

Trinity *Life*

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
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For the Journey Pastor John Wheat

I am one who believes that God is in charge of life. He created it, sustains it and even extends it eternally to all who by faith believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We celebrate life at Trinity Baptist Church. This communication piece you are reading is entitled, *Trinity Life*. On any given day there are many members of Trinity Baptist calling and checking on each other. We are for life and we are for life together. Jesus came to offer life abundantly and extend it eternally.

We have a great opportunity and responsibility to share in the direction of life as we know it. We do not always take advantage of, or even understand our privilege of prayer. Amy Coney Barrett has been nominated to fill the Supreme Court position left vacant by the late Ruth Bader Ginsberg. When confirmed, Judge Barrett will have the great responsibility of interpreting our constitution as it relates to life in the United States. We need to pray for her and the other Supreme Court Justices.

When it comes to decisions and votes, we may feel that we will never hand down any judgment as important as those handed down by our Supreme Court. However, there is one decision that is more important than any decision that comes from a panel of justices.

The decision to follow Jesus is the most important decision anyone will ever make. We may not be able to affect the attitude and behavior of a country by ourselves, but we can affect our own attitude and behavior. The change in life comes when we decide to engage and make a difference.

There is a national call for repentance in the church and a return to God. Far too long, we have gone through motions and remained silent. When those in authority return to God, God will return to those in authority.

God will honor our choice in our upcoming election and we will live with both the blessings and the consequences. God has a plan and it is the best plan. It is amazing how God honors us when we honor Him.

God is bigger than any agenda, civil rebellion, political party or virus. In Psalm 46 the Bible tells us ... though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging ... we will not fear. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Call upon God often and allow God to use us to be the salt and light that our world so desperately needs. To God be the glory!

Pastor John





THANK YOU MINISTERIAL STAFF FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE AT TBC



John Wheat

8 YEARS



Larry Danks

14 YEARS



Clint Brown

7 YEARS



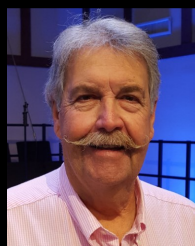
Kellee Parish

5 YEARS



Sharron Hawk

5 YEARS



Frank Brooksher

5 YEARS



JD Templeton

4 YEARS



Wes Henson

1 YEAR

Honor our Ministers:

Minister Appreciation Month is a special time set aside to honor ministers & their families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special folks. Following are a few ways you can honor them through the month.

- Pray for and with them.
- Write a letter or card of appreciation.
- Speak encouraging words to them and about them.
- Be kind to their families.
- Serve; within each ministry there are tasks for which you can volunteer.

*Let the elders who rule
well be counted
worthy of double
honor, especially those
who labor in the
word and doctrine.*

1 Timothy 5:17

*Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you,
brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.*

Philemon 1:7

Youth Update By Melissa Marcum

A new school year begins, and new students are in the Trinity Student Ministry. This was a different kind of year, and we had a slightly different introduction to TSM for our 7th graders than most years.

Starting in summer, our incoming 7th graders joined us for anything and everything. They were also able to participate in activities put on by the children's ministry as they said "Good-Bye" to that chapter and began opening up their new chapter at TSM.

Base Camp was probably the best introduction to TSM our incoming 7th graders could have received. Not being able to go to camp was a bummer for sure, but being able to have them be part of Base Camp was amazing! They were able to get a feel for how TSM works. They were able to see our Student Leadership Team in action, helping make Base Camp great. They were in small groups with high school students who included them and wanted to know about their world. All while being able to go home every night and tell their parents about it.

Our Senior High students are still making sure our 7th graders feel welcome. We are back in our small group discussions on Sunday morning, and it is wonderful to see the 7th graders engage in those times and in those groups. They are our next generation of leaders in TSM. And we can't wait to see how God will use them.

Melissa is a wife to Jordan and mother of two girls, but still isn't old enough to drink coffee.



**October 24
3-4 pm
Family Life Center**



The "Bacon" Song
Get your FREE tickets in the church office.



Trinity U

Sundays, 5:00-6:00pm
Sept 20-Nov 15
8 sessions

Understand the God Who Speaks

With Dale Moreau

Moms of Teens

with Mica Henson & Jennifer Abshier

Shaping of the Modern Mind

with Clark Elliston

Apologetics

with Bob Davis

Call the church office to enroll!

Courageous Kids
PART OF TRINITY U
Sundays 5-6pm



ATTENTION: MOMS OF TEENS!

A Study of 1 & 2 Kings
TRUSTWORTHY
LYSA TERKEURST

What: 7 Week Bible Study/Discussion

When: During Trinity U, Sundays @ 5pm

Why: Connect with other moms on the journey of parenting teens while learning more about our Trustworthy Father.

Cost: \$16 for Study Guide

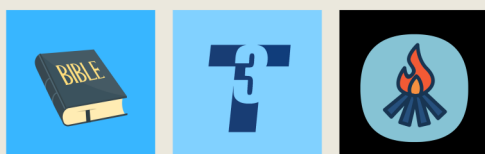
To sign up, contact the church office at (830) 895-0100

Hosted by Trinity Student Ministry

*Fun for the
Family!*



TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
WINTER FAMILY CAMP
JANUARY 1-2, 2021
@ ALTO FRIO BAPTIST CAMP



TASTE AND SEE...PSALM 34:8

FEAST

7TH-12TH GRADERS
SUNDAYS @ 5PM
ROOM 225

For all couples seeking
God's presence in their
marriage.

FOREWORD BY DENNIS AND BARBARA RAINEY

DAVE & ANN WILSON
WITH JOHN DRIVER

VERTICAL Marriage

THE ONE SECRET THAT WILL
CHANGE YOUR MARRIAGE

Taught by:
Brian & Barb Bowers
Wednesdays, 6-7 PM
Room 221
5 Weeks: 9/23-10/21
Childcare Available
by Request



MID-WEEK MEALS
BEGIN WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 7!
COST: \$5-ADULTS, \$3-CHILDREN
SERVING BEGINS AT 5:00



**Recalibrate
Conference
Ridin the River
Cowboy Fellowship
October 17, 10am**

**Call the church
office if you plan to
ride the bus which
leaves TBC at
8:30am*

TBC WOMEN'S MINISTRY 70TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK



**COOKBOOKS
ARE STILL
AVAILABLE
AND, AT ONLY
\$10, IT MAKES
A TERRIFIC GIFT!**

See Gina in the church office
to get your copy today!

Pickleball is back!

The TBC Gym will be
open for Pickleball on
Mondays & Wednesdays
from Noon to 1:00pm
Come & Enjoy!

Children's Ministry Update By Kellee Parish

Trinity's fall community outreach will look a little different this year. Our Family Fall Festival will be on Saturday, October 24th from 3:00-4:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Families of all ages are invited to come and enjoy the comedy of Keith Coast. Parents, if you don't know who he is, just ask your kids about "The Bacon Song". For fun, encouragement, and "laugh till it hurts" moments make your reservations now! Tickets to this event are free but we need to keep a head count for the event. You can pick up your tickets in the church office.



New To Our Family



Lloyd & Janet
George



Olivia
Gore



Jim & Alexa
Thomas

Marriage Ministry

By Brian & Barb Bowers

Hello from your marriage ministry team here at Trinity Baptist! We are passionate about growing marriages, from whatever state they may be, into great marriages-the way God designed marriage to be.

Five years ago Trinity's marriage ministry began with that passion being the common goal. We believe all marriages have struggles and that continuing education and enrichment, as well as community with likeminded couples, all help couples move toward this goal.

How many of us do continuing education for work or research ways to improve at our favorite hobbies? Have you ever taken golf lessons? Can't a seasoned golfer benefit from lessons? We think the answer is yes in both golf and in marriage. Marriage takes work-hard work-and our programs are designed with that in mind, to remind and equip us with tools as we navigate life together. Plus, they're fun!

Trinity hosted Marriage Night on Saturday, September 12th, and it was an absolute blast!!! We had 28 couples join in for an awesome date night which began with a fancy steak dinner and fellowship before heading to the worship center to join the nationwide video conference. The conference featured Les and Leslie Parrott, Matt and Lauren Chandler, Conway and Jada Edwards, and Comedian Michael, Jr. Thank you to all that made this night a success. (We even had cake from a professional wedding cake baker!)

Next up is our Wednesday evening marriage class, Vertical Marriage, which is a **short** 5 week study from September 23rd to October 21st from 6 PM to 7 PM on Wednesday evenings in room 221. Here's a brief

description: "You'll laugh while watching the video sessions...group discussions will feel non-intrusive and genuine...you'll enjoy short activities just for you and your spouse. Best of all...no homework!" It will be a refreshing midweek boost and a great follow up to Marriage Night. We don't take attendance, so come to one or two or all of the sessions.

We are passionate about marriage-and not just good marriages, but great ones the way God designed marriage to be. Whether you've been married for 6 months or 50 years, we'd love to have you join us. Till death do us part, so invest in your marriage like you do your retirement!

Brian & Barb are parents to two wild boys, one girl-self described as "country", 20 goats, 27 chickens, and a couple of good ranch dogs.



1st & 2nd Corinthians

Fall Men's Bible Study with Bill Parr

September 10 - November 19

Thursdays, 10 AM - Noon

Sign up at tbck.org/events



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.





**Wednesday Nights
Now Meeting in # 121**

Kids 1st-6th Grade

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

**college &
trinityyoung
professionals**



**Join us for Fellowship & Fun
Sundays 8-10PM
In the FLC/Gym**

#ForKerrCounty

At Trinity we are For Local Businesses. This month as part of our #ForKerrCounty initiative we spotlight 2 restaurants to start your day off with delicious menu options.

Mary's Taco-1616 Broadway, 895-7474: Give them a call on your way and your order is usually ready when you arrive. They have some of the best breakfast tacos in Kerr County, Pastor John suggests-Sean on Corn; Wes's pick-Bacon, Egg & Cheese; Susan Lesser's choice-Potato, Egg & Cheese

The Donut Palace-833 Sydney Baker, 896-3737: Say hello to owners Hop and Sing Kan. Clint Brown & family recommend these favs: Sausage, Egg & Cheese Croissant, Apple Fritter, Chocolate Sprinkled & Chocolate Cake Donuts, Kolaches, Breakfast Tacos, Croissants, and Pig in a Blanket.

Roots By Cortney Hawkins

The Roots Bible study is a group of mostly 30 & 40 somethings; some singles, some married, older teens...newborns...we have them all! We enjoy conversations regarding how the Bible applies to everyday life. A few weeks ago we discussed discipleship in the light of training to be Godly. Having the Spirit constantly poured into you...being a disciple. There is some trying that goes into training! 1 Timothy 4:7-8.

Recently we were challenged to practice gratefulness. Remember trying is important, but not enough-the Spirit of God makes it enough.

Gratitude. Thankfulness. This keeps popping up everywhere in my studies. I haven't felt thankful, I've been tired and felt like I was battling for my soul and life. For a long time (like a couple years) my husband Philip has challenged me to do a gratitude journal. I started, I tried, I had a hard time. I found a kid's gratitude journal on Amazon. I joked about getting a few copies. I think I even gave some away during our Sunday small group white elephant Christmas party last year.

Today? Today I am reading "Gratitude is worshipful warfare, declaring that He is God and He is good and He has brought what we've needed."

We are moving into the holiday season, and I have much for which to be grateful. But writing it down? Making things a coherent and expressed thought? That makes it real. Writing makes it evident when I look back and wonder and complain and ask God where He's been. It makes worship meaningful. It changes my perspective.

Gratitude acknowledges the fact that it is God's goodness and grace alone that are responsible for anything and everything that happens in life.

What are you grateful for? You don't have to wait for November 1 to start writing. You may be like me and need the written account in November!

(By the way, anyone ever make it through all 30 days of November Facebook thankful updates? Asking for a friend.)

Cortney is a mom of 4 girls who loves horses, has way too many animals, and loves to hike and travel. She is learning to lean into God as realizations of His profound love are poured into her daily.



Women of the Word

By Becky Doyal

I asked some of the women in our class to share a blessing they've received. Loraine Couch has been at Trinity, in the WOW Class since 1999. The WOW Class has been a growing experience for Loraine. The Bible studies and time taken to pray for one another are fantastic. Cleo Meadow says she has enjoyed making masks for family and friends. She has made about 300 masks and is still taking orders! Kathy Nicholson says, "When I moved to Kerrville, I missed my church in Spring, Texas so much. When I visited the WOW Class, they were so warm and loving, and made me feel so special. What a prayerful group. I just thank the Lord for bringing me to Trinity and the WOW Class."

Some very special WOW ladies have moved away or gone Home this year: Helen Puccini, Jean Allgood, Carolyn Hopper, we miss you all and will stay in touch! Nita Ernst went Home to Heaven. We miss Nita, and will see her again in Heaven!

The WOW Class is currently doing a study on Twelve Women of the Bible. These are accounts of real women of faith whose roads were not easy, and examples were not perfect. They teach us lessons that are deeply practical for our time and help us better understand our own stories. The WOW Class will return to the MasterWork Lessons on October 4th.

This is a devotion I've shared in Bible classes and church groups in Mexico over the years.

In 1 John 1:5, John says, "God is Light." It doesn't say God *has, gives, or makes* light, although He does DO all those things. No, it says God IS Light. How do you make a room

dark? Do you add dark? No, you remove *light*. Darkness is the absence of light. **God Is Light. If God is absent from your life, you are left in darkness.**

In Matthew 19:17, Jesus says, "God is Good." It doesn't say God *has, gives, or makes* good, although He does DO all those things. No, it says, God IS Good. How do you make a person evil? Romans 2:23 says, "All have sinned" (are *evil*). Evil is man's natural state. Because of sin, *Good* was removed. Sin is the absence of good. **God Is Good. If God is absent from your life, you are left in the evil of sin.**

In 1 John 4:8, John says, "God is Love." It doesn't say God *has, gives, or makes* love, although He does DO all those things. No, it says, God IS Love. How do you make a person hate? Do you add hate? No, you remove *Love*. Hate is what causes nations to rise up against nations, marriages to fail, turns fathers against their sons and neighbors against neighbors. Hate is what makes people steal, destroy property, and kill innocent people on the streets. Hate is the absence of love. **God Is Love. If God is absent from your life, you are left with hate.**

Our world—people's lives—are dark and evil and full of hate because the God of Light, Goodness and Love is absent. People need God.

I pray that God can shine His Light on people through you. I pray that God can do Good things for people through you. I pray that God can Love people through you.

Becky enjoys daily walks with her two fur babies and thinks God created puppies and kittens especially for grandmas.



It's Christmas!

Rehearsals have begun for our Musical Christmas Presentation,

Noel Born is the King!

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

For more info or a rehearsal schedule, call the Worship Ministry office.

The Month In Review: September



Mosaic Craft, 9/11



School supplies collected at the Women's Prayer Breakfast 8/31, were delivered to Ingram, Starkey & Tom Daniels Elementary.



TX Baptist Men provided disaster relief following hurricane Laura



Marriage Night 9/12



Looking Ahead



- Nov 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday, Church office closed
- Dec 4 Night in Bethlehem
- Dec 11, 12, 13 Christmas Music Presentation
- Dec 25 & 28 Christmas Holiday, Church office closed



Calendar Events & Ongoing Activities

- Sundays:
Worship 8:30, 10:00, 11:30
All services streamed
Bible Study-Adults 10:00
Adults/Youth/Children 11:30
Library Open 12:30
Trinity U/Courageous Kids 5:00
CYP 8:00
- Mondays:
Pickleball Noon
- Tuesdays:
Children's Day Out 9:00
GriefShare 10:00
- Wednesdays:
Women's Bible Study 10:00
Pickleball Noon
Library Open 5:30
Mid-Week Bible Study 6:00
Adults-Family Life Center (also streamed)
Students-Chapel
Children-Room 121
Worship Choir Rehearsal 7:00
- Thursdays:
Children's Day Out 9:00
Men's Bible Study 10:00
Women's Bible Study 6:30
- Oct 7 Missions Committee 4:30
- Oct 17 Hill Country Baptist Assoc Annual Meeting in Bandera
Registration 9:00
Meeting 10:00
- Oct 18 Church Council 4:00
Christmas Choir 6:00
- Oct 19 Finance Committee 5:30
- Oct 24 Family Fall Fest 3:00
- Oct 25 Deacon's Meeting 3:30
Member Meeting 4:15
- Oct 31 Daylight Savings time ends.
Turn your clocks back at end of day!