

*Happy 75th Anniversary,
Trinity!*

Trinity
Life



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For the Journey...

God is at work in Trinity Baptist Church. There are good things going on and God is responsible for all of them. Several things will be added to our history this month. I hope you have marked March 23 as a special day on your calendars. On that day we will vote as a church on the approval of seven church members who have been nominated and recommended by our Deacon Selection Task Force. I hope you will take the time to read about those whom you may not know. There will be an information sheet with the names of each nominated, with a brief bio and picture, in our announcement guide and in the office.

I want to express thanks to our New Deacon Selection Task Force as they have been working for over a year to bring us to this place. They have done an outstanding job with the assignment given to them by our church. Thanks goes to David Sprouse for serving as chair of this task force and also to Diane Donaldson, Pennie Olivo, Dan Petty and Vern Stahl for their faithful research and commitment to the LORD and Trinity Baptist Church. Church members nominated are: Chuck Coulter (9:45), Jordan Marcum (9:45), Tabor McMillan (9:45), Philip Meadow (11:00), Vern Stahl (9:45), Jay Stimson (8:30), and James Tripp (9:45). The service they attend is listed in parenthesis.

Also, on March 23, we will be celebrating Trinity's 75th Anniversary. We will have a special time on Sunday afternoon with a Banquet and special time with the "Minister of Encouragement," Dennis Swanberg. The doors will open to the

Family Life Center at 4:15 with Dinner beginning at 4:30 and our celebration in the Worship Center at 6:00 pm. Tickets are free but necessary to be certain we have the right amount of food. This will be a great time for Trinity to sit together and both celebrate and worship through God's faithfulness and continued assignment together.

We will also use our anniversary to consider a corporate anniversary gift to Trinity Baptist Church. You should have already received a letter from me regarding our plans. God blessed us with timing and faithful sacrifice during COVID to give us space for future ministry. That space is being used in a great way to encourage as well as grow new disciples at Trinity. We will announce more of our intentions on March 23 and begin to receive our financial blessings from March 30 through May 25. To God be the glory, we are truly Blessed to Bless.

We will also recognize Wes Henson for his 6th anniversary as our Student Minister this month. We are grateful for Wes and Mica, Anna and Charis and all they bring to our staff and church. Thank you, Wes, for six years of anointed leadership and ministry.

These are exciting days at Trinity Baptist Church and I am so fortunate and blessed to be present, as you are, for God's opportunities in our Faith Family, community and world.

In Christ,

Pastor John



Dennis Swanberg



*Trinity's 75th Anniversary
Banquet
Sunday, March 23, 4:30pm
(Tickets, no cost, available in the Church Office)*



30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World
February 28 to March 29
(Prayer Guides are available in the church office)



Christians Praying for the Muslim World

2025 Bible Reading Plan

Join the Journey if you haven't already!

Guides available in the foyer and Church Office



THANK YOU
WES HENSON
6 YEARS OF SERVICE

SPRING FORWARD!

Sunday, March 9th



Don't forget to move
your clocks ahead
ONE hour!



**PEDALIN'
WITH THE
PASTOR!**

March 8, 9:00am
Meet at Wharton Road

March 22, 9:00am
Meet at Bear Creek,
(next to the Lakehouse Restaurant)

****helmets required****

The Victor!




Victor Choir Rehearsal Schedule

- March 2** **5:30-7:00pm**
- March 16** **5:30-7:00pm**
- March 22** **9:30-11:30am**
- March 30** **5:30-7:00pm**

**Adult Bible
Studies!**

Women's Bible Study Presents
ESTHER
from Joy of Living

March 26 - May 1; Book \$10
Wednesday Mornings 10:00 AM
Thursday Evenings 6:00 (video) & 6:30 PM



Call the church office
or scan the QR code
to sign up
Wednesday Childcare
by reservation

Men's Bible Study
Thursdays, 10-Noon, in the Forge
January 16 - April 10

EXODUS
Part 2

Experience the Power...
The Cross...
The Risen Christ...

The Victor

April 11-13th 7:00pm

Palm Sunday Weekend

THE VICTOR

Next Choir Rehearsal
March 2, 5:30pm

First Drama Rehearsal
March 6, 6:00pm

It's not too late to JUMP in!

THE VICTOR

Drama Cast Needed!

Disciples
(High School Age - 40)




Jerusalem People
(All Ages Welcome)

**Call Suzanne Harston
to Sign Up!**



Regan Markham





DISCIPLE NOW

Student Ministry by Wes Henson

Can you think of some of the "mountaintop experiences" in your spiritual life? These are times where you experience God in a new or fresh way. Maybe camp was a big one for you growing up. Maybe it was a retreat, or a revival. One of mine, strangely enough, was a puppet show when I was in 6th grade. Okay, that's really strange. But it's true.

For many of our students, Disciple Now was a mountaintop experience. God spoke to them and they left the weekend feeling closer to God than when they started. But we all know life happens. And we are now a few weeks removed from the weekend.

Will you pray for our students as they explore what it looks like to live as disciples of Christ? God is doing some amazing things through our students and the adults who serve them.

Finally, I want to close today by saying thank you to everyone who helped with Disciple Now in February. Whether you hosted, co-hosted, transported, cooked, served, prayed, or sponsored, thank you for all you do. Trinity is a wonderful and giving church. Thank you is not enough.

TRINITY STUDENT MINISTRY
GYM RATS
 2PM-3:30PM
 SUNDAY, MARCH 9
 6TH-12TH GRADERS

HORIZON YOUTH CAMP
 JUL 7-11
 COMPLETED 6TH-12TH GRADE

VIP SIGN UP: 2/11-3/3
REGULAR REG: 3/4-6/30

VIP REGISTRATION OPENS 2/9 @ NOON
 SIGN UP ONLINE AT TBCK.ORG/STUDENTS

\$300
 \$50 deposit

TRINITY Student Ministry

Bowling & Gatti's

Saturday, March 8
 Noon to 5pm
 Cost: \$25

Sign Up in the Refinery
 by 3/5



Easter Story Family Escape Room by Bianca Blackstock

Spring is on the horizon and I'm ready for the sun's warmth, blossoming of wildflowers and the sound of melodious birdsong. How astounding that during this beautiful, earthly season of renewal, we are also reminded of the renewal we have in God through the celebration of Easter.

The Children's Ministry would like to be a part of your family's reflection on the Easter story of Jesus. We invite families to join us for "The Easter Story Family Escape Room" on Tuesday, April 15, from 5:30-6:30. Parents and their children will solve puzzles and find clues to help them escape each room that tells a part of Jesus' story. Each family will receive a kit with take home crafts and guide to the Easter story. Pizza will be provided, and families are encouraged to RSVP.

MINI KIDS 1ST-3RD GRADE JUNE 30-JULY 1	PRE-TEEN KIDS 3RD-5TH GRADE JULY 21-24
\$25 DEPOSIT SAVES YOUR SPOT AND LOCKS IN YOUR PRICE OF \$80	\$25 DEPOSIT SAVES YOUR SPOT AND LOCKS IN YOUR PRICE OF \$200
DEPOSIT DUE 4/15	DEPOSIT DUE 3/15
PRICE INCREASES AFTER 4/15	PRICE INCREASES AFTER 3/15

Did You Know?

Trinity has a free service for families called Right Now Media. It has many Bible Studies, Family Devotions, Kids Videos, Marriage Enrichment and so much more. Contact Kellee if you would like to try this free resource.

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



Missions Moment by Mike Mullens

Did you know that over the years many members of Trinity Baptist Church have obeyed Jesus' call to "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things I have commanded." (Mt. 28: 18-20). In recent years TBC has sent short term mission teams to the Dominican Republic, Kenya, Mexico and Thailand to name just a few. Those who have gone have discovered that mission work is a powerful experience in doing God's will. This is regardless of whether they've gone on a short-term mission trip or become a career missionary.

Missions not only impacts others, but also creates personal transformations in those who go. Some examples of how many have been blessed by their participation in a short-term mission trip is best explained by their personal testimonies about how God has changed them because of their willingness to become a messenger of His good will. Some specific testimonials are included in the **TBC 2023 Mission Trip Memories** booklet located on the wall bookshelf just outside of the

church offices.

The goals of your 2025 Trinity Missionary Ministry team are: 1) to help raise funds for scholarships as well as encourage and inform TBC members who wish to go on short term missions' trips. Information about guidelines for receiving financial aid can be found at **TBCK.ORG/missions**, 2) to provide limited financial assistance to approved long term career missionaries.

We request your financial help. One way you can help is by doing the following: fill in the line on your weekly tithe envelope captioned **My Offering to**, by writing in the phrase **"Short Term Missions"** and place the \$ amount you want to give on that line.

The Trinity Missions Ministry is here to help you get involved. How about joining one of TBC's mission outreach efforts in 2025. **If you can't personally "go" then why not send others by being part of our fundraising efforts in 2025.**



Weaving God's word into the fabric of everyday life gives a unique strength to Christ-followers. Bible study in the context of a small community (on or off campus) is biblical. These three stories testify to the power of life experienced together. Contact JD to connect with one of our groups today!

Women of the Word Class by Darlene Graham

Sometime in the 1970s, the late Helen Puccini established the Women of the Word (WOW) Bible class along with co-leader Mary Kalbfleisch. Both ladies were literally shepherds of the flock. They not only presented inspirational Bible lessons, they also provided emotional and spiritual help to members of the class. Even after all these years, that same spirit permeates the atmosphere of our group.

Class member Charlene Hite states, "I moved to Kerrville a year ago and tried out Trinity and the WOW class. The women in the class were great and made me feel right at home. Along with a lot of loving fellowship, I have learned so much from the Bible studies."

At present, the WOW class, led by Becky Doyal, still reflects the theme set in motion by Helen and Mary. For our Bible lessons, we will be using Lifeway's *Explore the Bible* quarterlies starting March 2nd.

Before each Sunday's Bible lesson, Becky takes time for the class to share prayer needs, followed by a time of prayer together. She provides a list of the prayer needs later in an email to class members. Our class is divided into six care groups of five to six ladies, each with a group leader who regularly checks on the needs of each member. In this way, we are able to make sure everyone is cared for. Birthdays are recognized with gift bags filled with cards and small gifts. We also sponsor a deserving graduating senior with monthly cards of encouragement and tokens of our love.

To encourage bonding and strengthening of friendships, we gather off-campus three times a year for fun, food and fellowship. What good times we have at these get-togethers!

As one of our newer members, Sandra Neely, commented, "One thing that really drew me into this fellowship was the idea of 'enter to worship, leave to serve.' There's a place for everybody here."

How true it is!



Monday
MARCH 3RD
12-3 PM—TBC Café
Bring Your
Favorite Game and a
Bag Lunch

GENESIS 1 Hikers are Going to
SOUTH LLANO RIVER STATE PARK
Monday, March 17th, Bus leaves TBC at 8:30 AM
Bring a brown bag lunch



Call the church
office to sign up
Space is limited

Join us for a Prime Time Pot Luck

With special music and guest speaker
LOIS CARTER
to talk about "Caregiving"

Thursday, March 27, 4:30 PM
in the TBC Gym

Call the church office to sign up

MONDAYS, 10 AM - NOON
JANUARY 13 - APRIL 7
ROOM 219
\$20 FOR MATERIALS
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
TO SIGN UP 830.895.0100



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

Pilgrims of Faith Class by Truman Martin

For the last 40 years, a group of Christian brothers and sisters have been meeting in room 121 next to the Family Life Center to study God's word. Before covid, we averaged about 40 in attendance. Post covid our attendance has been in the upper 20's. We use Masterwork curriculum by Lifeway, headquartered in Brentwood, TN. Each book is written by biblical scholars from all over the world. The writers vary in age and denomination. Recently, we studied a book written by a man who lived back in 1400 BC. Most of them, however, are much younger!

Leaders of our class include a class director, teacher and secretary. The teacher encourages participation of the members and visitors present. Several of the members respond to questions in our book or questions posed by the teaching leader. So, while the discussion outline is based on the content found in our book, every study is rooted in the scriptures from God's word.

We have 2 or 3 socials a year usually planned by the social committee and are held off

campus at a restaurant. Like most Baptist groups, parties almost always include food.

Most of our members are around age 70 but some are in their 80's. Our class is organized into care groups which enables us to stay in touch with each other's praises and problems. Our director sends out a prayer list every week which enables us to pray for specific needs of members and their families and friends. The ladies meet once a month at a local nursing home to sing, give a devotional and pray for specific needs. The men meet at a restaurant the second Wednesday each month for prayer and fellowship.

We are very open to new members and encourage you to join us as we seek to praise and honor God.



Kerrville West Home Group by Julia Whitehead

Kerrville West small group meets every other week to share life, deepen their faith, and grow in community. This off-campus group strives to be more than just a bible study. Its mission is to create time and space for a community of believers to walk closely together in their faith.

We begin with a potluck meal and fellowship. Afterwards, we settle into a time of discussion. We explore God's Word together and allow space for reflection and application. Whether studying a book of the Bible, a sermon series, or tackling a faith-based topic, our group prioritizes this time as a way to connect deeper.

Every member is committed to showing up. In times of stress and chaos, we show up and seek peace. In times of rest and leisure, we show up to celebrate and enjoy life together. We strive to create an environment that is intimate and relaxed. Meeting in a home fosters a sense of closeness and allows for vulnerability and authenticity. Prayer requests are shared, encouragement is given, and friendships are strengthened.

We serve one another and support each other in our respective ministries. We serve the church and community through various service projects. Each month we organize a fellowship meeting to simply "hang out". We find each other outside of our scheduled meeting times for a random pickup game or game night. We support each other in every facet of life - kids' sporting events, birthdays, big milestones, etc. We rally together when life feels too heavy to bear alone. This all adds up to a full life filled with fellowship between friends who feel like family. Our children experience what life can look like when you surround yourself with believers whose spiritual gifts are different from your own. They are witnessing the Spirit working through many parts to create a "whole".

Our group has been active for 8 years now! In the midst of chaos and conflicting schedules, God uses our time together to restore and encourage. We believe that small groups are an integral part of participating in the Christian walk. We encourage anyone interested in being part of one to step out in faith and dive right in!



Month in Review - February



HOPE for Mommies



Kitchen Team taking a break



Women's Ministry Conference



Navigate Super Bowl Party



Disciple Now Leaders

Upcoming Events



- Apr 4 Deacon Reception-6:30pm
- Apr 5 Victor Rhrl (All)-9:30
- Apr 6 Victor Rhrl (All)-5:30
- Apr 7 Prime Time Game Day-Noon-2:00
- Apr 9 Victor Dress Rhrl-7:00
- Apr 11-13—VICTOR Performance-7:00
- Apr 15 Easter Story Escape Room-5:30
- Apr 18 Church Offices/Bldgs closed
- Apr 20 Church Council (via email)
- Apr 20 EASTER Sunday
- Apr 21 Genesis 1 -8:30am
- Apr 26 Women's Paint & Pray Craft-10am
- Apr 27 Family Gath/Member Mtg-4:00



- May 1 National Day of Prayer
- May 4 Youth Baked Potato Fundraiser-11am
- May 4 New Member Reception-4:00
- May 5 & 6 Encore! Senior Adult Days
- May 11 Mother's Day
- May 13 CDO Graduation-1:00
- May 18 Church Council-4:00
- May 19 Genesis 1 Hiking Group-8:30am
- May 25 Member Meeting-4:00
- May 26 Church Offices & Bldgs Closed
- May 31 Deacon Retreat-8:00am

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
- K'ville West Home Group 5:30
- Lois Home Group 5:30

Mondays:

- Pickleball 10:00
- Flower Ministry 10:30
- GriefShare 10:00
- Noon Basketball 12:00
- Eagle's Wings Life Group 6:00

Tuesdays:

- Senior Adult Chair Workouts-9:00
- Prime Time Singers-10:00
- 8:30 Praise Team Rhrl-6:00

Wednesdays:

- Women's Bible Study 10am
- Pickleball Noon
- Handbell Rehearsal 4:30
- 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'hrl-7:00

Thursdays:

- Senior Adult Chair Workouts-9:00
- Men's Bible Study 10:00
- Stitchers for Jesus-10:00 (1st Thurs.)
- Women's Bible Study 6:00
- TBC Worship Signers Rehearsal-6:00

Fridays:

- Community Prayer Time-7:00am



- Mar 2 Victor Choir Rhrl-5:30
- Mar 3 Prime Time Game Day-Noon
- Mar 8 Pedalin' with Pastor-9:00am
- Mar 8 TSM Bowling Trip-12Noon
- Mar 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar 16 Church Council-4:00
- Mar 16 Victor Choir Rhrl-5:30
- Mar 17 Genesis 1 -8:30am
- Mar 22 Pedalin' with Pastor-9:00am
- Mar 22 Victor Choir Rhrl-9:30am
- Mar 23 Member Meeting-4:00
- Mar 23 75th Anniversary Celebration Banquet-5:00-7:00pm
- Mar 27 Prime Time Dinner-4:30
- Mar 27&28 Everlasting Choir Conf.
- Mar 29 Texas Baptists' Called Conf.