

# Trinity *Life*

Monthly Newsletter of Trinity Baptist Church  
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## For the Journey ...

Welcome to 2023! This past year saw many opportunities of ministry and God was faithful to make Himself known in many ways. Every Sunday as we gather for worship and Bible study there is an atmosphere of family and encouragement. There is no perfect family nor perfect church. We are all making necessary adjustments to take next steps. I hope your Christmas celebration was joyful as you centered in on God's love coming to us in Christ.

Where there is a will, there is a way. January 8<sup>th</sup> is the dedication day for our new ministry space. We will use our new space for Bible study that morning and come together at 3:00 in the afternoon for a service of dedication. We will not have continual use of offices until one last detail is worked out. However, Master's Plan, the city of Kerrville, and our Building Task Force, with Clint's assistance, have worked out a plan for us to use our space on Sundays and Wednesdays. It will be a great day. I hope you are making plans to be here for the thanksgiving and celebration.

Trinity Baptist Church has been on a journey in discovering our next plan, securing finances for it, faithful participation in it, and now we are about to put into action our kingdom

assignment. All along we have been clear that this new space will help us reach out to others who we don't know yet. Your faithful stewardship to our church and our building endeavor are a direct testimony of God's direction for us moving forward together. I am excited to see how God will use what we dedicate to His purposes for His glory.

January 8<sup>th</sup> will also be Jay Ghormley's last day as our Interim Minister of Worship. Jay has done an exceptional job with our worship services. Jay is a gifted worship leader and we appreciate his willingness to come and lead us in our time of need. Jay has been such an encouragement to us all. Continue to pray for our Minister of Worship Search Committee as they seek God's direction for the next Minister of Worship for our church.

There is much to be excited about in the church in the year to come. The culture around us might seem dim, but we have the Light, are the light, and alongside each other will have a bright response in our world. I count it a blessing to be able to walk alongside you as pastor and look forward to our steps together in 2023.

In Christ,

*Pastor John*





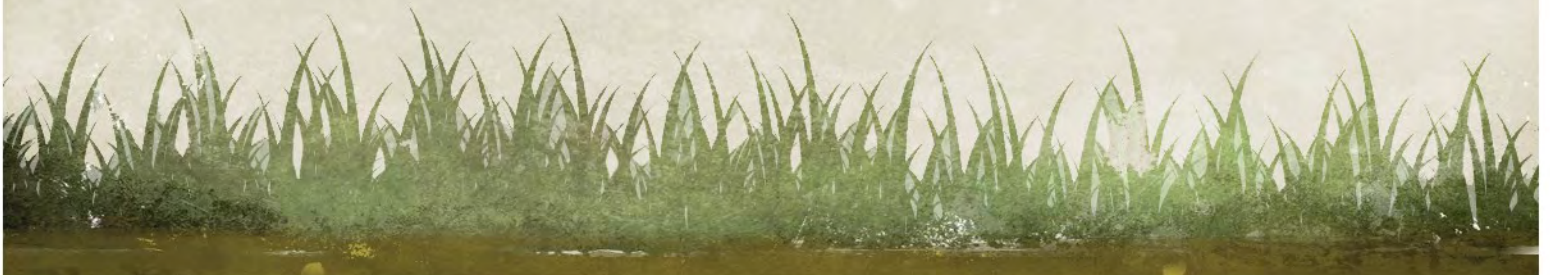


## Night in Bethlehem by Kellee Parish

There are not enough words to say "Thank you" in appreciation to our Night in Bethlehem team. The Lead and Setup teams did such an amazing job creating, building, decorating, and costuming, as well as handling the food prep, traffic, set up and take down. Our cast and crew did a fantastic job sharing the story of Jesus. I am so grateful for their time and talents. It was such a blessing to see so many wonderful people serving our community.

A special Thank you to Clint Brown who made sure all of our audio, electrical, and internet ran smoothly. We plan all year for this ministry and what an encouragement to see so many cars drive through our Night in Bethlehem.

If you would like to serve with us next year, please let Judy Stevens, Paula or myself know. Thank you Trinity for sharing the love of Jesus in our community and the surrounding area!







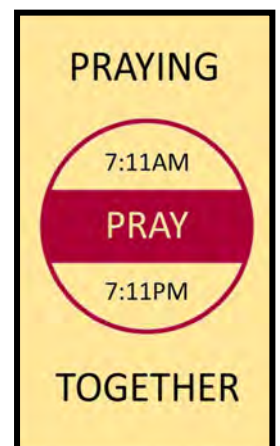
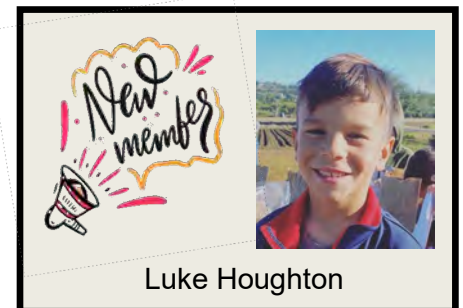
# Youth Ministry by Wes Henson

I rarely get tired of saying this, but I love the energy the New Year brings. It's taken me a couple of decades to find a good rhythm, but I always like the feeling of refreshing and renewal that comes with a new year.

2023 has some exciting things in store for Trinity Students. We are eagerly awaiting the Grand Opening of our new space on the 8<sup>th</sup>, and all the opportunities that are coming our way as a result. We will launch our Spring Semester of Circles for both High School and Middle School in the middle of the month, as well as host the Family Gathering for a Chili Cook-Off and our 2<sup>nd</sup> Colossal Cornhole Tournament. And that's just in the first few weeks of the new year!

I always like to take the energy of the new year to thank our wonderful adults who are so generous with their time and effort as we seek to help students develop a growing relationship with God. So, to our adults who donate time, energy, money, attention, and prayers...THANK YOU! We could not do what we do without you.

And, to our Trinity family, thank you. We could not do what we do without you, too. Your generosity, love and care embodies what the Body of Christ should be. Thank you!



# Mission News: The Seefeldt Family by Pattie Davis

Joshua and Sarah Seefeldt, and their four children, are one of six missionary units that Trinity supports both financially and through prayer. Josh has been the director of one of ten Engineering Ministries International (EMI) offices while they have been in Cairo, Egypt.

One of the ways their family works and serves together is by the entire family being involved at some level in the EMI office. The children assist in age-appropriate tasks, while Sarah uses her God-given gifts to assist in numerous roles at the office, home, church, in counseling, mentoring, and somehow writing a blog!!

The Seefeldts have lived in Cairo for eleven years. From this location, Josh and other EMI employees, interns, and volunteers travel to many countries working in "project design teams," utilizing varied disciplines, going to varied clients from schools and hospitals to agricultural projects and churches. They also address infrastructure issues by responding to disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes. Upon their return, the team members debrief and celebrate all they have witnessed God do through them.

They have been involved with the kids' schooling, have led and participated in home Bible study groups, as well as one on one evangelism.

Josh and Sarah sense God leading them to return to the States and so this will be their last year serving through EMI. They plan to settle in the Woodlands, near family, in the summer of 2023.



Following are their requests to God at this chapter in their lives:

- 1) Egypt has been home for eleven years, the only home the children have really known. Leaving will not be easy, so please pray for God's timing in the various stages of this transition and the emotions that will come.
- 2) Faith and patience in what is next when they cannot see what is next.
- 3) Transition of responsibilities at the office, school, and church.
- 4) Additional funds for expenses related to the move.
- 5) A Muslim man, Tarek, who is a friend and has expressed a lot of interest in knowing Jesus, and that he will receive Him as his personal Savior and Master prior to their departure.

We will miss the Seefeldts and look forward to hearing how God continues to use their submission for His glory.

## Adult Ministry by JD Templeton

Can you be a disciple and not grow spiritually? Not according to Jesus. "This is to my Father's glory, that *you bear much fruit*, showing yourselves to be my disciples." (John 15:8)

What are you doing to position yourself for spiritual growth? Please don't let this question push you toward guilt. Jesus is not asking you to climb Mount Everest in a single day! Understand that spiritual growth is usually a gentle climb, it is a process.

Trinity U is one avenue we have at Trinity to grow as disciples. This semester we have two sessions of the **Disciple's Personality**. If you have studied the Disciple's Cross, this is a great follow-up. Mark & Dianne Clemons and Royce & Cynthia Itschner lead these two groups.

**A Skeptic's FAQs**, led by Bob Davis, will help you grow in confidence when confronted by hard questions. This will be a conversation, as you learn how to respectfully engage questions such as "What reasons do we have to believe the resurrection occurred?" " and "Is it possible to be a moral person without believing in God?" 1/29-3/19

**The Ministry Gift and Passion Inventory** will equip you to fulfill the charge we have in 1 Peter 4:10 – "Each of you as a good manager must use the gift that God has given you to serve others." Discovering your spiritual gift(s) is not simply a matter of taking a test. It is not rocket science, but neither is it a casual endeavor. It takes intentional thought and action. In this session you will explore how God has gifted you, and how you can plug into Kingdom service. 3/26. See you Sunday nights at 5 pm!





## Joyseekers Class by David Sprouse & Kathleen Cook

Our class name says a lot. Shouldn't we all be seeking God's joy here on earth? The Joyseekers Sunday school class was established in the early 1990's and is a gathering of Christian pilgrims who are finding our way home to heaven. We are a family in the sense that we include and encourage everyone who enters the door, regardless of their few or many years of following our Savior. We are all the same in our desire to know and grow closer to our Lord. And like an extended family, we are of all ages, married and single, male and female, from all walks of life and at all stages of careers. We welcome everyone into our class.

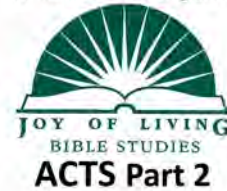
We have three teachers who rotate teaching each Sunday. Wayne Uecker, Jack Hayslip, and David Sprouse prepare and present lively and interactive lessons from a study guide that the whole class uses at home. The Holy Spirit leads us as we explore and discuss what we are learning, often with great humor, penetrating insights and real life applications.

When class members were asked what means the most to them about the Joyseekers class, their responses included: "We pray for each other. We praise the Lord through joys and sorrows. We genuinely care for and encourage each other. There is a feeling of being known and accepted. We don't feel alone." Did we mention that we take "joy" in praying for each other?

Come join us any Sunday. Currently, our class is participating in a six-month study in the book of John. Study materials are free and available in class. We welcome you to room 224 on the mezzanine level that overlooks the Family Life Center, meeting from 9:45 to 10:45.



TBC Women's Ministry presents



Book \$15.00

Taught by Debbie Taylor Williams

Wednesdays 10 AM to Noon, 1/18 - 4/26

Child care by reservation only

Thursdays 6:30 to 8:00 PM, 1/19 - 4/27

Childcare by voucher

Sign up online at: [tbck.org/wbs](http://tbck.org/wbs)

Men's Spring Bible Study

Thursdays, 10 - Noon, in the Chapel

February 2 - April 27

## GENESIS

Taught by Bill Parr

Call the church office to sign up

JOURNEY THROUGH the

## ARK ENCOUNTER

Interest meeting for  
"THE ARK ENCOUNTER"

Wednesday, January 11th

5:15 pm, Room 121

Questions? Attend the Meeting!

## Enroll Now in Trinity U!

Sunday Nights, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Disciple's Personality

2 Classes 1/29 - 3/19; Rooms 216 & 217

FAQs-Answering Questions from Skeptics

1/29 - 3/19; Room 215

It's Your Serve! Ministry Gift & Passion Inventory

3/26 Only; Room 219

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





**Building Dedication  
Sunday, January 8th  
3:00 PM**



Get Ready!



Join us!

## The Victor

Mar 31 - Apr 2, 2023

Prayerfully consider participating this year  
even if you have never done it before!

**Actors, Singers & Tech Volunteers Needed!**

The Victor is a gift we present to our community every year Palm Sunday.

Call Stephanie at the church office if you're interested:

830-895-0100

Prime Time Ministries Presents

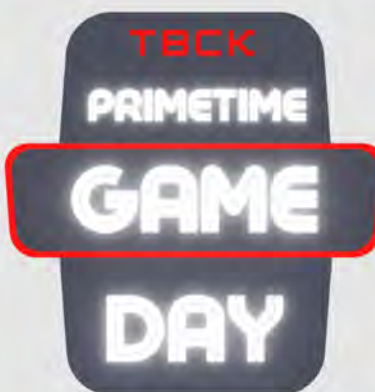
**a Prime Time Potluck and  
Falls Prevention & Safety Class**



**Thursday, January 19th, 4:30-6:30 PM**

**In the New Commons & Café**

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



**Monday  
January 9th  
11 AM - 2 PM  
TBC Chapel**

**Bring Your  
Favorite Game  
and a  
Bag Lunch**

**MONDAYS, 10 AM - NOON  
JANUARY 23 - APRIL 17  
ROOM 221**

**\$20 FOR MATERIALS  
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE  
TO SIGN UP 830.895.0100**



A grief support group that provides help and encouragement  
after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend

## THURSDAYS WITH KELLEE

**Email or call Mrs. Kellee to  
schedule a lunchtime  
at your school.**



**kparish@tbck.org  
(830) 895-0100**

**4:13**



**WORSHIP  
KIDS**

**Wednesdays 6-7pm**

**2nd-5th Grade - Room #104  
PreK-1st Grade - Room #151**

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



# *The Hope and Glory of Christmas Presentation by Christmas Choir*



## *Prime Time Singers Christmas Cantata*



## Crossroads Class by Lanie Ebelt

The Crossroads Class at TBC is a "big in numbers" class with a heart that is large enough for everyone. We were busy in the fall helping on projects with the chainsaw ministry, assisting Children's Ministry with the Block Party, and helping them set up for Night in Bethlehem. We also had a delayed Christmas celebration at the home of Ray and Carolyn Rothwell because there is always such a rush to get things done during the Christmas season and we wanted to have time to relax and enjoy our time together. As of this writing, we had not decided on our class project for Christmas, but I can assure you it will be a great one.

The sanctuary choir consists of several of our class members who also participated in the Christmas music this year. There are also some folks in our class who have been having health issues as well, but our class is a praying class and known for giving a helping hand when needed.

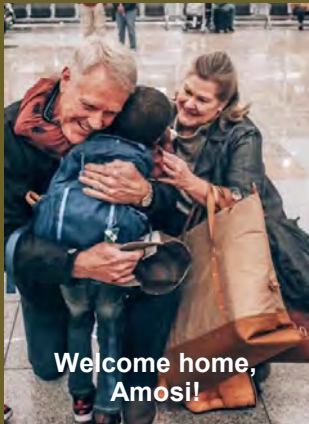
Our teachers keep us on track. Gary Anderson is currently going through Joseph's life story and Keith Williams' teaches on various topics. Both give us much to think about.

We are looking forward to having the new addition to our facility open and receiving more people into our group as we grow. We are located in the Family Life Center. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Come check us out sometime!





# Month in Review - December



Welcome home,  
Amosi!



Happy Retirement,  
Alfredo!



Blankets Worship Kids  
made for homebound &  
nursing homes



Prime Time  
Events



Christmas Caroling &  
Fellowship and  
Christmas Eve  
Service



Feb 5 Women's Min Luncheon 12:00  
Feb 5 Youth Super Bowl Party 5:00  
Feb 6 Staff Day Away  
Feb 9 Prime Time Dinner 4:30  
Feb 14 VALENTINE'S DAY  
Feb 16 SMOST  
Feb 18 CDO Planning Day  
Feb 19 Church Council Mtg 4:00  
Feb 26 Member Mtg 4:00



Mar 3 Women's IF Simulcast 5:30  
Mar 4 Women's IF Simulcast 9:00  
Mar 9-21 Kenya Mission Trip  
Mar 12 Daylight Saving's Begins  
Mar 19 Church Council Mtg 4:00  
Mar 23 SMOST  
Mar 24 Mosaics w/Amy Glass 9:00  
Mar 26 Member Meeting 4:00  
Mar 31 Victor Opening Night 7:00

# Calendar Events & Ongoing Activities

## 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  
Trinity U 5:00 (begins 1/29)  
CYP Navigate 7:00

## Mondays:

Altar Flower Committee 9:00  
GriefShare 10:00 (begins 1/23)  
Pickleball 10:00  
Eagles Wings Lifegroup 6:00

## Tuesdays:

Children's Day Out 9:00  
K'ville West Home Group 5:30  
Joyful Strummers 5:30 (2nd Tues.)  
Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00

## Wednesdays:

Women's Bible Study 10:00 (begins 1/18)  
Pickleball Noon  
Fellowship Meal 5:00  
Library Open 5:15  
Mid-Week Bible Study 6:00  
Adults-Family Life Center  
(also streamed)  
TSM Wednesdays-Chapel  
Worship Kids-Room 104

Worship Choir 7:00

## Thursdays:

Children's Day Out 9:00 (begins 1/5)  
Men's Bible Study 10:00 (begins 2/2)  
Stitchers for Jesus 10am (1st Thurs)  
Women's Bible Study 6:30 (begins 1/19)  
Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00

## Fridays:

PT Singers 10:00



Jan 1 Youth Worker's Party 6:00  
Jan 2 Church Office/Bldgs closed  
Jan 4 Youth Extreme Bingo 6:00  
**Jan 8 Building Dedication 3:00**  
Jan 9 Prime Time Game Day 11:00  
Jan 11 Interest Mtg/Ark Encounter 5:15  
Jan 15 Church Council Mtg 4:00  
Jan 19 Prime Time Dinner 4:30  
Jan 15 Leadership Orientation 5:00  
Jan 22 Family Gath/Member Mtg 4:00  
Jan 23 Evangelism Conference in SA  
Jan 27-28 Victor Retreat

*"Commit to the LORD whatever  
you do, and he will establish your  
plans." Proverbs 16:3*