple teams. I'm anxious for the day when everyone can feel confident returning to church.

For me, the greatest reward was to be part of sharing God's Word in a hands-on way. We've certainly had some bumps in the road, I'd like to express thanks for the grace extended when streaming didn't go quite as expected. Clint has been a huge help with resolving technical issues. There were sound problems, especially early on, several folks stepped up to help us get a better sound mix.



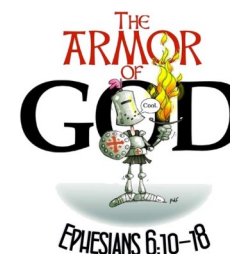
There is always room for more volunteers, if you are looking for a place to plug in, think about Video Ministry.

Joe Rief, Video Ministry Team Leader

For info, to make suggestions, or to volunteer contact Joe at info@tbck.org

Children's Day Camp at Trinity!

"Completed" 1st & 2nd Grade



August 5
(limited 20 per session)
10am-1pm
\$5 for Lunch

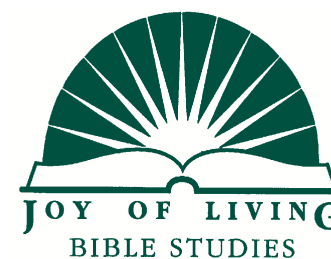
Registration opens June 8th
www.tbck.org

Day Camp at Trinity!

Register at www.tbck.org

"Completed" 3rd-6th Grade

July 15
OR
July 29
(limited 20 per session)
10am-2p
\$5 for Lunch
Register after June 8th / www.tbck.org



Summer Women's Bible Study

Colossians

Wednesdays, 10AM in the Worship Center
or Thursdays, 6:30PM in Room 208

July 8 - 30, Book \$5

Sign up at tbck.org/events or call the church office
Childcare by voucher only

