

# Trinity *life*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH  
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## For the Journey...

***"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:2, 6***

In times of peril and calamity, God gives light. God gives hope. I am amazed at the early darkness we are experiencing these days. It seems to get dark, really dark very early. There is nothing better in the darkness than light. We could apply these words across many worlds. Both here in the United States, and in our world, there is deep darkness. There is conflict around every corner. However, there is also truth and light standing next to it.

I love Christmas. It really is the most joyful time as I consider all that we celebrate in Christ's birth. But we also hear that it is the most depressing month of our calendar. For those who know the Light of Jesus, it may seem joyful. But, for those hanging on their last thread of hope, it is often deep and dark. Those around us may need a dose of light that comes from Jesus shining through us.

As we round out the days of December, we will also be rounding out the days of our first year

of utilizing our new space. It is amazing to see families together and generations of church friends visiting in the Cafe area. Our adult and student spaces are being used several times a week for groups to gather and plan and study. Thank you, TBC, for your faithful dreaming and stewardship in bringing this about.

We have witnessed good things take place in 2023. I am certain that we will witness and experience the same in 2024. I hope you will take advantage in preparing your heart for the Christmas season through the many and varied opportunities at Trinity. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come with you. Let us approach this season with gratitude in our hearts as we make ourselves available to be used by God in the days ahead.

May it be said of us what was said about the village lamplighter. We may not see him anymore, but we can certainly tell where he has been. May people know we have walked with Jesus as He lights the path on our journey.

Merry Christmas!

*Pastor John*





*Celebrate Christmas with your  
Trinity Family!*

## Christmas Services & Activity Schedule

- 12/1 & 2 6:00pm—Night in Bethlehem  
12/10 5:00pm—Prime Time Christmas Program  
12/16 & 17 7:00pm—Christmas Worship Program  
“Joy has Dawned”  
12/20 6:00pm—All Church Christmas Caroling  
12/24 ONE Worship Service at 11:00am  
(Family Bible Study in FLC at 9:30am)  
12/24 5:00 & 6:30pm—Christmas Eve Services  
12/31 ONE Worship Service — 11:00am  
(No Bible Study)

*Christmas Eve Services  
Sunday, December 24  
5:00 & 6:30pm*

Worship Ministry Presents...

*Joy  
has  
Dawned*

Childcare  
available

December  
16 & 17, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

## **Night in Bethlehem** “Drive Thru Nativity”

Church Wide and Community  
Free Event

Friday, December 1  
Saturday, December 2  
6-7 pm



## **Prime Time Singers Christmas Program**



December 10th @ 5:00pm

## **CHURCH WIDE Christmas Caroling** December 20th at 6:00pm



FOLLOWED BY  
COOKIES & HOT COCOA  
IN THE FAMILY LIFE  
CENTER

**Give a Gift that Counts  
The 2023  
Christmas Offering for  
Global Missions  
is collected through December  
TBC's Goal: \$25,000**



# Music Notes by Charlie & Stephanie

Christmastime is here again! Our favorite time of year! Worship Ministry has been busy preparing for our Christmas programs!

First up, we have the Prime-Time Singers Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Join us for a light-hearted, fun Christmas program featuring your holiday favorites. You'll no doubt find yourself singing along!

Next, we have this year's Christmas Worship Program, "Joy Has Dawned". It will be an exciting presentation of music telling the story of Christ's birth, featuring some new and some beloved traditional Christmas favorites presented by our Worship Choir, 8:30 & 9:45 Praise Bands. We are thrilled to have our Handbell Choir joining us also! Our Praise Kids, and our Trinity Worship Signers, will also be featured. Each group bringing their own flavor to our program.

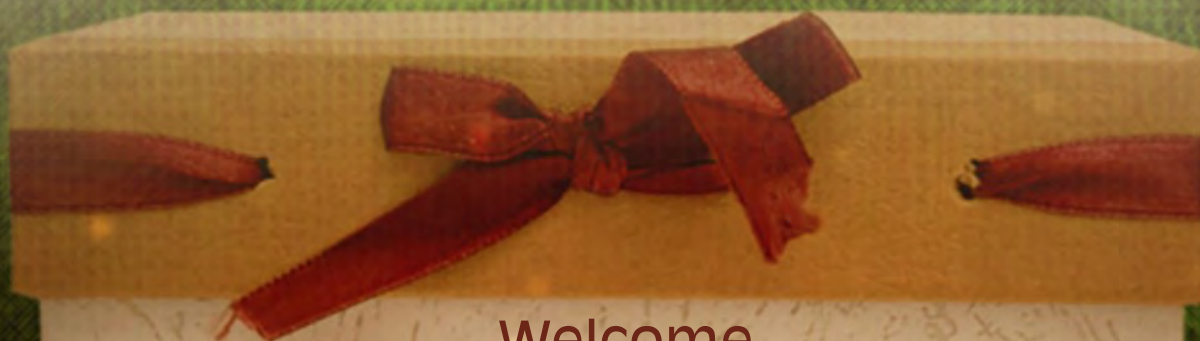
Grab your family & friends and join us for this year's Christmas Worship Program. You have two opportunities to join us, Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. You won't want to miss it!

You know it just wouldn't be Christmas at Trinity if we didn't go out Caroling! Don your festive apparel and come with us as we spread some holiday cheer on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. There will be cookies and hot chocolate in the Family Life Center to follow.

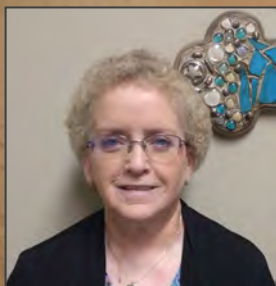
Finally, Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year and we will have one service in the morning at 11:00am. We will have our usual two Christmas Eve services that evening, at 5:00pm and 6:30pm.

Take a moment, stop and reflect on what Christmas means: Jesus Christ is born! Treasure this season, make memories, and try not to get caught up in the stressful chaos of 'to-do' lists. Instead, enjoy the time spent with family and friends as you celebrate together.

Merry Christmas, Church Family!



## Welcome New Members!



Jane Rodriguez



Dave Wilson



Valorie Jones



Ralph & Cathy  
Isham



# Student Ministry by Wes Henson

December may be one of my favorite seasons around TSM. For the Christmas season we intentionally shift gears, aiming to help build connection.

Our Circles have gone great so far this semester, but during December they take a break and we get to gather everyone together for a few weeks.

This year we have our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christma-lympics on Wednesday, December 13, and it's going to be even better than the first two! Plus, it will be our first Christmas Party in the Refinery!

I'm excited to announce we have scheduled a Disciple Now for February 9-11, 2024. For those who may not know, Disciple Now is a local weekend retreat. I'm excited for the opportunity to include members of the church in the weekend through hosting, feeding, and praying. If you're an adult and interested in serving, let me know.

To help kick-off Disciple Now registration, we are having a Special Edition of TSM Live on Wednesday, December 6. On this night, we will have a very special guest, and you will not want to miss out!

Finally, I cannot give enough thanks to all of our wonderful adults who have jumped in to help lead a Circle, to sub, to invest in students in the Forge, to bring donuts, to go to camp, to serve, to love, to laugh and to give. We couldn't do what we do without all of you!



*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”*  
*John 3:16*



# Fun & Fellowship with Prime Time by Don Francis

Prime Time is a group of seniors 55+ who get together for fellowship, entertainment, food, and subjects of interest for seniors and activities to serve our Lord.

Prime time Game Day is the first Monday of each month and we meet in the church café for a time of fellowship and games. Bring your brown bag lunch and perhaps some cookies to share. We play a variety of domino and card games. Join us for a great time of fellowship, fun and laughter with games. The time is 11:00am until 2:00pm.

Prime Time Dinners are scheduled at various times during the year. The meeting will include a meal, potluck or catered by Judy Brooksher the church food expert. There will be music. We may sing as a group or be entertained by special guests. This past year we have enjoyed Trinity Men's Quartet, Ray and Jan Solomon, a Ray Stevens impersonator and a group from Sunrise Baptist Church. We have benefitted from presentations by Greg Longenbaugh from Kerr County Sheriff's Department concerning frauds and scams, JD's teacher Dr. Dan Crawford, and have enjoyed open mike time sharing stories of what God has done in our lives. Most important of all, we have enjoyed the fellowship with one another and sharing God's love. We most recently had a Thanksgiving pot luck with Missy Coulter giving a presentation on home safety and fall prevention.

Every May we have a 2-day senior event called ENCORE! (Energized, Committed, Reassigned) with a light lunch, games, music and speakers. This is a special event attended and enjoyed by many of our seniors.



## Disciple Kids by Sue Owens

There is a wonderful group of 3rd—5th grade boys and girls who meet for Disciple Kids each Wednesday night at 6:00pm. Our Disciple Kids Junior (Pre-K—1st) also meet at this time and are studying how be like Jesus.

The older Disciple Kids were given a Sermon Notes booklet at the beginning of Pastor John's series on "We Believe" and they take notes each Sunday and we discuss our notes on Wednesday. This has been a productive time of learning and understanding what we believe. In addition, we have turned to God's Word to help us learn the importance of making good choices and what to do when we make poor choices. And, most weeks, we close with a fun game of "Minute to Win It" with Mr. Tommy.

These children are such a blessing to our church and are dedicated to growing as disciples. They recently made Thanksgiving cards to give those who will be blessed with a Thanksgiving meal from the church. They also participate in various outreach projects during the year.

As you can see, these young disciples KNOW they were created by God on PURPOSE, with PURPOSE, and for a PURPOSE. And, they PURPOSE to be who God created them to be! May we always remember to encourage them as they carry out that PURPOSE!



God created you  
ON purpose  
WITH purpose  
FOR a purpose  
Purpose to be  
WHO  
God created  
YOU to be



Mini Kids Camp-June 24-25  
Completed 1st-3rd Grade  
Kids Camp-July 22-25  
Completed 3rd-5th Grade

TRINITY  
Kids Ministry

Wednesdays  
6-7pm



Disciple  
Mission  
Service

Disciple Kids-3rd-5th - #104  
Disciple Kids Jr.-Kinder-2nd - #151  
Childcare PK & Below - #159  
w/Parents in Bible Study







*Merry Christmas  
from your Trinity Staff!*



# Genesis Class by Dale Moreau

The Genesis Class aims to help people progress in their ability to study the Bible and understand its meaning. The key to good Bible study is not following steps. It is learning to think carefully about what you're reading. *The Genesis Class* helps you to develop thinking skills by asking insightful questions about the biblical text, learning to detect and avoid flawed ideas (your own and those of others), and being dissatisfied with explanations that aren't comprehensive.

Learning to think well is much more powerful than memorizing a method. Careful thinking allows you to adapt to whatever Scripture presents you rather than asking the same repetitive questions of every passage.

Many things we read, especially in the Bible, are not as easy to parse as this headline. Many readers will have memorized Ephesians 2:8-9:

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."*

But how many of us have bothered to ask the obvious question: What is the gift of God? Is it grace? Faith? Both? Something else? How would we know? Memorizing these verses is a good idea, but understanding what they mean is even better. The Genesis class will help you explore this passage and many more and find the biblical truths and meaning in the text.

You missed us concluding our study of the Book of Genesis. So, come join us in our new study, *John's Use of the Old Testament in the Book of Revelation*. It is unlike any other study you have heard. We are in room 217, upstairs near the elevator, in the new building.



## YOUNG ADULT SKI RETREAT

GLORIETA, NM

JANUARY 2-5

**SPACE IS LIMITED!**

**CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE  
TO SIGN UP NOW**



**Ski w/ one day lesson - \$550**

**Ski w/o lesson - \$500**

**Not Skiing - \$200**

**Cost is all inclusive  
excluding meals in transit**



Prime Time Game Day

**Christmas Edition!**



Monday, December 4th

Noon-3 in the Café

Bring a bag lunch, game

and *your favorite*

*Christmas cookies*

*to share*



Follow GENESIS 1 Hikers to

**LOST MAPLES STATE PARK**

Monday, Dec 11th, Bus leaves TBC at 8:30 AM  
Lunch is Dutch Treat at the Apple Store



Call the church  
office to sign up  
*Space is limited*

New!!

9:45 Bible Study Group

Led by Keith & Debbie Williams

Begin 2024 with friends, new and old, at

**"THE BRIDGE"**

Bible Study with Life Application

Meet & Greet January 7th, 9:45, Room 216



**NAVIGATE**

*...continue to live in him - Col. 3:3*

**Sunday Nights**

**7:00 PM**

**in The Forge**

**Post High School - 30ish**

**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](http://www.texasbaptistmen.org/Disaster-Relief)

Questions? Rick Boles 830.739.8957





# Month in Review - November



Preparing Thanksgiving Meals for our homebound & others



Operation Christmas Child & Youth Retreat



CDO Teacher Work Day Lunch



Prime Time Dinner

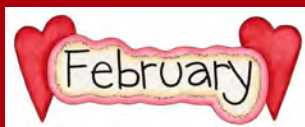


Women's Ministry Leaf Peeping Excursion

## Upcoming Events



Jan 1 Church Office/Bldgs Closed  
 Jan 2-5 Navigate Ski Trip  
 Jan 7 TSM Sunday-11:00  
 Jan 7 New Member Orientation & Reception-4:00  
 Jan 14 Victor Choir Rehearsal-3:30  
 Jan 14 Leadership Orientation-5:00  
 Jan 18 Prime Time Dinner-4:30  
 Jan 21 Church Council-4:00  
 Jan 28 Family Gath/Member Mtg-4pm  
 Jan 28 Victor Choir Rehearsal-3:30



Feb 4 Women's Min Kick-off Lunch-Noon  
 Feb 4 Victor Choir Rehearsal-3:30  
 Feb 5 Prime Time Game Day-Noon  
 Feb 9-11 TSM Disciple Now  
 Feb 18 Church Council-4:00  
 Feb 23/24 Women's IF Conference  
 Feb 25 Victor Choir Rehearsal-3:30  
 Feb 25 Member Meeting-4:00



Dec 1 & 2 Night in Bethlehem-6:00  
 Dec 4 Prime Time Game Day-Noon  
 Dec 7-11 Mexico Mission Trip  
 Dec 10 Church Council-4:00  
 Dec 10 PT Singers Christmas Prog-5:00  
 Dec 16 Christmas Worship Program-7pm  
 Dec 17 Member Meeting-4:00  
 Dec 17 Christmas Worship Program-7pm  
 Dec 20 All Church C'mas Caroling-6:00  
 Dec 24 ONE Worship Service-11:00  
 Family Bible Study in FLC-9:30  
 Dec 25 & 26 - Church Offices/Bldgs Closed  
 Dec 31 ONE Worship Service-11:00  
 No Bible Study

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  
 CYP Navigate 7:00

### Mondays:

Pickleball 10:00  
 Noon Basketball 12:00  
 Eagle's Wings Life Group 6:00

### Tuesdays:

Children's Day Out 9:00  
 Prime Time Singers 10:00  
 K'ville West Home Group 5:30  
 Lois Home Group 5:30  
 Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00

### Wednesdays:

Women's Bible Study 10am (Begins Jan 10)  
 Pickleball Noon  
 Joyful Strummers 4:00  
 Christian Writer's Group 4:15  
 Handbell Rehearsal 4:30  
 Fellowship Meal 5:00  
 Library Open 5:15  
 Adult Mid-Week Bible Study 6:00  
 TSM Wednesdays-Refinery-6:00  
 Disciple Kids 6:00  
 Worship Choir 7:00

### Thursdays:

Children's Day Out 9:00  
 Men's Bible Study 10am (begins 2/9)  
 Women's Bible Study 6:30 (begins Jan 11)  
 TBC Worship Signers Rehearsal-6:00