

Trinity *life*

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For the Journey...

"God is good all the time, and all the time God is good." I was reminded of this great truth when we declared it at our last meeting in the Dominican Republic this year. Trinity has been blessed to work alongside Iglesia Bautista Quisquiana now for seventeen years. This year, we partnered through STCHM with FBC Kenedy and FBC Runge. Both the church and STCHM have been responsible for incredible ministry service and harvest in the Dominican Republic. This year was no different. Thank you, Trinity, for praying for our usefulness as we served others in Christ's name. We were able to witness young parents who were a part of mission teams years ago as children now bringing their children on this mission trip. God is certainly good!

I could not help but reflect over the many years we have partnered with STCHM, IBQ and other churches for Kingdom impact. Several times I found myself on what we call the top or 4th floor of the ministry building where we stayed. This floor was finished and stands in memory of two very dear friends who are no longer with us but now reside in heaven. Former Pastor of TBC, John Petty, introduced this trip to Trinity and Trey Vickery, a young man from FBC Kenedy, both left this world before we were ready to say goodbye. This top floor has been used now for many years to host our daily worship gatherings and late night reflections. I never walk the steps up to the top without both remembering, and being thankful for, both of these incredible lives. Many blessings and life transformations have been the result of time spent

there. There is a plaque memorializing both this place and these godly men. We will not forget.

So much has taken place because of the obedience of previous groups. As a result of their sacrifice and obedience we continue to see God's work in, around, and through us. I am reminded from Scripture, *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. For the joy that was set before Him, he endured the cross, despising the shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."* Hebrews 12:1-3

Summer is in full swing and we have seen God's hand through VBS and all the preparations for Mini Kids Camp, Youth Camp, and Children's Camp. We have such a powerful potential ahead of us as we yield ourselves to God's work around us. Our prayer is that we will see this summer produce great advances in God's Kingdom. I pray we will strive to stay in step with our journey through the summer of preparing to be spiritually fit. God has great things in store for us and all who await the return of Christ. Let's keep moving forward, swimming upstream, together.

In Christ,

Pastor John





Sing Freedom's Song

By Doug Lusk

The world today is so complex,
so mired in disarray,
Our unifying common threads
seem lost in yesterday.

But as our strength we still have God,
can seek His helping hand;
To put our feet on common ground
where we can safely stand.

Then as His children we will pray
He'll use His strength once more,
To soften hearts of all mankind
and peaceful times restore.

Then on this Independence Day,
together we should plan,
to honor freedoms that we share,
and travel hand in hand.
Instead of seeing "us and them,"
but more of "you and me,"
we'll bring division to an end
and live in harmony.

We'll sing the words of freedom's song,
My country, tis of thee;
Celebrating proud and strong,
Our land of liberty!



**ONE NATION
UNDER GOD**

Lois Home Group by Katie McMillan

The Lois Street Home Group meets regularly through the fall and spring semesters, two Sunday nights a month in the home of Tabor and Katie McMillan. The group also typically meets with the Kerrville West Home Group once a month for a group fellowship.

We are a group currently made up of 5 families, with children ranging in age from newborn to 6th grade. We met this spring with committed and accountable hearts, despite the challenges that come with meeting during the busiest time of the year. Our meetings are structured to provide time for fellowship, a shared meal that is prepared collectively, and designated time for a bible study. This semester we worked through John Mark Comer's study on reading scripture. The scripture study is a part of a larger study that we have delved into multiple times over the last two years called, "Practicing the Way." "Practicing the Way" encourages readers to intentionally rearrange their lives to be with Jesus, become like him, and do as he did, creating a life that reflects the values and practices of the Way of Jesus. We worked individually and came together as a community to grow in our relationships with Christ through incorporating intentional and focused scripture reading times into our daily lives. Through fervent prayer, accountability, the support of Trinity Baptist Church, and dedication to growing our relationships with each other, we have developed a strong sense of family as a community of believers.

Our celebrations from this spring semester include the birth of Kevin and Madison Maldonado's first child, John Henry, the elected deaconship of Tabor McMillan and James Tripp, involvement in TBCK's production of the Victor by several of our members, and the baptisms of Karl Kearns, Katie and Walker McMillan. We are currently on break for the summer but are looking forward to resuming our Sunday meetings again this fall. If you are interested in meeting with the Lois Street small group, please reach out to Tabor or Katie McMillan.





Board Games & Homemade Ice Cream July 27th



FAMILY GATHERING 4:00 PM
AFTER MEMBER MEETING

SUMMER SINGERS



Every
Sunday
through the
summer!





Meet in Chapel Sundays at 10:45

Save the Date!

BACK TO SCHOOL



PRAYER WALK & WRITE

Wednesday, August 6 - 6:00pm



NAVIGATE

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

Kid's Camp by Donna Hinton

Summer means Church Camp for Kids. YEA!

Cabins are full of wooden bunk beds with very thin mattresses.....BUT, every bunk holds a child whose eternal rest is dependent on establishing a relationship with Christ. The showers have shower heads that spray in every direction except where they should..... BUT, in every shower is a sponge-like kid soaking up Bible truths throughout the week. It's hot and the campers swarm around from activity to activity like the ants that I found in my shorts.....BUT, all those crafts and swimming and games and horses ridden and arrows shot have given a child either confidence in their abilities, or the opportunity to explore and try something out of their comfort zone. Yes, the Worship music is loud and fast and

the kids stand on chairs and jump around..... BUT, I see young believers learning to Praise the Lord with their whole hearts and bodies. Then, when their energy is spent for maybe 15-20 minutes, they can focus their mind on prayer and God's Word being shared by the camp pastor.

Summer means Church Camp for Kids!!! YEA!! YEA!! YEA!! SIGN ME UP!



Camp Insights by Students

As we get ready for camp, I (Wes) asked a few of our students what they are most looking forward to. Here's what they said:

Olivia Elliston (entering 9th Grade at Tivy) - What I'm really looking forward to is being able to grow closer to God with my closest friends and dressing up for the theme nights."

Josh Woodruff (entering 10th grade at Ingram) - I am most excited for the fellowship that happens at camp. Also, hundreds of youth kids worshiping is something you never forget about

Anna Henson (graduated Senior) - I am looking forward to opportunities to grow in my relationship with Christ as well as guide some of the younger campers towards developing their relationship with Christ. Also, Grad Games is going to be so much fun!

Preston Galindo (entering 8th grade at HPMS) - I'm looking forward to deepening my faith, building stronger friendships, and experiencing God in new ways through worship and community at camp. It's a time to reset, grow, and have a lot of fun together!

Charis Henson (entering 9th grade at Tivy) - What I am looking forward to most about camp is the relationships I will build and how my relationship with God will grow.

Luke Bowers (entering 10th grade at Tivy) - I am looking forward to growing in my faith and spending time with people that want to grow in theirs.

Kendall Boles (entering 10th grade at Ingram) - I'm looking forward to being in a place away from the rest of the world where I can just feel the Holy Spirit and Connect with God and the people around me.

Cadence Woodruff (entering 12th grade at Ingram) - I am especially looking forward to the worship time that we get at camp.

Jack Bowers (entering 12th grade at Tivy) - I am looking forward to being able to witness the way God works in the people around me and establishing relationships with those people.





THURSDAY, JULY 17
6PM-9PM


High School Fast Food Tour

COST: \$20

INCOMING 9TH-12TH STUDENTS
SIGN UP AT TBCK.ORG/STUDENTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL THEME NIGHT

JULY 29



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INCOMING 6TH-8TH GRADERS
PRE-REGISTER AT TBCK.ORG/STUDENTS

YOU ARE INVITED



INCOMING 6TH GRADERS & FAMILIES

Join us for a
welcome Lunch!

Sunday, August 4th
@ 12:00 in the
Family Life Center

BRING
YOUR
PARENTS

RSVP to Alycia or Wes
830-895-0100



Prime Time Singers at Cowboy Camp Meeting



HANG OUT @ 5:30PM

BIBLE STUDY @ 6PM

GYM RATS AFTER



BRING A BROWN BAG LUNCH AND
JOIN US IN THE CAFÉ
FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP
MANY GAMES TO PLAY OR
BRING YOUR FAVORITE
MONDAY, JULY 7th, 12-3 PM

Community Ministry

8:30 - 11 am

You must register at
www.tbck.org/cleanup



RIVER
CLEAN-UP
JULY 26



CHAIR WORKOUTS



Tuesdays & Thursdays
9-10 AM, Room 221
EVERYONE WELCOME

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

Questions? Dawna at (830)890-2138

PEDALIN' WITH THE PASTOR!



July 12, 9:00am

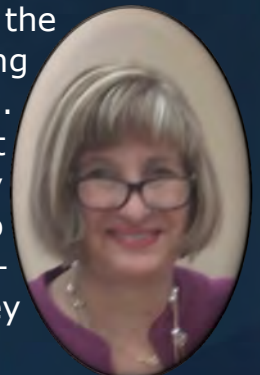
Bear Creek (Meet at Lakehouse)

Friendship Bible Study Class by Melinda Cox

The Friendship Class at Trinity is a Bible Study Class that enjoys delving in depth into the previous week's sermon passage of the Bible, although on occasion we study other Biblical topics. Often Greek and Hebrew words from the scripture passage are further analyzed to help explain the meaning of the passage. After the lesson has been presented, prayer requests are solicited from the group and those requests are then prayed over before being sent out to the class via email so the needs can be prayed over during the week. These prayer requests have been sent to Heaven to the Father through Jesus Christ. What a joy it is to our class that we have a Heavenly Father that listens to our prayers!

Koinonia, a Greek word used in the New Testament, which translates as *fellowship*, describes our enjoyment with one another when there is a gathering of class members for a social. The *koinonia* of our class is strengthened when we gather together to break bread, laugh and enjoy one another's company. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42).

What a delight it has been for our class this school year to pray over Adopt-a-Grad students who have graduated from high school and left their "comfort zones" with family and friends to travel off to college to meet new friends. It is with extreme joy to know that these Adopt-A-Grads felt our prayers when that first wave of college tests hit all at once, when there seemed that the week would not end and perhaps a little bit of rest would happen over the weekend, and that Thanksgiving now appeared on the horizon. Coming alongside of these recent grads with prayer has not only been a delight but a calling to equip these young men and women to follow Christ wherever they are asked to go.



Flower Ministry by Sharon Grimes

The Flower Ministry meets Monday mornings to divide the altar flowers into small arrangements and deliver them to church members who are ill, in need of encouragement or to celebrate an occasion.

This is the sweet message sent with our flowers. "These flowers have been in the Worship Center at Trinity Baptist Church. They have heard the pastor's message, the singing of the choir and congregation and the prayers offered in reverence before God. They come to you now, still fresh from the holy atmosphere of worship bringing with them our thoughts and good wishes in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

If the Holy Spirit moves you to serve with us contact Gina Stewart in the church office.

We would be happy to have you join our small team. While we are serving others, we receive the joy of the Lord in return. Careful consideration and the prompting of the Holy Spirit frequently guide us to those who will receive flowers each week. Sometimes the

donor of the flowers has a special request for who they are led to share them with. The flowers are rearranged with love and prayer. As we decide who will receive the flowers, we also plan for delivery or pick up in the office. We praise the Lord for the blessing of the flowers in church on Sunday, for our work with the arrangements and then we pray for those receiving the gift. The Lord always knows the need, if we do not.

The love poured into our fellow church family on Monday is truly a gift from those who provided the flowers for Sunday's Worship Service. Visiting with our fellow church friends is a true gift for all.

We Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow for this ministry.

"Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation of shifting shadow."
James 1:17 NASB



Mission Moment by Glori Ball

Genesis 12:1, 4 – *"The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.' So, Abram went as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran."* And, he went.

Matthew 2:3 – *"The Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and said, 'get up, and take the child and his mother and escape into Egypt.'" So, he did.*

Matthew 4:19 – *"And Jesus said, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.'" So, they did.*

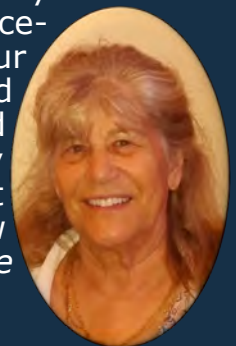
It seems that God places special hearts in some predestined 'followers', and they go! They pack their children and some worldly possessions, and depart according to His will, to places where conditions are the worst; places where others are not going but they go.

The congregation of Trinity Baptist Church also has a mission from God. Sometimes it is "to go". When we can't go, we can provide support for those who can go. TBC helps by

contributing a small part of the weekly offering to help meet the needs.

Our TBC family has been blessed to support seven missionary families who are serving throughout the world, by joining with other sponsors, to provide for some of their basic needs. God's voice is now heard in places like Cambodia, where the Roden family lives. His mission is their focus. Kate Roden started on a monthly injection medication for seizures recently and now the seizures have declined. Austin writes, *"We are exhorted by the Holy Spirit to 'count it all joy when we face trials of various kinds, for we know the testing of our faith produces steadfastness.'" We trust and know God is growing us into the image of His Son through this trial.*

So, what can we do to support our missionaries? Most importantly, is to pray for them. Each week, the church Announcement Guide highlights one of our missionary families. Please find room in your prayers to add extra blessings for them. They need and deserve all the support we can give them as they follow Jesus' command to *"go into the world and spread the gospel."*



Month in Review—June



Gene Blanton celebrating
96 years young!



TBC Family Fishing Trip



Ready for Mini-
Kids Camp!



Flower Ministry Team



DR Trip



Upcoming Events



Aug 3 Incoming 6th Graders/Family Lunch-12
Aug 4 Prime Time Game Day-Noon
Aug 6 Prayer Walk & Write-6:00pm
Aug 9 Pedalin' with Pastor-9:00
Aug 10 Promotion Sunday
Aug 16 Men's Prayer Breakfast-7:00
Aug 17 Church Council-4:00
Aug 20 Worship Choir Returns-7:00
Aug 21 CDO Fall Semester Begins
Aug 24 Deacon's Meeting-3:00
Aug 24 Member Meeting-4:00
Aug 31 Christmas Preview Dinner-5:00



Sept 1 Church offices/bldgs closed
Sept 4 Men's Bible Study begins-10am
Sept 8 GriefShare begins
Sept 8 Prime Time Game Day-Noon
Sept 12-13 TBC Arts & Crafts Show
Sept 17 Fall WBS begins-10:00
Sept 18 Fall WBS begins-6:00pm
Sept 20 First Blessing-8:00am
Sept 21 Church Council-4:00
Sept 21 Christmas Choir R'hrs-5:30
Sept 28 Deacon Ordination/Member
Mtg-4:00

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:

Grief Share-10am (begins 9/8)
Pickleball 10:00
Flower Ministry 10:30
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 Rhrs-6:00

Wednesdays:

Women's Bible Study-10am (Begins 9/17)
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'hrs-7:00

Thursdays:

Senior Adult Chair Workouts-9:00
Stitchers for Jesus-10:00 (1st Thurs.)
Men's Bible Study-10am(Begins 9/4)
Women's Bible Study-6pm (Begins 9/18)
TBC Worship Signers Rehearsal-6:00

Fridays:

Community Prayer Time-7:00am



July 1 Mini Kids Camp-8:00am
July 4 Neighborhood Bike Parade-9:00
July 4 Church Offices/Bldgs Closed
July 6 ONE Worship Service-10:00
July 7 Prime-Time Game Day-Noon
July 7-11 Horizon Youth Camp
July 10 Parents, Pizza & Snowballs-5:30
July 12 Pedalin' with Pastor-9:00am
July 17 High School Fast Food Tour-5:00
July 20 Church Council-4:00
July 21-24 Pre-Teen Camp
July 22 TSM Student Leadership Trip-9:00am
July 26 Men's Ministry River Clean-up-8:00
July 27 Family Gath/Member Mtg-4:00
July 29 Middle School Theme Night-6:00

Calendar Events & Ongoing Activities