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For the Journey...

He is risen! He is risen, indeed! "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." 1 Corinthians 15:19-20

We have so many things for which to be thankful. The greatest of which is the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. The story was presented through faithful disciples through the Victor. You, Trinity Baptist Church, did a remarkable work in spreading the news and inviting others to come and experience Christ with us. The Holy Spirit was at work through the Church and glory was given to God. Thank you for once again engaging in our mission of sharing the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ.

Thank you to all who hosted or attended a Victor Prayer Circle. It is a wonderful thing to hear about the number of people who are praying together in the same direction. I continue to also hear how encouraging it is to be reading the New Testament and Psalms through together this year. If you have not been able to do so, it is never too late to jump in. Start where we are and finish strong with us.

This month, we celebrate JD Templeton's eighth year anniversary. We appreciate so much he and

Kimberly as they have come alongside to lead us in the paths of discipleship and mission. We have amazing ministry for our adults and continue to pursue next steps together.

Paula Brucker will be retiring at the end of this month. She has faithfully served Trinity Baptist Church for 18 years as the Ministry Assistant to Children's Ministry. Be in prayer for Paula as she makes plans for her next assignments in God's kingdom. As we say around here, there is no such thing as retirement, just reassignment. Paula has been a blessing to us all.

You are reading this and hopefully filling up your car and refrigerator for the upcoming eclipse. To be able to witness this phenomenon in Kerrville, Texas, is amazing. To consider how great our God is and His creation leads us to be amazed at His grand design for the world and our lives.

We will have some guest preachers this month. It is always great to hear from our ministerial staff and others, who God is using in special

ways, to lead our church. I hope you are taking advantage of the longer days. There is still much to do and with God's help we will find ourselves engaged and faithful.

In Christ,

Pastor John

Do you have your ECLIPSE GLASSES?



Available in the Church Office at no <u>cost!</u>



Eclipse YARD SIGNS are also available in the Church Office! ONE per family please

SCHEDULE CHANGE for SUNDAY, APRIL 7

ONE Worship service at 9:00am

ALL Bible Study Classes at 10:00am (in normal locations)



The Great Texas Eclipse 4/8/2024 "God is light; in Him is no darkness at all." 1 John 1:5

Welcome New Members!



Jason Rodgers



Mike & Donna Gillespie



David & Trish Wilson



Lucy Thompson



"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16





Sunday Nights 7:00 PM in The Forge Post High School – 30ish



Student Ministry by Wes Henson

On March 17, I had the honor of being recognized for 5 years of service at Trinity. I'm continually grateful and amazed at the opportunity to be able to serve with such a wonderful body of believers.

As I think back over the past 5 years, we've seen some significant changes and some great progress. When I first stepped foot onto the TBC property, one of my meetings was across the street at the "Youth Casa". During the interview process, I listened as Pastor John cast vision for what was to come, although nothing was truly set in stone. My family and I decided to move forward, and a few weeks later we accepted the call to Trinity.

I still remember the meeting showing the first renderings of the building we now have the privilege and honor to walk through. For the student ministry, we saw a lot of changes along the way: location changes (meeting in the FLC on Sunday mornings and the Chapel on Wednesday nights), program changes (in person to online during COVID back to in person), the start of new things (Circles, a different direction for a Leadership Team, Worship Team, restructuring and adding 6th grade to the Student Ministry), and now we are finding a solid rhythm with our weekly activities in "The Refinery".

This only scratches the surface. I don't have time to talk about the lives that have been changed and the growth we've seen as a result of Camp, Disciple Now, Guys/Girls Trips, Fall Retreat, Leadership Trips, Theme Nights, Youth Worker Christmas parties, and so much more.

To simply say I'm grateful for the past five years is an understatement. And, I cannot wait to see what the next five years will bring! But what I do know: God is faithful and we will continue to experience growth as we continue to live our lives in Him (Col. 2:6).





The Victor Costume Closet by Carrie Overby

Yes, the Worship Ministry has a whole room that is dedicated to house the costumes we use for the production of The Victor. This was my first year to be in charge of the costumes. I am so fortunate to follow in the steps of a lady that "really knew what she was doing"!! Sue Stewart did an amazing job, collecting,



sewing and creating the costumes that fill our closet. For 10 years, Sue built up our costume inventory to what it is today.

If you have never been involved in The Victor...I would love for you to know about the behindthe-scenes activity. In December, the Victor Planning Committee meets to begin the early preparation work. The Worship Minister, assistant, and the head of all the teams (acting, costumes, sound, lights, streaming) must begin recruiting people to participate. Like others in our church, I have participated for many years. Just a few weeks later...the rehearsals begin. Once the rehearsals begin, I am able to start the process of fitting everyone for costumes. This year, I have fitted over 100 men, women and children for costumes. We have over 50 people singing and at least 50 more that will act in the performance. Whew...that's a lot of costumes!!

One of the things I enjoyed doing this year is researching clothing in the time period of Jesus' ministry. I have made a few small changes in the ladies' head pieces to create more authenticity. And, I also tried to represent the idea of societal classes in the costuming. Making changes can be hard...but it is also refreshing to continue to strive toward excellence. Each year, we hope to improve on the whole experience of presenting the Ministry, Death and Resurrection of Jesus as seen in The Victor.

Even though running a costume closet is work...it is also rewarding. Remember the verse...Do everything to the glory of God. I personally believe God is at work...in us and around us. Everything we do should reflect the Glory of God. I want to be involved in the work of God. I want to participate in a performance that glorifies Jesus. I want to challenge you to be active in prayer for the lost. We all are accountable to be on mission to bring others to Jesus.





Women's Ministry by Paula Locke

"When we invest in women, we are investing not just in them but in their families, communities, and the next generation."

"Biblical womanhood is a concept of womanhood informed by Scripture rather than the world.

If you haven't noticed, women are influencers. grateful and As women work out their faith in a gospelcentered community, focused on living for the Lord, they teach others what is good and beneficial for spiritual maturity, personal sanctification, and building up the kingdom of God.

We love seeing women making and deepening Christ-centered relationships, especially in a multigenerational environment. And our purpose is to inspire, equip, support, and disciple women to live in God's purpose through events such as our in-house retreat presented by Carrie Overby entitled "Run the Race" coming in April.

If we do nothing else, we want women to learn to love and study God's Word. There is still time to join the four-week study with Debbie Williams on "End Times" beginning April 3rd,

followed by a short study of Jude July 10th – 25th. We will also be studying the book of Elijah in the fall which includes small group classes and lecture/video. Our small group classes are safe havens where we encourage, support, and pray for each other and learn how to live out a more Christ directed life in this crazy world. These groups just naturally become like another family which is more valuable than can be put into words. We are grateful and excited to welcome Shelby Peschel as our new Women's Bible Study Coordinator. She is succeeding Pat Hanna who has led us so faithfully for many years.

Other events which we are anticipating include our annual Back to School Prayer Breakfast and craft events throughout the year. A day trip to Wimberley Market Days is planned for October.

The purpose of women's ministry goes beyond merely organizing events or meetings; it's about creating a nurturing and uplifting environment where women can flourish and reach their potential. Watch for reminders and DON'T MISS OUT!



Texas Chainsaw Ministry—A Part of Texans on Mission by Rick Boles

2023 was a busy time of serving those in need locally. We were on standby with Texans on Mission for Mississippi and most recently the Panhandle Fires, which as a Disaster Relief Unit, is our main purpose. God has been faithful to meet our needs for equipment by providing, through donations from individuals and our church, a newto-us Man lift. Don Nelson, Ken Hollingsworth and myself drove to Archbold, Ohio to pick up from the factory a refurbished Haulotte Man lift. Our team is currently involved in re- painting this unit.

Our first local project of the year was at Mercy Gate Ministries, a Human Trafficking Ministry in Hunt. We took down trees and cleaned up an area for new construction. Seven team members worked on that project, and we were beyond blessed when we understood the purpose of this Ministry-to give formerly trafficked women a place to live and receive training to enter the workforce. We were connected to a lady in Ingram who had received training through the Ministry, was hired at the VA Hospital, and had been able to purchase a tiny home. The home needed some trees removed which were down on the neighbor's fence.

We also assisted our Pastor with some large, dead trees at his home. We were able to take those trees down and haul off all the wood (which we normally don't do). We are always blessed to serve our Pastor, who is such a blessing to our church family.

Another home we served was for a man with cancer. We removed a lot of dead limbs that were of serious concern of falling on the roof. We had six team members work on that project and, as usual, were blessed to serve those in need.

One of the jobs in the area that was a real blessing to work on was the Harper Community Foundation. They provide food for people who are in real need whether it be storm damage, loss of job or simply who don't have the finances to feed their family. We were able to take down four trees that were dead and in danger of falling on the building that housed their food pantry.

Our year ended by taking down nine dead trees at our Church and removing some shrubs. We were blessed to help our own church who has supported us with prayer and finances through the years as we deploy and work on projects for those in real need of help.



www.texasbaptistmen.org/Disaster-Relief

Specialty Training - Classes & Details Online

. Yellow Cap Basic Training

. Chainsaw Basic Training

Register online at





INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR THE

TEXAS BAPTIST MEN DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY?

TRAINING AVAILABLE

(Age 16 & Up) This training is a prerequisite for all other trainings



Based on Corinthians 9:24-27 (no actual running involved!) April 19 & 20, Trinity Baptist Church FLC, \$15 Friday 6-8:30 PM; Saturday 9 AM-3 PM (Lunch Included) Call the church office to sign up

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SERVICE PROJECT



Clothing Bedding \$25 gift cards Hygiene Items **Feminine Products** Formula Newborn Kits

Collection dates: April 14 - Upper Foyer 8:30-12 April 17 - FLC 4:30-7 April 21 - Upper Foyer 8:30-12 April 24 - FLC 4-30-7 See the most requested items below

Diapers (various sizes) Wipes Books, Games, Art and School Supplies Duffle Bags or Small Suitcases Fire Extinguishers, Smoke Detectors, Carbon Monoxide Detectors, Plug Outlet Covers



VBS by Frank & Judy Stevens

Spring has sprung. Trees are budding, the grass is greener and even some shrubs are popping with colorful blooms. Before we know it, summer will be here and so it is not too soon to start making vacations plans. May we make a recommendation for a wonderful trip for your children this summer. How about a trip to **HOMETOWN NAZARETH**? Visit the place where Jesus was a kid, without leaving Kerrville?

Vacation Bible School, On June 10th, 2024, permanent picture in her mind of her Trinity will kick off this year's VBS, transporting the children to Nazareth where Jesus grew VBS at the back door of her up. Getting a glimpse into Jesus' life, they will hometown church. Volunteer explore the culture of ancient Nazareth in and Biblical times. The children will learn while yours Jesus is the Son of God, He also had the same child this year. Email Kellee emotions and experiences that they have at kparish@tbck.org to find today. Children will walk away with the your place of ministry to the complete comfort of knowing that God under- children of Trinity and stands them, cares for them, and loves them community. enough to give His only Son to ransom them

from their sins.

Vacation Bible School is a free event designed to be memorable and life changing; bringing your child closer to Christ and creating a place where friendships are built and strengthened.

Remember, book your child's free ticket and join us for a trip to Hometown Nazareth on June 10-13, from 9:00 AM to Noon for all children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade. Sign up at www.tbck.org. after May 1st.

If you are older, a parent or grandparent, there is a place for you too. One of One of the universal events in church life is Judy's fondest memories of VBS is the grandmother handing out snacks at create а memory for someone or else's our

Month in Review - March



Men's Quartet at HCBA Sing Along



Thailand Mission Trip Team



Youth Praise Team leading worship



Genesis 1 hikers at Enchanted Rock



May 1 Prayer Wall Chain May 2 National Day of Prayer May 5 TSM Family lunch & mtg-Noon May 6-7 ENCORE! Senior Adult Days May 9 Prime Time Dinner-4:30 May 12 Mother's Day May 12 Mother's Day May 14 CDO Pre-K Graduation-1:00 May 19 Graduate Sunday May 19 Church Council Mtg-4:00 May 19 Disciple Kids/Cans for the Kingdom May 26 Member Mtg-4:00 May 27 Church Office/Bldgs Closed



Pickleballers!

June 1-8 Dominican Rep Mission Trip June 15 Men's Ministry B'fast-7:30 June 16 Father's Day June 16 Church Council by email June 22 Women's Craft Day-10:30 June 23 Member Meeting-4:00 June 24-25 Mini Kid's Camp

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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 <u>Mondays</u>:

Pickleball 10:00 GriefShare 10:00 (ends 4/22) Noon Basketball 12:00 Eagle's Wings Life Group 6:00 <u>Tuesdays:</u> 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 Pickleball Noon Joyful Strummers 4:00 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

<u>Thursdays</u>: Children's Day Out 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm TBC Worship Signers Rehearsal-6:00

<u>Fridays</u>: Community Prayer Time-7:00am

Apr 1 Prime Time Game Day-12Noon Apr 8 Solar Eclipse/Office Closed Apr 10-12 Everlasting Conference Apr 13 Kids/Family Mission Service Day Apr 14 Gym Rats-2:00 Apr 15 Genesis 1-8:30am Apr 19-20 Women's Retreat Apr 20 Men's Prayer B'fast-8:00am Apr 21 Church Council-4:00 Apr 21 New Member Reception-5:00 Apr 24 Paula Brucker's Retirement Celebration-5:00pm Apr 27 Pickleball Tournament-10:00 Apr 28 Baked Potato Fundraiser Apr 28 Family Gath/Member Mtg-4:00

Apr 30 Prayer Wall Chain