

Trinity *life*

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For the Journey ...

"Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God has done." We are truly blessed as the people of God. God has given us everything we need to live godly and fruitful lives. I am grateful for the opportunity of witnessing the goodness of God as He works through us. Though there is much to be in prayer over in our world, there is doubly more to be grateful for in all that God has planned. God is faithful to His purposes and His love endures forever.

As we move between holidays, I pray God will give us moments of silence and solitude to remember all He has done for us. Christmas can be busy in a lot of ways. We can hurry though the hustle and totally miss the reason for our season. I hope you will share with friends and neighbors about the upcoming opportunities of Christmas celebration at Trinity.

A few weeks back, those who were with us on campus for worship were asked to move up to the edge of their seats and I shared these words, "We will have our grand opening on ...". At the time, that was all I had. Today, as I write these words, we are making plans, the

LORD willing, to have our grand opening of our new ministry space on Sunday, January 8, 2023. It is looking so good. Each day brings one more thing to completion. I hope you will write that day on your calendar and be present as we open up new space for Bible study and gathering. We will most likely be able to use the entrance and elevator prior to our grand opening. That date is still to be determined, but you will be the first to know.

If you drive down Holdsworth Drive at night toward Harper Road, the church is well lighted and visible. My prayer is that we will continue to be visible and even more visible in our community, not because of the lights on the building, but because of the lights on the inside which we call members. God is so good.

Thank you, Trinity Baptist Church, for your faithfulness to be a part of God's assignment of reaching our community for Jesus. We are blessed to be part of a community that has good churches. Let us take the time during Christmas to see the Christ Child in the manger and be willing to tell the rest of the story.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor John



CHRISTMAS SERVICE & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM (DRIVE THRU) 12/2 & 3, 6:00PM

WORSHIP CHOIR CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 12/10 & 11, 6:30PM

PRIME TIME CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 12/18, 6:30PM

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLING 12/21, 6:00PM

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

CHRISTMAS DAY, CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH!

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE, 12/25 10:00AM (NO BIBLE STUDY)

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED 12/26 & 12/27

NEW YEAR'S DAY, CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH! 1/1/23

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE 1/1, 10:00AM (NO BIBLE STUDY)

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED 1/2/23



Trinity Baptist Church
Worship Ministry Presents...

*The Hope and Glory
of Christmas*

Saturday and Sunday
December 10th and 11th
6:30pm in the
Worship Center
800 Jackson Rd. Kerrville

Night in Bethlehem

"Drive Thru Nativity"
Church Wide and Community
Free Event

Friday, Dec. 2
Saturday, Dec. 3
6-7 pm

Prime Time Singers
CHRISTMAS CANTATA
December 18th
6:30pm

Join Us for an evening of Christmas caroling
followed by snacks & fellowship in the FLC
Wednesday, December 21st, 6PM

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

Music Notes by Jay Ghormley, Interim Minister of Worship

Four hundred years is a long time to wait for anything, but can you imagine waiting four hundred years to have your prayers answered? God's children did not hear from Him for 400 years between the end of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New Testament. Would God ever speak again? Who would be His spokesperson/prophet? Would His reappearance be grand and decisive? Would He answer His children's cries for help?

We have the blessed benefit of God's written Word to answer these questions:

- Yes, He would, and His Word would become flesh and live among us
- His only begotten Son would speak truth and be God on earth
- Grand and decisive, yes, but not as anyone would have imagined
- Yes, the pleas for help were heard, and answered in a resoundingly earthly AND eternal manner!

Christmas is our celebration of God's literal return to earth, and interaction with His children. On a Silent Night in Bethlehem, God ended His silence through the cry of a baby and the voices of angels. We have the opportunity, and the joy of continuing their song of hope and rejoicing.

The Trinity Worship Ministry is preparing an evening of worship, in which we will declare the Hope and Glory of Christmas. The combined ministry; with worship leaders from all three Sunday morning services, drama, children, a worship signer, the voices of our congregation, and community orchestra players, will share the story of Christ's birth through song.

Will you join us as we celebrate and worship? Will you invite someone who needs to hear the message of hope and joy found in Jesus, Emmanuel; God with us?



The Hope and Glory of Christmas
Saturday, December 10, and Sunday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m.



*Your Trinity Staff
wishes you a
VERY
MERRY
CHRISTMAS!*

*Unto Us
a Child is Born*



Youth Ministry by Melissa Morris

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the Trinity Student Ministry! We start early to pack in as much fun and meaningful celebration as we can. On November 1, the youth packed 50 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. This was the third year for our youth to participate in this ministry and my first as a TSM parent. Before they began to fill the boxes, we played a couple videos about the impact that Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes have on the recipients. Then, students were instructed to pray for the children who would receive their box as they were selecting items and filling it. Watching my energetic 6th grade son slow down and be intentional and prayerful was a touching moment. Grayson said, "It was cool to see a video of a guy who had gotten a box when he was a kid and now he is a grown up and lives in the United States and packs boxes to send to other kids. It made it feel like this is an important thing to do to help kids know about Jesus." We track the boxes each year to see where they go and continue praying for those kids.

Some of our youth were also part of the 40 Trinity volunteers who packed boxes at CAM and others will deliver food to our homebound before Thanksgiving.

Our youth also got to go on the TSM Fall Retreat at Camp Eagle. They had a chance to connect with God and each other through activities, worship, Bible study and more. I am so thankful that my son and the other teenagers at our church and in our community have so many opportunities to learn how much God loves them and show his love to others, especially at Christmas!

We are looking forward to a great December and celebrating the Christmas season together.



Children's Ministry by Judy Stevens

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." [NIV]

When I work with the children on Sunday morning, I am often reminded of the adult teachers I had as a child in my home church. Those teachers and leaders poured into my life the truth of God's Word. I may not be able to recall their names, but I do remember the scriptures, the Books of the Bible, stories of the Old Testament patriarchs and most of all the story of Jesus which they faithfully taught. It was because these servants of God came alongside my parents and invested in my life that I realized my sinful condition and came to accept Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior.

It is true that I grew up in a much different world than children face today. Equally as true is the fact that God is the same. God has not changed!

In 2013, Lord Carey, the former Archbishop of Canterbury warned that Christianity is just a generation away from extinction in Britain unless churches make a dramatic breakthrough in attracting young people. How far behind might America be?

Serving as a shepherd leader or a teacher in the Children's Department at Trinity Baptist Church is picking up the mantle of the past generation and carrying the torch of the gospel to the next generation. We all have a mission to carry the gospel forward.

The song *Thank You* by composer Ray Boltz expresses how grateful I am for those who labored to lay a spiritual foundation for my life. And I quote the lyrics, "Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am a life that was changed. I am so glad you gave."

There may be future rewards for those who lead the little children to Jesus. However, ask a children's department teacher or leader about those future rewards. I am sure you will hear more about the blessings they are receiving now than their thoughts of heavenly rewards. For blessings beyond any you can imagine, ask the Lord how He would have you participate in carrying the gospel to the next generation.



Children's Day Out
Tuesday/Thursday
9am-2pm

Trinity's Mothers Day Out (CDO)
Most classes have availability.

\$175 per month - One Time \$50 Supply Fee
Contact Beth Ann Brown in the CDO Office
830-895-0100 babrown@tbck.org

4:13



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.



PreTeen Kids

Save the Date!

7/24-7/27

Completed
3rd-5th Grade
Alto Frio



Save the Date!

August 4th
Completed
1st-2nd Grade
Alto Frio



Worship Kids writing Thanksgiving cards to the homebound.





Prime Time Game Day
Christmas Edition!
Monday, December 5th
11 AM in the Chapel
 Bring a bag lunch, game
 and *your favorite*
Christmas cookies
 to share

UGLY SWEATER PARTY

December 4
 details on Instagram
 trinity.cyp

featuring
 White Elephant
 Gift Exchange



college &
 trinityyoung
 professionals

GENESIS 1 FELLOWSHIP
 is headed to
Hill Country State Natural Area

Join us Monday, December 12th
Bus will leave TBC at 8:30 AM
Hike or bring your trail bike




Call the church office to sign up

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR THE
TEXAS BAPTIST MEN DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY?

TRAINING AVAILABLE

- Yellow Cap Basic Training
 (Age 16 & Up) *This training is a prerequisite for all other trainings*
- Chainsaw Basic Training
- Specialty Training - *Classes & Details Online*

Register online at
www.texasbaptistmen.org/Disaster-Relief
 Questions? Rick Boles 830.739.8957



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 "berēšit bārā" ("When God began to create"). It is the story of new beginnings, from creation to the origin of the people of Israel. It includes many of the best-known stories in the Bible 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. It will deepen your faith and your knowledge of God's Word. We look forward to welcoming you.



Our December Spotlight Businesses:



Grimes Funeral Chapel
 728 Jefferson/830-257-4544

Kerrville Funeral Home
 401 Bandera Hwy/830-895-5114

Adult Ministry by JD Templeton

Build It, Will They Come?

We are on the cusp of completion! Our new addition is almost finished, and will provide us with lots of ministry flexibility. You have probably heard pastor John say "We are building this for people whose name we don't know yet." There are literally thousands of people in our community who don't know Jesus as Savior.

You may remember the whisper heard by Kevin Costner's character in the film "Field of Dreams". "If you build it, they will come." Is that true for us? Not exactly.

There will be people who come see our new building out of curiosity. Most, however, will need an invitation. They will need you to engage them in spiritual conversations that lead to gospel presentations. They will need you to encourage them to come see the Victor, Night in Bethlehem, or some other ministry. They will need you to go to them, so that they might come to Christ.

We have a great facility to assist us in making disciples. The greatest "vehicle" we have for this journey is small group Bible study. Receive this challenge for 2023: be a small group missionary. Be willing to join a few other individuals or couples, and give birth to a new group. God's kingdom grows through multiplication. Can you imagine over the next decade, if your small group launched two or three new groups, how many new believers would be added to the kingdom?

Let me take you for a cup of coffee, and together we'll learn how you can build something new...a small group Bible study that is dedicated to making disciples who make disciples. Who are the people you don't know yet; those who don't know our Jesus? Let's build a culture of making disciples!



**TBC's Week of Prayer
for Global Missions
December 11-18**



**Our 2022 Goal: \$25,000
Offering collected through
December**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Scott & Kimberly
Barns



Madison
Willoughby



Month in Review - November



New Member Dinner



Prime Time Singers



Deboning Turkeys & Packing Thanksgiving Meals



Prime Time Game Day



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- Jan 1 One Service-10am (No Bible Study)
- Jan 2 CHURCH OFFICE/BLDGS CLOSED
- Jan 5 CDO Semester begins
- Jan 15 Church Council Mtg-4pm
- Jan. 22 Family Gathering/Member Mtg-4pm



- Feb 5 Women's Min Kickoff Lunch-12pm
- Feb 5 Youth Super Bowl Party-5pm
- Feb 19 Church Council-4pm
- Feb 26 Member Meeting-4pm

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 (ends 12/4)
- CYP Navigate 7:00

Mondays:

- Altar Flower Committee 9:00
- GriefShare 10:00
- 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
- 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
- Men's Bible Study 10:00am
- Stitchers for Jesus 10am
- Women's Bible Study 6:15
- Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00

Fridays:

- PT Singers 10:00



- Dec 2 Night in Bethlehem-6pm
- Dec 3 Night in Bethlehem-6pm
- Dec 4 CYP Navigate Christmas Party-7pm
- Dec 5 Prime Time Game Day-11am
- Dec 7 Christmas Choir Dress Rehearsal-7pm
- Dec 10 Christmas Choir Performance-6:30pm
- Dec 11 Church Council Mtg 4pm
- Dec 11 Christmas Choir Performance-6:30pm
- Dec 18 Member Meeting-4pm
- Dec 18 PT Singers Christmas Program-6:30
- Dec 21 Church Caroling 6:00pm
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service-5pm & 6:30pm
- Dec 25 One Service-10am (No Bible Study)
- Dec 26 CHURCH OFFICE/BLDGS CLOSED
- Dec 27 CHURCH OFFICE/BLDGS CLOSED