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## Following Jesus...

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## Trinity's World Mission's Offering

**Goal: \$50k**

Be prepared this Sunday for our  
Mission's Walk-down in both morning services.

## This Sunday At Trinity

### Missions Walkdown

- 8:45am Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:30 Welcome Center Opens (Narthex)  
9:45 Sunday School (Bible Study for all ages)  
10:55 Extended Teaching Care (E100 Hallway)  
Worship (Sanctuary)  
12:15pm Brick Installation: Claude Hale (Columbarium)  
4:00 ETC Hostess Meeting (E247 MP Rm)  
4:30 Missions Steering Committee (Conf. Rm)  
6:00 Adult Ensembles & Orchestra Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)  
7:00 Deacon's Meeting (A214)

## 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

### Deepest Sympathies

**Mark & Beverly Munday** and children (**Ashley & Kelley**) upon the death of Mark's uncle, Carroll Eugene Campbell of Statesville, NC on November 19th.

**Frances Williams** upon the death of her husband and longtime TBC member, **Tommy Williams** of Raleigh on November 29th.

## 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.

## 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.

## Year-End Contribution Reminder

Any contributions that you want to be on your 2014 tax statement, must be turned into the Financial Secretary by December 31st. The **ONLY** exception to this rule is an envelope postmarked by December 31st. Please remember that the church office will be closed: Wednesday, December 24th, Thursday, December 25th, Friday, December 26th and Thursday, January 1st.

Any stock contributions for 2014 must be received by Trinity or in Trinity's account by December 31st to be counted as a 2014 contribution. If you have any questions, please call Jan Brown **BEFORE** the first of the year at 919-787-3740. Thank you for your support of Trinity!

## Advent Items for Families

Check out this online devotion for Advent.

Go to [www.followingthestar.org](http://www.followingthestar.org) and find scripture, prayer, and meditative thoughts, accompanied by gentle music, which can be accessed every day.

## Deacon of the Week

**Ed McCoy** has been a member of Trinity since 1990 and is a native of Chattanooga, TN. He and his wife, Tricia have two children: Mark and Brooke and three grandchildren: Hayley, Ainsley, and Addison. Ed is a Sales Rep with American General Life Insurance. He sings with the Sanctuary Choir and Living Praise. Ed works with the A3/C2 Sunday School Class. He also works with deacon Mark Valletta.



## Thankful for Discipleship

This Season we are thankful for a church that desires to study God's Word and those that prepare to share the Word with others. Stay tuned for more information about discipleship classes offered next semester: Discipleship Academy - An Invitation to the New Testament, TNT, Women's Book Club, Women's Bible Weekday Bible Study, Companions, and Family Sessions.

## CPR Training

**Sunday, January 25**  
**5:00-7:00pm • Room E247**

This is an awesome opportunity we have available at our church. The class has a small charge of \$45 for certification. We are offering help with the cost. The effort is to train as many members as we can for quick response. Sign-up and contact Karen (919-787-3740 or [kmetcalf@tbcraleigh.com](mailto:kmetcalf@tbcraleigh.com)) if you want to be trained.

## NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES

### This Week's Food Pantry Needs:

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

## Fellowship Dinner

**Wednesday, December 10**

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

Chicken Marsala with Pasta  
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](http://www.tbcraleigh.com) or by calling the church office, 919-787-3740. Reservations and cancellations must be made by 4:00pm each Monday.*

## Operation Christmas Child

**TBC OCC Shoe Box Collection Results**  
**Goal: 1,200 • Received Thus Far: 881**

Thanks so much to each and every one of you who packed a shoebox and subsequently will share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a child, a family, a village, and beyond in this simple but powerful way. If you would like to serve on the Operation Christmas Child TBC Lead Team as they prepare for next year, please contact Lenita Gruttadauria at [peterandneeter@gmail.com](mailto:peterandneeter@gmail.com) or 919-962-0665.

**TBC's Raleigh Area Shoe Box Collection Results**  
**Goal: 36,000 Shoe Boxes**

**Received and Shipped: 34,054**

**End Result: Gospel of Jesus Christ Released**

Thanks so much to each and every one of you and also many others in our community who volunteered to serve in the OCC Collection Center under the tents last week. Around 250 total volunteers worked at least one 2 hour shift during the effort. **A total of just over 1000 volunteer hours!** We will never know the eternal value of our efforts this side of heaven. But God does. **Great team effort!**

## Welcome to Trinity

**Lisa Arthur** of Raleigh joined TBC by baptism.

# Senior Adult Ministries...the Better Half of Life

Rev. Hal Melton, hmelton@tbcraleigh.com

*Due to Popular Demand . . .  
We are offering an additional  
opportunity for you to go to*

## Sanders Family Christmas

At the Temple Theater, Sanford

Friday, December 19  
4:45 - 11:00 pm

Cost: \$20 for the show  
plus \$12.50 for Dinner at Ron's Barn

Pay By: Friday, December 12

We'll reconnect with the Sander's family 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 the performance and come straight home afterwards.

Deposit your check for \$20 made payable to TBC in the box near the sign-up sheets, or send to the church office no later than Friday, December 12.

If you have questions, please email or call Kathy Driver (kathydriver@nc.rr.com or 919-621-0236).

If you did not get on the list for the matinee performance on Thursday, December 18th, sign-up now for an 8:00 pm performance on Friday, December 19th.

*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.

## Irish Experience!

September 12 - 23, 2015

Cost: \$2495 double occupancy  
for land trip (airfare additional)  
Trafalgar Insurance is \$199

Contact Sylvia Pearce for more  
information at (919) 395-2626 or  
sylviaawp@earthlink.net

## Nursing Homes & Homebound Visits

Wednesday, December 17  
10:00am • Fellowship Hall

## World Missions Offering Walk-Down

**This 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 this Sunday. 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  
this 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](mailto: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

## Hanging of the Greens

What word comes to mind in order to express thanksgiving to Joy Earp, all of our Flower Committee volunteers, choirs, directors and leaders, children and students in making this year's Hanging of the Greens Service so beautiful? The only word to begin such a conversation would be gratitude. I'm so grateful for the countless hours each

## Christmas with the Ensembles & Orchestra

December 7 • 6:00 pm

Make your plans to come and be a part of this wonderful night of music led by Living Praise, New Covenant, and our Trinity Orchestra!



## Christmas Cantata

December 14 • Both Morning Services

Join us as we host Jay and Amy Rouse in the presentation of "Come, Messiah King" in the morning worship services. Jay is the musical arranger of the cantata and has arranged many of the cantatas we have presented in years past. Both Amy and Jay have a celebrated musical career that brings two of the best church music leaders in the United States to our doorsteps. More about them in next week's newsletter!

person has given to this glorious time in our church. This one service truly helps us to usher in the Christmas season like none other. Whether you have attended this service for the first time or for continuous years with your church family, the striking thing is that it cannot be done without the power of volunteerism and the love of the Lord! So many people have dedicated their time and resources throughout the last month and especially over the Thanksgiving weekend. Make sure you take some time to pray a prayer of gratitude for how God has blessed us with the kind of talent drawn to Trinity. We are a very blessed church and I'm prayerful that God's continued faithfulness and guidance will continue to lead us in the years ahead. Merry Christmas to all of you!

## Music Calendar

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

### December 3

Double Missions (No Chords)

### December 7

Testament, Dawn Trollip,  
Jack and Kathy Stanford  
Vocal Ensembles, Orchestra Concert  
6:00pm

### December 10

Double Chords  
(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



Words from Christian

This morning I read an article that described the “I-40 Challenge.” Though, it’s not as exciting as the “Ice Bucket Challenge” that circulated the internet a few months ago, the title seemed interesting enough. As it turns out, this “I-40 Challenge” is a traffic safety initiative to have 1 State Trooper every 20 miles on Interstate 40 during the holidays. This means little to the majority of our students who will be sitting in the back seat while their parents will be doing the driving. However, it is an indication of how many of us plan to travel this holiday season. Of course, we pray for safety during these travels and patience for those with


full cars. Moreover, let us not just focus on getting from point A to point B but allow our journeys this holiday season to serve as reminders of the larger journey that we are all on as Christians. This is a journey of transformation through Jesus Christ. As we move forward down this road, we continue to search for God’s will in our lives.



## Christmas Northbound

**This Wednesday, December 3rd  
6:00pm • Meet in the ROC**

Wednesday, December 3rd, will be our Christmas Northbound celebration. 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 Chrismons. Come, join us as we celebrate together!




## Middle School New Year’s 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 cost is \$30. This will cover CiCi’s and activities at Frankie’s. More information will be mailed out closer to the date, so mark your calendars!

## D-Team Celebrations

**Next Wednesday, December 10th**

Next Wednesday, December 10th, will be our D-Teams Celebration. 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!

# Education & Families

Rev. Karen Metcalf Eickhoff, kmetcalf@tbcraleigh.com

## Advent

For over a thousand years Christians have celebrated the weeks preceding Christmas as "ADVENT." Advent means "coming" and refers to a period of preparation for the birth of Jesus. In Christian tradition it is a time of penitence and of spiritual searching so that all will be prepared to receive the Christ Child into their hearts and lives.

Christmas is a whole season, not just a day. Advent can be a very long time for children who see, hear, and feel all the preparation going on around them. They can do little to participate, and since the very young have little concept of time, the waiting is not easy. Using an Advent calendar is a fun way to help a young child, or any of us, to count the days until Christmas and ease the impatience.

The simplest and most visual form of Advent calendar for the very young is a colored paper chain that has rings for every day in Advent. As the child removes one ring each day, he or she can see that Christmas is coming nearer. When the whole chain is gone, Christmas Day will have arrived.

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. Stop by and select a calendar or special book for your family.

Another great Advent resource is the online devotion from Passport Camps. Go to [www.followingthestar.org](http://www.followingthestar.org) and find scripture, prayer, and meditative thoughts, accompanied by gentle music, which can be accessed every day.

## Mission Offering Walkdown

**This Sunday, December 7**

Bring your offerings this Sunday to give to Global Missions or Lottie Moon. Children will be at the front to collect your gifts in baskets.

## Holiday Calendar

### **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

## Family Christmas Tree

The Tree is up in the Fellowship Hall and ready for your family's ornament.

Find an ornament relating to the Nativity, write your family name on it with the 2014 year and bring it to the tree in the Fellowship Hall. Become part of a wonderful Trinity tradition and bring an ornament for the tree!

## 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 December. So bring your coins and watch them spiral into the bottom of the well. All monies will go to CBF Global Mission Fund.



Words from Carla

## God's Word for Toddlers

Toddlers can benefit from Bible stories and memory verses. God's Word is living and active – even in young hearts. Consider these tips and blessings.

- Play CDs and DVDs that have scripture set to song.



**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 cbabbb@tbcraleigh.com.

- Tell Bible stories in creative ways – use plastic/wooden figures and draw or act them out.
- When you tell a Bible story, talk about what the people might have felt and what you can learn from them.
- Make application points relevant to your child's experience. For example, little ones understand feeling afraid, impatient, and selfish.
- When you memorize a Bible verse together, make up hand motions or a catchy rhythm.
- If possible, connect a tactile experience with a Bible story or application point. For example, feel water when you learn about the Israelites crossing the Red Sea or pick up stones when you read about David bravely facing Goliath.

## The Joy of *Giving*

As your family enters a season of receiving gifts, consider sharing gently used toys or books with a local pregnancy center or emergency shelter. You'll multiply the joy your child has received from items you no longer use, as well as teach your toddler to think of others.

## TBC Avent Resources

Advent calendars and books are placed in the preschool hall for your family to take and enjoy during this special season!

## 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 8

8am-11am	Charles & Ronda Swindell
11am-2pm	Billy Joyner
3pm-6pm	Rhonda Davis
6pm-9pm	Mark McCoy

### Tuesday, December 9

8am-11am	Glenn & Sylvia Wellborn
11am-2pm	Marcel Beaudreau
3pm-6pm	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
6pm-9pm	Cynthia Coats

### Wednesday, December 10

8am-11am	Andy Ammons
11am-2pm	Ernest & Ann Tilley
7:45pm-9pm	Roger & Janet Shigehara

### Thursday, December 11

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

### Friday, December 12

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

### Saturday, December 13

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

December 7 - December 14

### 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 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	<b>February 24</b>
No Practice, Christmas Break	January 19, 20 & 22	<b>TBC Upward</b>
	January 26, 27 & 29	<b>Celebration Night</b>

## 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](http://www.strollerstrides.net/midtownraleigh).

# ETC Workers

## Sunday, December 7

Hostess: Michelle Moore

Assistant Hostess: Ashley Hardison

### 8:45 am Worship Service

Susan Howard, Angela & Mark McCoy, Mary Worrell, Betty & Christy Witcher, Julia York

### 10:55 am Worship Service

0-4 mos Angela Hatchell, Fran Holland

5-10 mos Elsie McLamb, 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, Molly Emmett

4 yrs Veronica Pollock, Kayla Herring

## Wednesday, December 10

Bed Babies Penny Cobb, Debbie Thomas

Toddlers Andrea Brinkley, Genevieve Dibanza

Two's MaryAnn & Jim Bedingfield, Clay Warf

## Vision for Growth

November 30, 2014

### Growing through Bible Study...

Members Age Group	Present	New Members	Visitors
Adults	524	0	15
Students	133	0	5
Children	68	0	1
Preschool	83	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>
Sunday School			<b>Total 830</b>

### Growing through Worship...

8:45am Worship Attendance	251
10:55am Worship Attendance	661
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>912</b>

### 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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