

Trinity *life*

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For the Journey...

Thank you, Trinity, for the appreciation shown to our ministerial staff during Pastors' Appreciation Month. I love our team of ministers and am so blessed to learn from them as we lead Trinity toward next steps and missional purposes.

We took our church vote in October regarding the recommendation from our New Deacon Selection Task Force to allow women the opportunity to serve as deacons at Trinity. The vote did not carry the percentage needed to change the bylaws, though 54% voted in favor and 46% voted against. Therefore, we will move toward our next step of deacon selection and seek the nomination of men to serve as deacons soon. I want to again share my appreciation to David Sprouse, Diane Donaldson, Suzii March, Pennie Olivo, Dan Petty and Vern Stahl for the first half of their responsibility. They now will lead our church through the nomination process and selection of new deacons.

November is the month for thanksgiving. Though we recognize it, nationally we also celebrate gratitude throughout the year. Every

day is a day of gratitude for those who recognize God's great gifts. ***"Don't be deceived my brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."*** James 1:16-17

God is so good to us all. His gift of Jesus makes all the difference and, in faith, we have a purpose and place. God's gift of family goes beyond expectation and I celebrate not only my physical family but my spiritual family as well. God calls us together for His glory and reputation. I am thankful today and every day. God is good, all the time; and all the time, God is good. Let us praise Him together.

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." Psalm 150:6

In Christ,

Pastor John





*"Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples." Psalm 105:1*



Preston Galindo



Amanda Galindo



Sandra Neely



Alex Pursel



Ian & Maxine
Blackie



Mike & Kay
Barry

Welcome New Members

MASHED POTATO MIX & CORNBREAD MIX

Collection for CAM

Cornbread Goal: MET!

Mashed Potato Goal:
Need 90 more

TRINITY STUDENTS

C.A.M.

THANKSGIVING
BOX PACKING

ALL ARE INVITED TO HELP!

9am
NOV. 9

Help Us
Pack Boxes
For Families

521 Barnett St

Thanksgiving Meal Outreach

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

11/22—Debone turkeys,
11/23—Pack boxes and deliver meals
Call the church office @ 830-895-0100

**Donated Items Needed by
Wednesday, November 20:**

Canned Green Beans (No French)
Canned Cranberry Sauce
Boxed Turkey Stuffing

Collection boxes by church
office and on 2nd floor by
the display board

Moses Family Update by Wendy Anderson

Some of you may know Dr. Geoffrey and Nicole Moses from their stay in the Minoah House as they mobilized in 2018 for their first move and again in the summer of 2023, or from his work as a physician at Peterson Hospital in years past. The Moses' sending church is Kerrville Bible. They serve through Frontiers USA Ministry.

Geoffrey and Nicole, along with their four beautiful kids, have served in Sierra Leone since 2019, sharing their skills in a country with one of the highest disease burdens in the world. Geoffrey's father is originally from Sierra Leone, a war-torn majority Muslim nation in West Africa and again, according to National Geographic, one of the most difficult places on earth. The country has one of the lowest life expectancies and highest infant mortality rates in the world. Geoffrey's training is in family medicine and Nicole's in occupational therapy.

Their work includes providing countless medical services, hosting medical teams, educating and training, building relationships and the witness of the great commission of the reconciliation between God and mankind through Jesus Christ. They homeschool their children.

TBCK is honored to help in the support of the Moses family. Hopefully they'll be able to utilize one of our mission homes again in the future, as they still consider Kerrville as their home.



IDOP
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
for the PERSECUTED CHURCH
Sunday, November 3rd

Join us in
PRAYER

Community Prayer
Fridays at 7:00am in the Café

Weekly Staff Meetings
Tuesdays at 1:30pm—Rm 219

Prayer with Pastor
Sundays at 8:00am—Rm 219

**2025 Ministry Plan
Discussion Sessions**

November 20th - 6:00pm (FLC)
November 24th - 4:00pm
(Worship Center)

NAVIGATE

Sunday Nights
7:00pm
Gathering/Café
Post High School-30ish

**TBCK
PRIMETIME
GAME
DAY**

**Monday
NOVEMBER 4TH
12-3 PM—TBC Café**

**Bring Your
Favorite Game and a
Bag Lunch**

MONDAYS, 10 AM - NOON
SEPTEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 2
ROOM 219
\$20 FOR MATERIALS
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
TO SIGN UP 830.895.0100



GriefShare

Surviving the Holidays

Sunday, November 24th, 12:30-3 PM, Room 221

Book & Light Lunch \$10

RSVP Required - Call the church office



New Life Class by Greg Peschel

The New Life class has an open door for anyone looking for a Sunday morning Bible Study. We are currently going through a short study on the church and plan to take a look at Biblical Servant Leadership in our next study. Our study features plenty of discussion, a few laughs, and the occasional tear. As we continue to grow, we hope to add some outside-of-class gatherings to the social calendar. In the midst of our busy lives, we must be sure to take time for fellowship with other believers. We are currently looking for someone who has that passion for fellowship who might be interested in organizing that for our group. In the meantime, we enjoy the time we share together and look forward to spending time in study and prayer as a community.



Trinity Men's Bible Study by Rick Boles

The Fall Men's Bible Study is alive and well, meeting Thursday's from 10:00am to Noon in the Youth Department's Refinery. The study is being taught by a diverse group of well-qualified teachers and Bible Study leaders starting with our own Adult Discipleship Minister, J.D Templeton, assisted by Greek Bible Scholar, Dale Moreau, and Bible Study teacher, Mike Mullens.



We are studying the book of Exodus this fall and this book is filled with the challenges of the early Hebrew people. It teaches us, as Men in today's culture, what we need to be-- a light in a dark time and, to those who are observing, how we as Christian men react to the challenges of our time.

If you have not been involved, we encourage you to come and join in our study of the Book of Exodus. You will get to know and have fellowship with men who see a need to study God's Word as they lead in their families as a spouse, parent and grandparent. Again, we are having a great time studying God's Word and praying for one another in the challenges of life.

Fall Men's Bible Study
Thursdays, 10-Noon, in the Forge
September 5 - November 21

EXODUS

Taught by JD Templeton

Grateful



October 30 – November 21, Study Book: \$17
Wednesdays: 10am (Childcare provided by reservation)
Thursdays: 6pm & 6:30pm (Childcare by voucher)

Follow GENESIS 1 Hikers to
LOST MAPLES STATE PARK
 Monday, November 18th, Bus leaves TBC at 8:30 AM
 Dutch Treat at the Apple Store



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

CHAIR WORKOUTS



Tuesdays 11:30-12:30
Thursdays 10-11
Room 221
EVERYONE WELCOME

**No equipment or prior
 experience needed
 *Have fun & get healthier
 using DVD instruction*

**Questions? Dawna or Pattie at
 (830)890-2138 or (512)940-1689**

Join us for a Prime Time Pot Luck Featuring

GOD'S SCRAP IRON

A Southern Gospel Group
 Thursday, November 21st, 4:30 PM
 in the Family Life Center



Call the church office to sign up

**TRINITY
 T-SHIRTS**

**\$10 DONATION
 PICK UP AT CHURCH OFFICE
 (CHILDREN'S MINISTRY)**



Adult Discipleship by J.D. Templeton

Chris was our sons' Bible study leader when they were in middle school. He marked their height on a church wall every year. Those lines are probably still there, twenty years later! That leads me to think about another type of growth. How do you measure spiritual growth? We don't notch church door jambs with years of attendance or the verses we memorized.

Ken Braddy is approaching four decades of discipleship service to churches and denominational groups, training thousands of Bible study leaders during that time. Based on his experience, he has developed a more accurate measuring tool to gauge small group Bible study growth. Numbers represent people, but attendance alone is of limited value in evaluating spiritual growth. Stack your own life next to this spiritual maturity yardstick. Here are Braddy's four measurements with my summary of his evaluation questions.

Learn and obey God's word – Are the individuals in your small group growing as disciples, engaging in discussion? Is your group identifying and calling up apprentice leaders? As we grow numerically, do we periodically spin off new versions of the group?

Invite people to become disciples – Do our prayers focus on the lost...by name? Do we schedule intentional time among the lost, initiating "next steps" conversations? Are we intentionally inviting both saved and lost people to join the group?

Form deeper relationships – Are we organized to care for each other's needs? How balanced is our connection and content? What are we doing to strengthen group relationships?

Engage in acts of service – How does our group make a difference in the local community? Do we encourage one another to serve in the church, and within our leadership team? In what ways do we encourage and pray for our pastor?

Christians don't go from "milk to meat" in a day. However, there should be some observable traits, actions, and attitudes that we develop as we age in our faith. So, pull out your measuring tape with me and let's grow!

WORSHIP

CONNECT

SERVE

Night in Bethlehem by Carolyn Hollingsworth



For several years Trinity Baptist church has offered a "Drive thru Nativity" for the community. In the comfort of their vehicles, families drive thru scenes depicting angels, shepherds and sheep, inn keepers, wise men and the manger. It provides an opportunity to see, hear and experience what it may have been like that special night in Bethlehem when Jesus was born. What a delight it is to watch the excitement of children waiting to see baby Jesus and the sheep before they drive thru. It is our desire that you will begin the month of

December remembering the birth of Jesus; God's gift of love and forgiveness of sins for the world.

Come join us for "Night in Bethlehem" December 6th and 7th from 6:00-7:00pm. Vehicles enter from Bluebell Road and can have narration from either a phone or other device by accessing tbck.org.




Night in Bethlehem
"Drive Thru Nativity"
Church Wide and Community
Free Event
Friday, December 6
Saturday, December 7
6-7 pm



TRINITY
Kids Ministry

Disciple Kids
TRINITY Kids Ministry
Wednesdays 6-7pm
Disciple Kids 3rd-5th Grade Rm 104
Disciple Kids Jr. K - 2nd Grade Rm 151
Childcare 3's & younger Rm 159
Disciple/Mission/Service

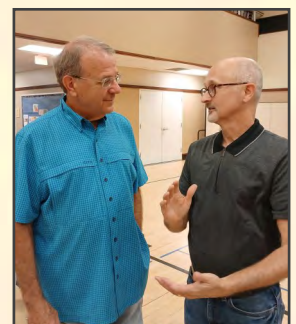


Children's Day Out
Now Hiring!
a part of Trinity CDO
Contact Beth Ann Brown



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

Kids Ministry is growing! **We need Help!**
SUBSTITUTES NEEDED
SUNDAY MORNINGS
ALL CLASSES (BABY TO 5TH GRADE)
Contact Kellee Parish





Handbell Festival!



Student Ministry by Melissa Morris

A busy refinery can be a noisy place. Hammering, grinding, sizzling, roaring fires, along with the shouting above all those noises, are some of the sounds of the work happening inside. The sounds at The Refinery, the youth space at Trinity, might be different, (though I would argue that the decibel level can be higher than an actual refinery!), but those sounds are also evidence of the important work happening inside.

In my role as High School Circles (small groups) Coordinator, I arrive early on Wednesday nights to help set up and I hear ping pong balls bouncing, foosball handles spinning, cheers, and a few friendly taunts as students start to arrive and play games before the main event starts. There are also huddled conversations, laughing, occasional tears, and shouts across the room as friends gather and catch up on life. Adult Circle Leaders also start showing up at this time, some leaving work early, to get a few extra minutes to build relationships with their students.

When everyone gathers in The Forge, what we call the big room, the sounds become those of worship, with adults and youth using their musical gifts in the band and students singing praise to the Lord. After a few songs and prayer, the sounds change dramatically to those of the Impossible Shot, where students and their visitors get to try to get a Nerf arrow through a tiny target across the room to win a prize. On the very rare occasion that someone makes it, the cheers are electric!

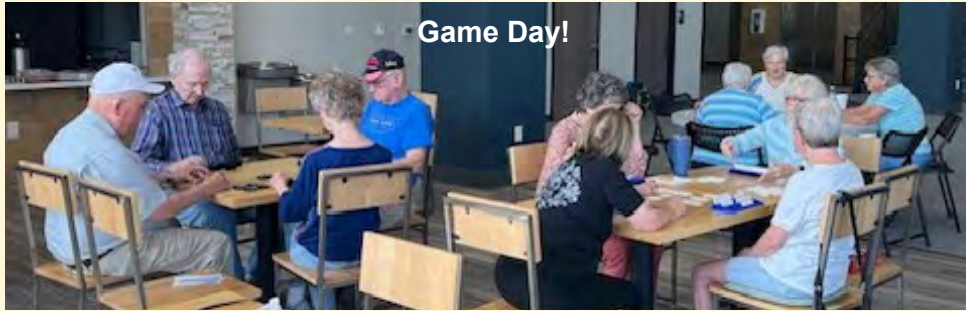
After that, the high schoolers split off into their small groups in classrooms while the middle schoolers stay in The Forge for teach-

ing and discussion. I get to overhear solid Biblical teaching from Wes, Brian Bowers, and Stacie Foster that is tailored just for those preteen and young teenagers, along with their discussion and reflection on that message. I love hearing the students' responses of how they interpret Scripture passages and what is going to stick with them. Meanwhile the high schoolers are diving into their curriculum and discussing that week's lesson. There are occasional bursts of laughter along with periods of quiet when someone shares a struggle and their friends and leaders offer advice and prayer.

Wednesday night ends sounding much like it started with ping pong and foosball balls, a student leadership team huddle, and loud group conversations. There is a lot of activity and noise in The Refinery, but the most important thing that is heard each and every Wednesday night by every student is that God loves them and desires a relationship with them. The best sound of them all.



Month in Review—October



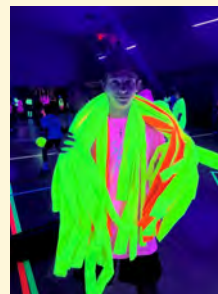
Game Day!



Genesis 1 Trip to Pedernales State Park



Women's Ministry trip to Wimberly



Glo Games!



Upcoming Events

December

Dec 1 Christmas Choir R'hrs-6:00
Dec 2 Prime Time Game Day
Dec 6 & 7 Night in Bethlehem-6:00
Dec 7 Christmas Choir R'hrs-9:30am
Dec 8 PT Choir Christmas Cantata-5:00
Dec 9 Genesis 1 Trip to SA-4:00
Dec 11 Christmas Program Dress R'hrs-7:00
Dec 14 Christmas Worship Program-7:00
Dec 15 Christmas Worship Program-3:00
Dec 15 Church Council Mtg-Noon
Dec 18 Member Mtg. & Churchwide Christmas Caroling-6:00
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services-5:00/6:30
Dec 25-26 Church Offices/Bldgs Closed

JANUARY

Jan 1 Church Offices/Bldgs Closed
Jan 5-9 Navigate Ski Trip
Jan 13 GriefShare begins-10:00
Jan 12 Leadership Orientation-4:00
Jan 19 Church Council-4:00
Jan 26 Family Gath/Member Mtg-4:00
Jan 26 Victor Rehearsal-6:00

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
TU-Masterlife 4:00 (thru 11/10)
K'ville West Home Group 5:30
Lois Home Group 5:30
CYP Navigate 7:00pm

Mondays:

Pickleball 10:00
Flower Ministry 10:00
GriefShare 10:00 (thru 12/2)
Noon Basketball 12:00
Eagle's Wings Life Group 6:00

Tuesdays:

Senior Adult Chair Workouts-11:30
Prime Time Singers-10:00

Wednesdays:

Women's Bible Study 10am (thru 11/20)
Pickleball Noon
Joyful Strummers-3:45
Handbell Rehearsal 4:00
Fellowship Meal 5:00
Library Open 5:15
Adult Mid-Week Bible Study 6:00
TSM Wednesdays-6:00
Disciple Kids 6:00
Worship Choir R'hrs-7:00

Thursdays:

Senior Adult Chair Workouts-10:00
Men's Bible Study 10:00 (thru 11/21)
Stitchers for Jesus-10:00 (1st Thurs.)
Women's Bible Study 6:00 (thru 11/21)
TBC Worship Signers Rehearsal-6:00

Fridays:

Community Prayer Time-7:00am



Nov 3 Christmas Choir R'hrs-6:00
Nov 4 Prime Time Game Day-Noon
Nov 9 Trinity Golf Tournament
Nov 10 Gym Rats
Nov 10 Christmas Choir R'hrs-6:00
Nov 17 Church Council-4:00
Nov 17 Christmas Choir R'hrs-6:00
Nov 18 Genesis 1 Trip-8:30am
Nov 20 Ministry Plan Discussion-6:00
Nov 21 CDO Parents & Pie-1:00
Nov 21 Prime Time Dinner-4:30
Nov 23 Thanksgiving Meal Delivery to Homebound
Nov 24 GriefShare/Surviving Holidays-12:30
Nov 24 Member Meeting-4:00
Nov 27 NO EVENING ACTIVITIES
Nov 28 Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov 28&29 Church Offices/Bldgs Closed