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Following Jesus...

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
From the Trinity Baptist Church Staff

Christmas for me is always a time of looking back and looking forward. Just as it is in the life of our Lord Jesus, looking back we remember His birth and then we turn our attention forward to His life and Easter celebration. Christmas for me is a time to look back on a year gone by and to give thanks for God's indescribable gift in Christ that provides God's presence, no matter what our challenges and celebrations may have been. This past year, like so many of you, I have suffered the loss of a loved one that brings new perspective to life. I look back and remember God's presence and your presence to me. I look back and remember God's presence in joyous celebrations, like weddings and new beginnings in our family. I look back and remember those who are no longer in this journey of life with us due to death, illness or relocation. In all of this... God is present.

However, I also look forward. I know that God, who has been present in the past, will be with us in the future days. I enter 2015 with a renewed sense of God's work in my life and in the life of our congregation. I see this year as transitional for our congregation. Our church, like all churches, continues to change in regards to leadership, membership and opportunities. We are experiencing an aging of a core population in our church that will require new attention to care and also create a need for others to step into ministry roles. This is a natural part of the life cycle of a congregation and we must embrace it with faith in

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Sunday At Trinity

Sunday, December 21

- 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)
12:00pm Arabic Church Fellowship (FH)
2:00 Deacon & Spouse Open House
Drop In: Pastor's Home (Offsite)
7:00 Church Conference (Chapel)

Office Closed: December 24 - 26th

Sunday, December 28

Student Day in Worship

- 8:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 Welcome Center Opens (Narthex)
9:45 Sunday School (Bible Study for all ages)
10:55 Extended Teaching Care (E100 Hallway)

Office Closed: January 1

Seeking Foster Parents

Are you ready to open your heart and home to a child in need?

Thompson Child and Family Focus will be having classes for people interested in becoming Foster parents. Trinity will be hosting this effort during January and February. The program highlights include: short-term, long term, and respite care for children ages birth to 21 years.

You are invited to be their guest for dinner to learn more about Thompson Foster Services and the critical need for foster homes in our community on December 18.

To reserve your spot or sign-up for the 8 week training, contact Mary Mackins at (919) 294-6862 or mmackins@thompsoncff.org.

Following Jesus... *continued*

our future. This year will be the year we finally make our decisions regarding our expansion of facilities. After years of hard work by so many, it is my hope we will begin to see the physical evidence of our labor. This will call on us to be transitional in regards to space and time. This year we will continue to see new faces and new members finding their place at Trinity. In recent months I have been meeting with many new people, who have chosen to make Trinity their church. There is no doubt that this will be a transitional year. The question is whether it will be transformative.

We can transition due to seasons of life whether individually or corporately but if we allow God to work in these transitions, things will not only be different but we will be different. If we face this coming year with a renewed commitment to following Jesus, sharing the gospel with others in word and deed and making a priority of our time to be present to one another, we will surely be transformed.

Jesus came not to only make a transition, but to transform us. I hope as you look back this year you will be grateful for God's presence. I pray that as you look forward you will consider how your faith in Christ and your love for His church and mission will transform your time, talents, resources and lives.

I always remember this time of year God's promise "He who began in a good work in you will be faithful to bring it to completion."

Women's Book Club

December 18 • 7:00pm • Parlor
Facilitator: Beth Duke

The Art of Racing in the Rain
by Garth Stein

Advent 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.

Deacon of the Week

Week of December 21

Jim Berry has been a member of TBC since 2008. He is a native of OK and grew up in Baton Rouge, LA and moved to Raleigh with his wife, Ann, in 1968. They have three children, Erin, Scott and Bruce and six grandchildren. Jim is a self-employed environmental consultant. He serves on the Food Service, Bereavement & Evangelism Committees. He serves the Adult 2/Coed 1 SS Class and works with deacons Frank Evans and Baron Hignite.



Week of December 28

Johnny Teal has been a member of Trinity since 2008 and is a native of Rockingham. He and his wife, Susan have two children: Lori and Amy; and four grandchildren. Johnny is a retired Database Services Manager from Progress Energy. He serves as TNT Leader, ROC Volunteer, Preschool Reader and Substitute Teller. He serves on the Security Committee, Preschool Committee and a WIHN Volunteer. He works with the Adult-1 Co-ed 1 SS Class. He also works with deacons Ben Kaufman and Ginger Boyle.



Year-End Contribution Reminder

Any contributions that you want to be on your 2014 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. Please remember that the church office will be closed: Wednesday, December 24th thru 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!

Committee Night

Sunday, January 4
6:00pm • Fellowship Hall

All Committees will meet except for Deacons, Children's ministry, Student ministry, Weekday Preschool, Food Services, Fund Trustee/Endowment, Media Center, Personnel, Tellers and Transportation.

CPR Training

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

Cost: \$45 for certification
\$25 for non certification

This is an awesome opportunity we have available at our church. Scholarships are available. Please sign-up in the Narthex to reserve your spot.

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.

Deepest Sympathies

Catherine & Luby Wood upon the death of Catherine's sister, Gertie Wood Lewis of Knightdale, NC on December 11th.

NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES

This Week's Food Pantry Needs:

- Canned Fruit
- Cooking Oil
- Small Bags Flour & Sugar

Senior Adult Ministries...the Better Half of Life

Rev. Hal Melton, hmelton@tbcraleigh.com

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.

Companions Along The Way

Begins Wednesday, January 7
6:15-7:30 pm • Parlor

One of our many opportunities for spiritual formation through our Discipleship ministries at TBC is a small group gathering. This is a time of quiet reflection and silent prayer that many find wonderfully refreshing in the middle of a busy week. In addition, we read a book together on some aspect of our journey of transformation into the image of Christ. We will read and discuss a book exploring the history and practice of Celtic Christianity. The book is "Thin Places: An Evangelical Journey into Celtic Christianity" by Tracy Balzer, and copies will be available for \$10 at the first gatherings. Please come and join us, simply as companions on our journey of faith.

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

Mccreary Co., Ky Summer Mission Opportunities

Construction & Vacation Bible School

July 18-25

We will continue our Rural Poverty Initiative mission in one of the poorest counties in the US this summer. One team will work on substandard housing through Hills and Hollers Ministries as we have done for many years. The other team will plan and do a Vacation Bible School for children in need both physically and spiritually, at the Eagle Community Center. Cost of these week-long missions is \$275 including transportation, lodging, meals and T-shirt. Cost of building materials and VBS supplies is covered by our TBC Missions Budget. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rev. Melton at hmelton@tbcraleigh.com or 919-787-3740. Sign-up now!



Winter Marriage Retreat

March 6 - 8, 2015
Beach Colony Resort

Parenting – It Makes a Difference in 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!

World Missions Offering Month

We have kicked off our annual offering that supports all our OVERSEAS missionaries, their families and their ministries with our Missions Walk-Down during worship. Trinity's Goal is \$50,000. This goal is set by our Missions Steering Committee. Last Sunday we received \$22,072. We surely will reach our goal if everyone participates. Please give generously as we commit as a church family to spreading the Gospel of Jesus' love around the world through either Southern Baptist or Cooperative Baptist Career Missionaries in 2015.

Please find your special offering envelope – either in your packet at home or in the pews in worship. If you have a preference, please mark which organization you wish your offering to go to. Check BOTH if you would like it to be divided between the two. THANKS!

Items Needed for Community Closets

McCreary Co, KY
<http://hillsandhollers.org>

The Community Closets are helping more than 100 families every week!

Clothes of all sizes and genders are needed, especially young kids, plus size adult and men's jeans.

Any season can be donated any time. HHM will save them if out of season.

Deliveries are being made monthly!

Please pack items in kitchen trash bags to limit weight.

The collection bin is located in the hall in the B building, main floor.

Music Ministry

Rev. Steve Byers, slbyers@tbcraleigh.com

Music Notes

What a fantastic weekend we had this past week with Jay and Amy Rouse as our guest musicians. The presentation of "Come, Messiah King" was beautifully delivered by our Sanctuary Choir. They've worked so hard this season to prepare for the cantata, and it was a great presentation in our worship services. Jay and Amy's contributions musically were very inspiring and it was such a privilege to host them this year. What an honor it was to have the arranger of our cantata in worship with us! And thank you, church, for supporting our Sanctuary Choir and musicians for encouraging our choir each and every week in worship.

Special thanks to the Bells of Praise for adding their musical offerings this past Sunday as well. As you can tell, they have been working diligently throughout the season to prepare for this day in worship. We have been experimenting with different combinations of choral and instrumental groups this year in order to add variety to our musical programming, and hopefully it was a noticeable difference to our worship offerings. I have enjoyed seeing so many people involved in worship! Thank you to all who make our worship music beautiful and uplifting for all of us.

Our Preschool and Children's Choirs sang beautifully last week. It is evident that they have been working very hard this year to prepare their music for the Hanging of Greens as well as their December concert. Special thanks to all of our directors, leaders, children, and parents for making this a great year together!

Prime Time Choir

Prime Time Choir will not meet again until January 6th.

Music Calendar

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

December 17

Church-wide Christmas Caroling

December 21

Orchestra, Trinity Laymen
Both Morning Services

December 28

Student Day

January 4

FirstLight Resumes
4:00pm

January 7

Wednesday Program Begins.
Choirs Resume

January 9-10

Sanctuary Choir Retreat
TBA • Fellowship Hall

January 11

Student Choirs, Bells of Praise Resume

Thank You!

To all of our directors, leaders, children, youth, and parents for making this a fantastic year so far in music ministry! It takes many people and quite a few hours of practice to achieve all that we do in worship at Trinity. The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well here! However, we all should take some time to thank God for His continued provision in our church to have great musicians and leaders who care to teach and lead others in making music for the Lord. It is an honor and privilege to lead, but we can't do it without all of our musicians involved in committing and dedicating their lives to music in the church. Together, with God's help, we are doing some great things in worship. Let's look forward to a new year of commitment and dedication to offering our best in Christian service to and with God's people.



Words from Christian

This past Wednesday night, our middle and high school students finished off another semester of Northbound and D-Teams with a Christmas D-Team Celebrations. During this time, the students were able to choose a fun activity to do with their adult leaders. Some groups played games in the ROC. Other groups exchanged Christmas gifts. And most, if not all groups, managed to work eating food into the mix. For the students, it is an exciting night that they look forward to with anticipation. For the leaders, the idea

of chasing a dozen teenagers around North Hills on a chilly December night might not be quite as exciting. However, our student ministry is so blessed to not only have adult leaders that are willing to participate in this chaos but adult leaders that match the excitement level of the students. We are so thankful for all that our adult leaders do to care for these students and to help them grow in their relationships with God. It is our hope that during these times of fellowship our leaders would also experience the love of Christ through our students.



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!

Church-wide Christmas Caroling



to Senior Adult Members

Wednesday, December 17 • 6:15pm

This is a family event in which we go caroling to our Senior Adult Members. Dinner that night starts at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall and you can sign-up in the Church Office if you haven't already.

Student Day

Sunday, December 28

This special morning of worship will be led entirely by our middle and high school and college students. If you are interested in leading in music, reading Scripture, leading in prayer, or serving as an usher, please contact Lydia at ltatum@tbcraleigh.com.

Education & Families

Rev. Karen Metcalf Eickhoff, kmetcalf@tbcraleigh.com

Blessings to you this Christmas!

My prayer is that each of you will find hope, peace, joy and love within your families and your loved ones. This will be a different one for many of us. But Christ still lives and offers us redemption and peace in the midst of a crazy and hurting world.

Glory to God in the Highest!

Christmas Trees

The **Family Christmas Tree** is in the Fellowship Hall for families of Trinity to add a nativity ornament to it.

The Royal Ambassador Tree This tree is displayed on the Grade School Hallway. The ornaments are for the taking. Please take an RA emblem card ornament home and note the name of a future missionary on the back of the card. We are asking you to pray for the child and their availability to serve God as a missionary.

Mission Well

Continue to bring your coins to give to the Global Mission Offering throughout December!

Children's Day *Made in God's Image*

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. Mark the date!

Holiday Calendar

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, January 4

Committee Night

Wednesday, January 7

Wednesday Activities Resume
With Music and Missions

Sunday, January 11

Bible Drill and Bible Buddies Resume

Discipleship

Discipleship is an ever-constant evolution in our lives. We need to constantly seek God and grow in our personal relationship with Christ. We will be offering great opportunities in the new year to help toward your discipleship growth whether it be to become a stronger family member, a student of God's word, or as a teacher that shares your faith.

Please check out these offerings:

- Discipleship Academy:
An Invitation to the New Testament
- Parenting: Love and Logic
- Parenting: Dare to Discipline
- TNT: An extraordinary Life

Passportkids Summer Camp

July 6 - 9 • Montreat, NC
For children in current grades 3-5

Brochures will be out soon.
Mark your calendars!

Words from Carla

Have you ever wondered what the shepherds thought when they saw an angel appear before them with the good news of the Messiah being born? It was probably a dark night and out of the blue, the sky lights up with this beautiful glow. They had to be scared to death. That must be why the angel said, "Do not be afraid". In the middle of what was an ordinary night, they were told a Savior has been born. They may have been caught off guard at first, especially hearing the Messiah they had been waiting for had arrived as a baby. They were waiting for God to send a King, but a baby? With their trust in God, they set out to see this King.

Imagine that, God sent His angel, who was later joined by a multitude of angels, which must have really lit the sky up, to the ordinary shepherds. I emphasize this point, because I am sure being a shepherd was a tiring and even dirty job. Probably not a job that brought a lot of recognition or status. God did not send His angels to the most prestigious group and have them come to the stable where Christ was born. A baby who was the Savior born to save us all in a dirty stable, and Mary and Joseph, well some did not even know who they were. If the most prestigious had been told first, would they have even come



to a stable? Ordinary people in ordinary jobs and situations were equipped by God to accomplish the greatest miracle of all. To deliver a message to the world, which the shepherds did, and a simple young lady, alongside her husband to deliver Christ, our Savior to the world.

God is always using ordinary moments and people and turning them into extraordinary things. Be encouraged during this special time of year that God can use anyone to accomplish His will. He equips those He has called to do things that seem impossible. Don't ever think God can't use you to accomplish great and mighty things. He looks at our hearts, not our status. That is why we all are welcome to accept His gift, His son, Jesus Christ. Have a Christ filled week!

Volunteers Needed

**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.

Volunteers, Leaders, Hostesses, Teachers Training

January 11 & 18 • 6:00 - 7:00pm

Volunteers, leaders, hostesses, and teachers in the Preschool Ministry, a training will be offered January 11 and 18 from 6:00-7:00pm. Sign-up sheets are located in the Preschool workroom and mother's room.

ROC Volunteers

**Monday, December 22 thru
Saturday, December 27**

Closed

Monday, December 29

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

Tuesday, December 30

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

Wednesday, December 31

8am-11am Joyce Lindsey
11am-2pm Ernest & Ann Tilley
7:45pm-9pm *Closed*

Thursday, January 1

Closed

Friday, January 2

8am-11am Jayne Simpkins
11am-2pm Pat Altman

Saturday, January 3

9am - 12pm Michael Stines

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

Join Us on
Facebook

Search for
Recreation Outreach Center
of TBC Raleigh

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

Volunteers Needed

2nd Monday 6:00 - 9:00pm
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 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

ROC Activities

December 21 - December 27

Monday, December 22 thru
Saturday, December 27
Closed

December 28 - January 3

Thursday, January 1
Closed

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!

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

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 15, 16 & 18

December 22, 23 & 25
No Practice, Christmas Break

December 29, 30 & January 1
No Practice, New Years Break

January 5, 6 & 8

January 12, 13 & 15

January 19, 20 & 22

January 26, 27 & 29

February 2, 3 & 5

February 9, 10 & 12

February 16, 17 & 19

February 24 • TBC Upward Celebration Night

TBC Fitness Classes

Fitness classes are \$5 per class.

No contract required, with exceptions of Stroller Strides, Boot Camp and Dance-It.

ETC Workers

Sunday, December 21

Hostess: Alice Mathis

Assistant Hostess: Tamara Rouse

8:45 am Worship Service

Becky Dribbon, Sara Jane Morris, Kara Collins,
Sue & Jason Adams, Mandy & Seth Warren,
Bruce Eickhoff

10:55 am Worship Service

0-4 mos Dorothy Petty, Mary Higgins,
Bridget McDuffie
5-10 mos Stacie Forrest
11-14 mos Sandy Cooke
15-19 mos Susan Robinson, Laury Holley
20-24 mos Jacob Arthur, Wynell Stines
2 yrs Tim Robinson, Maury Tepper,
Mary Elizabeth McDonald
3 yrs Christopher Hinkleman, Katie Forrest,
Claudia Daniel
4 yrs Suzanna & Kyle Fay, Christa Johnston

Sunday, December 28

Hostess: Sara Wilson

Assistant Hostess: Andrea Ferree

8:45 am Worship Service

Susan Downing, Scott Greene, Pam Patrick,
Misty & Eddie Deyo, Rod Wilson, Allison Graves

10:55 am Worship Service

0-4 mos Beth Alston, Betty Babyak
5-10 mos Trisha McCoy, Lisa Bradbury
11-14 mos Jennifer Harwell, Melissa Spence
15-19 mos
20-24 mos Susan Lewis, Laura Teague
2 yrs Sandy Veach, Cheryl Fogleman
3 yrs Joe Teague Sr.
4 yrs Hillary Honeycutt, Madi Blashaw

Vision for Growth • December 14, 2014

Growing through Bible Study...

Members	Age Group	Present	New Members	Visitors
Adults		574	0	10
Students		143	0	4
Children		70	0	2
Preschool		68	0	3
Totals		855	0	19
Sunday School				Total 874

Growing through Worship...

8:45am Worship Attendance	483
10:55am Worship Attendance	760
Total Worship Attendance	1,243

Growing through Stewardship...

(YTD totals through 11/30/2014)

YTD General Fund Needs (Budget)	\$2,481,600.00
YTD Operating Receipts	\$2,336,113.04
YTD Operating Expenses	\$2,260,878.02
Capital Campaign	
Capital Campaign Pledges	\$4,159,670.00
Pledged Money Received	\$929,796.26
Total Received	\$976,465.21

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