



Trinity *Life*

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For the Journey ...

I love the Christmas story presented in the gospel of John. "And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

Christmas is full of symbolism and storytelling. The season of Christmas affords us great opportunities to consider God's great love for us. We pass along family traditions while considering new ones each year. Traditions may change from daughters to grandsons. But every Christmas brings back fond and cherished memories.

We count down the days until Christmas and the giving of gifts as well as counting down the days until we celebrate the birth of Jesus. The celebration of the first advent gives great hope to our anticipation of the second advent to come.

Trinity celebrates the Christmas season in many ways. Inside our newsletter, you will find the many opportunities to join with us as we remember and celebrate Jesus' birth. It is

such a blessing to see our faith family together so often. I trust it will be no different this month.

In preparing for our Christmas sermon series I have been reminded of God's timing. **At Just the Right Time**, we will cover not only the prophecy concerning Christ's birth, but also God preparing the way; God revealing His favored one; God revealing His faithful one; and God sending Jesus, His Son. We are truly blessed and loved by our heavenly Father.

The stage is set, the actors are ready, the choirs rehearsed, and the worship scheduled. Don't miss any opportunity to be with those who love you in the presence of the One who loves us most.

"But from everlasting to everlasting, God's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children, with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts." Psalm 103:17-18

Merry Christmas!

Pastor John



CHRISTMAS SERVICE & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM (DRIVE THRU) 12/3 & 4, 6:00PM

PRIME TIME CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 12/5, 6:30PM

WORSHIP CHOIR CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 12/11 & 12, 6:30PM

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLING 12/22, 6:00PM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, 12/24, 5:00 & 6:30PM

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 12/24

CHRISTMAS DAY, CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH! 12/25

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE (NO BIBLE STUDY) 12/26, 11:00AM

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 12/27

NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES 12/29

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 12/31



Night in Bethlehem

"Drive Thru Nativity"
Church Wide and Community
Free Event

Friday, December 3
Saturday, December 4
6-7 pm



MESSIAH *Heaven's Glory*



Trinity Baptist Church

Prime Time Singers will be presenting a Christmas Cantata, combining selections from Handel's Messiah, popular Christmas carols, and contemporary worship songs.

Sunday, December 5th at 6:30pm

in the Worship Center

800 Jackson Rd.

Kerrville, TX.

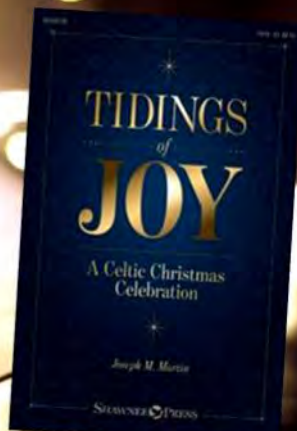
For more information call 830-895-0100

www.tbck.org

Trinity Baptist Church
Worship Choir will be
presenting a Christmas Cantata
inspired by Celtic music
traditions and time-honored
carols.

Come Celebrate Christmas with Us
Saturday or Sunday
December 11th or 12th
6:30pm in the Worship Center
800 Jackson Rd.
Kerrville, TX.

For more information call
830-895-0100
www.tbck.org



*There are so many
opportunities to
celebrate
Christmas
with your
Trinity Family!*

Christmas Eve at Trinity
December 24th
5:00 & 6:30pm



Families are welcome...
Childcare is not provided
The Lord's Supper will not be served



All Church
Christmas Caroling
Wednesday, Dec. 22nd 6pm

Your Trinity Staff



*wishes you a
Very Merry Christmas!*

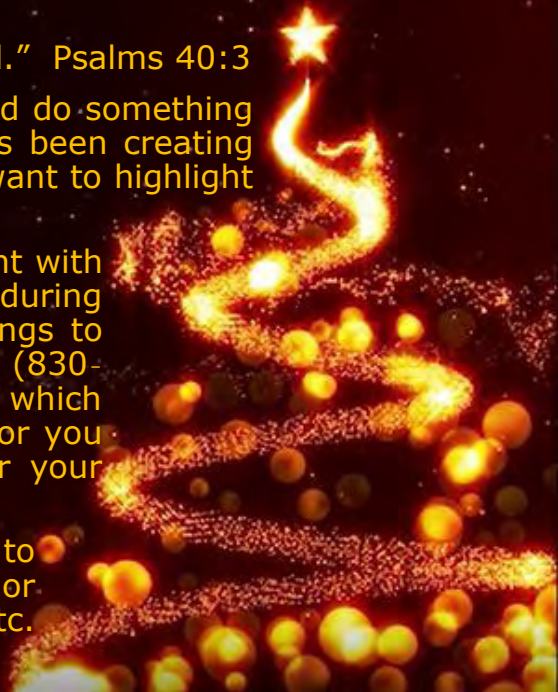
Something New for 22

"He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God." Psalms 40:3

The beginning of a new year brings with it a resolve to be and do something new. Through the people of Trinity Baptist Church, God has been creating and bringing to light new songs, visual arts and crafts. We want to highlight some of those in the months of January and February.

The Worship Ministry will be featuring our "home grown" talent with the display case in the hallway near the Family Life Center during the first two months of 2022. If you have some "new" things to display, please contact Carrie at the Worship Ministry office (830-895-0100) for more details. We have space to display items which are 10" X 14" or smaller and there will also be opportunity for you to share a brief paragraph or two about the inspiration for your work.

We simply want to encourage those in our midst with talent, to share that gift with everyone. Think about sharing a poem or story, music, photos, painting or sketching, needlework, etc. Let us see God doing something "new" through you!



Night in Bethlehem

By Sue Owens

Come experience the wonder and awe of the Christmas story as you begin this Christmas season! *Night in Bethlehem* is a drive-thru event that will guide you through the wonderful events leading up to our Savior's birth. You will be inspired as each scene is beautifully depicted by members of our Trinity faith family.

Come enjoy the sights and sounds of this special night from **6:00 to 7:00 pm on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3rd or SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th** - Church grounds on Bluebell side

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to this FREE event that is sure to bring the story of Jesus' birth to life in their hearts!



Wednesdays
6-7pm

Learning about Worship through Bible Study, Service Projects & More!

2nd-6th Grade
Room #121



Pre-K through 1st Grade
Room #151

Childcare provided for Babies - 3 Years
for parents who are attending Bible Study.

The Genesis Class

By Dale Moreau

The book of Genesis is the beginning of the Bible. It is foundational and necessary for understanding the larger biblical canon, both Old and New Testaments. Within the Hebrew Bible, Genesis belongs to the Torah ("teaching, instruction"). It is the start of a textual unit that runs through Deuteronomy and traces "history" from creation to Israel's arrival on the outskirts of the already inhabited promised land.

The first words of Genesis, and hence the first words in the Hebrew Bible as a unit, is vocalized as the Hebrew phrase "*berē'šīt bārā*" (*'When God began to create'*). It is the story of new beginnings—from creation to the origin of the people of Israel. Includes many of the Bible's best-known stories like the flood, Tower of Babel, Sodom and Gomorrah, and the lives of the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This book sets up God's relationship to the world through the people of Israel.

The Genesis Class is about new beginnings—new beginnings of the study of God's word through fresh insights and new perspectives. New beginnings of the literary, theological, linguistic, and world view context of the biblical text. New beginnings of mastering the reading and understanding of the Bible like a seminary professor. New beginnings of learning the latest online tools for winning inside knowledge of the biblical text. New beginnings of becoming the teacher instead of the student. New beginnings of making willing learners of God's holiness.

There is much more that will pleasantly surprise many people who join our Sunday morning class at 9:45 AM in room 209. We invite all ages, young and old, to partake in the study of God's word on a deeper level. If you fit into that category, please join us. It will deepen your faith and your knowledge of God's Word.

Children's Day Out

Space is available!

For registration information
please contact Beth Ann Brown
at (830)895-0100

Intermittent Fasting & Discipleship

By JD Templeton

Intermittent Fasting, also known as **IF**, has been trending in health circles for a couple of years. Methods vary, but the basic idea is to fast from one or more meals for a 16-24 hour period. Many people practice IF daily, some twice weekly. Research suggests IF can have significant health benefits.

Would this principle work in our spiritual lives? Simply put, no. IF fails when applied to discipleship. Skipping spiritual disciplines on a regular basis will starve your spirit. Avoiding a small group Bible study contributes to spiritual atrophy. Our spiritual diets need nutrition from both corporate and individual sources.

Short term courses like Master Life can help instill spiritual knowledge that builds spiritual habits. Weekly small group Bible study promotes real life application of biblical truth through healthy fellowship and outreach. Daily Bible readings feed your heart and mind.

Eric Liddell (see his story in the movie Chariots of Fire) said "You will know as much of God, and only as much of God, as you are willing to put into practice." If you want to be the man or woman God created you to be, you must daily practice being with and like Jesus. The Lord said in Luke 9:23 "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." The very nature of the word follow implies a journey, an ongoing commitment. So I encourage you – lay off the extra Christmas pie, but don't fast from spiritual disciplines!

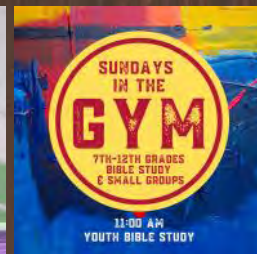
We celebrate the start of two new Sunday morning small group Bible studies. New Life (Greg Peschel, 11:00 am), and Genesis (Dale Moreau, 9:45 am) are now poised to apply God's word, care for one another, and reach their communities. Pray about your current Bible study group helping us start new groups in 2022.



WEDNESDAY, DEC 8

TSM CHRISTMAS PARTY

6pm in the TBC Chapel



Youth Report:

Let me begin by saying a great big thank you to everyone who helped donate items for our Shoebox packing party on November 3. We were able to pack over 50 boxes, and then had individuals take home extra boxes to pack on their own, we ended up dropping off 60+ boxes.

I love watching traditions take shape. Some of the students who participated with us have been packing shoeboxes for years, and others were completely new to the process, but excited to keep it going.

That brings me to musings on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Built into the holiday season are opportunities for families to make the most of traditions. My brother and I still joke about looking at Christmas lights before getting to open presents (we were not fans of the tradition), but the shared memory helps us stay connected all these years later.

What traditions does your family have? How can you lean into them this season? Maybe there's a new one you can start? One of the greatest opportunities we have as a family is to collectively look to God, and my prayer is you will do that this Christmas season.





Life Changes, LLC is a company with a heart for people and powered by years of expertise in management & organization.

Paula Locke & Julie Robinson customized their services to fit your needs. Call them (Paula, 830-377-5551 or Julie, 830-307-4327) for organizing & decluttering, planning new space, downsizing, relocating and settling in. Major changes in our lives impose challenges for all, Life Changes, LLC will support your transition from beginning to end. Check out their website:

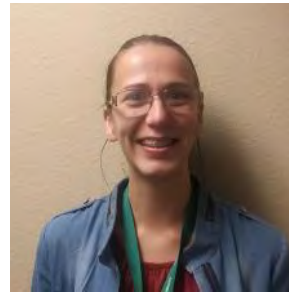
HillCountryLifeChanges.com

Rio 10 Cinemas is a fourth generation family owned and operated business. Serving Kerrville since 1937, they are located at 1401 Bandera Hwy. Trinity has been privileged to have our production of *The Victor* shown at Rio 10. Christmas With The Chosen: The Messengers will be playing at Rio 10 this week! You can call for a listing of their movie show times at 830-792-5170.



**To suggest a business for #ForKerrCounty please contact the Pastor's office at 830-895-0100 or mpdanks@tbck.org*

Welcome New Members!



Hannah Cipollone



Adrian Barton
(& Bryleigh)

Spring Women's Bible Study



God of Freedom: Exodus 19 - 40

10 weeks, Books \$20

Wednesdays, Jan 19 - Mar 30
Chapel, 10 AM - Noon

(Wednesday childcare
by reservation only)

Thursdays, Jan 20 - Mar 31
Chapel, 6:30 - 8 PM

Sign up online at www.tbck.org/wbs

Spring Men's Bible Study Continuing the Gospel of John

Thursdays, 10 AM - Noon

Happy State Bank Conference Room, 1145 Jct Hwy
January 20 - March 31 (11 Weeks), No Cost

Sign up at www.tbck.org/mbs

Trinity Baptist Church Men's Bible Study

The Fall Men's Bible Study has been a very challenging and interesting study of the Gospel of John, taught by Bill Parr, assisted by Dale Moreau. We are temporarily meeting at the Happy State Bank conference room, 1145 Junction Hwy, Kerrville, 10:00 A.M. on Thursdays. Men's Bible study is also an opportunity for fellowship around coffee, cookies and lunches. We share prayer requests and support one another in the issues that life presents, giving us a chance to get to know fellow Christian men and encourage one another to trust God.

The Gospel of John is the story of Jesus, as told by a disciple whom Jesus loved, or a select telling of powerful events in the life of

Jesus, meant to encourage everyone who hears or reads this story to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God—and by believing have eternal life.

John is divided into four sections. John 1:1-18 form the prologue to the Gospel. Chapters 1-12 form the book of signs and chapters 13-20 form the book of glory. Chapter 21 forms the epilogue.

The Spring Men's Bible Study will return on Thursday, Jan 20, 2022 to continue the 11 remaining chapters of the Book of John. This is a tremendous study you won't want to miss! Men, make time to be a part of the spring study. You will be blessed.

Christmas Around the World

By Sharron Hawk

I have been so blessed to celebrate our Savior's birth in many different places. I thought I would share 3 of those locations with you.

I grew up in south Texas on a dairy farm. My dad was a very fun loving man. The night before Christmas "Santa" would always throw a coconut down the chimney to assure us that he knew where we lived and would be bringing gifts later that night. Cows had to be milked at 4 am and 4 pm every day. Christmas morning we knew that we didn't dare move from our beds until Mother and Daddy returned from milking. But the minute we heard the front door open we were on our way to the tree that decorated the front room to see what Santa had left for us...always a day of fun and family. After I became an adult my parents would do all they could to make the holiday a fun time. After attending seminary I received a call to ask if I would consider moving to San Antonio. I went from a supervisor position at a 538 bed hospital to being mother to 20+ pregnant teens. One Christmas I had 9 girls due to deliver any minute. I told my folks that I would miss Christmas with them. Mom said just bring them here and she doubled the amount of food she prepared. The girls seemed to enjoy being on the farm for the day as well as the feast mom had cooked.

Then came my move to Nigeria. I would call Ogbomoso my home for the next 10 years. Christmas would start with me going out to Kersey home early in the morning to see the sick babies before our 10 am worship service. The Nigerian workers would become actors and present the story of Christmas to all of the children and their mothers who were there with them. They would find a baby that was sleeping and that baby would be taken from their mother and suddenly became baby Jesus. Shepherds were dressed as the Fulanis. Fulani is the nomadic tribe that herds cattle around the country. Any

given Christmas worship was very animated and the air was filled with beating drums and much dancing. The women, usually 60 percent of whom were Muslim, would hear and see a clear presentation of the gospel. Each child was given a new dress made by women in churches back home...thank you Stitches...for continuing to make those dresses. In the mid afternoon the missionaries would gather for a pot luck meal of everyone's favorite recipes. Always a special time of eating and singing Christmas carols.

One of the most meaningful celebrations of our Savior's birth was in a country where it is illegal to profess to be a Christian. A friend and I were invited to join a wonderful young family with their 2 children as Christmas was celebrated. The 6 year old little boy had left his list for Santa taped to the mantel alongside the stockings that decorated their home. The parents were shocked to see that he had requested a ring from Santa. The dad made a frantic trip into the village to see what he could find. Shop after shop had shopkeepers that just shook their heads when he explained that he was looking for a child's ring--unheard of in this country. We were getting worried as the evening wore on and being a Christian out on Christmas eve was very dangerous. Just as the young father decided to give up and head home a shopkeeper came running after him. He had found a ring...but it had an "A" on it. Does it surprise you that the little boy was named Andrew?

We drove to the home of a local believer to worship that Christmas. It was a man with his brother, their wives, and their children. As we traveled we saw security officers, with their guns drawn, who could have arrested any of us if they had they decided to follow us. As we sang praises to God for sending Jesus into our lives I realized that for many years to come the church in that country would look like what we were experiencing. Join me in praying for protection for those whose belief in Jesus could cost them their freedom and even their lives. We are so blessed in so many ways. May you have a joy-filled Christmas...wherever you are!!

CHAIR EXERCISE

Build physical stamina and spiritual well-being with CHAIR EXERCISE!

Led by Judy Harder

Mondays through May

1:30 in the gym - FREE!



**TBC's Week of Prayer
for Global Missions
December 12-19**
Our 2021 Goal:
\$25,000
**Offering collected
through December**

PLAY GUITAR? WANT TO LEARN?

Now Forming

Trinity All Female (for now) Guitar Group

All skill levels & ages welcome

Starting in January

Call Gina in the church office 830.895.0100



TBC Women's Ministry 70th Anniversary



Cookbooks make great gifts!

\$10 each

Don't forget friends & family

Available in the library or office

Monday, December 6th
11 AM - 2 PM
in the Chapel



Bring Your
Favorite
Christmas Cookies
and a
Bag Lunch

The Month In Review: November



Women's Ministry's "Swap Across Texas" was held 11/6



Week of Prayer for the Persecuted Church 11/7-14



We were blessed to serve a Thanksgiving meal to our construction crew 11/23



Many of our Trinity Family came to write scripture, names, and other messages of blessing on our new construction.



Thanksgiving meals were delivered to nearly 100 folks in our community 11/20. Thank you Trinity for donations & volunteers



Jan 1 New Years Day
Jan 4 CDO Semester begins
Jan 5 Building TF Meeting 10:00
Jan 5 Missions Committee Mtg 4:30
Jan 16 Church Council Mtg 4:00
Jan 16 Victor Rehearsal 6:30
Jan 17 Finance Committee Mtg 5:30
Jan 23 Member Meeting 4:00
Jan 23 Victor Rehearsal 6:30
Jan 29 Victor Rehearsal 9:30
Jan 30 Youth Parent Lunch/Mtg Noon

February

Feb 2 Building TF Meeting 10:00
Feb 2 Missions Committee Mtg 4:30
Feb 6 Women's Min. 2022 Kickoff Noon
Feb 14 Stitchers for Jesus 10:30
Feb 20 Church Council Mtg 4:00
Feb 20 Victor Rehearsal 6:30
Feb 21 Finance Committee Mtg 5:30
Feb 26 Victor Rehearsal 9:30
Feb 27 Member Meeting 4:00

Sundays:

Worship 8:30, 9:45, 11:00
(All services streamed)
Bible Study-Adults 9:45
Adults/Youth/Children 11:00
Library Open 12:00
CYP Navigate 7:00

Mondays:

Altar Flower Committee 9:00
GriefShare 10:00
Chair Exercise 1:15
Eagles Wings Lifegroup 6:00

Tuesdays:

CDO 9:00
Kerrville West Home Group 5:30
8:30-Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00

Wednesdays:

Women's Bible Study 10:00
Pickleball Noon
Handbell Rehearsal 4:30
Mid-Week Meal 5:00
Library Open 5:15
Mid-Week Bible Study 6:00
Adults-Family Life Center (also streamed)
TSM Circles-Chapel
Worship Kids-Room 121

Worship Choir 7:00

Thursdays:

CDO 9:00
Men's Bible Study 10:00
Women's Bible Study 6:30
9:45-Praise Team 7:00

Fridays:

Prime Time Singers 10:00

Calendar Events

Dec 1 Building TF Meeting 10:00
Dec 1 Missions Cmte Mtg 4:30
Dec 3 Night in Bethlehem 6:00
Dec 4 Night in Bethlehem 6:00
Dec 5 Crossroads Christmas Noon
Dec 5 Prime Time Singers
Christmas Musical 6:30
Dec 8 CDO Min Team Mtg 5:00
Dec 8 Youth Christmas Party 6:00
Dec 9 Jubilee Christmas Party 4:00
Dec 9 Children's Min Teacher's Christmas Party 6:00
Dec 10 Roots Christmas Party 6:00
Dec 11 Christmas Choir Performance 6:30
Dec 12 Church Council 4:00
Dec 12 Christmas Choir Performance 6:30
Dec 12 Christmas Choir Party 7:30
Dec 13 Finance Cmte Mtg 5:30
Dec 19-23 Mexico Mission Trip
Dec 19 Member Meeting 4:00
Dec 22 Christmas Caroling 6:00
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Svc 5:00 & 6:30

Calendar Events & Ongoing Activities