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Following Jesus...

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Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is a time for rejoicing and a time for mourning. Sometimes in life that moment is the same time. These are the emotions I am having as I write this article. Inside our Trinity Times this week you will find the resignation letter of Dr. Andy Jung. Andy has accepted the call to become the Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Albemarle, N.C. I rejoice with Andy and Amy as they enter this new season of ministry and life. Andy has been discerning God's direction in this matter for nearly a year. It has been my honor to be able to walk with him as his pastor and friend toward this decision. I rejoice with him as he makes this transition to being a Pastor of a congregation. I also rejoice with First Baptist - Albemarle. After a two year interim process, there is great joy in that church in knowing that God has now led them to Andy and Amy to them. We rejoice with them and pray that God will bless this congregation. I also am rejoicing with thanksgiving for Andy's 11 years of ministry at Trinity. Andy and Amy have impacted so many lives in this time. In a very real sense, Andy has impacted a whole generation at Trinity. His leadership built upon our strong Student Ministry

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PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION AND COOKOUT

FEATURING THE
TRINITY ORCHESTRA & ADULT CHOIR

JUNE 29 ★ 6:00PM

ON THE LAWN OUTSIDE THE CHURCH SANCTUARY

This Sunday At Trinity

8:45am	Worship (Sanctuary)
9:15	5th Sunday Fellowship (Adult 1&2) (A214)
9:30	Welcome Center Opens (Narthex)
9:45	Sunday School (Bible Study for all ages)
10:55	Extended Teaching Care (E100 Hallway) Worship (Sanctuary)
6:00pm	Patriotic Cook Out & Concert

Summer Discipleship 2014

Wednesday Evenings

June 4 - August 17

6:30 - 7:30pm • B Hallway

Join Dr. Jeff Roberts and the Ministerial Staff

...in learning about practicing
Christian spiritual formation.

**Childcare is available for
Bible Studies upon request.**

Staff Anniversaries

Jan Brown, Financial Administrator, celebrates her 17 year anniversary with Trinity Baptist Church on June 23rd. Please take the time to say a personal word, write a note or place a phone call to Jan or offer words of encouragement and support for the fine job she is doing.

Lydia Tatum, Student Ministry Associate, celebrates her 4 year anniversary with Trinity Baptist Church on June 28th. Please take the time to say a personal word, write a note or place a phone call to Lydia or offer words of encouragement and support for the fine job she is doing.

Following Jesus... *continued*

history and was comprehensive in nature. Andy not only trained students, but leaders and parents as well. I am thankful for the ministry that both Andy and Amy have had with our congregation.

In my rejoicing there is also mourning. I mourn the loss of a trusted friend and minister. Andy has been a joy to work with and someone who has grown in his duties and responsibilities over the past 11 years. We will miss his leadership at our church and daily in our office. I am sure there will be much mourning in our congregation as well. For many of you the memoirs that were made as part of the Student Ministry will be memories that will last for a lifetime.

Transition is always hard and yet, it is necessary for us to continue to grow and become who God wants us to be. I rejoice as I witness Andy's transition in this period in his life and I anticipate the future that God has for us, as well. It is an amazing thought that this will be just our second leadership transition in Student Ministry in 24 years. This is a reminder of our strong commitment to Student Ministry at Trinity. Our goal will be to continue this excellence. I will address our process and next steps in future newsletter articles. However for now, let me inform you that our Personnel Committee and Student Ministry Committee have met and are going to be setting a course for transition and the future, which they will recommend to the congregation. These committees will work together with our current staff to ensure that not only the Student Ministry, but that all of Andy's duties will be covered as we enter into a transition and interim period.

Finally, let me invite you to put on your calendar a reception in honor of Andy and Amy on July 27 at 6:00 p.m. This will be Andy's last day with us and I know you will want to share in this time of goodbye.

Let us enter into this season with prayer for Andy, Amy, and First Baptist - Albemarle, our students, families and congregation.

Deacon of the Week

Week of June 30

Billy Joyner has been a member of Trinity since 1977 and is a native of Spring Hope. He and his wife, Brenda have two children: Alan and Karen; and three grandchildren: Oliver, Griffin and Blakely. Billy is retired from KBR Engineering. He serves as Usher, Parking Attendant and ROC Volunteer. He works with the Bobby/Furr SS Class. He works with deacons Teri North, Mike Bowersox and Mike O'Mara.



Week of July 7

Baron Hignite has been a member of Trinity since 2005 and is a native of Greenville. He and his wife, Ellen have two sons: Guy and Grant; and six grandchildren: Caleb, Chelsea, Molly, Natalie, Noah and Ian. Baron is a National Program Manager for the Military Personnel Services Corp. He serves as Senior Adult Committee Chairman, TNT Large Group Leader and Adult 1 Coed 2 SS Class Outreach Leader. He also serves in the Adult Choir, Living Praise and on the Personnel Committee, Facility Master Planning Committee, Church Council and the Kentucky Mission Team. He works with the Lamplighters SS Class. He also works with deacons Frank Evans and Jim Berry.



Seeking Foster Parents

Every Monday and Thursday
6:00-9:00pm • Underground

Thompson Child and Family Focus will be having classes for people interested in becoming Foster parents at Trinity throughout the summer. The program highlights include: short-term, long-term, and respite care for children ages birth to 21 years.

For more information contact Mary Mackins at (919) 294-6862 or email mmackins@thompsoncff.org.

The Nominating Committee is looking for the right person to serve. Maybe you are the one. Be open to the call.

Deepest Sympathies

Jody & Joseph Hill and their son **Tucker** upon the death of Jody's father, William Kury, on Saturday, June 7th.

Jim & Sara Jane Morris upon the death of Jim's brother, Ronnie Glenn Morris of Bunn, NC on June 16th.

Joe & Melissa Langston and their children, **Sara & Owen**, upon the death of Joe's father, Joe Leonard Langston, Sr. of Birmingham, AL on June 20th.

Jeanie Hooper upon the death of her husband and Trinity member, **Frank Hooper**, on June 21st.

Welcome to Trinity

Alan & Jenny Beal of Raleigh joined TBC by statement of their faith from Calvary Baptist Church of Raleigh.

Brittany Beal, daughter of Alan & Jenny Beal, joined TBC by baptism.

⊕ NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES

This Week's Food Pantry Needs:

- Jelly (completely out)
- Canned pastas (completely out)
- Hamburger Helper
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Cleaning Products

Senior Adult Ministries...the Better Half of Life

Rev. Hal Melton, hmelton@tbcraleigh.com

50th Wedding Anniversary Gala Celebration Lunch

This Saturday, June 28
11:30 am • Fellowship Hall

See you Saturday!

D-Day 3D: Normandy 1944

Tuesday, July 15 • 9:00 am-2:00 pm

IMAX Theatre Downtown

Lunch: Big Ed's

Cost: \$6 admission plus lunch

Seventy years ago, a historic landing changed the world. June 6, 1944: The largest Allied operation of World War II began in Normandy, France. Few know in detail exactly why and how, from the end of 1943 through August 1944, this region became the most important location in the world. D-Day 3D: Normandy 1944 brings this monumental event to the world's largest screens for the first time ever. This 43 minute documentary will show you in breathtaking IMAX® 3D how this landing changed the world by exploring history, military strategy, science, technology and human values. Narrated by Tom Brokaw, D-Day 3D: Normandy 1944 pays tribute to those who gave their lives for our freedom... A duty of memory, a duty of gratitude!

After the documentary, we'll go over to Big Ed's for lunch.

Sign-up in the Senior Corner of the B hallway. If you have questions, call Kathy Driver at 919-621-0236.

An Ashville Holiday

November 19 - 21
Lodging: Comfort Suites Biltmore

Price Per Person

Double Occupancy: \$519

Insurance: \$53

Deposit - \$200 due at sign-up

Your \$200 deposit ensures your place on the bus. Please make the check out to Trinity Baptist Church.

Sign-up sheet and trip brochures on B Hall

Call Sylvia Pearce at (919-671-9622) with questions.

Highlights of Trip

- Biltmore Estate – Candlelight Tour
- Antler Hill Village & Winery Tour
- National Gingerbread House Competition at the Grove Park Inn
- "A Christmas Carol" at Flat Rock Playhouse
- Tour of "The Cove": Billy Graham's Training Center
- Meals: 2 Continental Breakfasts, Lunch Buffet at Grove Park Inn, Dinner at Deer Park Inn

Nursing Homes & Homebound Visits

Every 3rd Wednesday each Month

Wednesday, July 16 • 10:00 am

Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Clothing Needed For Mission in McCreary Co, Kentucky

Urgent Request

**Girls & Boys Summer Clothes:
Sizes 3-16**

Summer is just getting started! It gets just as hot and humid in KY as it does in NC! The Clothing Closets are already nearly out of kids summer clothes, and there is a lot of summer left! Please bring donations of summer clothes for girls and boys, sizes 3-16.



If you don't have these items to donate, bring whatever clothing you have, they can use it! Or consider visiting NRM's Thrift Shoppe or other similar businesses to purchase items to donate to the Hills and Hollers Ministries.

Please pack items in kitchen trash bags and leave them in the box in the collection area in the B building beside the NRM Food Collection Box. They will be taken to KY as soon as a truckload has been collected.

TBC/Red Cross Blood Drive

**Sunday, July 13
9:30am - 2:30pm • Fellowship Hall**

To register an appointment time, please go to the Trinity Baptist Website www.tbcraleigh.com and scroll down until you see Red Cross Blood Drive on the left side. Click on that link and you will go to the Red Cross donation site. Use the Sponsor Code "Trinity Baptist" and it will let you sign-up for July 13. Thanks!



Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network

Hosting Week: July 27 - Aug 3

Please mark your calendars NOW to participate in this mission of hospitality to homeless families with children here at Trinity. Our guests will appreciate it so much!! Volunteer positions are **Overnight Host & Hostess** (Sunday through Saturday evenings); **Van Drivers** (6:30-7:30am and 5:30-6:30pm); **Dinner Preparers** (Sunday School Classes); **Recreation Leaders** (each evening around 6:45-8:00pm). Sign-up sheets will be on the Narthex bulletin board on Sunday, June 29th. Find a yellow brochure in racks around the campus and discover how YOU are needed!

Jobs For Life

Begins Sunday, September 14

TBC has partnered with Jobs for Life (JfL) to help those who are underemployed or unemployed in our community to learn about God's plan for work, discover road blocks in their lives to getting a job, and gaining the skills and confidence to do an effective job search. This is done through an excellent curriculum provided by JfL. The Lead Team is ready to offer its 14th class this fall.

If you or someone you know is interested in being a student in this class, please contact the church office (hmeltont@tbcraleigh.com or 919-787-3740) to receive an application. Applications are due into the office by Sunday, August 31.

Music Ministry

Rev. Steve Byers, slbyers@tbcraleigh.com

Music Notes

Special thanks to Jessica Isaacs for singing in worship this past Sunday morning. Our musicians of Trinity continue to bless us with their musical offerings, and we give God the praise for their commitment.

Choir rehearsals for the Adult Choir will continue through June 25, but we will be taking a short break in July. We will not rehearse in July until the 27th of the month. Choir members, please add these dates to your calendars.

Patriotic Celebration

June 29 • 6:00 pm

Cookout... Music... Fellowship!
Come join the fun!

Pepper Choplin Concert

August 3 • 6:00 pm



Pepper Choplin, former Minister of Music at Greystone Baptist Church here in Raleigh, will be our special guest on August 3. Pepper is an active composer, conductor and humorist and has gained a reputation as one of the most creative writers in church music today with a diverse musical background. Many of you have heard him before in concert and have enjoyed his music and humor. Our Adult Choir had the honor and privilege of singing his music at Carnegie Hall last February. Mark your calendars for this special night at Trinity.

Music Calendar

Musicians, please check the dates for worship and rehearsals below, as some events have changed.

June 29

Fourth of July Celebration with
Trinity Orchestra and Adult Choir
6:00 pm

August 3

Pepper Choplin Concert
6:00 pm

August 10

Joint Evening Worship Service
with area churches
6:00 pm

August 17

Trinity Laymen and Potluck Dinner
6:00 pm

Church Conference
7:00 pm

August 27

Wednesday Night Program Begins
Preschool, Children's Choirs, Ensembles
Resume Rehearsals

September 3

Vocal Ensembles Begin
(please note change in date)

Join A Musical Ensemble

Give some thought to joining a musical ensemble this coming fall. Living Praise and New Covenant meet on Wednesday nights during the school year. These ensembles are excellent means to learn music, to connect with other church members who serve musically, and to fellowship with other believers in our church. Ensembles begin on September 3.



Dr. Andy Jung, ajung@tbcraleigh.com ▲ Rev. Lydia Tatum, ltatum@tbcraleigh.com

Words from Lydia

Camp is a special place in the spiritual walk of many Christians who grew up in church and in youth group programs. There are camp songs, camp games, camp traditions, and camp romances. Over the years, I have forgotten some of the words to the songs. I have forgotten many of the games. And, I

have forgotten most of the traditions. But, the one thing that I have never forgotten is the awesome journey that God began in my life when I was a seventh grader at camp.

I look forward to camp every year because I know the wonderful things that can happen in students' lives when they are surrounded by Christian friends and inundated with God from the time they wake up to the time they go to sleep. It is good for all of us to be near God, and camp is a great place to begin learning just how to do that.

Our middle school students will be heading off to Passport Missions Camp at Averett University in Danville, Virginia July 7-11. If you are a middle school student, take this time before camp to prepare your heart to listen for God. And, if you are staying behind here in Raleigh, we covet your prayers. Please be in prayer for each one of our students—that they would listen for and hear God's calling on their lives. Pray that the students will return from camp with this as their refrain:

But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.

– Psalm 73:28

MS Family Missions Project:

LOVE WINS

MINISTRIES

Annual Potluck Event!

**Sunday, July 27
3:00pm - 5:30pm**

Cultivating a missions lifestyle is a family commitment. As we worship together, so shall we serve together. This will be our second summer serving the congregation at Love Wins Ministries downtown.

Last year we said every church needs a potluck, and so we helped them hold their first. This year, we say every church needs an annual potluck, so we're going back! So, gather up your family and cook a dish together to share with the people at Love Wins. Last names beginning A-M: Main Dishes; N-S: Sides; R-Z: Desserts. We will provide the drinks, plates, utensil, and napkins! Meet at 3:00pm at the Underground to load the vans, and let Lydia know if you would be able to drive your personal vehicle if you have an SUV or minivan.

HS Nashville Mission Trip

Please turn in your final balance and all release forms into the church office as soon as possible!

Education & Families

Rev. Karen Metcalf Eickhoff, kmetcalf@tbcraleigh.com



Kid's Camp this Fall

Camp Willow Run

For: Children in Rising 3-5th Grade

Cost: \$135.00

September 19 - 21



Theme: Imagine

Games, Bible Study, Crafts, Fishing, Swimming, Canoeing, Red Shark, Ropes Course, Worship and Fun!

Let's go to camp!

PassportKids Camp

June 30-July 3

We will meet Monday, June 30th at 8:30am by the ROC to leave.

Remember, Bring a Sack Lunch!

Rising 6th Graders to Lunch at
Kanki Crabtree

Sunday, August 3

We will leave after the later service.
This is a fun event for all.

Get Your Forms In.

Mission Leadership Training/Meeting

GA, RA and Mission Friends

Wednesday, August 20 • 6:00pm • E247



2014 Vacation Bible School

Our journey through the wilderness with Moses and Malachi has come to an end. We have listened and learned about their incredible journey through the wilderness and how they learned to TRUST GOD each day. Just as they went through trials and moments of wandering and waiting on God, they are an example to us to "TRUST GOD" in all circumstances!

Our preparation before, to, and after Vacation Bible School has been filled with

Reminder: ETC Volunteers

ETC hostesses begin working on your volunteers for the next church year. ETC will begin new on August 31.

If anyone is willing to volunteer and help with ETC for the next church year, please let me know. We would love your help! Thanks!

a tremendous amount of support. Many volunteers came, planned, and prepared for this event and many are still helping with putting away items and cleaning up. A big THANK YOU to all who had a part in making Vacation Bible School at Trinity Baptist Church such a success! It takes a team effort and many behind the scene individuals, but when we all come together and serve in the name of the Lord, so much can happen. God worked through each of you to bring glory to His name. You shared your time, talents, and gifts with others; you shared His word and His love has shown through you! How beautiful are the hands and feet that serve. You are an awesome bunch and a blessing to this church and this community!

And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

– Romans 10:15

**VBS had 104 leaders, 183 learners,
Totaling 287 in attendance.**

ROC Volunteers

Monday, June 30

8am-11am Frank & Sybil Putney
11am-2pm Jim & Jean Carlton
3pm-6pm George Mathis
6pm-9pm Mike Stines

Tuesday, July 1

8am-11am Leland Cottle
11am-2pm Marcel Beaudreau
3pm-6pm Shirley Eason, Doris Young
6pm-9pm Charla Peel, JoAnn Bell

Wednesday, July 2

8am-11am Miller & Liz Warren
11am-2pm Ernest & Ann Tilley

Thursday, July 3

8am-11am Jane Sauls
11am-2pm Marcel Beaudreau
3pm-6pm Shirley Pegram
6pm-9pm Edythe McKinney

Friday, July 4 - Saturday, July 5 • Closed

Monday, July 7

8am-11am C. Edwards, B. Munday
11am-2pm Lynda Davis, Pat Pierce
3pm-6pm Anita Yeargin
6pm-9pm **Volunteers Needed**

Tuesday, July 8

8am-11am Glenn & Sylvia Wellborn
11am-2pm Marcel Beaudreau
3pm-6pm **Volunteers Needed**
6pm-9pm Cynthia Coats

Wednesday, July 9

8am-11am Andy Ammons
11am-2pm Ernest & Ann Tilley

Thursday, July 10

8am-11am Joyce Warren
11am-2pm Suzie Short
3pm-6pm Donna Munley
6pm-9pm Mike Stines

Friday, July 11

8am-11am Johnny Teal
11am-2pm Nell Campbell

Saturday, July 12

9am - 12pm Mark Munday

Volunteers Needed

1st Monday 6:00-9:00pm, 2nd & 3rd Tuesday
3:00-6:00pm, 3rd Thursday 6:00-9:00pm,
3rd Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm, 4th Tuesday
11:00am-2:00pm

To volunteer contact Michelle: 919-787-3740
or memmering@tbcraleigh.com

ROC Hours • June 30-July 5

Monday • Tuesday • Thursday

8:00 am - 2:00 pm • 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Wednesday • 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday • Saturday • Closed

ROC Activities • June 30-July 5

Group Fitness Classes

M, W • 8:00-9:00 am • Gym

Cardio Strength Training

M, W • 9:30-10:30 am • Gym

Stroller Strides

T & Th • 9:00-10:00 am • Gym

Dance-it Group Fitness Class

T • 7:00 pm • Gym • Zumba Fitness

T & Th • 9:15-10:00 am • MP rm • FREE

Senior Adult Bend and Stretch

Recreation Activities

M • 5:00-9:00pm • Basketball Leagues

Th • 1:00-4:00 pm • A214

Cards & Games Fellowship

Th • Evenings • Volleyball

ROC Hours • July 7-July 12

Monday • Tuesday • Thursday

8:00 am - 2:00 pm • 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Wednesday • Friday • 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

(Friday 11:45am - Gym Floor Closes)

Saturday • 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

ROC Activities • July 7-July 12

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ROC Summer Closings

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July 4-6 • ROC Closed

Gym Floor Camp Schedule

June 23-27, June 30-July 3,
July 7-11, & August 4-8

8:00-10:30am
reserved for group fitness classes

10:30am-12:00pm
reserved for camp activities

12:00-1:00pm
reserved for lunch time group

1:00-4:00pm
reserved for camp activities

ROC Fitness Room and
Walking Track are open

ROC Upward Schedule

July 21-25 & July 28-August 1

8:00am-5:00pm
ROC Gym floor reserved

ROC Fitness Room &
Walking Track are open

Boot Camp Resumes

July 7th thru August 30th

ROC Calendar

8th Annual NH5K
September 6

Fall Fest • Trunk or Treat
Friday, October 24 • 6:30pm

First Annual Trinity Baptist Church

Health & Wellness Fair



Friday, July 18
5:00 - 7:00pm • ROC

- *Free Health Screenings*
- *Food • Giveaways • Prizes*
- *Health Education & more!*

Vendors:

- GNC • Rex
- The American Red Cross
- American Institute of Healthcare & Fitness & more!

A Healthy Way to Start the Summer!

ETC Workers

Sunday, June 29

Hostess: Michelle Moore

Assistant Hostess: Ashley Hardison

8:45 am Worship Service: Betty & Christy Witcher, Angela & Mark McCoy, Mary Worrell, Jody Hill, Sharie Bowen, Susan Howard

10:55 am Worship Service

0-4 mos Angela Hatchell, Cornette Nettles

5-10 mos Elsie McLamb, Fran Holland, Kevin or Karen Bell

11-14 mos

15-19 mos Debbie Thomas, Karen Brock

20-24 mos David Buffaloe

2 yrs Meredith Furr, Brynn Moore

3 yrs Kim Royal, Blayne Furr

4 yrs

Sunday, July 6

Hostess: Susan Pintuff

Assistant Hostess: Heather DeVault

8:45 am Worship Service: Stephanie & Chris Stanley, Stephanie Sitton, Pat York, Alec Sitton, Angie or Michael Ferree

10:55 am Worship Service

0-4 mos Kim Mays, Sadie White

5-10 mos Amy Jung, Brian Sumner

11-14 mos Paige Bagwell, Warren Mays

15-19 mos Dana Sumner

20-24 mos Karen Spilman, Bill Shelton

2 yrs Sheldon Fry, Sarah Luvender, Elliott Mays

3 yrs Caroline Warren, Stephanie Cox

4 yrs Katie & Ryan Crumpler, Abby Mays

Vision for Growth

June 29, 2014

Growing through Bible Study...

Members Age Group	Present	New Members	Visitors
Adults	493	2	12
Students	106	0	4
Children	61	0	1
Preschool	74	0	3
Totals	734	2	20
Sunday School			Total 756

Growing through Worship...

8:45am Worship Attendance	218
10:55am Worship Attendance	543
Total Worship Attendance	761

Growing through Stewardship...

(YTD totals through 5/31/2014)

YTD General Fund Needs (Budget)	\$1,108,800.00
YTD Operating Receipts	\$1,121,213.50
YTD Operating Expenses	\$1,036,322.22

Capital Campaign

Capital Campaign Pledges	\$4,159,660.00
Pledged Money Received	\$750,943.42
Total Received	\$783,534.87

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Dear Church Family,

Over the past year, I have been wrestling with God concerning my call in ministry. My personal desire has always been to continue in Student Ministry as I have for the past 20 years. However, through much prayer and wisdom from others in ministry, I have surrendered to God's calling to be a senior pastor.

In January, with the support of Dr. Roberts, Amy and I began our journey of seeking where God was leading us next. After exploring several possibilities, God has made it clear to us that First Baptist Church in Albemarle, NC will be my first pastorate. Over this past weekend, Amy and I spent time with the members of FBC Albemarle before I was called to be their new Senior Pastor.

Though I am excited about the future, I am heartbroken to share this news with my Trinity Baptist church family. You have been an important part of Amy's life and mine. You have helped me to grow as a minister and have allowed me to flourish in a safe and loving environment. When Amy was going through her battle with melanoma, you walked with us through those difficult moments. You've loved us and cared for us over the past 11 years. We will always be indebted to you and will remember our time together fondly.

I am sorry I have to share this information so impersonally. I wish I could have a personal conversation with each of you. I am especially sad that our students will not hear this news directly from me. With our limited summer schedule, I did not have any other way for me to share this news in a large group setting in a timely manner. Please accept my sincere apologies.

Our last Sunday at Trinity will be July 27. This will allow me to follow through with the plans for the high school mission trip to Nashville and tie up any loose ends before stepping aside. I look forward to finishing my ministry at Trinity with as much energy as I began 11 years ago.

Change is difficult in any circumstance. However, it is a little easier when we know God has clearly called us, prepared the way before us and will have his hand over us during this time of transition. This is also the case for Trinity Baptist Church. As much as God has clearly revealed his plans for us, God is also clearly revealing a new and exciting future for Trinity Baptist. I am confident of this. Let us faithfully follow God in building up his kingdom, wherever he may lead us.

In Christ,

