

Trinity *Life*

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH - DECEMBER 2025 - VOLUME 6, ISSUE 12

For the Journey...

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Advent is defined by a season of four Sunday's prior to Christmas where many Christians will participate in a special time of prayer and fasting with anticipation of the celebration of Christ's birth. The Messiah has come! As Christians, we look back to God's faithfulness while also looking forward to a second advent when Jesus will return not only as Savior but as Reigning King. Our Advent Season will culminate at our Christmas Eve services where we will light the Christ candle and share in the Light that has come into the world.

December is the last month of our year and we will be experiencing the days of 2026 very soon, should the LORD tarry. I hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities to prepare your hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth. I pray we will stand in the truths of God's amazing gift of love. God did not send to us more religiosity at Christmas. God sends to us the potential of relationship instead. It is possible to get so caught up in the trimmings of Christmas that we forget to truly make the most of God's gift.

The songs of Christmas are like no other season of the year. We sing and listen to joyful music. We can see the drama of Christmas taking place through the songs we sing. It's

the most wonderful time of the year. O, come let us adore Him, Christ the LORD. What a blessing to be the recipients of such a great love from God. But more than adoration, may we come to reception. The Scriptures tell us that the Word, Jesus, "He came unto His own but His own did not receive Him. Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God." What a joy to be counted among the children of God.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Night in Bethlehem, December 5th & 6th, Prime Time Singers and Ringers "Merry Christmas to You," and "Christ Has Come" by Trinity's Christmas Choir and Community Orchestra. We hope to see you often.

Our Midweek Bible Study will cover our Christmas season with a special time of Christmas caroling on Wednesday, December 17. We will also be taking up our Christmas offering for International missions this month. We will have guest missionary preachers, Austin Roden and John Hinds, on December 7th and 14th receptively. Also, be sure to mark your calendars for our Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Services at 5:00pm and 6:30pm.

I hope you find joy this Christmas as you gather around family, friends and especially our Savior for whom we celebrate.

Merry Christmas.

Pastor John





*Merry Christmas
from your Trinity Staff!*
JESUS, the name above all names!





Worship Ministry by Charlie Barganier



One of the most beloved Christmas hymns of all time, "Silent Night", also happens to have two fascinating stories to help make it even more special. The story of how it came into being is proof again that even when things are not going exactly as planned, God can still make something amazing. The second story is proof that even in the midst of a hellish war, a beautiful moment can have a lasting impact.

The small town of Oberndorf, Austria, was preparing for Christmas Eve in 1818 and the local church had a problem. Their organ was in such disrepair, probably part of the devastation of the Napoleonic Wars, that it was not usable. The priest, Joseph Mohr, had written a poem during the recovery and hardship of war that he hoped would usher in some peace, some heavenly peace. As Christmas Eve approached he gave the poem to the church organist, Franz Guber, who then set the wonderful and rather simple tune to the words of the song we now know as "Silent Night, Holy Night" and it was used during their Christmas midnight worship service. Knowing the organ was out of commission he wrote the tune so it could be played on guitar. After that, traveling singers realized they could take it with them very easily, and that is how it began its journey around the world and now has been translated into countless languages.

The other touching story behind this wonderful song happened in 1914 during the first World War. On Christmas Eve the British and German troops agreed to an unofficial truce because both sides held Christmas near and dear. During the truce many soldiers sang carols and some even emerged from their trenches to exchange small tokens or "gifts" with each other. In what can only be described as a miraculous moment of civility, British and German soldiers mingled together, with one another. At some point the famous Austrian opera star, Ernestine Schumann Heine, could be heard singing on their radios, and she was, of course, singing "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht". For a few tranquil moments both sides enjoyed a night where gunfire was silent, and thoughts turned to more holy and peaceful things, and a heavenly peace fell on the fields of battle.

Merry Christmas,
Charlie Barganier



MUSICIANS NEEDED

Commitment: Tuesday Rehearsals & Sundays

8:30 Service: Drummer

Every Week, Tuesday Rehearsal 6 pm

9:45 Service: Guitar Player

Every Other Week, Tuesday Rehearsal 7 pm

Contact Charlie or Stephanie in the church office

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NOVEMBER 28TH THROUGH DECEMBER 28TH

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the Season with Us



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Operation Christmas Child-A Trinity Success! By Sue Oliver

Thanks to everyone who participated in the packing of the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and in giving generously for supplies and postage. The TBC Youth and Come and See Class filled over 100 shoeboxes this year.

Operation Christmas Child, a program sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, has given out gift-filled shoeboxes to over 232 million children in more than 170 countries and territories. Through these boxes, children hear the gospel of Jesus through a booklet, *The Greatest Gift*, written in their language. Then they can participate in a 12-week Bible study, *The Greatest Journey*.

This shoebox is probably the first and only gift the child may receive in his/her lifetime. Through these boxes, children realize God loves them and gives them hope. Children treasure these quality gifts, and some keep an item from the box for a lifetime. There are countless stories online at Samaritan's Purse of how God has changed lives and entire villages through a simple shoebox.

Items included in the box include school supplies, hygiene items, toys, and a WOW item, such as a soccer ball, fishing kit, toolbox, stuffed animal, doll, musical instrument, or large toy. Some churches and individuals collect items year-round. One 101-year-old lady sewed a dress a day to put in the boxes. You're never too old or too young to be involved.

If you or your class would like to participate in Operation Christmas Child next year, please contact Sue Oliver (text or call 719-650-6301) or Alycia Apostolides in the church office.



TSM
WEDNESDAYS

**WEDNESDAYS
IN DECEMBER**

**3 - SPECIAL EDITION
10 - TSM CHRISTMAS
17 - ALL CHURCH CAROLING
24 - CHRISTMAS EVE!**

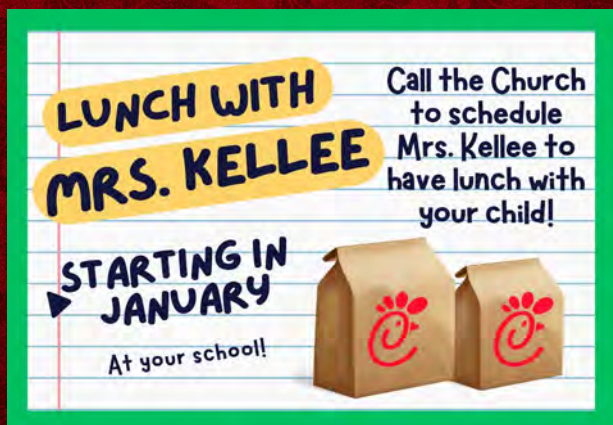


OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX DONATIONS

**TSM would like to thank
everyone who donated to
our shoebox packing
this year.
We packed 60 boxes!**

TRINITY
Student Ministry





Children's Ministry By Kellee Parish

Night in Bethlehem will be held at 6pm on Friday, December 5th and Saturday, December 6th. What a great time to invite your friends and neighbors to come and drive through the Story of Jesus' Birth! This free event will be located on the Bluebell side of the church. Bring your phone to listen along as the scenes unfold.

Disciple Kids will be adding a new element to our time together on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm. We will be learning about worship through "BoomWhackers" for part of our Disciple Kids ministry. Kids come and join us on Wednesday nights!

Children's Ministry Shepherds, Teachers and Leaders will have our Christmas Party on Thursday, December 18th at 5:30pm. Please let Bianca know you are coming so we can have plenty of food for dinner. We have a fun fellowship night planned!



insightful questions, identify flawed interpretations, and seek comprehensive explanations that resonate on a deeper level.

Imagine reading a Bible verse you've memorized, like Ephesians 2:8-9: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Have you ever wondered, what exactly is the gift of God? Is it grace, faith, or something else? Our class will guide you through questions like these, helping you uncover the true meaning behind the words.

We recently finished our study of the Book of Revelation and before that the Book of Genesis and are now excited to begin a new journey: *What is the Gospel and What is Salvation?* This study is unlike anything you've experienced before!

Join us in room 217, upstairs near the elevator, in the new building. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to grow in your understanding of the Bible and enrich your faith.

We can't wait to see you there!



The Genesis Class By Dale Moreau

Are you ready to dive deeper into the Bible and truly understand its meaning? The Genesis Class is here to help you do just that! Whether you're a teenager, young adult, husband, wife, or seasoned Bible reader, our class welcomes everyone eager to explore the Scriptures in a fresh and exciting way.

Unlike traditional Bible study classes, our approach goes beyond rote memorization or becoming a scholar in Greek and Hebrew. We emphasize understanding the meanings of the biblical languages in a practical way. You will learn to pose



 DECEMBER 12TH @ 6 PM @ TRINITY BAPTIST CAFE

TBCK Women's Christmas Party


 JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FOOD, FUN & GAMES!


 COFFEE/TEA MUG EXCHANGE

 CHARCUTERIE BOARD CONTEST

 WEAR FUN, FESTIVE CHRISTMAS ATTIRE

RSVP at the Church office or register at TBCK.ORG


 An Invitation to the Good Life


 JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD

 January 14 – March 5th

 Wednesdays, 10:00 AM

 Thursdays, 6:00 PM (video) & 6:30 PM

 Study Book: \$20

*Books available first day of class

 Childcare Wednesday by reservation, Thursday by voucher

 Trinity Baptist Church Women's Bible Study 830.895.0100



SAVE THE DATE

 WOMEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 9AM-4PM

Fearfully & Wonderfully Made:

Walking in Purpose and Beauty

SAVE THE DATE! DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP JUNE 1-8, 2026	\$100 DEPOSIT WILL RESERVE YOUR SPOT
	
YOUTH SPORTS CAMP VBS CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER PROJECTS	ONLY 20 SPOTS RESERVE NOW IN THE CHURCH OFFICE


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

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



Prime-Time Ministry By Don Francis

Prime-Time Ministries includes many activities at Trinity Baptist Church. We are involved with Prime-Time Game Day, potluck dinners and Genesis 1.

We have 3 or 4 potluck fellowship dinners each year. It's a time of good fellowship and great meals. We have speakers that share something to enrich us spiritually and to help us as senior adults. Some of our speakers have been from the Dietert Center sharing with us about programs that are helpful to seniors. Lois Carter shared information with us about caring for aging parents, and representatives from the Kerr County Sheriff's Office helped inform us about fraud on computers and cell phones. We've enjoyed music presented by God's Scrap Iron Band and Trinity's own men's Quartet. Encore in the springtime is a 2-day meeting of Christian speakers, fun fellowship, music and lunch.

The first Monday of each month is Prime-Time Game Day. We meet in the church café and play table games. We start at noon and play until 3. You can bring a sack lunch to eat before games begin if you would like. It is a fun time with new and old friends.

Genesis 1 is a hiking activity. We mainly go to state parks and caverns are an alternate if the weather is too hot or too cold to hike. We all bring a picnic lunch or we eat at a restaurant. Some of our favorite places to go are Lost Maples in the fall to enjoy the maple trees in their best color; Inks State Reserve in the spring, it is breathtaking to walk through the fields of blue bonnets, as well as Enchanted Park, Pedernales, South Llano and Schreiners Park. We are always open to suggestions from hikers on other parks we might want to visit. We try to find the highest point of our hike and sing the doxology to give praise and honor to our great God and Creator of all things. In December, Genesis 1 will be going to San Antonio for a boat ride on the river to see the Christmas decorations and dinner at the Rainforest Café. I am sure that we will find a location to sing the Doxology. We have several activities and would love for you to join us.





Give a Gift that Counts

 The 2025 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Global Missions

 is collected through December

 TBC's Goal: \$30,000

The Month In Review: November



WBS
Friendsgiving



Painting at
BUA



Milk &
Cookies
Christmas
Program



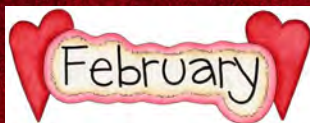
Middle School Glo Games & Trinity Students packing Christmas Shoeboxes



Upcoming Events



Jan 1 Church offices/Bldgs Closed
Jan 5-9 Navigate Ski Trip
Jan 8 Stitches for Jesus-10:00
Jan 11 Leadership Orientation-4:00
Jan 14 Women's Bible Study-10:00
Jan 15 Women's Bible Study-6:00
Jan 18 Church Council-4:00
Jan 25 Deacon Meeting-3:00
Jan 25 Member Mtg/Family Gath-4:00



Feb 1 New Member Reception-4:00
Feb 5 Stitches for Jesus-10:00
Feb 7 Women's Conference-9:00am

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
Sojourn Bible Study Group 5:00

Mondays:

Grief Share-10am (ends 12/1)
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 Rhrl-6:00
9:45 Praise Team Rhrl-7:00

Wednesdays:

Women's Bible Study-10am (begins 1/14)
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
Stitches for Jesus-10:00 (1st Thurs.)
Susan Drive Bible Study Group-5:30
Women's Bible Study-6pm (begins 1/15)
TBC Worship Signers Rehearsal-6:30

Fridays:



Dec 1 Prime Time Game Day-Noon
Dec 5 & 6 Night in Bethlehem-6:00
Dec 6 C'mas Choir Rhrl-Tech Run- 9:30
Dec 7 PT Singers/Handbell program--5:30
Dec 8 Genesis 1 Trip-4:00pm
Dec 10 "Christ Has Come" Dress Rhrl-7:00
Dec 12 Women's Min. C'mas Party-6:00
Dec 13 "Christ Has Come" Program-6:00
Dec 14 "Christ Has Come" Program-6:00
Dec 17 Churchwide Caroling-6:00pm
Dec 21 Church Council (via email)
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services-5:00/6:30
Dec 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Dec 25&26 Church offices & Bldgs Closed
Dec 28 ONE Worship Service-11:00/No Bible Study