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Joining Hands with God

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As we approach the week of Christmas, there are many thoughts that flood our minds. Some of us are concerned about finishing our work before the holiday. We have year-end demands and short weeks to complete them. Sometimes getting ready for a holiday can be worse than not having a holiday. Some of us are still trying to finish Christmas shopping. Many of us are faced with the age old question “what do you get someone who has everything?”. Or at least purchasing something for someone who could purchase what they wanted. The Christmas parties, concerts, gatherings, traditions and expectations cause us wonder how we can juggle a busy schedule in the next two weeks. Others of us are ignoring the carols, lights, Christmas trees and decorations because this year they bring us more sorrow than joy. Many are struggling this season with the fear and anxiety that has become our constant companion in a world of political strife and violence. Of course there are many who are full swing into the Christmas spirit. They are baking, throwing parties, volunteering for charities and loving every moment of the season. With a mighty “Ho, Ho, Ho, and Merry Christmas!” they drop in for a moment and then they are on their way to the next party. All around us there are people who are approaching this Christmas Season in different ways. I think if we are honest with ourselves we might discover that we have all of these thoughts during this Advent/Christmas Season.

Here is the good news and it really is good news. Christmas will come this year and it does not depend on our mood, circumstance or condition. That is the amazing part of Christmas. Jesus came to a world that was already filled with sorrow, questions, busyness, political strife and violence. Jesus was born to a father and mother who were “on the move” and being obedient to a government decree. Jesus was born to a people who had been waiting and praying for relief from oppression. The good news was proclaimed to everyday working people like the shepherds who were not expecting a “God moment” in the humdrum of life. Jesus was born as Herod sought to hang onto power and others suffered loss from his brutal hand. Jesus came when the “wise” were questioning and wondering if God still performed wonders.

Christmas will come this year. It will roll around on the calendar and the day we celebrate God becoming man will come. If you are busy and overwhelmed I hope that you will

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This Sunday At Trinity

Sunday, December 20

Live Nativity

- 8:45am Worship: Lessons & Carols
(Sanctuary)
- 9:30 Welcome Center Opens (Narthex)
- 9:45 Sunday School
(Bible Study for all ages)
- 10:55 Worship: Lessons & Carols
(Sanctuary)
Extended Teaching Care
(E100 Hallway)
- 7:00pm College Christmas Party
(Offsite)

Sunday, December 27

- 8:45am Worship: Student Day at
Christmas (Sanctuary)
- 8:45 Children's Ministry Comm.
Meeting (FH)
- 9:30 Welcome Center Opens (Narthex)
- 9:45 Sunday School
(Bible Study for all ages)
- 10:55 Worship: Student Day at
Christmas (Sanctuary)
Extended Teaching Care
(E100 Hallway)

Office & ROC Closed

Wednesday, December 23 - Friday,
December 25 & Friday, January 1

Advent

Check out this online devotion for Advent. Go to www.D365.org or www.followingthestar.org and find scripture, prayer, and meditative thoughts, accompanied by gentle music, which can be accessed every day.

NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES

This Week's Food Pantry Needs:

- Instant Oatmeal
- Small Cans of Tuna
- Canned Pastas

Following Jesus... *continued*

find a moment of rest for your mind and body. If you are filled with fear and anxiety, I hope that you will know a peace that only God can bring. If you are lonely or filled with sorrow, I pray you will know that God loves you. If you are celebrating and party hopping, I hope that somewhere between one Grandma's house and the other, you will find a quiet stillness and hear the whisper of God. Christmas will come just as surely as Jesus came. I pray that this Christmas you will know that in Jesus God has come to you.

Merry Christmas!

2016 Discipleship

Starting January 6
Wednesdays • 6:15pm

Bible Study

led by David Brantley
A study of the Gospel of Luke

Companions in Christ

led by Dr. Jeff Roberts

Companions Along the Way

led by Hal Melton

Staff Anniversaries

Steve Byers, Assoc. Pastor of Worship & Music, celebrates his 8 year anniversary with Trinity Baptist Church on December 17th. Please take the time to say a personal word, write a note or place a phone call to Steve or offer words of encouragement and support for the fine job he is doing.

Deacon of the Week

Week of Dec. 20

Jim Berry has been a member of Trinity since 2008 and is a native of OK. He and his wife, Ann have three children: Erin, Scott and Bruce and six grandchildren: Jack, Annie, Zachary, Sam, Olivia and Cameron. Jim is an Environmental Consultant. He serves as TNT Leader. He also serves on the Wednesday Kitchen Krewe, Evangelistic-Outreach Committee and Hospital Ministry Team. He works with the Kissinger/SS. He also works with deacons Walt Campbell and Baron Hignite.



Week of Dec. 27

Pat York has been a member of Trinity since 1977 and is a native of Raleigh. She and her husband, David have three children: Julia, Katheryn and Nash. Pat works as an Associate Director Global IT Business Systems at Quintiles. She works as an ETC Volunteer and serves with the Endowment Committee and Student Ministry Advisory Committee. She works with the Allen/York SS Class. She also works with deacons Stewart Price and Paul Gubbins.



Capital Project Renderings

Our Facilities Master Planning Committee is displaying renderings for our Capital Project in the Narthex, Building A and in the ROC. We hope you will take the time to look at the drawings and floor plans. In addition, we have set up the following email for responses and suggestions in preparation for town hall meetings in January. The email is tbcfmpc@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued prayers and input into this important decision for our congregation.

Fellowship Dinners will resume on January 6.

Year-End Contribution Reminder

Any contributions that you want to be on your 2015 tax statement, must be turned into the Financial Administrator by December 31st.

The **only** exception to this rule is an envelope postmarked by December 31st. Remember that the church office will be closed:

Wednesday, December 23rd

Thursday, December 24th

Friday, December 25th

Friday, January 1st

Any stock contributions for 2015 must be received by Trinity or in Trinity's account by December 31st to be counted as a 2015 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!

Committee Night

Sunday, January 3 • 5:30pm

This annual event is held so that all our committees can welcome their new members and get started on plans for the new year. At 5:30pm we'll enjoy a snack dinner and welcome/prayer. Then each committee will go to an assigned room. These meetings last no more than an hour. If you volunteered to serve on a committee next year and your committee is meeting that night, you will receive a personal invitation in the mail. Please plan to be present and get the new year started with excitement at TBC! If you don't receive an invitation in the mail, it simply means your committee meets on a regular basis and has chosen to have its first meeting at another time.

Senior Adult Ministries...the Better Half of Life

Rev. Hal Melton, hmelton@tbcraleigh.com

NC MUSEUM OF HISTORY

North Carolina's Favorite Son, **Billy Graham** & His Remarkable Journey of Faith

Monday, January 11 • 9:15am



Senior adults – come one, come all and let's go see the amazing exhibit on the life of world evangelist, Billy Graham, who was born in Charlotte, NC. We'll ride on the church vans and be dropped off at the front door. There is NO COST to see the exhibit. Afterwards we'll eat lunch (on your own) at Pharaoh's - a restaurant which is actually in the museum. This is a day trip you don't want to miss! Sign-up at the B200 Hallway. This outing will fill up fast!

Nursing Homes & Homebound Visits

Wednesday, December 16 • 10:00am • Fellowship Hall

Adult Ministry & Missions

Rev. Hal Melton, hmelton@tbcraleigh.com

McCreary County, KY Clothing Ministry Collection

Trinity has been a partner with Hills and Hollers Ministries' Clothing Co-Op, the "Pine Knot Center" for several years now. What a blessing it is to help meet the basic needs of over 1,500 families in one of the 20 poorest counties in the nation.

Please help by donating winter clothing – **especially for toddlers and children.** Bring your lightly used clothing to the bin at the B200 hallway entrance. Items will be taken to the Pine Knot Center about every 6 weeks. We always can use children's car seats, strollers, high chairs, booster seats, etc. Thank you.

Calendar Now! **Missions Saturdays**

January 23

Habitat House Construction

February 20

Habitat House Construction

March 19

Habitat House Construction

April 16

Operation InAsMuch

World Missions Offering

Supporting Career Baptist Missionaries



Collection In December • TBC Goal: \$50,000
Given to Date: \$29,629.65

Join with other Baptists around the world in this Christmas Season Offering to support our Overseas Career Missionaries! We have a wonderful heritage of taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to everyone across the globe in obedience to Jesus' final command of His followers in Matthew 28:19-20. It is hard to imagine that there are still unreached people groups who haven't heard of God's love and grace found in Jesus. But there are. And God continues to call individuals and families to full-time foreign missions service. This offering goes directly to missionary support

– salary, housing, insurance, transportation and other critical needs. Please give generously – their mission literally depends on our faithfulness.

As always, you can choose to give through the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and/or through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Mission Board. Please use the special offering envelope and mark your preference. Let your first Christmas gift be to our World Missions Offering! Thanks.

CDL Driver Needed

For Dental Unit Mission • Operation InAsMuch

April 22, 2016

As part of Operation InAsMuch this spring, we will again be hosting the NC Baptist Dental Unit at Alliance Medical Ministries off New Bern Avenue near Wake Med hospital. We have dentists, dental assistants and hygienists. But we need someone who is qualified to drive the Unit from Cary to New Bern Avenue in the morning and then back that afternoon. Your CDL license must be "air brakes" certified. If you can help with this important part of the mission (or know someone who can), please contact Hal Melton at hmelton@tbcraleigh.com or 919-787-3740. Thanks!



Christmas Box Collection

NRM always provides special Christmas meal boxes to families in need in North Raleigh. In order to have everything in hand and organized, we are beginning the food drive now. Here are the items needed for the boxes this year:

- 2 ½ lb bags of Flour & Sugar
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Vegetables (variety)
- Canned Fruit (variety)
- Evaporated Milk
- Oil or Pam
- Pie Crusts

Music Ministry

Rev. Steve Byers, slbyers@tbcraleigh.com

There are so many people to thank for making our Christmas cantata, *Christmas Is Jesus*, a wonderful experience of worship this past Sunday. It is such a joy to work with our Trinity Sanctuary Choir on a weekly basis all year long, but it is also a joy to work with others who have been preparing behind the scenes for their roles in worship leadership. Special thanks to our choir, accompanists, and children's choirs for their parts in the cantata. I want to especially thank our children's parents, soloists, worship leaders, children's choir directors, Jon Dees (sound), and those leaders in Sunday School and in ETC for their support throughout this season and this great day of worship. I personally pray that the message of this cantata rings loudly to all of us. In a world desperately needing peace, only Jesus can bring the true peace we all seek. It is only found in the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, our Lord. May we all ponder the hope, peace, joy, and love this Christmas now and always.

Special thanks to our Bells of Praise and Children's Choirs for sharing their gift of Christmas music to us this past Sunday night. I have been blessed by how many people are involved in our music ministry, and each week we see the fruits of good teaching and training in music. Thank you, directors, leaders, and parents for making this a wonderful season of music-making!

It has been a privilege to have Amy Byers lead our Music Makers Choir over the past few years. Amy has provided a tremendous amount of leadership to our young singers and has helped prepare them for future choir involvement at Trinity, and we are grateful for her leadership. Unfortunately, she has to step away from the role of Music Makers Choir Director for health reasons, and we will miss her greatly! **Alma Hoffmann**, one of the Music Makers Choir leaders, is going to step in and take this leadership role in the New Year. Join me in praying for Amy as she heals and also for Alma as she prepares to lead our children. Trinity has been gifted with such wonderful leadership in our children's choirs, and we are grateful that God continues to use them in our music ministry.

Music Calendar

Take notice of the music calendar below to stay up to date with choir rehearsals and upcoming music events!

December 16

No Choirs or Ensemble Rehearsals

December 20

Lessons and Carols
Both Morning Services

December 23

No Choirs or Ensemble Rehearsals

December 24

Christmas Eve Services
5:00pm & 10:00pm

December 27

Student Day
Both Morning Services

Practices Resume January 2016

FirstLight Resumes

January 3 • 4:00 pm

All Other Choirs & Ensembles Resume

January 6 and January 10
Normal Rehearsal Times

Easter is Early in 2016

We will begin our Easter cantata rehearsal on January 8 and 9 with our spring choir retreat here at Trinity. This is a good time to come and get acquainted with the choir folk and begin rehearsals for a very important time of the year in our church. The Easter cantata will be presented on March 20 in both morning services. Come be a part of the choir ministry at Trinity. So many people have found their way to the loft and continue to serve year after year. There's always room for more!



Student Calendar

December 20

College Christmas Party
7:00pm

December 27

Student Led Worship
Both Worship Services

December 31

MS New Year's Eve Celebration
6:00pm

January 2-4

College Passion Conference

January 6

Wednesday Night Activities Return

January 10

Sunday Night Activities Return
High School Finance Class

Come Support Trinity Hoops!

• BOYS •

Friday, December 18th

Smith (5th/6th) • 6:30pm • Trinity Gym
Moore • 7:30pm • Trinity Gym

Friday, December 18th

Warren (10th) • 8:30pm • Trinity Gym

Saturday, December 19th

Warren (10th) • 10:00am • Trinity Gym
Hall (11th) vs Moore • 9:00am • Trinity Gym

• GIRLS •

Saturday, December 19th

MS • 2:00pm • Trinity Gym
HS Blue • 3:00pm • Trinity Gym
HS Gray (11th) • 4:00pm • Trinity Gym

HIGH SCHOOL Ski Retreat

Winterplace Ski Resort • Beckley, WV

January 29-31 • Cost: \$190

Registrations Due December 20

Join us for our winter ski retreat! We know you will need some rest and relaxation after exams end and a new semester begins! Come with us skiing! We will be heading up to Winterplace and Glade Springs Resort for a weekend full of skiing, snowboarding, and having so much fun together.

College Christmas Party

Sunday, December 20 • 7:00pm

Our annual College Christmas Party will be hosted by the Devault's this year! Everyone is encouraged to bring a small \$5 gift for the gift exchange game! College students should be checking their mail boxes for the invitation.

MIDDLE SCHOOL New Year's Eve Celebration

Thursday, December 31
6:00pm - 10:00pm

Join us for our annual Middle School New Year's Eve Celebration as we enjoy pizza at CiCi's and then head to Frankies for a night of fun! Plan to drop-off and pick-up outside the Underground.

Education & Families

Rev. Karen Metcalf Eickhoff, kmetcalf@tbcraleigh.com

Global 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.

Serving Hands



Children's Day

March 6, 2016

Children will be participating in all aspects of the morning worship services. This is an awesome worship experience with children leading and participating. We have a wonderful lead team that is getting started with the planning. Let me know if you are a child and want to participate.

Worship Notebooks

for Grades K-3 Children

You can continue to find notebooks displayed in our Narthex for children to pick up as they enter the sanctuary. They are to be used during the worship hour. The worship guides are intended to do just that-- Guide the child while he/she is in worship. Please take time to locate a notebook, share with your child in the experience of worship, and complete pages as time allows. Then take out the pages your child wrote on and return the notebooks back to the area first picked up.

Children's Ministry Committee Meeting

Sunday, December 27 • 8:45am

We will take down the Fellowship Hall Christmas Tree.

2016 Summer Dates

Mark These Dates and Get Ready!

Vacation Bible School • June 16-18

Passportkids Camp • July 5-8

WANTED

More Kind & Loving Care Givers Extended Teaching Care needs your support!

We take volunteers age 15 and up that will love and nurture our youngest members during worship each week. We even allow younger youth to serve with a qualified adult. We will screen you and do a background check to protect you- the worker, and the children. We are doing another enlistment push as we look forward to adding some new hostesses in the new year. Please consider serving or re-enlisting. Call the office today at (919) 787-3740 or see Karen, Tamara Rouse or Alice Mathis about volunteering.

- ETC may be the largest ministry in a church and requires more volunteers than any other ministry.
- ETC is a valuable opportunity to minister to preschoolers or special needs children by providing fun, Bible-learning experiences which lay foundations for their faith in Jesus Christ.

Volunteer Today!

Contact Karen (kmetcalf@tbcraleigh.com) or call the church office (919-787-3740) and speak to RaNada Thornton.

Facts about ETC:

- ETC is Extended Teaching Care, a ministry provided for preschoolers and their families during worship services before or after Sunday School or Discipleship.
- ETC is the first impression parents have of your church and the last impression preschoolers have of church.

Children's Ministry Holiday Calendar

December 20

Live Nativity
During Sunday School

December 24

Christmas Eve Services

January 6

Wednesday Activities Resume
with Music and Missions

January 10

Bible Drill and Bible Buddies Resume

ETC Committee Meeting

Committee Night • January 3

You may come to the soup and sandwich meal at 5:30 then go to E245 (craft room on grade school hallway) for meeting with Tamara and Alice while stuffing your envelopes!

Advent

Advent Calendars and Advent resources are available in the hallways for families to use and enhance their family worship during the Christmas Season. Many activities and programs are provided for your family this season. Take time to hunt for a Nativity ornament to place on the Fellowship Hall Tree and make plans to share the season with fellow believers at Trinity.

ROC Volunteers

• **Closed** •
for Gym Floor Maintenance

Monday, December 21
through Tuesday, December 22

• **Closed** •
for Christmas Holiday
Wednesday, December 23
through Friday, December 25

Saturday, December 26

9am - 12pm *Closed*

Monday, December 28

8am-11am H.L. Warren
11am-2pm Robin Wells
3pm-6pm Becky Dribbon
6pm-9pm Bill & JoAnn Sessoms

Tuesday, December 29

8am-11am Frank Evans
11am-2pm Sonya Bankston
3pm-6pm Nancy Hurt
6pm-9pm Debbie Thomas, Valerie York

Wednesday, December 30

8am-11am Joyce Lindsay
11am-2pm *Volunteers Needed*
7:45pm-9pm *Closed*

• **Closed** •
for New Year's Eve Holiday

Thursday, December 31
through Friday, January 1

Saturday, January 2

9am - 12pm *Closed*

• **Closed** •
for Upward Ministry
Saturdays through February 27

** The volunteers schedule is subject to change. If no volunteer is available the ROC may close, even during regular hours.*

ROC Hours

December 20 - December 26

Closed
for Gym Floor Maintenance
& Christmas Holiday

December 27 - January 2

Monday • Tuesday
8:00 am - 2:00 pm • 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Wednesday • 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Closed Saturdays
through February '16

ROC Closed Saturdays to the
General Public during RBA and
Upward Basketball Season

ROC Activities

December 20 - December 26

Closed
for Gym Floor Maintenance
& Christmas Holiday

December 27 - January 2

M, W • 7:00-8:00 am • Gym
Cardio Strength Training

W • 9:00-10:00 am • Gym
Stroller Strides

T • 5:30-6:30 am • Gym
Fit4 Mom/Body Back Class

T • 9:00-10:00 am • Gym
Dance-It Group Fitness Class

T • 9:00-9:45 am • MP Room
Senior Adult Strength and Stretch • **FREE**

We Need Your Help

We have open spots on the permanent ROC schedule (3-hour shifts) and need volunteers to fill these.

Unfortunately, the ROC needs to close during shifts where no volunteer is available.

- 1st Monday • 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- 1st Wednesday • 11:00am - 2:00pm
- 1st & 4th Wednesday • 7:45 - 9:00pm
- 3rd Friday • 11:00am - 2:00pm

Please contact Michelle (memmering@tbcraleigh.com) or call the church office (919-787-3740) for more information.

UPWARD 100 Days of Prayer

November 22 - March 1

Join us as we pray for the Upward Basketball and Cheerleading Season. To participate please email info@tbcupward.com.

ROC Calendar

Upward Celebration
March 1, 2016

ROC'n Golf Tournament
May 16, 2016

9th Annual NH5k
September 10, 2016

Basketball Schedule

Boy's Student Ministry Home Game

December 18

- 6:30pm Fr: Hayes Barton vs Trinity
- 7:30pm Sr: Trinity M vs Hayes Barton
- 8:30pm Sr: Trinity W vs Holy Trinity

December 19

- 9:00am Sr: Trinity M vs Trinity H
- 10:00am Sr: Trinity W vs Bayleaf M

January 8

- 6:30pm Fr: Cary Bapt vs Trinity
- 7:30pm Sr: Trinity M vs Raleigh
- 8:30pm Sr: Trinity W vs Providence

January 15

- 6:30pm Jr: Rolesville vs Trinity B
- 7:30pm Sr: Rolesville vs Trinity W

January 22

- 6:30pm Fr: Trinity vs Rolesville
- 7:30pm Jr: Trinity B vs Cary Meth
- 8:30pm Sr: Trinity M vs Bayleaf M

January 29

- 6:30pm Fr: Trinity vs Hayes Barton
- 7:30pm Jr: Trinity G vs Holy Trinity

February 5

- 6:30pm Fr: Raleigh vs Trinity
- 7:30pm Sr: Trinity H vs Holy Trinity

February 12

- 6:30pm Jr: Cary Bapt vs Trinity B
- 7:30pm Sr: Cary Meth vs Trinity H

Girls' Student Ministry Home Game

December 19

- 2:00pm FBC Raleigh MS vs. Trinity MS
- 3:00pm FBC Raleigh vs. Trinity Blue
- 4:00pm Trinity Gray s. Christ

January 16

- 5:30pm Trinity Blue vs. Cary Green
- 6:30pm Trinity MS vs. Cary FBC MS

January 23

- 6:30pm FUMC vs. Trinity Gray

February 6

- 5:30pm Trinity Blue vs. Christ
- 6:30pm Trinity MS vs. FBC Raleigh MS

February 13

- 6:30pm Trinity Gray vs. Trinity Blue

Results / standings: <http://www.bayleaf.org/other/rbabasketball/rball.htm>

ETC Workers

• **Sunday, December 20** •

Hostess: Ashley Hardison

Assistant Hostess: Alice Mathis

8:45 am Worship Service

Ann Marie & Emma Grace Benjamin,
Steve Patrick, Ryan & Wendee Smith, Jeff or
Amanda Dayton, Anne Suggs

10:55 am Worship Service

0-4 mos Rhonda Torchio, Meghan Barney
5-10 mos Susan Andrews, Jane Sizemore
11-14 mos Kendra Fuller
15-19 mos Jill or Eric Foster
20-24 mos Meredith Martin
2 yrs Marty Bryant, Brook or Michael Miller
3 yrs Abby & Emma & Richard Keeter,
Sarah or Ellis Payne
4 yrs Nina Honeycutt

• **Sunday, December 27** •

Hostess: Teran Canterbury

Assistant Hostess: Allison Harris

8:45 am Worship Service

Robin Roberts, Mable Christian, Amanda Price,
Jennifer Harrison, Heather & Payton Macsuga, Terri
Donofrio, Joe Gilroy, Ana Hoffman

10:55 am Worship Service

0-4 mos Amy Patrick
5-10 mos Abby Pemberton, Mary Ann Hickland
11-14 mos Kaleo Bullard, Julie Anna Kaufman
15-19 mos Nicole Smith, Beth Bullard
20-24 mos Leigh Abbott, Susan Blakely
2 yrs Matt Canterbury, Jay Abbott
3 yrs Scott Binford, Tim Pemberton
4 yrs Ray Patrick, April Hamblin

Vision for Growth December 6, 2015

Growing through Bible Study...

Members Age Group	Present	New Members	Visitors
Adults	577	2	12
Students	150	0	3
Children	78	0	0
Preschool	63	0	1
Totals	868	2	16
Sunday School			Total 886

Growing through Worship...

8:45am Worship Attendance	397
10:55am Worship Attendance	864
Total Worship Attendance	1,261

Growing through Stewardship...

(YTD totals through 11/30/2015)

YTD General	
Fund Needs (Budget)	\$2,592,960.00
YTD Operating Receipts	\$2,577,711.86
YTD Operating Expenses	\$2,278,286.02

Capital Campaign

Capital Campaign Pledges	\$4,161,670.00
Pledged Money Received	\$1,447,673.15
Total Received	\$1,578,898.05

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