

# Trinity *Life*

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## For the Journey...

Happy New year Trinity! I am reminded today, as I write this article, that God is moving forward. His promise in the past is His promise for the future. God has plans for us. His plans include prospering us and not harm us. His plans include giving us hope and a future. I view the timing of hope in a present perfect tense; a past event that carries present benefits. God is faithful in bringing about His design and plan of reconciling the world to Himself.

I so enjoyed our Christmas series, "At Just the Right Time". To submit our timing to God's timing is not always easy. However, when we do submit to God's timing, and look in both directions, we see God's faithfulness in the past, coupled with God's empowered assignment for the future. We have a story to tell because People Must Know.

God has blessed Trinity with next step relationships and decisions for future growth and health. We are moving closer to putting our Blessed to Bless commitments in action as we will use a new facility and gathering space

for God's glory. God is honored and we are continually blessed by the faithfulness of Trinity members who have joined the LORD in the ministry ahead of us. It is so rewarding to stop and consider the faithful offerings of Trinity members who have faithfully given to our cooperating effort of reaching others for Christ.

The year, 2021, brought many opportunities for ministry and next steps as it comes to following the LORD. I anticipate that 2022 will be no different as we combine our spiritual giftings and blessings to serve God in our community. To God be the glory, great things HE is bringing our way.

I am excited about our assignment together as a family of faith. God has plans for us that will not only prosper us but will provide the hope and future we desire and that God has planned.

In Christ,

*Pastor John*



# *Happy New Year!*



# Why Read the Bible?

## By Frank Brooksher

When I was a young boy growing up in a Baptist church we (children) were exposed to reading the Bible and to always bring it with us to church. I learned to find the different books of the Bible and where they were located. I learned how to find scriptures quickly and all the drills associated with doing so. What I can't remember was being taught that the scriptures were meant to be a road map God had sent me to begin this journey called life. God wanted to reveal Himself to me but I had other boyhood things that were more important to me than reading a big old book.

Fast forward to 1974 and I am married with two children at home. My father is about to undergo open heart surgery with the real possibility he might not survive. My heart could find no peace and I was sorely troubled at what was happening to my earthly father. I was pacing the floor at home awaiting the news of the surgery when I spied a large Bible lying on the coffee table. I picked it up, opened it, and began reading God's word. After a few minutes an amazing thing happened; my spirit was transformed from anxious to peaceful. From that moment I became aware of why this book was given to a

world that is troubled so deeply. So let me give you some of the reasons why I spend time reading my Bible.

1. Every word, every page, shows me who my God is and why He should be the most important part of my life.
2. God speaks to me one on one and every word He speaks is true.
3. The Bible leads me in the direction I need to go in life.
4. It corrects me when I detour from the path I need to follow.
5. It fills me with a peace like nothing else can when my heart is troubled
6. Strengthens my faith.

I could go on about why I read the Bible but don't take my word for it, take God's word for it and you will not be disappointed. Reading God's word daily will change you forever.



As we embark on the beginning of 2022, you may want to consider a new study platform. Following are some great Bible Study apps that you can download to your phone or device. These tools will provide you with a way to nurture your faith easily and effectively.

Olive Tree  
Accordance

Bible Gateway  
E-Sword  
You Version (aka The Bible App)

### Enroll Now in Trinity U!

#### Sunday Nights

Starts Jan 9th, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

• **MasterLife: The Disciple's Cross \$11**

led by Royce & Cynthia Itschner

• **Crisis 101: The Red Sea Rules \$15**

led by Roger & Barbara McCormick

• **Milestones: (3/20-3/27) No Cost**

led by Wes Henson & JD Templeton

**\*\*Call the church office to sign up\*\***

#### Prime Time Presents

Senior Adult

Pot Luck

Dinner

Thursday

February 10th

4:30 - 6 PM

FLC/Gym

\*Call the church  
office for tickets

**TRUE  
STORIES**  
and  
**TALL  
TALES**

**Main dish provided, You bring the sides!**

### 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

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](http://www.tbck.org/mbs)





# Night in Bethlehem

## By Kellee Parish

A huge, huge thank you for our Bethlehem team! We started meeting last January to plan, build, construct, prepare, set up, and take down an outdoor Night in Bethlehem. There are 10 precious people who work all year for Bethlehem, making it a two night gift to our community. Those precious 10 servants of Christ are Debbie & Don Nelson, Sue & Tommy Owens, Becky & Robert Wheat, Mark Clemons (who also stayed overnight to make sure our sets stayed in tact), Judy Harder, Tres Parish, and Clint Brown. Please thank them for their hard work to make Bethlehem such a wonderful ministry event.

Also, I am so grateful for those who helped set up, take down, and costume, as well as all our actors and actresses who gave their time to share the story of Jesus' birth. Donna & Jesse Hinton, Sue Stewart, Julie & Reagan Boles, Caleb Boles, Kendall Boles, Linda & Rob Ward, Elisa Keese, Cortney Hawkins, JeAnn Carpenter, Isabella Hawkins, Aidan Hawkins, Barb & Brian Bowers, Jack Bowers, Luke Bowers, Sadie Bowers, Roy Shields, Roger McCormick, Jodie & Van Hooten, Stephanie & David Clarke, Jamie & Matt Riordan, Cayden Brown, Beth Ann Brown, Suzanne Harston, Janice & Don Francis, JD Templeton, Becky & Josh Watkins, Ben Watkins, Marsena & Bob Alley, Paula Brucker, TBC Custodians, & Pastor John. Thank you to Lanie & Bruce Ebelt and LaVerne & Rick Boles for being available in the hospitality tent during the event.

I'd also like to thank those who shared their animals with us. Trey Dittmar for providing the sheep each night; Cortney Hawkins, Barb & Brian Bowers for allowing us to use their goats for Bethlehem.

Great job team for such a wonderful night of ministry to Kerrville as we shared Jesus' story. Thank you to Trinity Baptist for allowing us to give this amazing gift to our community during this wonderful Christmas season!



## Happy New Year!

*May the favor of God rest on us and  
establish the work of our hands for us;  
yes, establish the work of our hands!*

*Psalms 90:17*

## Children's Worship Bags



**Kinder & Below / Grades 1-6**

**Don't forget to pick up your  
Worship Bag on Sunday!**



## LUNCH WITH MRS. KELLEEE

**Call to schedule  
a Thursday**



Wednesdays 6-7pm

2nd-6th Grade - Room #121  
Pre K - 1st Grade - Room # 151

Childcare provided for Babies  
through 3 Years old for Parents  
who are attending Bible Study.



**Dominican Republic  
Mission Trip  
June 2022  
Details coming soon!**



# The Crossroads Class

## By Lanie Ebelt

The Crossroads Class of Trinity Baptist Church is a class of diversity. Our class ranges in ages from fifties to nineties. It is a great class with members that are very active in our church. We believe in teaching God's Word and our teachers are great at it. Gary Anderson and Keith Williams are our main teachers with others in our class fully capable to fill in when needed. Our class is very giving. We help out when the call comes to those in our class as well as those in our church who have needs. We love helping out the Youth with their Baked Potato Fundraiser and Children's ministry with activities for including the Fall Festival and Night in Bethlehem. Recently one of our class members was in real need and we were able to help until other medical assistance could be found. We are warm and welcoming, with our class having over 100 on the rolls. While we are a large class, we love welcoming in new members and several in our class are really

good at meeting new prospects to our church and bringing them to Bible study. Members of our class are involved with music in our church, Remoh and Philip Meadow, Judy Southerland, Tawana Rehfield, Kay Coons, Carrie Overby, Nancy Blanchard, James and Kathy McAlpin, Lew King, Rob Ward and some I probably left out. We have a great many deacons in our class. Texas Chainsaw Ministry Team, led by Rick Boles, plays a big part in disaster relief with most of the members in our class. We also have men and women who teach children at the 11:00 hour, Karen Bammel, Carolyn Hollingsworth, Dianne and Mark Clemons, and Bruce and Lanie Ebelt, Chana Johnson, and on occasion, others help, too. Our annual Christmas Party was held at the home of Retired Judge Keith and Debbie Williams. We do like to eat and fellowship! Nothing wrong with that! Come visit us sometime. I promise you will be welcomed in.

*Lanie is the director of the Crossroads class, she sings on praise team and has been Church Clerk since 2013.*



# Texas Baptist Men

## Disaster Relief

### By Carolyn Hollingsworth

After retirement, Ken and I had a desire to serve the Lord together. We got involved with the Texas Chainsaw Ministry through Rick and LaVerne Boles, took our training and went on a callout a few months later. It's very humbling to pull up and see a huge tree damaged or fallen and knowing that the homeowners are grateful to see you. A good number of volunteers are retired and many women serve along with the men in many areas, even handling a chainsaw. I'm content being a "branch manager" which is a fancy name for hauling branches or whatever else needs doing. After completing a job, we present the gospel to the homeowners, pray with them and present a Bible to them with our favorite verses and signatures on the front cover. All we do leads to this time of introducing them to Jesus. Our prayer throughout the callout is that someone will come to know Jesus through the work we do. Our chainsaw trailer even says, "It's all about Jesus".

The Chainsaw Ministry is just one part of the ministries under Texas Baptist Men. There is a



unit that distributes boxes and packing supplies for flood, fire, and tornado disasters; installing temporary roofs, mud-out damaged homes after floods; shower and laundry services, providing day care; serving meals; and ministering as Chaplains.



At the end of a long day, it's so rewarding to see the gratitude of homeowners and a blessing to serve alongside such faithful servants of God. I am thankful to serve God through this ministry.

*Carolyn is retired from the KISD HR department. She loves spending time with her grandsons (and chocolate). She and her husband Ken have been members at Trinity since 2001.*







## *The Victor 2022* By Larry Danks

For over a decade *The Victor* has been a major emphasis of the Worship Ministry here at Trinity Baptist Church. We have rehearsed, built stage, designed costuming and collected props...then for the past two years we were unable to safely produce this event on stage.

We are again planning for the premier presentation of the Easter story to be portrayed live on stage on Palm Sunday weekend (April 8-10)! This is tremendously exciting!

The hard work done last year as we produced a DVD, which has been distributed throughout our community, is going to give us a "leg up" as we begin our rehearsals.

The first rehearsal/listen through will occur on Sunday, January 16 at 6:30 pm in the Worship Center. This is for any and all singers, actors and tech folks to catch the vision for how *The Victor* will be used again this year to reach more and more with the gospel, in Kerrville, Kerr County as well as anywhere the people livestream our presentation.

If you have any questions related to the production of *The Victor*, please connect with the Worship Ministry office by email at [ldanks@tbck.org](mailto:ldanks@tbck.org) or [coverby@tbck.org](mailto:coverby@tbck.org).



## CDO Ministry Team Chana Johnson, Lead

Children's Day Out (CDO) is one of Trinity Baptist Church's special ministries. CDO provides weekday childcare (Babies through Pre-K) from 9am-2pm on Tuesday's and Thursday's during the public school year.

CDO's curriculum prepares each student for a great beginning in public or private school through the teaching of letters, numbers, colors, days of the week, months of the year, seasons, patterns, sequencing, and shapes. Pre-K classes are taught their sight words, as well. Disciple Land is an additional component of CDO's curriculum. Disciple Land is the spiritual portion of the children's day, which also includes memorizing Bible verses.

CDO is blessed having wonderful, caring teachers for our children. Their expertise and dedication prepares their classes for future learning.

There are a few openings for the second semester beginning in January. Families pre-register their children; registration forms and more detailed information may be found on Trinity's website, [tbck.org](http://tbck.org). Further questions? Call the church office at 830-895-0100.

*Chana is a retired teacher of 30+ years. Spent a lot of time in middle school, she always said "God sends missionaries to the Middle East, and He sent her to middle school!" Now she's enjoying substituting at Starkey Elementary, where her grandson, Lehne, is in 3rd grade.*



**Children's Day Out**  
Space is available!  
For registration information  
please contact Beth Ann Brown  
at (830)895-0100

**Church Library Hours:**  
Sunday-12:00-12:30,  
Wednesday-5:15-6:15  
Also by appointment, call 830-928-2834.  
Return books via the bag on the door.





We are blessed to have **All Source Fire Protection** as a sub-contractor on our Blessed to Bless project. They are based here in Kerrville and provide full service residential and commercial fire and security alarm systems. Their experience and professionalism come with the personal attention of long-time Kerrville residents.

You can reach All Source Fire Protection at 830-370-5806.

## Welcome New Members!



Mary Esquell



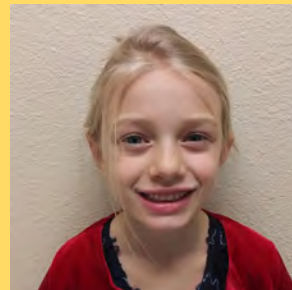
Glenda Yarbrough



Phillip Howard



Kate Morris



Letty Beth Kurz

## Joyseekers Class Update By Sharon Purswell

My husband, Randy & I have been members at Trinity Baptist Church (TBC) for almost 7 years. Immediately upon joining TBC we desired to connect with a Bible Study Group and a dear friend whom we knew prior to joining TBC invited us to check out the Joyseekers Class. The moment we walked in, we felt welcomed and it's been "home" ever since for us and many others.

I'd feel confident saying that I'd trust any TBC Bible Study group because that's part of what makes TBC the great church that it is today! If you're thinking I'm promising perfection, I am not..but if, on the other hand, you'd like to work on your own imperfections right along with us, then this just might be the place for you. We'll do our best to make you feel right at home.

The purpose of Joyseekers is to teach the truths from God's Word and learn personal applications to live by, so that we don't keep doing things the wrong way, but to do them in a way that honors God which ultimately allows us to live free and joy-filled lives. Secondly, I have learned through my years here that we extend our love and service to others which ultimately makes one feel like family.

Joyseekers offers three great rotating teachers which provide three different teaching styles. Each is unique and very enjoyable.

We have open discussions which helps us better understand any questions we might have. It's more than a "lesson" each week, it's entering God's word and learning how to apply these truths to our daily lives. Have you ever wanted to be a better YOU? This might be a great place to start. This class also offers an opportunity to share your concerns through weekly prayer requests.

We use a teaching Study Guide entitled "Explore The Bible" and that's exactly what we do! We learn about the hearts of the Biblical characters which helps to guide us toward developing our own hearts so that we're not as prone to break His.

This past year my husband and I have been on the receiving end of Joyseekers love and service. Joyseekers put action to their words. It was expressed in countless beautiful ways. What an amazing journey and we are so honored that Joyseekers was by our side every step of my health journey.

Joyseekers is located above the Family Life Center (the gym), Room 224. We meet each Sunday from 9:30 to 10:45. If anything you've read appeals to you, please come visit with us and allow us to share our love and God's rich Word with you.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

*Sharon is all about Vanilla ice cream... especially if it's from Culver's! No toppings, just creamy smooth Vanilla!*





# TSM Update

## By Wes Henson


I love the energy and excitement that comes with a new year. I enjoy routine, but sometimes our routines need a reset. January provides such an opportunity.

We had a great 2021, all things considered. Camp was a large focus of what we did, and it allowed us to spring into August with some great momentum. December, however, was a great month as well. We had a blast at Circles Live, then competed in the Christma-Lympics for our TSM Christmas party. Combine that with time together and caroling, and the

Christmas season was so much fun.

For 2022, I'm looking forward to camp and the opportunities we are going to have there. But that's not the best part of the year. We have some exciting events and opportunities, beginning with our Circles each Wednesday at 6pm. Circles provide an opportunity for students to navigate the intersection of faith and life. We've seen relationships with God and with each other deepen and hope to continue to see more and more students join us.


One final word: thank you to all the adults who have stepped up to help this past year. We could not do what we do without awesome people who love God and like teenagers (even just a little). Thanks for all you do!



**TSM CIRCLES**  
WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM

WHO YOU SURROUND  
YOURSELF WITH MAKES  
THE DIFFERENCE!

WEDNESDAYS IN JANUARY  
5 - SPECIAL EDITION  
12 - SPECIAL EDITION  
19 - CIRCLES KICKOFF  
26 - CIRCLES



**PARENT MEETING**

Sunday, Jan 30 @ Noon in the FLC  
Lunch Provided  
RSVP to the TSM Office by 1/26

## *Tidings of Joy Presentation by the Christmas Choir*





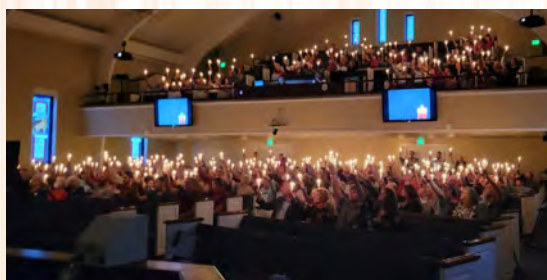
# The Month In Review: December



Prime Time Singers presented *Messiah Heaven's Glory* on December 5



Asphalt was laid in the new parking area north of the gym 12/8



Christmas Eve services were held 12/24

During 2021  
our facility  
went From:  
To:



Bible Study Christmas Parties



## February

Feb 2 Building TF Meeting 10:00  
Feb 2 Missions Committee Mtg 4:30  
Feb 6 Women's Min. 2022 Kickoff Noon  
Feb 7 Prime Time Game Day 11:00  
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

## MARCH

Mar 2 Building TF Meeting 10:00  
Mar 2 Missions Committee Mtg 4:30  
Mar 4 Women's Craft Day 9:00/1:00/6:00  
Mar 6 Victor Choir Rehearsal 6:30  
Mar 7 Victor Stage Installation  
Mar 7 Prime Time Game Day 11:00  
Mar 10-12 Prime Time Singers-  
Everlasting Conference  
Mar 14 Stitchers for Jesus 10:30  
Mar 19 Victor Choir Rehearsal 9:30  
Mar 20 Church Council Mtg 4:00  
Mar 21 Finance Committee Mtg 5:30  
Mar 26 Victor Choir Rehearsal 9:30  
Mar 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:

Children's Day Out 9:00  
Kerrville West Home Group 5:30  
Guitar Group 5:30  
8:30-Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00

### Wednesdays:

Women's Bible Study 10:00 (begins 1/19)  
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:

Children's Day Out 9:00  
Men's Bible Study 10:00  
Women's Bible Study 6:30 (begins 1/20)  
9:45-Praise Team 7:00

### Fridays:

Prime Time Singers 10:00

## Calendar Events & Ongoing Activities

Jan 2 Youth Worker's Party 5:00  
Jan 3 Prime Time Game Day 11:00  
Jan 4 Children's Day Out begins 9:00  
Jan 5 Building TF Mtg 10:00  
Jan 5 Missions Cmte Mtg 4:30  
Jan 6 Worship Ministry Leadership 6:30  
Jan 9 All Committee Meeting 4:00  
Jan 10 Stitchers for Jesus 10:30  
Jan 16 Church Council Mtg 4:00  
Jan 16 Victor Choir Rehearsal 6:30  
Jan 17 Finance Committee Mtg 5:30  
Jan 23 Family Gathering/Member Meeting 4:00  
Jan 23 Victor Choir Rehearsal 6:30  
Jan 29 Victor Choir Rehearsal 6:30  
Jan 30 Youth Parent Lunch/Mtg 12:00