



Trinity Life

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For the Journey ...

"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." Jeremiah 29:7

These are the words spoken to the children of God as they were taken into exile by King Nebuchadnezzar. This was the command of God to His people soon to be living in a culture that was not in favor of following God's ways. Of course, to be honest, the children of God had not been following God's ways prior to their captivity and thus their captivity. Notice that God sends them to a place not necessarily godly, but they were to pray for the welfare of that place. God did not leave them. God was with them. God even shows up in mighty ways through Daniel and his three friends. God showed up because they chose not to bow down to worship an idol or cease from praying.

God is at work all around us through His Spirit in His people. The world as we know it seems to be moving in not so positive directions. But, there is still a narrow way that leads to life. If we who are traveling the narrow way in Christ, will pray for the areas we have been sent, God will make Himself known to His glory. As a noted cultural theologian has stated many times, "It is always too early to give up on what God is doing."

Thank you, Trinity, for your summer faithfulness. As we come together this fall, I pray we will deeply consider our next steps of faithfulness. God is so worthy of our living and only what we do in His name will last. I ask myself

and would encourage you to do the same, "God, is there an area in my life to which I need to pay closer attention to obedience?" Our ministerial staff spends time together seeking ways to engage in Kingdom assignments and redemptive significance. We as God's people do not want to be caught off guard with what is coming our way in these days in which we live. May the church be doubly prepared to shine like stars as we hold firmly to the word of life. Then, we will understand God when he also says, ***"I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*** Jeremiah 29:11

Trinity Baptist Church will be a great place to be this fall. There are many next step opportunities available through Bible studies and small group connections. God blessed us with an incredible summer and I anticipate we will see His continued work among us this fall. The month of September will see many guests come on our campus for ministry opportunities. The Arts and Crafts and Car Show will bring several vendors as well as purchasers to our doors. The very next week we will see First Blessing bless children and families as we serve breakfast, share spiritual conversations and distribute new shoes for students.

God has blessed us with new space and it is a joy to see people filling it for His glory. Thank you, Trinity, for your faithfulness.

In Christ,

Pastor John



Trinity Baptist Church



Friday, Sept. 8
9am to 6pm

Saturday, Sept. 9
9am to 4pm

Show is inside with air conditioning
Vendors from all over the state
Car Show on the Parking lot

FREE ADMISSION!

Wednesday Night Meal

**Food
Friends
Fellowship
Fun**



Wednesday Night Meals begin September 6th

Cost: \$5-Adults & \$3-Children

Serving begins at 5:00 pm



Praying for Jews
During the Fall
Feast Days

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY — 6:00pm

Wednesdays - September 13th, 20th, & 27th

Led by Mike Mullens
in the Family Life Center



THEREFORE, GO AND
MAKE DISCIPLES...

Matthew 28:19

Mary Hill Davis Offering
Collected through September
Trinity's goal is \$10,000



NAVIGATE

Sundays

7:00 PM
Chapel
College & Young
Professionals

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*

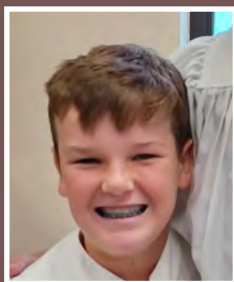
Register online at

www.texasbaptistmen.org/Disaster-Relief

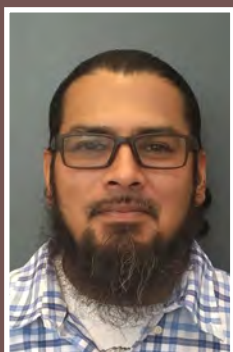
Questions? Rick Boles 830.739.8957



New to Our Family



Hudson Spalding



Conan Ytuarte



Jackson Johnson



Daniel, Patty, Andrew, Alyssa, &
Abigail Prislovsky



John & Carolyn Chamberlin



Wesley Moore



Thank you,
Judy
Brooksher!

For 10 years of dedicated
service as Church Hostess
at Trinity!



Prayer Breakfast sponsored
by Women's Ministry



Monday
September 11
11 AM - 2 PM
TBC Café

Bring Your
Favorite Game
and a
Bag Lunch

Christian Writers Group

FOR ASPIRING WRITERS

Wednesdays, 4:15 - 5 PM, Room 121



Marilynne Gray
"Third Chronicles"
Writing support
and inspiration
for Christian writers
of all genres

Write to make the difference

GENESIS 1 FELLOWSHIP is headed to HILL COUNTRY STATE NATURAL AREA

Monday, Sep 18th, Bus leaves TBC at 8:30 AM
Dutch Treat Lunch in Bandera



Call the church office to sign up - Space is limited

The TBC Marriage Ministry Invites you to



FAMILYLIFE
WEEKEND TO
REMEMBER

November 17-19

San Antonio Hyatt Regency
Hill Country Resort

Contact Lauren Kurz for more information

Early Bird discounts available

Register on line at: www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember/

Genesis 1 Fellowship is for those wanting to explore God's handiwork in nature through trips to nearby parks and natural areas. The group will concentrate on hikes and other outdoor activities.

Eagle's Wings Home Group by Chuck Coulter

Eagle's Wings is the name of our home bible study group. We meet on Mondays from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a meal, fellowship, and bible study. We've been on a summer break and "fire up" when school starts back. This summer break we've met every 3-4 weeks for fellowship, sharing what God has done and is doing in our lives and, as good Baptists', a meal is always included!

This group of believers has taken to heart "the mission field" but not just in other counties but the Kerrville area mission field. In Matthew Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick." Jesus is full of compassion. He became a friend of sinners and ate with tax collectors who were seen as traitors and thieves. He visited homes of people rejected by society.

We have taken The Mercy Gate Ministries Magdalene House under our Eagle's Wings. It's a halfway house for women involved in sex trafficking and drug abuse.

God has given us hearts on fire to teach and show them that we care. We give a cooking class once a month at the group home and we get to eat what was prepared with the women. Most of the women have little experience with "normal" daily activities like cooking. Their director asked that we come as Christian husband and wife teams to show and teach them how Godly relationships should be. We donate toiletries, bedding, and other daily needs. Jesus is our example of how we are to act starting in our communities. All of us in Eagle's Wings have stepped out of our comfort zones and safe place here at Trinity by "hanging out" with the tax collectors and the people rejected by our society. We in our current group; Julie Anne Witte, Tim and Violet Mathias, Lew and Jane King, Jeff and Susan Stone, Missy Coulter and I are blessed serving this group in God's Kingdom.

Eagle's Wings uses various Bible book video series from Right Now Media for their weekly study.



Fall Adult Bible Studies - Beginning Soon!

Men's Fall Bible Study
Thursdays, 10 - Noon, in the Forge
Returning in September
GENESIS
PART 2
Taught by Bill Parr
Call the church office to sign up

Register Now!
Fall Women's Bible Study
JOHN
Part 1 - \$15
Taught by Debbie Williams
Wednesdays 10 AM-Noon
Sep 6th - Nov 29th
Thursdays 6:30-8 PM
Sep 7th-Nov 30th



GriefShare by Pattie Davis

You are warmly invited to come on Monday morning, September 11, at 10 a.m. in Room 221 (older part of building, above gym), and subsequent Mondays, and allow us to share God's healing love, as you work through the difficult life challenge we call GRIEF. We use a workbook, view DVDs, and have interesting and stimulating discussions. We can show you just how alone you are NOT.

Please join us and bring a friend. To register, or if you have questions, you may call Gina at 830-895-0100, or Pattie Davis at 512-940-1689. Material cost is \$20, you may repeat any session or semester without a fee.

MONDAYS, 10 AM - NOON
SEPTEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 11
ROOM 221
\$20 FOR MATERIALS
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
TO SIGN UP 830.895.0100

GRIEF SHARE

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

A Way of Life... For All of Life by JD Templeton

"Discipleship isn't a program or an event; it's a way of life. It's not for a limited time, but for our whole life. Discipleship isn't for beginners alone; it's for all believers for every day of their life. Discipleship isn't just one of the things the church does; *it is what the church does.*" (emphasis mine)- Bill Hull, author of The Complete Book of Discipleship.

Bill is a speaker and former pastor whose ministry focus is discipleship and church leadership. For him, the biblical view of discipleship is "a way of life...for all of life!" That doesn't mean discipleship happens by osmosis. It is intentional and has some level of structure.

Young and old, male and female, single or married – all believers are on a discipleship journey. What is the next step for you? Trinity U is one option you can use on this road to Christ-likeness. Below, you'll find a few opportunities to grow in your faith. I urge you to deepen your walk by engaging in one of these classes:

Crisis 101 (Red Sea Rules)

Life is hard, difficulties are guaranteed, but a way through is available! Barbara and Roger McCormick share ten strategies for following God in the midst of trials. This video guided series by Robert Morgan is developed from the Israelites' experience of crossing the Red Sea, and will be divided into two semesters. \$5 book cost.

Faith Driven Entrepreneur

What does it mean to be a Christian businessperson? Does your business serve as an active part of God's work in our world today? What does it mean to embrace your call to create, and fulfill God's purpose, for your life and work? Join Wayne Uecker in discovering what God desires to unleash through our work. Be encouraged to flesh out the purpose of your entrepreneurial dreams. 8 weeks, no cost.

MasterLife – The Disciple's Victory

Cynthia and Royce Itschner lead the third book of the MasterLife series. Learn to gain victory over the world, the flesh, and the enemy using God's word and prayer. The first two books of the series are recommended prerequisites. 7 weeks, \$15 workbook required.

Love Like You Mean It

How do the ten attributes of love found in 1 Corinthians 13 relate to marriage? Discover the biblical vision of marriage and how actions and decisions drive emotions, not vice versa. Lauren and Kaleb Kurz lead this video driven conversation by marriage and family expert Bob Lepine. 9 weeks, optional workbook.

Writing Your Spiritual Memoir

Your spiritual story is worth telling. Leave a legacy of your journey with God for family and friends by writing your Spiritual Memoir. Bill Gray will guide you through effective steps of planning and organizing, best writing practices, and free publication on www.draftdigital.com. Limited to 12 committed participants. 9 weeks, \$15 material cost.

The Disciple's Prayer Life - Walking in Fellowship with God

Do you desire intimacy with God and effectiveness in your prayer life? Survey biblical examples and apply biblical prayer principles in this powerful small group study. You will do more than talk about prayer! The 13-week course led by JD Templeton will be divided between two semesters. \$15 workbook required.

Welcome to Trinity U!

Sunday Nights, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Starting September 10th

Crisis 101 – Red Sea Rules \$20, 5 weeks (1st semester)

The Disciple's PrayerLife \$15, 7 weeks (1st semester)

Faith Driven Entrepreneur, 8 weeks

Love Like You Mean It – Marriage Series, 9 weeks

MasterLife – The Disciple's Victory \$15, 7 weeks

Writing Your Spiritual Memoir \$15, 9 weeks

Call the church office to sign up

Please register today for any one of these discipleship opportunities by calling Gina at 830-895-0100. Room assignments will be made at a later date.

First Blessing by Rae Peschel

What is First Blessing? In 2015, Pastor John, Glenn Lackey, and Kellee Parish brought First Blessing to our church. I had no idea what it was, other than giving new shoes to children.

The Saturday for First Blessing finally arrived. I walked into the Family Life Center and there was excitement in the air. The committee chairmen had their committees ready to their assigned jobs. Tables were set and servers were ready. The kitchen was a busy place with the food preparation. The Chapel was full of boxes of shoes.

Before the doors were opened to the families that were invited, Pastor John had us stand in a large prayer circle around the Family Life Center. That circle included every age from children to senior adults. I looked around at all the people who had woke up early on a Saturday morning ready to share the love of Jesus.

First Blessing is so much more than a new pair of shoes and breakfast. First Blessing is sharing the plan of salvation with people who might have never stepped into our church otherwise.

Last year we gave out over 300 pairs of shoes. We had over 150 people volunteering to make this possible. First Blessing is a chance to do missions right here in our church for the Kerrville area children!



Mission Trip to Kerrville
September 16
8am till noon

Contact Kellee Parish at
kparish@tbck.org
if you wish to serve!

God created you
ON purpose
WITH purpose
FOR a purpose

TRINITY
Kids Ministry

Children's Ministry
needs substitutes
for all 3 service times
when teachers are out.

Contact Kellee at kparish@tbck.org
or call Paula at 830-895-0100.

Kid's Camp 2023!



Wednesdays / 6-7pm
Children's Area

Disciple
Mission
Service



Disciple
Kids

Babies-5th Gr.

Praise
Connect
Worship



Trinity Kids
1st-5th Grade

Praise Kids

Sundays
5-6pm

September 10 - October 15



Student Ministry by Wes Henson

The start of school always brings a renewed sense of energy and excitement, as well as its fair share of grumblings from students who enjoyed summer.

As we look ahead at the Fall, I would like to take a moment to share some of the wins we've seen over the past month.

We took 63 kids and 16 adults to camp and have enjoyed the excitement that follows camp. The connections we were able to make continue to grow as we look at what it means to continue to "respond" to God.

The new 6th graders joined us in August and have brought an excitement and energy, and it's been a joy watching our older kids connect with them along the way. One thing I love seeing is when a high school student reaches out to a middle schooler to help them find where they belong. I think this is a beautiful picture of the church at large, as well.

We were excited to baptize Jackson, Wesley and Hudson and on the same day we had our Student Worship Team lead worship.

Looking ahead, we are praying for God to continue to work in and through us as we kick-off Circles on September 6 and September 10. Through Circles we hope to build new relationships and build on existing relationships to help us grow in our relationship with God.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all of the adults who have volunteered to step up to serve with Students. We could not do what we do without the support of adults who love God and like students at least a little. It's going to be a great year!



Month in Review - August



Pool Party!



New Member Reception



Pilgrims of Faith Ladies' Tea



Christmas Music Preview Party



Prayer Walking at the Schools



Upcoming Events



Oct 1 Christmas Choir Rhrl-3:30
Oct 2 Prime Time Game Day-11:00
Oct 4 Christian Writers' Group-4:15
Oct 5 Stitches for Jesus-10:00
Oct 15 Christmas Choir Rhrl-3:30
Oct 15 Church Council-4:00
Oct 21 Deacon's Retreat
Oct 22 Family Gathering & Member Mtg-4:00
Oct 29 Christmas Choir Rhrl-3:30



Nov 4 Women's Leaf Observing Trip-9:00
Nov 5 Christmas Choir Rhrl-3:30
Nov 6 Prime Time Game Day-11:00
Nov 12 Gym Rats-2:00
Nov 12 Christmas Choir Rhrl-3:30
Nov 12 Church Council Mtg-4:00
Nov 16 Prime Time Dinner-4:00
Nov 17-19 Marriage Retreat
Nov 19 GriefShare: Holidays-12:30
Nov 19 Fall Retreat (Youth)-3:00
Nov 19 Member Meeting-4:00
Nov 23 Church Office/Bldgs Closed
Nov 26 Christmas Choir Rhrl-3:30

Calendar Events & Ongoing Activities

Sundays:

Worship 8:30, 9:45, 11:00
Bible Study-Adults 9:45
Adults/Youth/Children 11:00
Library Open 12:00
Praise Kids 5:00 (Sept 10-Oct 15)
Feast 5:00 (Sept 17-Oct 15)
CYP Navigate 7:00

Mondays:

GriefShare (begins 9/11) 10:00
Pickleball 10:00
Noon Basketball 12:00
Eagle's Wings Life Group 6:00

Tuesdays:

Children's Day Out 9:00
K'ville West Home Group 5:30
Lois Home Group 5:30
Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00

Wednesdays:

Women's Bible Study 10am (Begins 9/6)
Pickleball Noon
Joyful Strummers 4:00
Christian Writer's Group 4:15
Fellowship Meal 5:00
Library Open 5:15
Adult Mid-Week Bible Study 6:00
TSM Wednesdays-Refinery
Disciple Kids 6:00
Worship Choir 7:00

Thursdays:

Children's Day Out 9:00
Men's Bible Study 10am (Begins 9/7)
Women's Bible Study 6:30 (Begins 9/7)
TBC Worship Signers Rehearsal-6:00



Sept 4 Church Offices/Bldgs Closed
Sept 6 Wednesday Meals begin
Sept 6 Christian Writers' Group begins-4:15
Sept 7 Stitches for Jesus-10:00
Sept 8 & 9 TBC Arts & Crafts/Car Show-9:00
Sept 10 Gym Rats-2:00
Sept 10 Trinity U-5:00
Sept 11 Prime Time Game Day-11:00
Sept 16 First Blessing-8:00am
Sept 17 Preparing for Eclipses-3:00
Sept 17 Church Council Mtg-4:00
Sept 17 Christmas Choir Rhrl-6:00
Sept 18 Preparing for Eclipses-6:00
Sept 24 Youth Family Lunch-Noon
Sept 24 Member Meeting-4:00
Sept 30 Glo Games-6:30