#### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER **TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH** PRIL 2024 – VOLUME 5, ISSUE 5

#### For the Journey...

"You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light. ... As for God, His way is perfect: The LORD's word is flawless; He shields all who take refuge in Him." 2 Samuel 22:29,31

These two verses are part of the theme verse for the National Day of Prayer that will take place on May 2nd. The theme is "Lift up the Word, Light up the World." It will be a special day as many in our nation will gather to pray for America. We understand that if we are to influence the world, we must begin where we are. God has blessings for His people and desires that they shine their light in order that God may be praised. Not just America, but our entire world needs to see this now more than ever.

God has set a path for our Faith Family to read through the Bible together in 2024. It has been a blessing to hear from many of you as to the LORD's blessing from your obedience. Along with our reading God's Word together, we have also felt the need to pray alongside one another. This is nothing new. We have prayed together for years as it is an important part of our church service and ministry. However, we will spend 48 hours of consistent prayer, from April 30 to May 2 praying for Trinity Baptist and our direction in God's Kingdom. We have secured someone to In Christ, pray each hour leading up to the National Day of Prayer and even have some time assignments with multiple people agreeing to

#### pray. May God be praised.

Thank you, Trinity, for helping us prepare for the Eclipse Weekend. Some saw more than others but we all experienced the absence of light when the moon covered the sun. Not only did it look different but it felt different. My immediate observation was it didn't matter how long it took to get dark, it didn't take any time at all for the light to return. That is because the light never went anywhere. It was always there.

Much like God who never goes away but sometimes can become clouded because of what we place in front of Him. When we get things in order He is quick to shine in our lives once again. Shine in such a way that we reflect His light in our lives. God is light. In Him is no darkness at all!

Summer is just a page away on our calendars. It will be covered with incredible opportunities for shining God's light. I hope you will make yourselves available for next step discipleship this summer. We are praying for a summer of transformation and not just a summer of marking off the days. May God do something among us that we

cannot explain as we make ourselves available to His plan.

It is a joy to serve you as your Pastor.

Vastor John







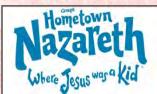






\$25 Deposit saves your spot (Online Registration at a later date.)

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



VBS June 10-13 Online Registration begins May 1 We are needing Family Leader Volunteers in each age group to rotate with kids. Contact Kellee at kparish@tbck.org



All Teachers & Family Leaders Please plan to attend.

> MAY 15th 5pm # 121

#### Disciple Kids are Collecting

<u>Cans for the</u> <u>Kingdom</u>



#### MAY 19 @ 5pm

Collecting non-perishable goods for Hill Country Youth Ranch. Pick up collection sack with list of suggested items on May 5th or 12th. On May 19th Disciple Kids will pick up the filled bags from your porch.

### <u>SAVE THE DATE</u> Parents, Pizza & Snowballs July 11th 5:30-7:00pm

#### Children's Ministry by Kellee Parish

We just celebrated Paula Brucker's retirement after 18 years of service as the Children's Ministry Assistant at Trinity. We will miss her very much and yet we are so happy she gets to be with her kids and grandkids full time now. She's been a blessing as she's faithfully served our children and families all these years. She served alongside Eric Lankford and Pam Blair before I joined Trinity 9 years ago. I know all three of us are grateful for how Paula ministered together with us. Thank you, Paula, for your 18 years of service!

Summer is coming up quickly. Please make sure you have VBS, Mini Kids Camp, Kids Camp, Cans for the Kingdom, and Parents, Pizza and Snowballs on your calendar for the upcoming summer schedule. We already have some kids signed up for camp and we still have room for additional kids. We'd love to have lots of kids at VBS (sign up after May 1 online) and camp this summer. Contact Kellee for more information about any of these events at kparish@tbck.org.

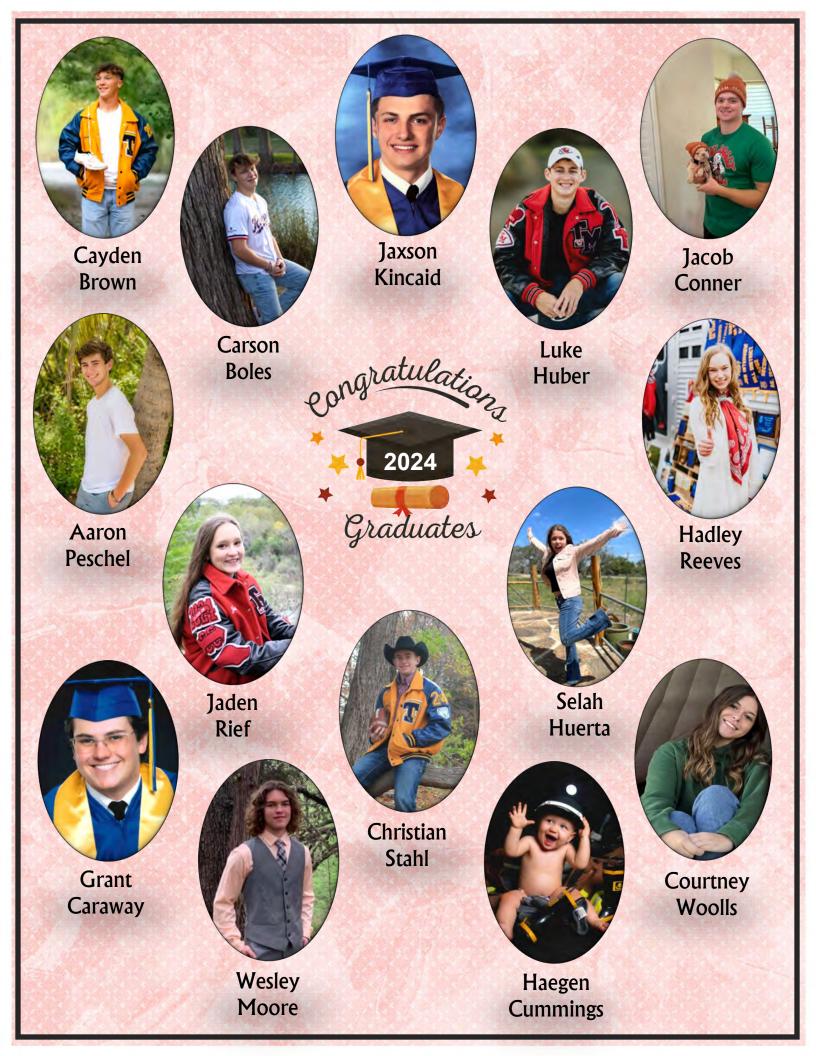


Thank you, Paula!

New To Our Family!



**Glenn Kiley** 







Thank You Thank you so very much for your generous donations at the Youth Baked Potato Luncheon. As is true time and time again, your generosity was overwhelming, and we are all so incredibly grateful! Please be in prayer for our students as God prepares them for camp! Wes Henson Minister to Students

Trinity family,





#### Women's Bible Study by Shelby Peschel

What is your favorite Bible study? Recently, during a leadership training meeting, several ladies answered this question. With so many wonderful authors, speakers, books and topics, it was difficult to narrow it down to just one. So many studies have been richly meaningful in different ways to different ladies. After giving it some thought since that meeting, I would like to change my answer. My favorite Bible study is "the next one."

Women's Bible Study (WBS) at Trinity has a rich history of reaching women in our community. Studies have varied through the years, but the focus on learning and growing together has not. With much prayer and planning, a core team of ladies selects which study we will do together, typically a year in advance. Laying personal preferences aside, they truly seek the Lord for what He would have us study together. As long as the Word of God and hearts are open, each "next" study provides the opportunity to learn and understand more. And, in knowing more, taking next steps to apply God's truth to our daily actions.

So what is the next one for WBS? We just wrapped up studying the *Book of John* as well as *The End Times*. Coming up next is our summer series on *Jude: Contend Earnestly for the Faith* by Debbie Taylor Williams. This 3-week study meets on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings, beginning July 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration and details are available on the church website. Next, will be our fall study on *Elijah: Faith & Fire* by Priscilla Shirer, followed by a focus on *Gratitude: Giving Thanks to God in All Things* leading up to the holiday season. There is a place for you, and you are invited. We'd love to have you join us for the next one!

"Lord, Your word is forever; Your faithfulness is for all generations; I will never forget Your precepts, for You have given me life through them." Psalms 119: 89-93

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Wishing you God's unending



# ENCORE

energized committed reassigned A CONFERENCE FOR SENIOR ADULTS

> with guest speaker Bill Parr

Monday & Tuesday, May 6 & 7 Bible Study & Music 11 AM-Noon in the Café Lunch & Games from 12-2 PM \$5 Lunch Each Day; *Reservation Required Call the church office to sign up* 

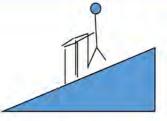
### Pray for our Dominican Republic Mission Trip

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JeAnne Carpenter	Charis Henson	Evan Peschel
April Conner	Wes Henson	Cailin Powell
Jaycee Conner	Donna Hinton	JD Templeton
Jolie Conner	Elisa Keese	John Wheat
Kenleigh Conner	Loretta Keese	Andrea Woodruff
Lillee Dent	Denise Lemeilluer	Bennett Woodruff
Aidan Hawkins	Aaron Peschel	Cadence Woodruff
Anna Henson	Caleb Peschel	Josh Woodruff

# WORSHIP MINSTRY

TECH TEAM, MUSICIANS, SINGERS NEEDED





Trinity Men's Ministry Handicap Ramp Construction Contact Mark Clemons on how you can help!

### Jubilee Class by Gene Ayers, Doug Lusk, and Eva Euler

surrounded by the warmest, most loving and singing of a popular hymn, the celebration of genuinely caring new friends, folks who were birthdays and anniversaries, and the sharing passionate about their faith and were spiritu- of other activities that are scheduled for the ally mature." Most of these earlier members church family. are now with our Lord, but others have joined our fellowship, continuing to serve the Lord in like manner, and support the ministry of the church. As a class, we have always been there for one another through illnesses, accidents, family problems and too many tragedies to count!"

Caring, sharing, and praying - hallmarks of this class of couples and individuals who are bound together by their love for the Lord and for families, friends, and neighbors. One of our notable missions is to care for one another, for their families, and for others that they know and love. We have cried together.

We spend time sharing prayer requests for place that welcomes anyone in need of a loved ones, friends or perhaps an acquaint- church family. Oh, and we laugh a lot, with ance who is in need. Prayer requests are sent JOY! out to the membership during the week, as well to our network of emails and postage mail. All done in the name of the Lord.

"As new members, we were immediately Each Sunday the class joins together in the

We have had wonderful teachers over the years, including Kay Miller, Gene Ayers, Chris Christopherson, and Bill Parr. Currently the centerpiece of the class is Mr. Parr's lessons, taken directly from the scriptures, book by book and verse by verse. We just finished the book of Daniel and will study Ephesians next.

Throughout all these activities runs a deep current of fellowship that is both comforting and encouraging. What a privilege it is to have this place where we can sing together, pray together, worship together and know that our Savior Jesus is there with us, guiding and directing us in all we do. It is a warm inviting

#### Kerrville West Home Group by Scott Barns

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." Hebrews 10:24.

As Christians, we are called to live out the many "one anothers" listed in scripture. Our small group meets weekly at the Whitehead's home and I believe this gives us the opportunity to live out the "one anothers" together with the many families that we meet with. This weekly gathering is something that my family looks forward to every week. A time that we know we can be vulnerable, pray with/for one another, and let our kids be in a safe environment with other kids their

age. In my perspective, these are things that Christians need as they grow in their walk with the Lord—a community of other believers and God's Word. This is something we get each week when we go to our small group.

Our time together consists of a meal, fellowship, and then a Bible study. We make a schedule each semester that consists of who will be bringing the meal and who will be leading the Bible study. Our discussions vary, but we always focus on the goodness of God and the ways that he is using us and blessing us. We are currently going through a study on solitude and it has been so encouraging to see how others in the group handle solitude in their relationships with the Lord. Oftentimes, during our Bible studies, we are able to share what the Lord is doing in our lives but also things that we may be struggling with. This vulnerability that we have with one another really makes it easy to open up to one another and be there for each other, as we have been called to do as Christ followers. I truly believe that this is a time that everyone in the group looks forward to each week as we try our best to love one another, hold one another accountable, and pray for one another.

## Month in Review—April



Front Desk Volunteer Luncheon



Prime Time Game Day





Genesis 1 Trip to Inks Lake



Wes & Navigate Praise Team leading Midweek Worship



Paula Brucker's reception





June 1-8 Dominican Rep Mission Trip June 10-14 Vacation Bible School June 14 HS Boys/Girls Trip-11am June 15 Men's Ministry B'fast-7:30 June 16 Father's Day June 16 Church Council by email June 18 Middle School Theme Night-6pm June 22 Women's Craft Day-10:30

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July 2 Middle School Theme Night-6pm July 4 Church Office/Bldgs Closed July 11 Pizza, Parents, Snowballs-5:30 July 15-19 Horizon Youth Camp July 21 Church Council Mtg. July 22-25 Kids' Camp July 28 Family Gath./Member Mtg.-4:00

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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 GriefShare 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 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 Wednesdays: Women's Bible Study 10am Pickleball Noon Jovful 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 Thursdays: Children's Day Out 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00pm TBC Worship Signers Rehearsal-6:00 Fridays: Community Prayer Time-7:00am



May 1 Prayer Wall May 2 National Day of Prayer May 5 Cans for Kingdom Bag Pick Up May 5 TSM Family lunch & mtg-Noon May 6-7 ENCORE! Senior Adult Days May 12 Cans for Kingdom Bag Pick Up 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 Cans for the Kingdom Collected May 26 Member Mtg-4:00