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Following Jesus...

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The Season of Advent is a special time of worship and celebration at Trinity. I want to invite you to make that journey to the manger and to the celebration of Christmas with your church family. We have special times of worship and special moments in worship to help us prepare our hearts to celebrate fully the meaning of God's wondrous gift, Jesus our Lord. Make plans to be a part of these times of worship, and invite others to join you.

First Sunday of Advent

November 30

Morning Worship:
Lighting of Candle of Hope
"Unto Us A Child is Born"

Evening Worship:
"Hanging of the Greens" • 6:00 pm

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7

Morning Worship:
Lighting of the Candle of Peace
"He Himself Will Be Our Peace"

World Missions Walk Down

Evening Worship:
Ensembles & Orchestra Christmas Concert
6:00 pm

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14

Morning Worship:
Lighting of the Candle of Joy

Christmas Cantata - Sanctuary Choir
(featuring Composer Jay & Amy Rouse)

Evening Worship:
Children's Christmas Concert • 6:00 pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21

Morning Worship:
Lighting of the Candle of Love
"Heaven Came Down"

Evening Worship: Church Conference

continued

This Sunday At Trinity

- 8:00am Flower Committee - Poinsettias
(Conf. Rm)
- 8:45 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 Hanging of the Greens
(Sanctuary)



Church-wide Christmas Caroling to Senior Adult Members

Wednesday, December 17 • 6:15pm

A variety of soups & salad will be served for Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Great Christmas Event for Families with Children! The Seniors love seeing them.

Following Jesus... *continued*

Christmas Eve Candlelight Celebration and Worship

December 24

5:00 pm and 10:00 pm

Wednesday Nights During Advent

Blue Christmas Service

December 10

6:15 pm • Chapel

Church-wide Caroling

December 17

Following Supper

North Hills Community Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 25th
7:00pm

This year's service is being hosted by St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Advent Items for Families

Check out this online devotion for Advent. Go to www.followingthestar.org and find scripture, prayer, and meditative thoughts, accompanied by gentle music, which can be accessed every day. This website becomes activated on November 30.

Deacon of the Week

Alma Hoffman has been a member of Trinity since 2011 and is a native of Raleigh. She and her husband, John have four children, Ana, Justus, Tessa and Emma.



Alma is an educator and the owner of Write Now Education Resources. She serves as teacher for Bible Drillers and Music Makers. She also serves in FirstLight, Wednesday Night Extended Session, and ETC. She works with the Tepper/Hoffman Sunday School class. She also works with deacons Shannon Rouse, Fred Paula, and Jeff Hall.

Fellowship Dinner

**Wednesday, December 3 •
5:00pm**

- **Adult: \$4.50 • Senior Adult: \$3.50**
- **Children: \$2.50**

Herb Marinated Pork Tenderloin
with Roasted Potatoes, Side, Salad,
Dessert, and Drink

**Payments made by 4:00pm each
Monday receive a \$.50 discount per plate**

*Reservations and payments can be
made online at www.tbcraleigh.com or by
calling the church office, 919-787-3740.
Reservations and cancellations must
be made by 4:00pm each Monday.*

Did You Know...

Did you know that Trinity spends over \$35,000 on church literature each year? This expenditure ensures that we have the proper publications including Sunday School booklets, children's literature, and many other publications. This expenditure helps to ensure that we have the proper study guides for Sunday School and various other programs to help enhance our spiritual growth.

Deepest Sympathies

Roger & Marlene Crowder upon the death of Roger's sister, Shirley Fannin of Charleston, West Virginia on November 17th.

John & Alma Hoffmann and children (**Anna, Justus, Tessa & Emma**) upon the death of John's brother, Charles John Hoffmann of Clayton, NC on November 21st.

✚ NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES

This Week's Food Pantry Needs:

- Canned Corn
- Canned Mixed Veggies
- Canned Sweet Peas
- Cleaning Items

2015 Flower Calendar

The calendar for sanctuary flowers for 2015 has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Sign-up today to reserve the Sunday you would like to donate flowers in honor or remembrance of your loved one.

Women's Book Club

**Third Thursday of Each Month
December 18 • 7:00pm • Parlor
Facilitator: Beth Duke**

The Art of Racing in the Rain
by Garth Stein

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Senior Adult Ministries...the Better Half of Life

Rev. Hal Melton, hmelton@tbcraleigh.com



Sanders Family Christmas

At the Temple Theater, Sanford

Thursday, December 18

11:00am-5:30pm

Cost: \$20 plus Lunch

We'll reconnect with the Sander's family, who we met in February from "Smoke on the Mountain", as they celebrate the holidays with faith, family, and old fashioned fun. With hilarious, touching stories and 25 Southern Gospel Christmas favorites to light up your holiday, you'll have a rousing and heartwarming time with this Christmas gospel sing-along. We'll stop for lunch on the way to Sanford and come straight home after the performance. Sign-up NOW!

Nursing Homes & Homebound Visits

Wednesday, December 17

10:00am • Fellowship Hall

Only a Few Spaces Left!

Savannah, Jekyll Island, & Beaufort

March 9-13 • Cost: \$415

(Double Occupancy)

Deposit of \$75 due upon sign-up

Final payment due on January 5, 2015.

Price Includes:

Tour of charming Savannah, including a visit to a historic and famous home

Tour of amazing Jekyll & St. Simon's Island - See how America's early millionaires lived and played!

Tour of gorgeous Beaufort, SC, "Queen of the Carolina Sea Islands"—plus a visit to Parris Island Marine Training Base

Enjoy a Dinner and Evening of Entertainment

4 Nights Lodging

8 Meals: 4 Continental Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

Motorcoach Transportation

Adult Ministry & Missions

Rev. Hal Melton, hmelton@tbcraleigh.com

World Missions Offering Walk-Down

Sunday, December 7
TBC GOAL: \$50,000

Each year, during the month of December, we collect a "World Missions Offering" to support the work of career missionaries whose families live overseas – many reaching out to people groups who have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In your packet of offering envelopes you will find a special envelope for this offering. There are also envelopes in the back of the pews in the sanctuary.

We begin this month-long emphasis with a World Missions Walk-Down the first Sunday in December. During worship, each family is encouraged to bring their offering to the front of the sanctuary and place it in special offering baskets that our Royal Ambassadors and Girls in Action will be holding. What a joy it is to witness this incredible moment of commitment to spreading the good news around the world!

Please plan to attend worship and participate in the walk-down on Sunday, December 7.



**American
Red Cross**

TBC / Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, February 22
10:00am - 2:30pm

Please mark your calendar now!



Winter Marriage Retreat

March 6 - 8, 2015
Beach Colony Resort

"Parenting – the Legacy of Marriage"

Through the years of parenting our children, we can leave a legacy of healthy marriage—including the main training our children will get on raising our grandchildren! Intentionally keeping our marriages alive and well during the years when it seems our whole world is focused on raising responsible kids is a key ingredient to success...both ours and theirs in the years to come. Whether you are considering becoming a parent, are in your empty nest years or at ANY STAGE in between – this retreat is for you. Our desire is that our young couples learn from the older couples about parenting children at home – AND – our older couples learn from the younger couples about their perspectives of being parented as adult children. We'll enjoy meeting new TBC people and having fun in the process of intentionally growing to meet the challenges of a time in our lives we have not been through before. Come join us! Registration is open NOW. Contact Roberta Melton at rmelton8184@gmail.com. Cost is \$255 per couple including ocean front condo at the Beach Cove Resort at N. Myrtle Beach, meeting room, and program fee. Meals are on your own. A deposit of \$100 is due at sign-up. Make checks to TBC.

Don't Miss This!

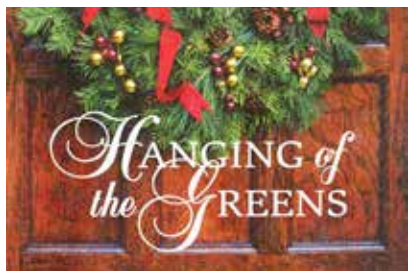
Music Ministry

Rev. Steve Byers, slbyers@tbcraleigh.com

Music Notes

Special thanks to Julia, Katherine, and Nash York for their beautiful trio in worship this past Sunday morning. What a joy it is to watch and to listen to our church family members who see the importance of worshipping God with their gifts and talents! It is rare to see families and siblings sing together in worship, so that is what made this so special. We look forward to hearing more from them in worship.

The Hanging of the Greens practice day came together nicely with each choir's preparation for the service next Sunday night. Parents, your children's directors should have information for you about report time. Children's Choirs are to meet in their rooms for robing and rehearsal. The service begins at 6 pm. Please be on time! Thank you for making special arrangements for this past Sunday's rehearsal. It means a world of difference for the service next week.



November 30 • 6:00 pm

You are invited to celebrate with the church in the Hanging of the Greens Service. Our Preschool Choir, Children's Choirs, Middle School Choir, and High School Choir join together with the Sanctuary Choir in presenting music throughout the "greening" of the sanctuary.

Bring your friends and relatives to this joyful occasion as we usher in Christmas at Trinity.

Music Calendar

Don't let programming dates slip-up on you! Plan ahead!

November 30

First Sunday of Advent

Student Choirs

10:55 Service

Hanging of the Greens Service

6:00pm

December 3

Double Missions (No Choirs)

December 7

Dawn Trollip, Jack and Kathy Stanford

Vocal Ensembles, Orchestra Concert

6:00pm

December 10

Double Choirs

(No missions except for Preschool Choir)

December 14

Choir Cantata with Jay and Amy Rouse

Both Morning Services

Preschool and Children's Choirs Concert

6:00 pm

December 17

Church-wide Christmas Caroling

December 21

Orchestra, Trinity Laymen

Both Morning Services

Parents of Student Choirs

Our Middle and High School Choirs will be singing in the 10:55am service on November 30. We will plan on meeting at 10:30am in the sanctuary.



Words from Lydia

Every year since the dawning of the age of Facebook, November turns into the month of thankful posts. In some ways this has become a very refreshing part of Thanksgiving lasting the whole month through. But, just like anything on the Internet that takes over our newsfeeds, it can become white noise – something we see but quickly pass over in our scanning of Facebook because we already know what we are going to read.

I've found the commercial of the older women who "post" pictures and messages on their literal walls in their homes quite funny. And, I think, this year, maybe we should follow their lead. For those who put a lot of thought and care into their thankful post on

Facebook, keep up the good work. But, for those of us who have become flippant in our thankfulness, maybe this year we should take a little more time when we think about the things for which we are thankful. Maybe instead of posting them for our Facebook friends to see, we should spend time talking about them with our family – maybe even writing them down and displaying them in our houses. All thanks must be given to God – the One from whom all blessings flow. When we return our thanks, let it be to God, the Source of all life and blessing.

D-Team Celebrations

Wednesday, December 10th

Each D-Team will have the opportunity to go out and celebrate their time together this semester and share in Christmas cheer! Students and leaders can begin planning their activity now!

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 30 • 6:00pm

If you are a member of the choir, please make sure you arrive at the proper time (see the Music Ministry page). If you are helping with set-up of the luminaries, please remember your commitment to stay after the 10:55am service on November 30 to fill the bags with sand and candles. Clean-up crew, your work will begin shortly after the Hanging of the Greens service ends. Thank you to all who make this beautiful night of worship happen!

New Years Eve Celebration

**Wednesday, December 31
6:00pm - 10:00pm • Cost: \$30**

Our next big Middle School event will be on New Years Eve. We will enjoy a night of fellowship that includes CiCi's Pizza and games and fun at Frankie's Fun Park. The \$30 cost will cover CiCi's and activities at Frankie's. More information will be mailed out closer to the date, so mark your calendars!

Christmas Northbound

Wednesday, December 3rd • 6:00pm

All students will meet in the ROC at 6:00pm. We will share in a time of worship and fellowship as we join together in learning about and celebrating a Moravian Love Feast along with prayer, Scripture reading, the singing of songs, and even the making of Moravian stars and chrismsons. Come, join us as we celebrate together!

Education & Families

Rev. Karen Metcalf Eickhoff, kmetcalf@tbcraleigh.com

Mission Offering Walkdown

Sunday, December 7

We will have an opportunity to give an offering to Global Missions and for Lottie Moon at the conclusion of our worship services. GAs and RAs will be at the front to collect your gifts in baskets. Start collecting now, and come ready to share the good news by giving to missions around the world.

Mission Well

Come and check out the mission well in the E building. We are collecting our offering for Global missions in a fun way this November and December. So bring your coins and watch them spiral into the bottom of the well. All monies will go to CBF Global Mission Fund.

Family Christmas Tree

The family Christmas tree is now up in the Fellowship Hall. This is a special tree decorated with ornaments provided by you—the families of Trinity. All you have to do is find an ornament relating to the Nativity, write your family name on it with the current year—2014, and bring it to the tree in the Fellowship Hall. Become part of a wonderful Trinity tradition, and bring an ornament for the tree!

Children's Day

February 8, 2015

Children will be participating in all aspects of the morning worship services. If you are a grade school child that plays an instrument and is willing to share with us in the service, please contact me. We would like to use you if possible.

Holiday Calendar

Sunday, November 30

Hanging of the Greens
Evening Service

Wednesday, December 3

Double Mission Classes
GA and RA Classes Only

Sunday, December 7

Mission Offering Walkdown
Morning Service

Wednesday, December 10

Double Choirs
Music Makers and Young Musicians Only

Sunday, December 14

Cantata
Both Morning Services
Children's Choir Concert
Evening Service

Wednesday, December 17

Church-wide Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services

Advent Items for Families

Advent materials for children and their families will be available in various areas of our church. Plan to make this Advent special as you share together the meaning and hope of the season. We have advent calendars for older children, youth, and adults and advent books for younger children. Stop by and select one or two for your family.

Another great resources for family or personal devotions this season is an online devotion from Passport Camps. Go to www.followingthestar.org and find scripture, prayer, and meditative thoughts, accompanied by gentle music, which can be accessed every day. This website becomes activated on November 30.

Words from Carla

Benefits of Early Church Attendance

Is it too early to bring my baby to church? What about germs? Maybe we will wait until she/he is older. Sound familiar? I found this jewel of an article in Babylife magazine:

It may be tempting to keep your infant home from church. After all, she/he doesn't know where she/he is anyway, right? While that is true, consider these three reasons for taking your baby to church as much as you can:

- You and your spouse need to be at church. If you keep your baby home, at least one of you will miss out on being with your church family.
- These days in the nursery being held by volunteers begin to form a connection between being loved and being at church that continues on later in her/his childhood.
- Committing to regular church involvement doesn't get any easier as your child gets older. You're best off to start getting involved now.



**Sunday Discipleship Training Nights
Beginning in January**

3 - 4 Volunteers Needed

Preschool Hall Floater

Someone is needed who would be willing to be a floater on the preschool hall and go into any room when needed.

To volunteer,
please contact Carla at 919-787-3740
or cbabbbb@tbcraleigh.com.

Thank You

I am thankful for my blessings and thankful for all those who recruit volunteers, teach, rock, wipe noses, change diapers, love and love some more to nurture the preschoolers at Trinity! Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Love, Carla

When to Keep Preschoolers Home

- A fever (100 degrees or more in the armpit, 101 degrees orally, or 102 degrees rectally). Child should be fever free for 24 hours.
- Diarrhea
- Severe coughing
- Two or more episodes of vomiting within the past 12 hours
- Red eye with white or yellow eye discharge, until 24 hours after the treatment
- Yellow or green nasal discharge

ROC Hours

Monday • Tuesday • Thursday

8:00 am - 2:00 pm • 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Wednesday

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

7:45 pm - 9:00 pm (for Trinity Members)

Friday

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

(Gym Floor Closes at 11:45)

Saturday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

ROC Volunteers

Monday, December 1

8am-11am	Charlotte Edwards, Beverly Munday
11am-2pm	Lynda Davis, Pat Pierce
3pm-6pm	Brenda Burton
6pm-9pm	Mike O'Mara

Tuesday, December 2

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

Wednesday, December 3

8am-11am	Miller & Liz Warren
11am-2pm	Ernest & Ann Tilley
7:45pm-9pm	Volunteers Needed

Thursday, December 4

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

Friday, December 5

8am-11am	Jayne Simpkins
11am-2pm	Kay & Keith Bissette

Saturday, December 6

9am - 12pm **Closed**

Volunteers Needed

2nd & 3rd Tuesday 3:00 - 6:00pm

3rd Thursday 6:00 - 9:00pm

ROC Sub-Volunteers Needed

If you are unable to serve on a set scheduled time each month, we are also in need of volunteers who are available and willing to sub at various times through December 2014.

To volunteer

contact Michelle: 919-787-3740
or memmerring@tbcraleigh.com

ROC Activities

November 30 - December 6

Group Fitness Classes

M - W • 8:00-9:00 am • Gym

Cardio Strength Training

M, W • 9:00-10:00 am • Gym

Stroller Strides

T • 5:30-6:30 am • Gym

Body Back Class

T • 9:00-10:00 am • Gym

Dance-It Group Fitness Class

T • 9:00-9:45 am • MP Room
FREE

Senior Adult Strength and Stretch

Recreation Activities

M - W • 5:00-9:00pm

Basketball Leagues

1st & 3rd Tuesdays • Each Month

Prayer Shawl Ministry



*100 days of TBC Upward
begin in mid November!*

Practice Schedules

All basketball players and cheerleaders will have one practice per week. Practices are conducted either on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday evenings on the same day and at the same time each week. All practices will last one hour consisting of a 15 minute devotion and a 45 minute on-court practice. All games and practices are held in the Recreational Outreach Center on the Trinity Baptist Church Campus.

Practices Dates for 2014/2015 Season

Please plan to attend practice each week. We will practice each Monday/Tuesday/Thursday, having the two weeks around Christmas break as time without practice.

December 1, 2 & 4	December 29, 30 & January 1	February 2, 3 & 5
December 8, 9 & 11	No Practice, New Years Break	February 9, 10 & 12
December 15, 16 & 18	January 5, 6 & 8	February 16, 17 & 19
December 22, 23 & 25	January 12, 13 & 15	February 24
No Practice, Christmas Break	January 19, 20 & 22	TBC Upward
	January 26, 27 & 29	Celebration Night

ROC Calendar

Upward Celebration Night
February 24, 2015

11th Annual ROC'n Golf Tournament
May 18, 2015

TBC Block Party
August 26, 2015

9th Annual NH5k
September 12, 2015

Fall Fest: Trunk or Treat
October 30, 2015



A total fitness program for moms that they can do with their baby or stroller-age child(ren).

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00-10:00 am • ROC
First Class is Free!

Come a few minutes early to sign-up!

For more information go to
www.strollerstrides.net/midtownraleigh.

ETC Workers

Sunday, November 30

Hostess: Heather DeVault

Asst Hostess: Michelle Moore

8:45 am Worship Service

Sara & Megan Rooker, Kelli & Ben Wood,
Lauren & Charles Stroupe, Matt & Anna West

10:55 am Worship Service

0-4 mos Ann Berry, Vickie Hall
5-10 mos JoAnne Herrmann
11-14 mos Angela Stahl, Bernie Pegram
15-19 mos Jan Mills
20-24 mos Tim or Stephanie Avent,
Peggy Pegram
2 yrs David Ayscue, Holly Hering
3 yrs Dean Hering
4 yrs Logan Ayscue, Lisa Dale,
Amanda Cash

Wednesday, December 3

Bed Babies Deborah Washington, Alice Clark
Toddlers Christie Melton, Susan Tucker
Two's Lisa/Jacob Arthur, Paige Bagwell

Vision for Growth November 23, 2014

Growing through Bible Study...

Members Age Group	Present	New Members	Visitors
Adults	528	3	9
Students	134	0	7
Children	77	0	2
Preschool	60	0	2
Totals	799	3	20
Sunday School	Total 822		

Growing through Worship...

8:45am Worship Attendance	322
10:55am Worship Attendance	669
Total Worship Attendance	991

Growing through Stewardship...

(YTD totals through 10/31/2014)

YTD General Fund Needs (Budget)	\$2,270,400.00
YTD Operating Receipts	\$2,141,322.15
YTD Operating Expenses	\$2,051,532.38
Capital Campaign	
Capital Campaign Pledges	\$4,159,670.00
Pledged Money Received	\$903,392.75
Total Received	\$948,506.70

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction.

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