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# A Word from Our Pastor

For seventy years, Trinity Baptist Church has stood as a witness to the faithfulness of God. What began in 1956 as the vision of a small group of believers has grown into a vibrant congregation shaped by worship, discipleship, fellowship, and mission.

As we reflect on these decades of ministry, we do so with grateful hearts for those who came before us and with hope for those who will follow.

This anniversary book is more than a record of dates, buildings, and names. It is a testimony to the Lord's provision through every season of Trinity's life. In these pages, we remember the prayers, sacrifices, and faithful service of countless members and leaders who helped form this church's witness in Raleigh and beyond.

We honor the legacy we have received, not as something to admire from a distance, but as something we are called to steward with wisdom, humility, and joy.

As I look back over Trinity's story, I am reminded that the strength of this church has never rested merely in its programs or facilities, but in the grace of God at work through His people. The same Lord who guided Trinity's founding has continued to lead, provide, and call us forward. He has been faithful in seasons of beginning, seasons of growth, seasons of challenge, and seasons of renewal.

My prayer is that this book will deepen our gratitude for God's work in the past while also renewing our commitment to the future. We give thanks for the generations who built, served, taught, sang, prayed, gave, and loved in the name of Christ. And we ask God to continue shaping Trinity Baptist Church into a congregation that bears faithful witness for generations still to come.

*With gratitude to God for His faithfulness,*

*Dr. G. Jeffery Roberts*

*Senior Pastor*

*Trinity Baptist Church*



## Seventy Years of God's Faithfulness

As Trinity Baptist Church celebrates its seventieth anniversary, we pause to give thanks for God's faithfulness through every season of its life. From its earliest beginnings, Trinity's story has been one of vision, courage, service, and trust in the Lord's leading. What began as a response to the needs of a growing community along Six Forks Road became, by God's grace, a church family committed to worship, discipleship, fellowship, and mission.

In **1954**, the Missions Committee of the Raleigh Baptist Association, under the leadership of Rev. Lee Pridgen, recognized the need for a Baptist church in the rapidly developing area north of Raleigh. As neighborhoods expanded and more families moved into the community, it became clear that a new congregation was needed to minister to the people of this growing part of the city. The committee voted to take the necessary steps to secure a site and help organize a church. The first planning meeting for this new church was held on Sunday afternoon, **September 11, 1955**, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid

Hill on Bellevue Road. From those early meetings, a vision began to take shape. Services were also held in the homes of several families, and through prayer, planning, and cooperation, the foundation for a new congregation was laid.

After efforts to secure one property proved unsuccessful, the Raleigh Baptist Association purchased land on Six Forks Road that included a large duplex house once used as Oak Grove School. Additional adjoining land was also acquired, creating a site that would become the home of Trinity Baptist Church. Under the leadership of E. H. Roberts, Jr., the men of the church restored the original auditorium, and on Sunday, **January 8, 1956**, the first Sunday School and Worship Service was held. Eighty-nine people attended, and the first offering totaled \$114.

From those humble beginnings, Trinity Baptist Church has grown through the faith and labor of many. Generations of members have joined hands with God through this congregation, giving their time, talents, prayers, and resources so that the good news of Jesus Christ might be proclaimed. Over the years, Trinity has expanded its ministries, welcomed new generations, built spaces to support its mission, and served the community in the name of Christ.

This book tells the story of that faithfulness. It remembers the people who helped shape Trinity's life, the ministries that formed its witness, and the milestones that marked its journey. Above all, it bears witness to the goodness of God, who has led Trinity Baptist Church through seventy years of ministry and continues to call it forward in hope.







Part One

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The Story  
of Trinity

**This 4 Acre Site**

*PURCHASED BY*

— THE —

**RALEIGH BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION**

— FOR A —

*NEW BAPTIST CHURCH*

# The Beginning

As Trinity Baptist Church nears its seventieth anniversary, we reflect with gratitude on the faith and vision that began this journey. Over the decades, the church has become a pillar of the community, dedicated to worship, fellowship, and service. This milestone reflects the enduring commitment of its members and leaders.

In **1954**, the Missions Committee—chaired by Rev. Lee Pridgen, Executive Secretary of the Raleigh Baptist Association—recognized the need for a Baptist church on Six Forks Road. The area was experiencing rapid growth from new residential developments. Under Rev. Pridgen's leadership, the committee recognized that no nearby church could minister to the influx of residents.

The Missions Committee voted to take the necessary steps to secure a site and assist the local community in establishing a church.

The first planning meeting to organize a new Baptist church on Six Forks Road was held on Sunday afternoon, **September 11, 1955**. It took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid Hill on Bellevue Road, with 20 people attending. Similar meetings took place each Sunday afternoon through **November 13, 1955**. Rev. Lee Pridgen answered questions and helped make plans. The group elected C. H. Pritchard as chair and Reid Hill as secretary until the church was organized.

During this same period, a survey was taken to determine the number of prospects in the community. Following several inquiries, the Missions Committee of the association made tentative arrangements with the developers of the Josiah W. Bailey property for the purchase of a site approximately one mile north of Anderson Drive on the south side of Six Forks Road.

Due to difficulties securing the building site on the Bailey property, the Association purchased another site from Mr. H. L. Carter, approximately one-half mile north of the Bailey property on Six Forks Road. This tract contained approximately 2 acres of land and a large duplex house that had earlier served as the Oak Grove School.

At the time of purchase, Joe and James Shaw, along with their families, lived in the duplexes. They were the sons of Hugh and Maude Shaw. 'Mama Shaw' attended Oak Grove School and became closely tied to Trinity's story.

In addition to this site, two acres at the rear of the house were purchased from Mrs. Lizzie Saunders. A strip of land in front, between the old railroad bed and the present road, was bought from Mr. J. W. Huff. In all, a little over four acres and the house were purchased for \$13,800.

Under the leadership of E. H. Roberts, Jr., who coordinated the project and mobilized volunteers, the men of the church restored the original auditorium.

The first service was held on **Sunday, January 8, 1956**. Eighty-nine people attended the first Sunday School and Worship Service, conducted by Rev. Lee Pridgen, who led the inaugural worship. They collected \$114 in the first offering.



Special services were conducted each evening during the subsequent week. These gatherings offered a platform for fellowship, spiritual development, and community engagement. Both members and guests assembled to hear messages that strengthened their faith. These events helped establish relationships that would support the church's ongoing mission. The variety of guest ministers reflected the church's close ties with neighboring congregations and the wider Baptist community.



## *Reception*

Reception for the new minister at Trinity Baptist Church on Sunday were the honoree and Mrs. John D. Stone, standing left, and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pritchard, standing right. Seated in the center is Mrs. E. H. Roberts, in whose home the party was held. (Staff Photo by Billy I...)

# The 1950s

## Dr. Henry Walden, Jr. & Rev. Virgil Merrell, Pastors

On Wednesday evening, **January 18, 1956**, the congregation voted unanimously to request that Dr. Henry E. Walden, Jr., accept the pastorate the church, subject to a formal call. Dr. Walden accepted the call and became the first pastor.

Under the combined leadership and direction of W. M. Christian, Jr., and E. H. Roberts, Jr., who supervised building efforts and organized volunteers, and with the full cooperation of all the men of the church, the auditorium was enlarged to include the front porch. Other remodeling work, overseen by the leadership team, was completed. A new heating system was installed.

In January, the first proposed budget for the remainder of the year was presented at \$7,901. A constitution was written for consideration and adoption. It was read on Sunday morning, **February 5, 1956**. It was decided to postpone its adoption until the first church business meeting, to be held on Wednesday evening, following the first Sunday in March.

On **February 22, 1956**, the church observed the first Lord's Supper.

On **May 9, 1956**, the church voted to accept a Quonset Hut as a gift from Hugh Shaw and William Bass. The building was to be erected as soon as possible to relieve the very crowded Sunday School classroom situation. Work began on the hut in **July 1956**.

The first Vacation Bible School was conducted from **June 8 through June 20, 1956**. Mrs. S. H. Whitworth served as the first principal.

At the **1956** annual meeting of the Raleigh Baptist Association held at the Apex Baptist Church, Trinity was recognized as an official member of the Association.

In **November 1956**, Bill Christian and Doug Mims constructed Trinity's first steeple.

The first Planning and Survey Committee gave its initial report on **September 10, 1958**. This Committee recommended the creation of a Building Committee. At a special Business Meeting, the church elected its first Building Committee.

## It was made up of the following:

*Clarence Pritchard*

*Hugh Shaw*

*Gene Roberts*

*David Butler*

*Andrew Ward*

*Carl Swiggett*

After electing the Building Committee, the church set forth an ambitious vision for its future facilities. Members wanted to create spaces to foster community and support new ministries. Initial discussions stressed that planning should address immediate needs and long-term growth. The new building needed to serve the coming generations as well.

On **April 19, 1959**, Mr. and

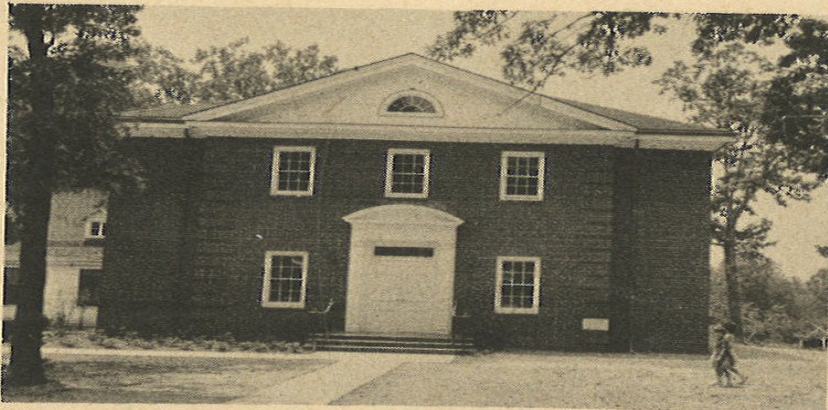


Mrs. Hugh Shaw gave the property to the church to build the parsonage. Construction began on **July 29, 1960**. The building was completed, and the dedication was held on **January 8, 1961**.

At a called Business Meeting on **November 4, 1959**, the Chair of the Building Committee announced that Mrs. Hugh Shaw had offered her former home for relocation to the church property for additional classroom space.

# Biblical Recorder

JUNE 2, 1962



*TRINITY CHURCH in Raleigh Association dedicated the first unit of its long range building program Sunday, May 20—the educational building, front view above. Among those on program were; (left to right) Robert L. Newton of Campbell College; Bill Christian; Pastor John Stone; David Butler; Clarence Pritchard; and Robert L. Costner, associational missionary of Raleigh Association. The present building will be followed by the larger sanctuary, and another educational unit like the first one, later on.*

president.

*May 20, 1962.*

## Local Church To Dedicate New Building

Trinity Baptist Church, at 4815 Six Forks Road, on Sunday will dedicate and lay the cornerstone of its new educational building, the first unit in its permanent church structure.

The Rev. John Stone, pastor, will conduct the dedication service at 11 a.m. and the laying of the cornerstone will follow at noon. There will be a picnic on the nearly - five - acre grounds beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The two-story educational building comprises 5,300 square feet and was designed by Holloway-Reeves, Raleigh architects. The building was constructed at a cost of approximately \$69,000 by Clancy Construction Co.

Trinity Baptist serves Chestnut Hills, North Hills, North Hills Estates, Farrior Hills, Eden Forest, Bellevue Terrace, Drewry Hills, Six Forks Road and the surrounding rural area.

The church was organized on Feb. 5, 1956, and has a current membership of 255 and a Sunday School enrollment of 318.

Principals in Sunday's dedication services will include the Rev. Robert L. Costner, association missionary of the Raleigh Baptist Association; the Rev. Robert L. Newton, professor of Religion at Campbell College, and Dr. Ralph McLain, professor of Religion at Meredith College.

## The 1960s

### Rev. John Stone and Dr. Lamar Brooks, Pastors

On **Sunday, January 10, 1960**, Rev. Virgil Merrell resigned from the ministry for health reasons. A Pulpit Committee was elected at the regular Business Meeting, held **January 13, 1960**. The church called Dr. Ralph McClain from Meredith College to serve as Interim Pastor. He served from February until May 1960.



At a called Business Meeting on **May 18, 1960**, Trinity voted to call Rev. John Dawson Stone as its full-time minister. Rev. Stone answered this call on **June 1, 1960**.

Construction of the first church parsonage began on **July 29, 1960**, on Sandy Forks Road. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shaw presented it to the church. A dedication service was held on **January 8, 1961**. Three pastors and their families lived there. It was later sold.

On Sunday, **July 16, 1961**, the membership gave \$5,319.50 to secure the loan for the construction of the first permanent educational wing of the church. Construction began on **August 7**.

Sunday, **May 20, 1962**, was a banner day for Trinity. Rev. John Stone, pastor, conducted the dedication service at 11:00 a.m. The church dedicated the first unit of permanent church facility. This cost was \$69,000. The cornerstone was  
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laid at noon.

Under William Christian's leadership, the men of the church provided much of the labor needed to renovate the sanctuary in **August 1962**. The sanctuary was refurbished to seat about 300 people.

On **December 18, 1963**, Clarence Pritchard, Chair of the Building Committee, reported on the committee's investigation into the new unit's construction. The plan was to finish the existing building. Architects Holloway and Reeves were hired to design the building and parking. On **May 28, 1964**, bids opened and were rejected as 'too high.' Although the first construction plans failed due to high bids, church leaders and members kept working to expand. During the rest of **1964**, they explored other options, such as different designs, to meet the congregation's needs.

At its regular Business Meeting on **December 16, 1964**, the church approved the Board of Deacons' recommendation to proceed with a \$200,000 addition. Construction began on the back of the first permanent unit, which included classrooms, a kitchen, and a fellowship hall.

Rev. John Stone, then pastor responsible for the church's overall spiritual leadership, submitted his resignation on **June 1, 1964**. He had accepted the call to serve as the new pastor of First Baptist Church of Southern Pines. On

**June 17, 1964**, the Board of Deacons, tasked with securing interim leadership, was instructed to appoint an Interim Pastor. Dr. Thomas Bland, a Professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, accepted the call to serve as the church's Interim Pastor, providing



transitional spiritual leadership.

In a called Business Meeting on **May 26, 1965**, Trinity called Rev. Lamar Judson Brooks to serve as the full-time Pastor effective **July 1, 1965**.

In **1965**, Dr. Lamar Brooks, Pastor, began a weekly publication which was mailed to the membership.



With part of the building completed and the church's ongoing expansion, members recognized the importance of assessing the current situation and formulating future strategies to address the church's evolving needs. In response, the Pastor and the Board of Deacons proposed establishing a Survey and Planning Committee dedicated to the comprehensive ministry of the church. On **March 16, 1966**, the church voted to accept this recommendation.

## **Elected to serve were:**

*Mrs. Allan Drew, Chairman*

*Lamar Brooks, Ex Officio*

*Mrs. E. Robert Brooks*

*Mrs. Paul Brooks*

*Carlton Edwards*

*Mrs. E. Harkey*

*Robert Hawkins*



*Clarence Pritchard  
Walter Stallings  
Alton Strickland  
Mrs. William Warren*

Dr. Brooks resigned in a letter dated **August 12, 1968**. He accepted a call from Wake Forest Baptist Church to serve as its Pastor. In a called business meeting on **August 18, 1968**, the church elected a Pulpit Supply Committee and a Pulpit Committee. Effective **September 22, 1968**, Rev. Ted Janes was called as Interim Pastor. He had served on the faculty at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary with special responsibilities in the Field Work Department.



On **July 10, 1969**, the Pulpit Committee presented its recommendation, Rev. Ray Pollard, who served as Pastor at First Baptist Church in King, N.C. At a called Business Meeting on **August 17, 1969**, upon the recommendation of the Pulpit Committee, Trinity called Dr. Ray Pollard as her Pastor, effective **September 17, 1969**



# The 1970s

## Dr. Ray Pollard and Rev. Travis Styles, Pastors

The Pastor reported that the first Church Activity Bus had been secured and was awaiting overhaul. This bus was donated to the church by Joe Herndon.

The Deacons recommended at the **June 12, 1974**, Business Meeting that the church purchase a new activity bus. Affectionately called "the White Goose," the old bus had seen its best days. A committee was appointed to recommend and purchase the bus following approval by the church.

## Personnel

In the Business Meeting held on **August 19, 1970**, the trustees were instructed to sell the church parsonage on Sandy Forks Road.

At the regular monthly Business Meeting held **April 11, 1973**, Personnel Committee Chairman Bill Granberry announced that Mrs. Rosemary Suggs had been hired as Church Secretary.

After an extended search for the Minister of Music, the Personnel Committee announced at the **October 11, 1978**, Business Meeting that it was recommending Dennis Grass as Minister of Music. Dennis came from the Braggtown Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina.

On **September 11, 1975**, Associate Pastor and Music Director, H.S. Yarborough, submitted his resignation. Rev. Yarborough had been called as Minister of Music at First Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Rev. Ray Pollard submitted his resignation to answer a call from First Baptist Church, South Boston, Virginia.

Music Director Dennis Grass submitted his resignation on **March 30, 1980**.

Pastor Styles read his letter of resignation at the conclusion of the morning

worship service on **May 11, 1980**, four years after he became Trinity's Pastor. His resignation was effective at the close of the evening service. A Pulpit Committee and an Interim Pulpit Committee were named.

During the same meeting, Personnel Committee Chairman Bill Lee announced the

resignation of David Thomas as interim Youth Minister. Pastor Styles presented the church's second request to ordain a member at the **April 11, 1979**, Church Conference. The Central Baptist Church of Miami, Florida, requested that Trinity ordain David Thomas, whom they would call their Associate Pastor. Pastor Styles presented the recommendation to the church, setting the ordination service for the evening service on **May 13, 1979**.



## Long-Range Plans

William Granberry, Chairman. During a called Business Session on **September 27, 1970**, Wilson Morgan, Chairman of the Building Planning Committee, reviewed the committee's work and indicated that an architect had been employed and that the preliminary floor plans for the building were completed. This would provide additional classroom space and an interim sanctuary seating approximately 485 people.

At a called Business Meeting on **March 21, 1971**, the Building Finance Committee began implementing the plan to finance the new building as the second permanent part of the church. The Pastor and Fred Talton, Chairman of the Building Committee, presented Gordon Taylor of the Fidelity Plan, Inc., who explained the "Church Bond" program. The program's target was to raise

\$350,000. On **May 12, 1971**, bids were sent out for the construction of the new Education Building. Bids were received and opened on **June 14, 1971**. The lowest bid went to the firm of Clancy and Theys for \$349,738.

## Groundbreaking Services

Sunday, **July 8, 1971**, was an exciting day for the church. Formal Groundbreaking Services were held, and the church committed itself to this building program.

## Cornerstone Ceremony

First services were held in the newly completed Education Building on **July 16, 1972**. Sunday worship services were held in the new interim sanctuary. A Cornerstone Ceremony was held at 10:30 a.m. following a brief Sunday School session.

## Dedication Services for the Education Building

Formal Dedication Services for the Education Building were held on **September 10, 1972**, at 7:30 p.m. In conjunction with the

### *Our Church Staff*



RAY POLLARD  
Pastor



CURT FINCH  
Youth Minister



MRS. RALPH KELLY  
Minister of Music



1972



celebration, they held a Homecoming Service on **September 24, 1972**. The theme of this service was reminiscing as members recalled significant events. Five former and interim pastors were present.

In an oral history video titled "Remembering Our History," Dorothy Petty shared that the first funeral service held in the new interim sanctuary was for her son, Kenneth "Kenny" Marion Petty, who died at the age of 18 on **November 13, 1972** (The News and Observer, **November 15, 1972**). The service was conducted by Revs. Ray Pollard and Charles Curtis Finch. Burial followed in Montlawn Memorial Park.

At the same **December 15, 1976**, meeting, on the recommendation of the Deacons, the church voted to purchase the Morris property, which lay just north of the church's property. The Morris house was purchased for \$28,000. It became a welcoming home for youth activities.

On **July 6, 1976**, Bob Brooks presented the Deacons' recommendation to establish a building fund for the sole purpose of constructing a sanctuary.

## Long-Range Planning Committee, 1977

On **April 15, 1977**, the church elected a Long-Range Planning Committee. They served until the Building Committee for the permanent sanctuary.



*Gwen Scudder*

*Tom Dimmock*

**In a special Business Meeting on December 11, 1977, the Long-Range Planning Committee**

## presented its Proposals:

- That the church enter a building program to construct a permanent sanctuary with the total cost not to exceed \$700,000

- That the present Nominating Committee be instructed to nominate a Sanctuary Building

Committee of seven members to be elected at the **January 8, 1978**, business meeting

- That during the first six months of **1978**, the congregation undertook a special fundraising drive to add a minimum of \$166,000 to the Building Fund in cash contributions and individual pledges payable over a period not exceeding 36 months

- That a representative of the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention be invited to present the "Together We Build" program to the membership early in **1978**.

The Proposals and the above Resolution were passed by a show of hands, with no dissenting votes. The word was "move ahead."

In the Business Meeting on **January 11, 1978**, the church voted unanimously to elect the following people to the Sanctuary Building Committee to allow for the best continuity, in following through with efforts already underway:

*Bill Granberry*

*Gwen Scudder*



*Tom Dimmock  
Grace Dalton  
Martha Stephenson  
Channing Stone  
George Pearson*

## New Sanctuary

On **November 8, 1978**, a Called Church Conference was held to consider the proposed new Sanctuary. Mr. Rice, of the architectural firm Haskins and Rice, gave a presentation of the proposed building. The church voted unanimously to proceed with the plans as presented. At a follow-up Special Church Conference held on **January 10, 1979**, following a presentation of the final plans developed by the Church Building Committee and the



architects, the church voted to approve the plans and directed the architect to seek bids for the project. Final acceptance of bids was subject to the church's final approval. Bids were sent out, received, and deemed beyond the church's financial abilities. The plans were sent back to the drawing board.

The Sanctuary Building Committee presented the proposed plans for the new sanctuary again on **September 5, 1979**. The architectural firm and the committee had worked for many months to develop another plan that would better align with the church's financial capabilities. These plans were approved unanimously, and a bid was accepted. The Groundbreaking Service was conducted on **November 18, 1979**.



# The 1980s

## Dr. William Jacob Furr, Pastor

On **June 25, 1980**, the Interim Pulpit Committee recommended Dr. John Durham as Interim Pastor. Dr. Durham was the professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

On **July 16, 1980**, a Church Study Committee was established with the mandate to project future needs and plan for potential expansion.

## The individuals named to this committee were:

*Frank Evans, Sunday School Director, Chairman*  
*John Alkire, Buildings and Grounds*  
*Martha Stephenson, Present Building Committee*  
*Steve Stephenson, Church at Large*  
*Dot Riggan, Church at Large*  
*Betty Dew, Church at Large*  
*Harold West, Church Staff,*  
*Ex-Officio*  
*Katie Hatcher, Church Staff,*  
*Ex- Officio*  
*Al Hunter, Buildings and*  
*Grounds*

The Planning Committee for the 25th Anniversary and Sanctuary Dedication Celebration was on **August 20, 1980.**



## The committee included:

*Mrs. John Alkire  
Leland Cottle  
Mrs. Allan Drew  
Mrs. Jim Goldston  
Robert Hawkins  
Mrs. Hugh Shaw*

The committee selected Mrs. Drew as chairperson. Dot Drew presented preliminary plans for the anniversary celebration at the **September 17, 1980**, Business Meeting. The plans received formal approval. The celebration was scheduled for **March 15, 1981**, giving the contractor adequate time to complete the new sanctuary. However, because of defective dye in the fabric for the sanctuary pews, this was changed to **May 3, 1981**. The church voted to call Dr. William J. Furr to become Pastor, effective in early June. Dr. Furr was the Pastor of Northwest Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. In an interview with Virtie Stroup of the Winston Salem Sentinel,

### Dr. Furr said,

*"The decision to leave Northwest has been the hardest decision our family has ever made. We feel very strongly that God's will is for us to move to Raleigh."  
(The Sentinel, 11 May 1981)*



On Sunday, **March 29, 1981**, the first worship service was held in the new Sanctuary. On Sunday, **May 3, 1981**, 925 worshipers gathered to dedicate the new permanent



Sanctuary and celebrate the church's 25th Anniversary. Trinity's Interim Pastor, Dr. John Durham, led the service filled with celebration and dedication. The worship service began with an organ recital by Mrs. Linda Everett, organist. Dr. Durham's

sermon was entitled, 'Faith and the Unseen Future,' based on Genesis 15:1-6 and Romans 4:1-3, 13-25; 5:1-2.

As a gift of love to the church, members contributed \$2,500 in special offerings for a new communion service set.

### **In addition, there were designated gifts which included:**

- *The communion cloths by Mr. and Mrs. Faust Johnson.*
- *The music stand by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyd and Kim and Kristi in loving memory of Mrs. Boyd's father, Mr. Thomas P. Parker.*
- *The stained-glass window in loving memory of Sue Dalton Waldrep by her family and friends.*
- *The offering plates by Mr. and Mrs. Allan Drew in honor of their grandchildren, Jennifer Kelley Finch and Jonathan Drew Finch.*
- *The lectern by Mr. and Mrs. Neil Stephenson to the glory of God and in honor of all the youth of Trinity.*
- *The communion table by Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie C. Poole Jr. in honor of Carol's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Faust Johnson.*



- *The pulpit side chairs by Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie C. Poole Jr., in honor of their sons, Scott and Van.*

Wedding guidelines were established on **September 16, 1981**, for the new sanctuary.

On **February 17, 1982**, a motion was approved to offer the church facility for use by the Women's Bible Study Fellowship.

On **August 18, 1982**, it was announced that the "Trinity Baptist Church" sign project was completed and dedicated as a memorial to Graham Mooneyham, who passed away on **January 1, 1980**.

Following a significant time of prayer and study, a proposal was introduced at the Church Conference to include all women as eligible to serve as deacons.

On **September 27, 1984**, Grace Dalton and Martha Stephenson were the first women to be elected Deacons.

Joe Christian was elected to the office of Deacon and ordained on **September 27, 1984**. Joe was the first African American to be elected Deacon.

A "Together We Build" program was launched to fund the construction of a new education space and a larger fellowship facility.

The church voted to approve the Master Plan for building the new Education and Fellowship building on **January 13, 1985**. Plans were set into motion in February 1986 for this last phase of our building program, including education space, office suites, a fellowship hall, and a kitchen. This was completed at a cost of \$1,897,000. On **May 1, 1986**, the steeple was installed upon the Sanctuary.

The Arabic Ministry began in **1984**, meeting in individual homes and was led by Rev. Bill and Nancy Hern, retired Foreign Missionaries in the Middle East. In **October 1986**, through the HERNs and a joint relationship with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Raleigh Baptist Association, Rev. Charles Farag and his wife, Susan, were called to lead the church. This was one of the new church works initiated by the Raleigh Baptist Association in **1983**, under the leadership of Rev. Dennis Gabriel, director of missions/ministries. Rev. Farag began an outreach program by writing to everyone with an Arabic name in the Raleigh phone book. In **1986**, Rev. Farag also enrolled at Southeastern Baptist





Theological Seminary, where he received a Master of Divinity degree in **December 1989**.

On **February 25, 1987**, the church voted to ordain Karen Overton Powell for ministry. The ordination service was held on **March 29, 1987**, and was officiated by Dr. Furr. Karen was the first woman ordained to ministry by Trinity.

The first wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall was in celebration of the marriage of Shaw McDonald to Kimberly Sweet on **June 20, 1987**.

A Dedication Service for the new building facilities was held on **September 13, 1987**.

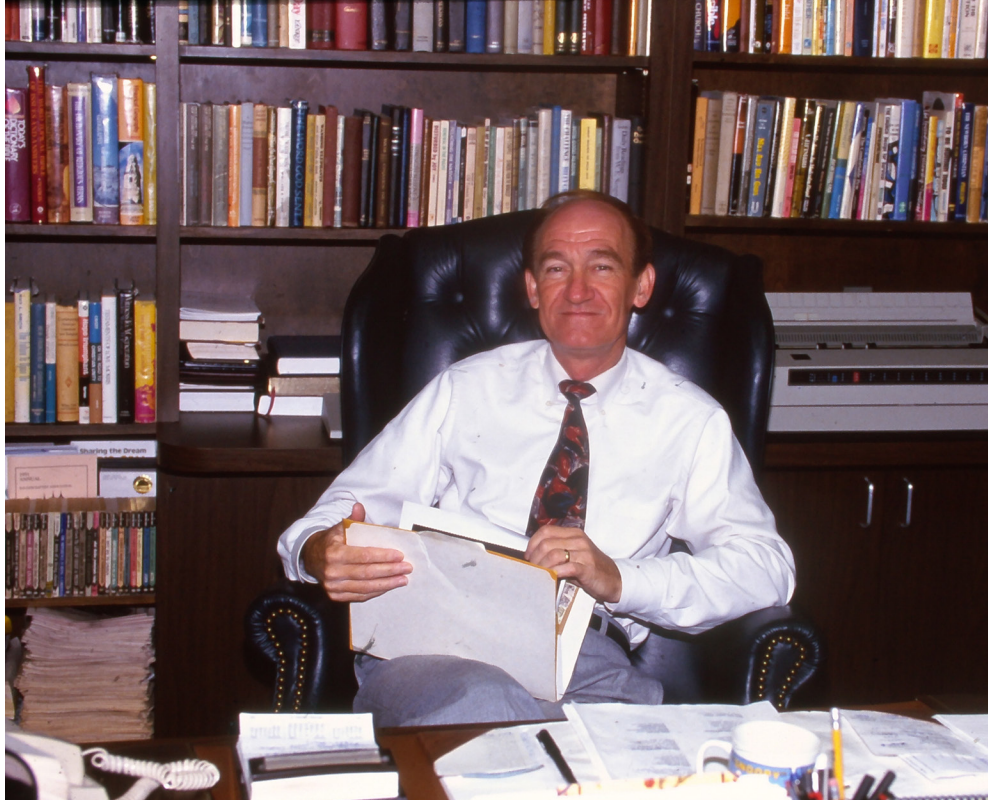


# The 1990s

## Dr. William Jacob Furr, Pastor

On **June 3, 1991**, Dr. Furr was honored with special services celebrating his ten years of dedicated and faithful ministry to Trinity.

A special Homecoming day to celebrate the 35th anniversary was held on **October 13, 1991**.



## The Long-Range Planning Committee was elected on **October 21, 1992**. The committee consisted of:

*Harry McDonald, Chairman*

*Natalie Bryant*

*Brenda Burto*

*Libby Johnson*

*Anne Keyes*

*Randy McKinney*

*David Lee*

*Henry Love*

*Dot Riggan*

*Joy Robinson*

*W.T. Thomas.*

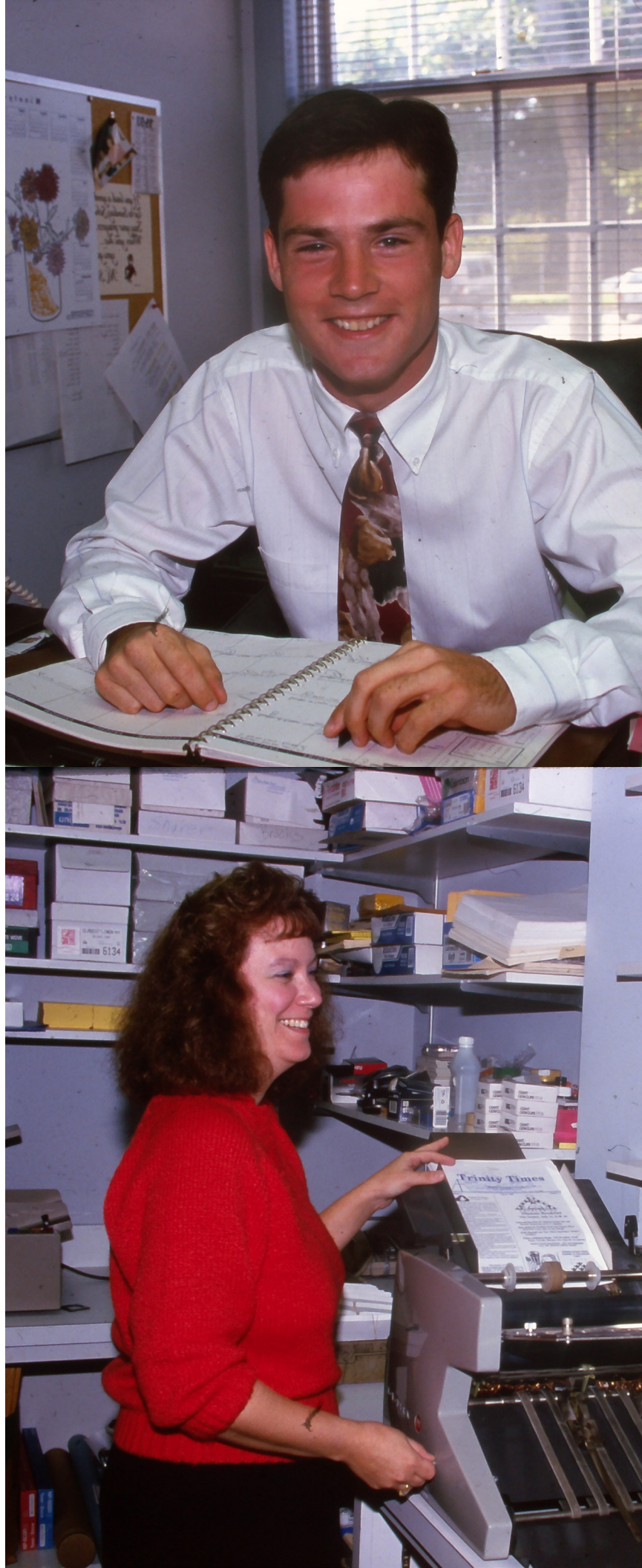
On **July 15, 1993**, the church voted to approve the purchase of the Robert Thomas property for \$125,000.

In a special-called conference on **November 7, 1993**, Harry McDonald,

chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee, moved to employ Cargill and Associates at a fee of \$48,000 to assist Trinity in a capital stewardship campaign to fund the retirement of debt, acquisition of land, and/or refurbishing the children's building. The motion passed by majority vote, and thus the "Vision to Victory" program was launched. To complete the three goals listed above, one million to one and one-half million dollars would be needed in the next three years. On **June 15, 1994**, the church voted to approve the recommendation that the trustees be authorized to sell the Robert Thomas property to Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church for \$125,000 plus expenses, in trade for the right to purchase the Bill Early property for \$150,000.

On **January 19, 1994**, the Space Utilization Study Committee was elected to examine the church's current and future space needs.

The Concept Committee to Determine Building and Planning for the Future was elected on **October 19, 1994**.



## The members were:

*Dr. Furr, ex officio  
Ken Boisseau  
Ann Fogleman  
Christie Fry  
Jo Anne Harper  
Dave Kissinger  
Kenny Johnson  
Brenda Joyner  
Chic Pearce  
Stan Pickett  
Mary Ann Potts  
Kim Price  
Joy Robinson  
Dan Tingen  
Barry Wilson*



The church elected a committee to plan and conduct the 40th anniversary celebration. This would include Dr. Furr's 15th anniversary.

## Committee members were:

*Rev. Bob Shaver  
Grace Dalton  
Claude Hale  
Penny Hunter  
Steve Eason  
Dorothy Drew  
Maury O'Dell  
Len Shackelford  
Frank Evans  
Dave Kissinger*

On **April 17, 1996**, the church voted to develop plans for a new building consistent with the “Vision to Victory” campaign goals. The church also voted to proceed with plans to select a Building Committee for that purpose.

In **April 1998**, Miller Warren, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented plans for proposed new facilities. These plans would be placed on hold for several years.

The Pastor Search Committee was elected in **June 1998** to seek a new Senior Pastor.

## Serving on the committee were:

*Boyd Dimmock, Chair*

*Fran Holland*

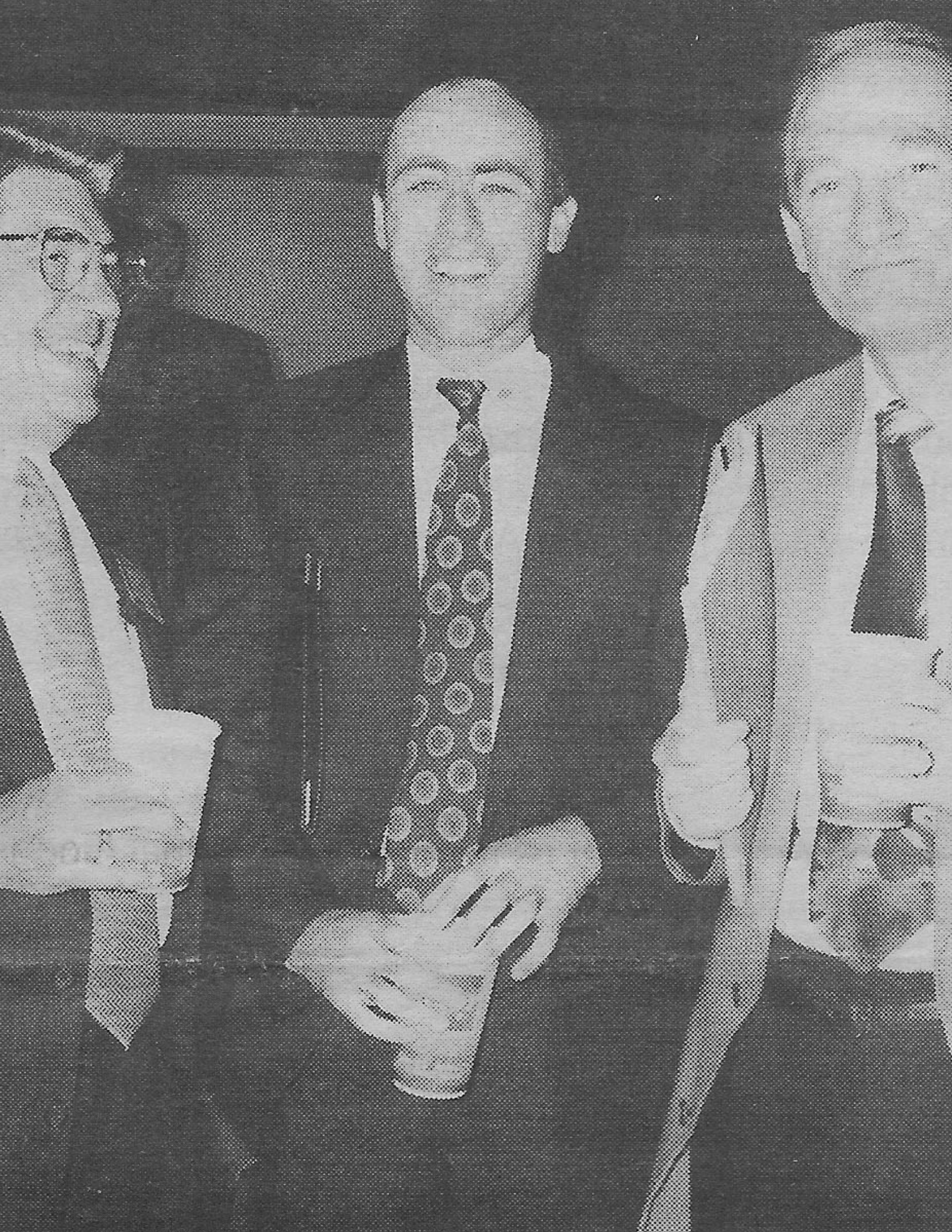
*Mark Munday*

*Zeke Smith*

*Chris Stanley*

An interim Pastor Search Committee was also selected, with Tom Dimmock serving as chair. They secured visiting ministers for the summer Sunday morning worship services while they searched for the Interim Pastor.

Dr. Jack Coffey was called to serve as Interim Pastor in **September 1998**. He recommended that the decision relative to the proposed new facilities be placed on hold until the new Pastor is in office.



## The 2000s

### Dr. G. Jeffery Roberts, Pastor

The new millennium promised to be an exciting time for the congregation of Trinity Baptist Church. Throughout the interim, Dr. Jack



Coffey had led the congregation to examine their core values and the issues that had plagued the church at the end of the previous year. The decision of whether or not to build again was “on the back burner” until the new pastor’s arrival. Excitement was building when the Pastor Search Committee announced that a young man, just 39, would be the next pastor. We knew him well; he had been our youth minister.

### A statement from the “Dedication Day” program helps define this era:

*“In the past five decades, we have witnessed the growth of our campus and our church family. We have seen the hand of God at work from the few visionaries who planted a church on Six Forks Road to the children who fill the rooms of this new facility. We stand as doorkeepers at the house of the Lord. We commit ourselves to service and ministry. We will share the love of God through word, deed, and through the new ministries of our church. We will invite others to share the love and salvation of God and the joy of this community of faith.”*

On **January 9, 2000**, the church voted to extend the call to Dr. G. Jeffery “Jeff” Roberts as Senior Minister of Trinity. Dr. Roberts accepted the call to begin ministry on **February 7, 2000**.



On **October 15, 2000**, Miller Warren, Chair of the Building and Planning Committee for Preschool/ Children's Building and Recreation Outreach Center (ROC), moved for the committee to review its plan

and begin the next phase of its mission statement to construct and enhance facilities that would meet the foreseeable needs of Trinity.

## Members of the committee included:

*Dr. Jeff Roberts  
Miller Warren, chair  
Brenda Avent  
Michael Coats  
Boyd Dimmock  
Bill Early  
Dan Fry  
Jo Anne Harper  
Rev. Karen Metcalf  
Kim Price  
Evelyn Slagle  
Chris Stanley  
Stephanie Tepper  
Bill Warren  
Glenn Wellborn*



## In addition, these people also served:

*Dr. Davis Bowen  
Dan Tingen  
Chic Pearce  
Jo Ann Wood  
Jan Kennamer  
Leon Worrell*

The church voted on **June 24, 2001**, to approve the Planning and Building Committee's motion to acquire three adjacent properties known as Williams, Stanley, and Moore for a purchase price of \$500,000.

The Groundbreaking Service for Preschool-Children's Building, Recreation Outreach Center, and the new church office area was held on **March 30, 2003**, at 10:55 a.m. Construction began on the Preschool-Children's Building, the ROC, and the church office area on **June 30, 2003**.



In the spring of **2005**, the following members were selected to serve on the 50th

## Anniversary Celebration Team:

*Tracy Bullock  
Michael Coats  
Dorothy Drew  
Joy Earp  
Tonya Higgins*



*Maury O'Dell  
Gloria Overton  
Dorothy Petty  
Virgil Smithers  
David York*

The purpose of the committee was to assist Dr. Roberts in planning a year of celebration. They chose the theme, "Our Heritage, Our Future: Celebrating 50 years of Ministry."

On **December 4, 2004**, the first wedding reception was held in the Recreation Outreach Center, when Laura Dimmock married Brian Nappier.

In **2004**, after 10 years of working with another building committee, a new Children's Facility was built. A new playground was added to meet the needs of all the children. In **2005**, facilities in the old Children's Building were renovated to include the first music suite and a display room for church history.

The church approved the construction of a Columbarium and Memorial Garden on church property on **November 21, 2004**. Doris Young would serve as chair of this committee. Construction

was completed in **2007**.

Dedication of the Preschool/ Children's Building, the Recreation Outreach Center, and the church office area occurred on **September 12, 2004**. The cost of this project was \$6,145,350.84.



The Dedication began with Rev. Karen Metcalf reading from Psalm 82. Dr. Roberts shared additional readings. This was followed by a congregational responsive reading affirming God's blessing and guidance in providing the building. Cutting the ribbon to officially open the building were Dr. Jeff Roberts, Senior Pastor, and Miller Waren, chair of the Building and Planning Committee.

The Dedication concluded with the singing of "To God Be the Glory!"

In **April 2005**, Spencer Good was called to serve as the first full-time Minister of Recreation and Activities. Spencer began serving on **May 2, 2005**.



# The 2010s & 2020s

## Dr. G. Jeffery Roberts, Pastor

Virgil Smithers and team began to livestream the worship services in **2010**.

**By 2010**, the College Lead team had grown to 10-12 members. Their duties were mailing cards 4-5 times a year and mailing birthday cards to every student. For several years, we helped provide meals for the Baptist Student Union at North Carolina State University, as requested by the campus minister, since we had students there.

COVID had an impact on college ministry as it did for most groups. The college Sunday School group is smaller in **2024**. We do not meet every Sunday; however, we meet all summer and on weekends when students are home: Fall Break, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. The other activities have continued and been successful.

In **2022**, another layer of support was added by assigning each student their own Deacon. The student no longer has the same deacon assigned to their family. This plan has gone well. Sue Glover continues to lead this ministry.

**“Say YES” to Jesus was the theme for 2023-2024**. During the winter months, all adult Sunday School classes were studying the same materials. All TnT classes also followed the theme that moved from saying yes individually to within the community to serving others through outreach, evangelism, and missions.

**2025** began with the celebration of Dr. Roberts' 25th anniversary.

## Milestones in his ministry include:

*TBC moved from a missions-giving to a missions-involving church.*

*Began Upward Basketball and Cheerleaders*

*Live Stream Worship and  
Special Services*

*Created Pastoral Advisory  
Team*

*Built A New Playground.*

*Shaw Mission Golf Tournament*

*North Hills 5K*

*50th Anniversary Celebration, TBC*

*Baptist Women in Ministry presented the Church Award.*

*CBF presented the 2025 Church "Global Excellence in Missions" Award*

In **2017** and **2018**, Trinity Baptist Church stepped forward in faith to begin an important project in the life of our church—the Sanctuary & Narthex Expansion. The goal of this project was not only to improve our worship space, but also to create additional room for ministry, discipleship, and fellowship for years to come.

As part of this expansion, our sanctuary was thoughtfully remodeled to enhance both worship and seating capacity. Updates included new pews, an updated platform, expanded seating through the addition of back riser seating, and new lighting that improved the overall worship environment. The expansion also improved the choir loft allowing for 101 voices to fit.



These changes helped create a space that is both welcoming and functional for congregational worship.

The project also added significant new educational and gathering space to support the growing ministries of the church. A three-story classroom addition was constructed that included two centrally located restrooms to serve the worship areas, four classrooms on the lower level, and eight classrooms on the upper levels, three of which were designed as larger meeting spaces to accommodate growing groups and ministry needs.

Additional spaces were also included to serve important moments in the life of the church. The expansion created a new library with meeting space, providing a place for study and small gatherings, as well as a bride's room/parlor, offering a welcoming and practical space for weddings and special occasions. To make this vision possible, the church secured financing to support the construction. The mortgage for the Sanctuary & Narthex Expansion became permanent with Wells Fargo on **July 15, 2018**, in the amount of \$3,400,000.

Over the years that followed, Trinity Baptist Church faithfully worked to reduce that debt through the generosity and stewardship of our congregation. Because of that commitment, an incredible milestone was reached when the mortgage with Wells Fargo was fully paid off on **September 19, 2025**.



The church celebrated this moment during worship on **January 11, 2026**, with a special "Note-Shredding" ceremony, marking the official end of the loan and celebrating God's provision throughout the life of the project.

Today, we give thanks for the many ways God has

used these spaces for worship, discipleship, fellowship, and ministry and we celebrate an exciting reality:

## **Trinity Baptist Church is now debt-free.**

This milestone is not simply about a building project being completed or a loan being paid off. It is a testimony to God's faithfulness and to the commitment of generations of Trinity members who have invested in the mission and ministry of this church. As we look ahead, we do so with gratitude for the past and excitement for how God will continue to use these spaces to serve our congregation and community.





# Joining Hands With God

## Be Belong Become

During the first seventy years, Trinity Baptist Church has remained faithful to its purpose of advancing and promoting the worship of God, through teaching and preaching the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and in nurturing and involving its membership in ministry and outreach. Facilities have been provided as needs demanded, staff have increased from one to twenty-one, programs have been expanded to meet needs, and the budget has increased from \$7,109.50 to \$3,986,256. Seven pastors and seven interim pastors have served, led, and ministered with us faithfully before the arrival of our present pastor, Dr. G. Jeffery Roberts, on **February 7, 2000**.

Under the leadership of Dr. Roberts, God has led Trinity to implement innovative programs for ministry with the rapidly growing congregation, to expand our facilities by building a Recreation Outreach Center, a Children's Building, and a Reception and Office area, and to renovate and expand the sanctuary and narthex. The original building has been renovated, with the fellowship hall now the Underground and the second floor a beautiful Music suite!

The North Hills area continues to grow, adding new high-rise apartments, condominiums, and exclusive penthouse homes. As North Hills continues to be Raleigh's premier urban living experience, the world has arrived at our door.

At the beginning of **2025**, resident church membership is 3,095. God has led us far beyond what our charter members predicted in **1955**, which was a "really big church" with at least 500 members! God has graciously nurtured Trinity throughout the years of beginning and developing. Dedication to seeking His will and compassion to doing His will have prevailed and continue to characterize our fellowship. There is much work to be done, and a great challenge is before us as we journey on. History serves as a foundation to build for that pilgrimage. The first seventy years of Trinity are now history. The past cannot be recalled nor altered, but we can be grateful to God for our heritage, and empowered by Him, we can share in whatever His Will for the

future of Trinity Baptist Church includes!

*Live, work, shop, dine, and play at North Hills. This innovative, multifaceted district offers many options for living and staying a while. Midtown Park and many gathering spaces offer plenty of fresh air, while conveniences such as groceries, banks, and a pharmacy are just a leisurely stroll away. Quality-of-life amenities are also at your fingertips, including renewal spas, salons, and a 60,000-square-foot gym. Entertainment venues, such as a 14-screen cinema, an upscale bowling alley, and popular tap rooms, are right next door. Premier dining establishments, high-end boutiques, department stores, and cafés are all a few steps in any direction.*

*In 2024, 10.3 million visitors came to North Hills.*

*The North Hills redevelopment is a complete urban rebirth of the first two-story mall between Washington, DC, and Atlanta. Since the opening of the Main District in 2004, North Hills has become the defining presence of Midtown, distinctive in character with its own sense of place. It serves as a hub of commercial and residential activity in Raleigh and continues to receive numerous awards.*

**The writers of this history recognize that items of significance may have been left out; however, time and space were limiting factors, and only the highlights could be covered.**

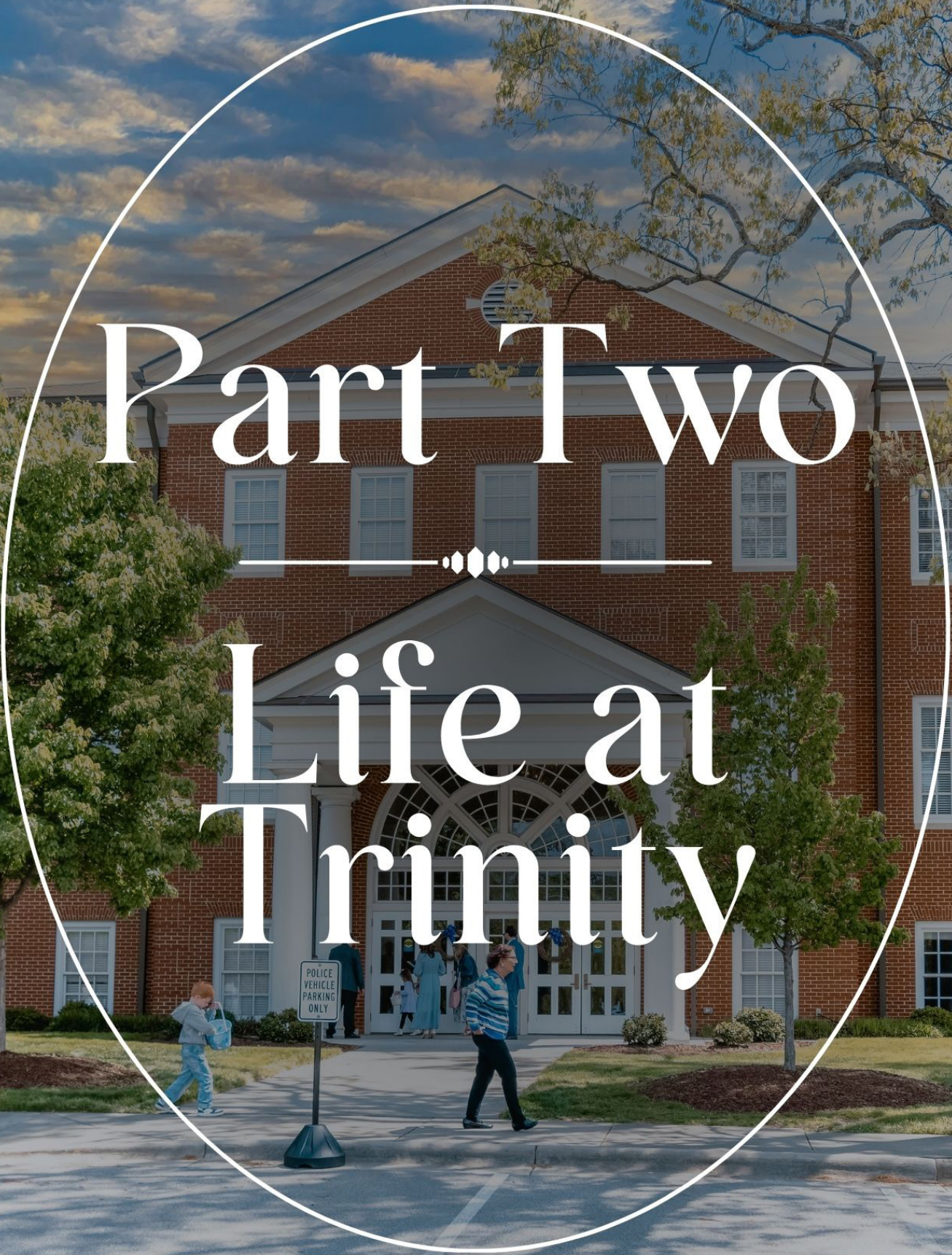
**Dorothy B. Drew, Church Historian, October 8, 2006**

**Kay Bisette, October 29, 2025**









# Part Two



# Life at Trinity

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# Worship

## Music Ministry

Music plays an important and vital role in the worship of God. Worship at Trinity is traditional blended in style, meaning we use worship music and hymns of the past along with contemporary music and hymns of the present day.

Even though the organ and the piano are our primary worship instruments, we also use other instruments and instrumental groups from time to time to play or accompany our choirs, ensembles, or soloists. We enjoy the orchestra, handbells, and the youth praise band.

Music is an integral part of our communication with God. It teaches and helps us retain scriptures for a lifetime. Hymns, choruses, and new songs provide a means for us to express our thanks, praise, and love to God.

These offer us encouragement, hope, comfort, and guidance. How often has God spoken to you through the words of a song? There are many reasons to encourage music in our children - self-expression, coordination development, correlations between IQ and math skills development...But the number one reason for making sure music is a part of our faith journey is for a lifetime of expression to and communication with God.

Trinity's music Ministry invites people of all ages and musical abilities to worship God through a rich blend of traditional hymns and contemporary songs, utilizing instruments like the organ, piano, orchestra, handbells, and various ensembles. We celebrate training children, youth, and adults in developing their musical gifts to worship and serve a Living God. Trinity offers wonderful experiences for children beginning with three-year-olds through fifth grade. The number one reason for making sure music is a part of our faith journey is for a lifetime of expression to and communication with God.

## Early Worship and Beginnings

The first service was held on Sunday, **January 8, 1956**. Eighty-nine people attended the first Sunday School and Worship Service, conducted by Rev. Lee Pridgen. They collected \$114 in the first offering.

Special services were conducted each evening during the subsequent week. These gatherings offered a platform for fellowship, spiritual development, and community engagement. Both members and guests assembled to hear motivational messages, to strengthen their faith, and to establish relationships that would support the church's ongoing mission. The variety of guest ministers, listed below, reflects the church's close ties with neighboring congregations and the wider Baptist community.

*Rev. Judson Hill, Rolesville*

*Rev. John Garner, Rolesville Baptist Church*

*Dr. Henry E. Walden, Jr., Secretary, Rural Church Work Department, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina*

*Rev. John L. Coley, Pastor, North Street Baptist Church*

*Dr. John W. Kinchloe, Jr., Pastor, Hayes Barton Baptist Church*

*Rev. Robert L. Newton, Pastor, Millbrook Baptist Church*

"The new church is the 23rd Baptist church in greater Raleigh and is part of the promotion and expansion program of the Raleigh Baptist Association. ... Lee Pridgen, Secretary of Missions for the association, said, 'We welcome Dr. Walden to our fellowship of seventy-five pastors in the association. He comes to a leadership position in the association, and we are pleased.'" (News and Observer, January 20, 1956)

In the introduction to the **1956–57** Church Activity and Calendar Booklet, Rev. Walden wrote, "This booklet is designed to keep you informed and active in the

organized life of your church. We are looking to you to help keep our fellowship warm and friendly—to find your place in bearing the moral, spiritual, and financial burdens of our church programs.”

During the January meetings, Rev. Pridgen gave special emphasis to Sunday afternoon, **February 5, 1956**. The program was very impressive, and a large group attended. Forty-nine people joined the church at this service, with more at the evening service. Rev. Robert L. Newton, pastor, Millbrook Baptist Church, led the organizational meeting service.

At a called business meeting on **February 19, 1956**, following the morning worship service, the church body voted to name the new church, “Trinity Baptist Church.” The local newspaper reported on the membership’s decision. (News and Observer, **February 23, 1956**)

At that service, fifty-four people joined.

On **February 22, 1956**, the church observed the first Lord’s Supper.

The first Baptismal service was held at Hayes Barton Baptist Church on **March 4, 1956**.

The official Sunday morning worship bulletin premiered on **March 11, 1956**. It included the Sunday morning and evening schedule for worship, Sunday School, and Church Training.

The first Revival Service was held **October 1** through **October 7, 1956**, with the Rev. W. H. Vinson, Jr., Pastor of Wendell Baptist Church, as minister.

In **November 1956**, Bill Christian and Doug Mims constructed Trinity’s first steeple.

Mrs. C. H. Pritchard served as choir director and pianist.

## Music and Worship Leadership

H.S Yarboro was the first minister of music. He began the age-graded children's choirs. The choir were for all age-levels. The Wednesday night programs were fully age-graded. Preschoolers and children had choirs, the youth choirs were led by Brenda Fulp and Davis Bowen.

In the early days of music, we had a handbell choir. Barbara Bowen remembers coming to the church on her lunch hour to practice the handbell music.

Mike McKeown was the second minister of music. Mike led the music ministry through great growth and development. He invited each new member to be a part of the adult choir.

In 1983, Mike decided the choirs (preschool through senior adult) would have a special service to decorate the sanctuary. Working with the Flower Committee, the first Hanging of the Greens Service packed the sanctuary. In 2025, the service still packs the sanctuary. A choir member previous explained the appeal of the service, that it is the love of music and the love of tradition.



Rev. Bob Shaver followed Mike. During his years, a new organ was purchased in honor of Mr. Faust Johnson. Bob worked closely with the youth ministers to have wonderful youth mission and choir tours. He strengthened the choirs and ensembles.



Following Bob is Rev. Steve Byers. Collaborating with composer and author Pepper Choplin, in 2013, the Trinity Sanctuary Choir performed with area choirs at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Like those who came before him, he challenges the choir to excellence as they lead in worship each week. The choir enrollment has exceeded 100 people. Steve received his Master of Church Music degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he pursued vocal and choral music concentrations. He has participated in Virginia and North Carolina Baptist life, singing and playing in the NC Baptist Singers and Orchestra as well as completing the Young Leaders Program of the Center for Congregational Health in 2000. Steve has sung in a men's quartet, traveled to Brazil, Peru, Chicago, Miami, TN, AL, and KY in music missions and has served as a special guest musician at conferences, revivals and community events. He sings in the Northeast Piedmont Chorale and is a church host to the group twice a year.

Rev. Byers is married to his wife, Amy, whom he married in 1991. She is a Music Specialist in the Wake County Schools and has taught in Randolph and Stanly counties. The Byers have one daughter, Hannah, who was born in South Korea, and is a Campbell University Student.

## Ensembles and Quartet

Several ensembles and small groups have been formed to aid in worship.

“Testament” is a Men’s Vocal and Instrumental Ensemble that has included:

Phil Holland

Dave Buster

Art Melvin

Maury Tepper

“The Laymen” is a Men’s gospel quartet.

Harry McDonald

Ray Broughton

Mark Valetta

Bill Gard

Barbara Bowen

“Seraph”

Joy Blashaw

Jessica Issacs

Tonya Zucker

Two adult ensembles are “New Covenant” led by Jessica Issacs which began as the young adult ensemble and “Living Praise” led by Joy Blashaw, began as the adult ensemble.

The senior adult choir was founded in the fall of 1989. Named the Prime Timers Choir, it began with eight members. Directors have included Sylvia Pearce and Dr. Davis Bowen.



Instrumental ensembles include Bells of Praise, adults with Handbells and the Trinity Orchestra. For special services, the orchestra performs, and local musicians are hired to fill in the gaps.

Rev. Wayne Rogers and Ramona Green are our excellent accompanists.

Northbound, the student ministry worship experience, features a praise band.

The Laymen retired August 2025, after singing in the church and community for 37 years. Their rendition of Southern Gospel was special.

The original members were:

Linda Everette

Rudy Wolfe

Bill Gard

Harry McDonald

Ray Broughton

Billy Tyndall

As some members moved or retired, Barbara Bowen became the accompanist. Mark Valletta, Art Melvin, and others joined the group. All the members sang in the Sanctuary Choir, and this was their priority. The support from Trinity and our families has been awesome, remarked Harry McDonald at their retirement concert.

## Choirs, Special Music, and Worship Traditions

Music and worship traditions became increasingly important to Trinity's identity over the years. The Fulp family was very involved with the Youth Choir. Being the pianist gave Brenda many opportunities for travel and fun! She remembers one trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida.



*"We did lots of youth choir trips. I think the one I remember most was a trip to Disney World. We had a tour of Disney and rode some of the*

*rides before anyone else arrived. Then we sang on Mickey Mouse's Stage. I had the honor of playing Mickey's White piano. Terry Odom and Steve Blow accompanied the choir."*

*"Tom Vestal and David Thomas, our new youth minister, went. We were to sing at his home church in Wewahitchica, Florida. We*

*met with their youth and had a day of fun at the beach. We sang at Ted and Vivian York's home church in Tampa. On the way back, we sang at a church in South Carolina. Then, when we got back home, we did a Sunday night program. We had refreshments in the Fellowship Hall, where Cecil, Steve, Tom, and David played country music and sang. They dressed up in straw hats and plaid shirts. It was a fun night for all."*



Brenda Fulp shared her memories of the early days of youth ministry: "Dr. Davis Bowen asked me if I would help him begin a Youth Choir. Even in these early years, the children had graded choirs. Inspired by his enthusiasm and guidance, I gladly accepted and soon found myself working with a group of dedicated young singers. Our rehearsals became a time of both musical growth and fellowship, as we prepared songs for upcoming services and events. The Youth Choir not only added a joyful dimension to worship but also offered the teens another avenue to connect with one another and contribute meaningfully to the church's life. This collaborative spirit, fostered through music, complemented the other vibrant youth activities and helped nurture a sense of belonging and shared purpose among the congregation's teenage members."

During this time, Brenda Fulp continued to play the piano for the youth choir. "The Woodstock Folk," a 40-voice youth choir of the First Baptist Church of

Woodstock, Georgia, presented the folk musical, Joy, in July.

Trinity held its first annual Composer Day, led by Mark Blankenship, on **August 29, 1982**. Blankenship composed the anthem “Everlasting Love” for us.

Sunday, **August 13, 1983**, was an exceptional day as Bob Burroughs was the special guest for composer’s day. The church’s handbell choir and brass ensemble played. Choirs from Trinity, St. Mark’s Methodist, and Hudson Memorial Presbyterian churches joined to sing the anthem, Hast Thou Not Known.

The first “Hanging of the Greens” service occurred in **December 1983**.

In **April 1991**, the Adult Choir began a tradition of presenting the Easter Cantata from the “Living Cross,” which they continued through **Easter of 2000**. On **April 14 and 15, 1991**, the eighty-voice Adult Choir presented “Calvary’s Love” by Tom Fettke.



On **June 3, 1991**, Dr. Furr was honored with special services celebrating his ten years of dedicated and faithful ministry to Trinity. The Music Ministry hosted arranger and composer Mary McDonald for a Composer Day. Mrs. McDonald and the Adult Choir presented a commissioned anthem entitled “We Come to



Him” in honor of Dr. Furr’s anniversary.

A special Homecoming day to celebrate the 35th anniversary was held on **October 13, 1991**. Former Pastor Travis Styles and former Interim Minister of Music, Cecil Burt, were present to lead in worship.

Upon recommendation of the Music Committee, the church voted on **January 15, 1992**, to establish a special offering fund to purchase new hymnals. The funds were received, and the hymnals were purchased for \$7,000.

The Adult Choir premiered “Break the Glory Free,” celebrating the redemptive breakthroughs of God, composed by Billie Pate and Don Wyrzten, in early **1992**. Rev. Bob Shaver led the choir’s preparation for the rendition. In **July 1992**, the choir traveled to Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly for the presentation.

Single Adult Sunday was held in the **1990s**, featuring the Single Adult choir and members sharing in the service by leading in prayer and reading scripture. “Challenge and Change in the Single Life” was the theme for **1992**. Suzanne Pipes, Dudley Davis, and Susan Hinchee led in worship. Wendy Evans sang, and Michael Coats shared his testimony. The emphasis continued into the evening service with Rev. Randy McKinney delivering the message, “Assurances from God,” based on Isaiah 40:27-31.

The Ada Mooneyham Memorial Scholarship was established in **1993** for a high school graduate entering the study of music. This scholarship was awarded until **2001**, when the fund was depleted.

The Adult Choir presented the premiere of Mary McDonald’s Easter Cantata, “The Dawn of the Risen Glory,” in the spring of **1994**. Mrs. McDonald was present for the weekend and served as pianist for the presentation.

On **June 16, 1996**, the Music Ministry hosted arranger and composer Joseph Martin for a Composer Day on Trinity’s 40th Anniversary and Dr. Furr’s 15th Anniversary. Special guests leading in worship were Rev. Mike McKeown and Rev. Jeff Roberts. Using Ephesians 2:11-22 as his text, Rev. Roberts’ sermon

was “One in Christ.” The service concluded with the commissioning of the high school mission trip. Following the service, members and guests enjoyed a covered-dish lunch.



On Sunday evening, Mr. Martin and the Adult Choir presented a concert of twelve of his compositions. The concert concluded with the anthem, “To Share Our Faith,” in honor of Trinity and Dr. Furr’s anniversaries.



The Music Ministry hosted a High School Choir Reunion, and 135 present and former members performed a concert of selections from past choir tours.

Late in **1997**, the Faust Johnson Organ Fund was established to raise \$100,000 to purchase a new organ.

In December **1997**, the Adult Choir was invited to present a concert of sacred, classical Christmas music for the Grand Illumination Weekend at Colonial Williamsburg. This is when the Christmas lights are lit for the first time in the season. The program was presented on campus at the historic Bruton Parish Church, the first Protestant church in America. Auditioned choirs from around the world have been asked to sing there. The church was filled, and people stood outside the church to hear through the open windows.

In **1998**, Peggy Masteller was recognized and honored for serving as Trinity’s

pianist for thirty years. Ramona Green was hired as the new pianist.

In **July 1998**, the Music Ministry led the church in purchasing and installing a new Allen “Renaissance” organ. Dr. James Good, Professor of Church Music and Worship at Campbell University, and former organ teacher to Rev. Wayne Rogers, organist, was invited to present the dedication concert.



In **April 2004**, the Music Ministry hosted arranger and composer Joseph Martin for the premiere of his Easter Cantata “A Time for Alleluia.” Mr. Martin accompanied him at the piano. He, with the Adult Choir, presented his commissioned anthem “Epilogue of Praise” in honor of the Adult Choir and all the Music Ministry Leadership on Rev. Shaver’s 15th Anniversary at Trinity.

The Music Ministry honored Linda Dollar on her 25th Anniversary as Director of the Music Makers Choir. At the conclusion of the Music Makers musical, the Young Musicians Choir, under the leadership of Pam Phillips, presented a surprise commissioned children’s anthem by composer Joseph Martin entitled “Keeper of the Song.”

## **Plans for five special services during 2006 were made as follows:**

- *February 5 – Rev. John Stone, Preacher for the Day*
- *May 7 – Dr. Lamar Brooks, Preacher for the Day*
- *July 16 – Rev. Travis Styles, Preacher for the Day*
- *August 20 – Dr. Ray Pollard, Preacher for the Day and Rev. H.S. Yarborough, Musician for the Day*

- *October 8 – Dr. Jeffery Roberts, Preacher for the Day, and Michael Keown, Musician for the Day. A Homecoming Picnic on the Grounds*

## Homecoming is always a special day in a church's life. Special guests for the day were:

- *Rev. Jerry Helderman, Raleigh Baptist Association*
- *Norman Jameson, Baptist State Convention of NC*
- *Dr. Larry Hovis, NC Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.*
- *Testament*
- *Rev. Mike McKeown*
- *Adult Choir*
- *Karen Overton Powell*
- *Grace Dalton*
- *Joe Christian's family*

On **January 22, 2006**, Fred McDuffee of the Music Ministry Committee moved that the church allow the committee to collect funds for the purchase of 700 Celebration Hymnals to replace the hymnals in the Sanctuary at a cost of approximately \$6,500. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The Music Ministry's total active enrollment for all adult choirs, choral ensembles, student choirs, preschool and children's choirs, and instrumental ensembles reached a record 636 in **2006**, which is the fourth largest Music Ministry in the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. The Adult Choir presented a concert at the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in Greensboro on **November 14, 2006**.



Commissioned music is an important part of our music ministry. In **February 2025**, the Music Committee designated it Music Month and performed each of the beautiful arrangements. Information



on these is included in the Appendix.

## Audio/Visuals/ Broadcast Ministry

Virgil Smither's had a career in audio/video production and loved his work. He brought these skills and passion to church. In

1987, he founded his own video production company, Multi Vision Productions, which he operated until the time of his death.

He had a dream and a vision that Trinity Baptist Church would move into the broadcast/streaming video world. Unfortunately, his death 2013, deprived him of seeing how his dream became a reality with the streaming being watched from places all over the world.

Joining Virgil and staff members, Rev. Steve Byers and Spencer Good, were Cliff Harper, Mark Blayshaw, and John Dees. After months of training, the team began to livestream the worship services in 2009 (worship cast through Christian Copyright Solutions). When the Pandemic hit in 2019, the team was ready to move to the next level in production, they moved from the 10s in viewership to the 1,000s.

When the Sanctuary was remodeled, a "Video Booth" was created for all of the equipment, team members and it overlooks the sanctuary for better control of the production. A portrait of Virgil is displayed prominently in the booth.



The Ministry now includes the 10:55 Sunday worship service, weddings, and Celebration of Life/Funeral/Memorial Services and all special services, such as “Hanging of the Greens”. Mark Brandt is the team leader assisted by Keith Bisette.

## Worship in a New Century



“It’s Time” was the theme during the fall months of **2007**. This was a unified study in all Sunday School classes, followed by sermons based on the same scriptures, and then Discipleship Training offered further discussions. “It’s Time” focused on being a “Missional Church,” a new term in **2007** church life. Personal, daily devotions were an important part of the emphasis. The study encouraged the church, according to one of the authors, to “empower people to use their passion on purpose to be the presence of Christ, inside and outside the church, whether anyone joins the church.” (Trinity Times, September 4, 2007)

“Say YES” to Jesus was the theme for **2023-2024**. During the winter months, all adult Sunday School classes were studying the same materials. All TnT classes also followed the theme that moved from saying yes individually to within the

community to serving others through outreach, evangelism, and missions.



## Friends Forever

*But we'll keep you close as always. It won't even seem you've gone.  
'Cause our hearts in big and small ways*

*Will keep the love that keeps us strong and friends are friends forever.  
If the Lord's the Lord of them and a friend will not say never.  
'Cause the welcome will not end though it's hard to let you go  
In the Father's hands we know. That a lifetime's not too long*

*To live as friends.  
And with the faith and love God's given. Springing from the hope we know  
We will pray the joy you live in is the strength that now you show*

*We'll keep you close as always.  
It won't even seem you've gone. 'Cause our hearts in big and small ways  
Will keep the love that keeps us strong*

*And friends are friends forever. If the Lord's, the Lord of them  
And a friend will not say never. 'Cause the welcome will not end  
Though it's hard to let you go in the Father's hands we know.  
That a lifetime's not too long to live as friends.*

*And friends are friends forever.  
If the Lord's the Lord of them and a friend will not say never.*

*'Cause the welcome  
will not end though  
it's hard to let you go  
In the Father's hands  
we know. That a  
lifetime's not too long  
To live as friends  
To live as friends.*



# Children, Students, and Generations of Faith

## Early Foundations in Learning and Formation

*“Through February 19, the new church reports 134 enrolled in Sunday School and fifty-one enrolled in Training Union. Dr. Walden stated that he believes the church will have over one hundred members when the charter membership period ends on April 1. (News and Observer, Feb 23, 1956)”*

The first Sunday School officers and teachers were elected on **February 13, 1956.**

The following week, Rev. Walden taught *The Teachings of Jesus*, a study course book.

The first Training Union meeting was held on Sunday night, **January 22, 1956**, with 37 in attendance. Mr. Bennett Straughn, Associational Training Union Director, delivered an inspirational talk titled “What Training Union Means to Everyone.”

On **May 9, 1956**, the church voted to accept a Quonset Hut as a gift from Hugh Shaw and William Bass. The building was to be erected as soon as possible to relieve the very crowded Sunday School classroom situation. Work began on the hut in **July 1956.**

The first Vacation Bible School was conducted from **June 8** through **June 20, 1956.** Mrs. S. H. Whitworth served as the first principal.

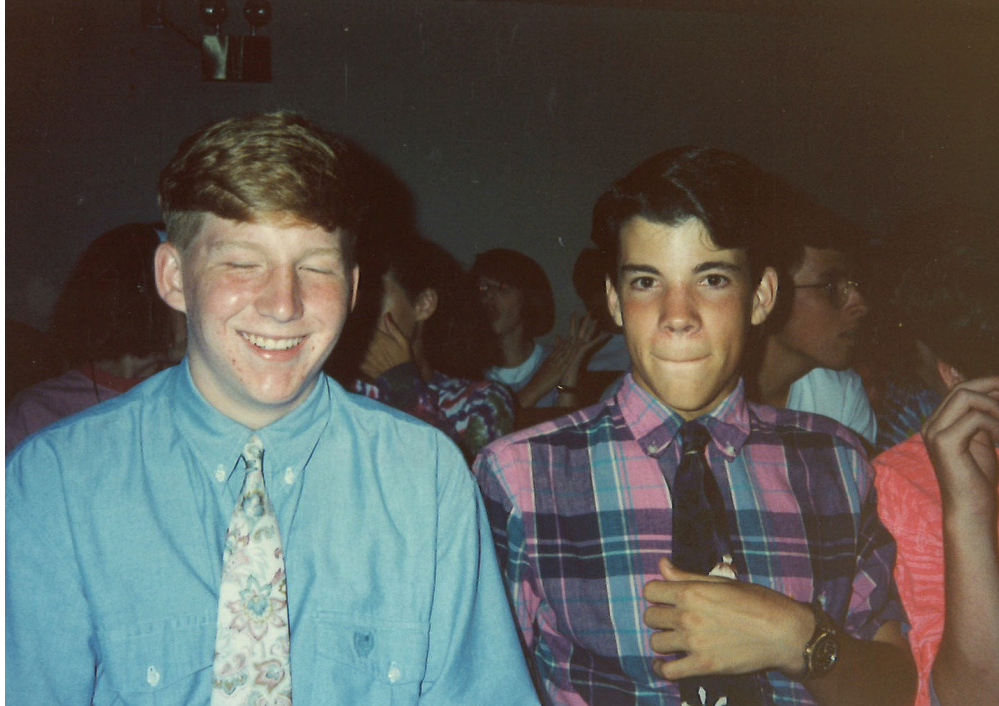
## From the Biblical Recorder, we learn that:

*Vacation Bible School in Raleigh was a great success even in July. It was postponed from June due to illness among the workers. The school enrolled 118 pupils and faculty members with an average daily attendance of 100. There were eight professions of faith and ten rededications in the Junior Department on Decision Day. Church membership is 162, with 248 enrolled in Sunday School, 94 in Training Union, 102 in Woman’s Missionary Union, and 23 men enrolled in the Brotherhood. Mrs. S. H. Whitworth served as the Bible School’s*

*principal. Dr. Henry Walden, Jr., is the pastor. (Biblical Recorder, August 1958)*

## Preschool and Children's Ministry

On **November 22, 1974**, Trinity began a new ministry in the community. A weekday Preschool program was begun, serving three-year-olds and four-year-olds.



On **December 12, 1979**, Harry McDonald recommended that Trinity's Weekday Preschool Program become an official church program. This motion was approved. At the Church Conference, **February 13, 1980**, the Personnel Committee recommended that the church employ Mary Ann Hipp as director of the program.

On **May 11, 1988**, Rev. Ann Charles-Craft was called to fill the new part-time position as Minister with Children. In **1991** Rev. Mary Lou Beck became the full time minister of children till she left in **1992**.

Karen Metcalf was called as Minister of Children and Preschool and began serving on **May 1, 1993**.

Karen Metcalf, Minister to Children, was ordained by Trinity in a special service on **Sunday, March 3, 1996**.

On **May 21, 2006**, the Personnel Committee recommended that the church employ a Preschool Ministry Associate on a permanent part-time basis to assist the Minister of Children-Preschool. It was approved. Melanie Ward was called to this position. Other personnel changes included Dan Ridley, who was called

as interim minister of music, following the retirement of Rev. Bob Shaver. Jenny Lee and Matt Riggsbee joined the staff as high school ministry interns. Rev. Steve Byers was called as Minister of Music.

Kennedy Jones and Todd Eatherly won at the state level in **2007**.

These words guide how children and family ministry at Trinity Baptist comes alongside kids and their families in worship, discipleship, missions, ministry, and relationships. We know that families and children aren't perfect, but our hope is that every child and family feels loved, supported, and connected—longing for a deeper relationship with Christ and a meaningful connection within their community of faith.

We want children to explore their identity in Christ, grow in belonging within the church family, and begin to discover their purpose in the world—all while encouraging and equipping parents and guardians to lead and nurture their child's faith at home.

Our ministry is not just about Sunday mornings. It's about helping families grow together in faith, serving together in missions, and sharing God's love in everyday life. We partner with parents as the primary faith-shapers, providing opportunities for kids to learn, serve, and worship, while building lasting relationships that encourage both children and families to thrive spiritually, relationally, and in purpose.



Our focus is Life Together Discipleship for kids and families. That means we want to grow in faith together as a community, building real relationships while helping children and families follow Jesus, learn from Him, and grow in faith side by side.

At Trinity Baptist, our goal isn't just to teach lessons or plan activities—it's to encourage curiosity about Jesus in the middle of real life and real relationships. We want to create a place where kids, parents, and families can grow together, support each other, and experience God's love in a community that feels like home.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) – Each summer, children embark on a week of Bible stories, worship, games, and hands-on activities designed to bring Scripture to life in fun and meaningful ways. VBS is reaching beyond our church walls, welcoming children from families who are new to our community and new to this country, providing a space for them to connect, feel loved, and discover God's grace.

Friends Camp (Fall Retreat) – This tradition began many years ago and continues now! Our annual fall retreat, held in partnership with other local churches, offers children a chance to experience God in new ways outside the church walls. Through team challenges, worship, and quiet reflection, kids build friendships, grow in faith, and encounter the joy of living in a Christ-centered community.

Hands-On Mission Projects – Our Children are encouraged to live out their faith through service, participating in projects at church and in the wider community. From care

packages to helping neighbors in need, kids learn the joy of serving others, practice compassion, and see God's love in action.

RAGA Race – Each year, children get to design and build a pinewood derby car, culminating in a fun, exciting race in the



ROC. But the race is more than just competition—each child also completes a mission project in our community to participate, then shares their experience and what they learned with the group. This event combines creativity, community, and service, helping children see how God's love can be shared through action and teamwork.

Intergenerational Bible Teaching - Our children learn alongside leaders of all ages in an intergenerational setting. This provides opportunities to hear stories of faith from mentors, connect with older members, and see how God's Word is lived across generations, strengthening both their faith and their sense of belonging.

## Youth Ministry Through the Years

The Personnel Committee recommended that we call Rev. Charles Curtis Finch as an Associate Minister, with responsibilities primarily in youth ministry. Rev. Finch began on **April 1, 1970**. On **June 24, 1970**, the church approved a second full-time secretarial position to support the growing staff.

On **January 1, 1972**, Rev. Curt Finch was made a full-time employee and assumed the duties of Youth Minister and Education Minister.

On **December 15, 1976**, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and a confirming vote of the congregation, the church called Rev. Harold L. West, Sr., as Associate Pastor for Education and Administration.

At a Business Meeting on **May 11, 1977**, Earl Parker of the Personnel Committee recommended that David Thomas be employed as a part-time interim Youth Minister.

Under Curt's leadership, the youth group flourished with activities and a spirit of camaraderie. Weekly gatherings became a highlight for many young members, featuring Bible studies, games, and opportunities for service both within the church and the broader community. Parents noticed renewed enthusiasm among the teens, who formed lasting friendships and deepened their faith through participation in these programs.



One of the first things Curt Finch did was to take the older youth on a retreat to Clarence Pritchard's beach cottage. Ron, Brenda, and their three kids were the first retreat chaperons.

## Brenda Fulp Remembers

*"After the move to the chapel, Ron was asked to teach the college class. Mark Mundy was his associate teacher. There were very few college students, so they were surprised at the class's growth. We had socials, dinners, and other activities with them and the youth, too. They must have liked the Fulps. One night, we heard a commotion in our yard. The kids were rolling the house with toilet paper, a harmless high school prank showing affirmation."*

## Youth Ministry

### Katie Hill Hatcher remembers how she first came to Trinity.

*"In the summer of 1976, I participated in a program called Youth Corps, sponsored by the Youth Ministry Department of the NC Baptist State Convention. Trinity had recently lost their Minister of Youth. They were looking for someone to 'fill the gap' for the summer until they could hire a full-time minister. At that time, I was a recent college graduate, looking for summer ministry employment as I awaited entrance to seminary in the fall." One very special event of the summer was attending Youth Week at the NC Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell. Trinity member Dr. Davis Bowen planned and conducted youth*

*weeks for many years through his work in the Youth Ministry Department of the NC Baptist State Convention.*

On **May 23, 1979**, a Special Church Conference was called to hear the recommendations of the Personnel Committee. Bill Lee presented the recommendation that the church employ former Youth Corps worker Katie Hatcher as Minister of Youth and Special Programs. She was on staff at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Cherryville, North Carolina.

Youth ministry was an important part of Trinity in the 70s.

Katie Hatcher, Youth Minister, was united in marriage with Wayne Hill, a fellow church member, on **Saturday, April 11, 1981**. This marked a significant milestone, as it was the first wedding ceremony within the new permanent Sanctuary, symbolizing both a personal and communal celebration for the church and her congregation.

In **1983**, the youth mission trip was to Shinnston, West Virginia.

On **February 17, 1988**, Rev. Jeffery Roberts was elected to become Trinity's Youth Minister.

On **April 14, 1996**, Rev. Brooks Warren, Youth Minister, announced his engagement to Mandy McNamara.

Rev. Brooks Warren completed twelve years of dedicated and faithful service as Youth Minister on **June 1, 2003**. A church-wide reception was held for Rev. Brooks and Mandy.

On **June 15, 2003**, Rev. Andy Jung began serving as Minister of Students and Activities. The church recommended that Andy attend



Campbell University Divinity School to pursue his master's degree.

In **2003**, when Rev. Andy Jung joined the staff as minister, he was also assigned a ministry to college students. He planned retreats and mission trips for the students.

This began in **2004** under the leadership of Rev. Jung. DiscipleNow is an in-town retreat for middle and high school students to focus on their personal discipleship. The retreat grew from 60 students in 2004 to 85 students in **2006**. Also in **2004**, Rev. Andy Jung began a student-led team that took on leadership roles within the church's ministry.

Campbell University students Jenny Lee and Matt Riggsbee were selected as the Youth Ministry Interns in **2007**. They would assist Rev. Andy Jung and the youth.

Christian Davis was a senior at North Carolina State University and joined our staff as the Student Ministry Intern in **August, 2013**.

Godspell Junior was the youth production to raise funds for their trip to Puerto Rico in **2007**. Rev. Andy Jung challenged our youth to new horizons with special attention to ministry through youth mission trips to Charleston, South Carolina; Murphy, North Carolina; Miami, Florida; Boston, Massachusetts; and to the areas hit by Hurricane Katrina. An international trip to Peru was a highlight for many.

## **In 2014, Jung stated,**

*“As a Student Ministry, our role is to support parents and families in helping to bring light to some of these issues (drugs/alcohol, depression, sexuality, body image/eating disorders, and bullying) and to equip them with Christ-centered tools to help deal with the issues when they arise.” Our youth have experienced tremendous growth, with increased Sunday School attendance and increased participation in activities and retreats.*

**From the Facebook page, Former Members of the Trinity Baptist Youth Group Shannon Coley Griffith wrote,**

*“Being in the youth group at Trinity were some of the best times and most important times of my life! Singing in the youth choir and leading the choir and congregation was a moment that I will never forget! Met some amazing people, both youth and adults, who were truly an inspiration to me!! Playing handbells with Mrs. Dollar was also lots of fun, and I learned so much from her!”*

**Mary Ruth Dew wrote,**

*“Some of my favorites were going to retreats, mission trips to serve, driving Mr. Blake’s truck to Caswell, and lock-ins.”*

**Todd Lee wrote,**

*“To say that those years helped to shape me and the person that I have become is a huge understatement. What a solid foundation on which to build a life! I will always cherish those memories and still think often of all of you.”*

## **Your ministry in 2026**

These three words shape how youth ministry (6th through 12th grades) at Trinity Baptist goes about worship, discipleship, missions, ministry, and relationships. Christians are not perfect, but we do hope that middle and high school students feel they feel loved as they explore their identity in Christ, belonging

within the church, and recognize their purpose in the world.

Shifting our emphasis towards a Relational Discipleship model of ministry, where relational means



to emphasize community and being with others and discipleship means to follow, learn from, and help others grow with Jesus. This means TBC Youth has a commitment to pursuing curiosity with Jesus in relationships, rather than just simply teaching or providing experiences. By prioritizing the nurturing of growth, rooted in Christ' love and truth.

## Meaningful Milestones in Recent Years

Student Ministry Advisory Committee successfully updated the youth ministry policy since 2011

SMAC has transitioned to more of an action committee rather than advisory, where sub-committee groups work together to address scholarships, policy, communications, events and family integration in youth ministry  
Student Northbound Organizational Team has been rebranded to Poiema (meaning God's handiwork rooted in Ephesians 2:10), taking on more of a servant leadership emphasis for the youth ministry. Leadership development for youth has become a pillar for taking ownership in their own learning and advocating for their involvement in other ministries within TBC.

We have rebranded the TBC youth logo, have a donut mascot, have begun the updates of physical youth spaces, incorporated more happenings on social media, and launched our very own youth app for better calendaring and communications for youth and families.

A lead team for youth curriculum helped to transition curriculum from Lifeway to Ministry to Youth with written biblical context analysis additions from staff for continued context understanding for teachers. We have successfully integrated



more opportunities for deeper connections with music, senior adults and children ministries. Through joint missions for senior adults and high schoolers, deeper connections and conversations have occurred around caring for our religiously diverse neighborhood. Through intentional scheduling with children's dates, youth have been able to come share about missions and encourage children during important milestones for them, for example, the Spring Sing and the RAGA race. Through choir, leading at Capital Towers, and having the Youth Praise band lead in main services more consistently, youth have been more involved and visibly a part of the church as a whole.

## Discipleship

Our lessons are based on questions that come up from youth throughout the year and youth leadership team have slowly started to take more leadership roles in leading out these initiatives and conversations with their peers.

We strive to lean into a collaborative leadership style, where poiema, Student Ministry Advisory Committee, lay leadership, and the staff work together in our different roles as Christ as our central focus. Christ is the center that informs our ministry, purpose, and discipleship for sustainability for the future.

## Goals for 2026-2027:

*Leadership* - Refining what we have build and continuing to develop more trainings for families and lay leadership

*Aesthetics* - Finishing the groundwork of physical upgrades to youth classrooms and Underground.

*Discipleship* - Focus on growing deeper with one another and in our relationship with God by addressing identity, belonging, and purpose. Emphasis on John 15:1-17 for the **2026-2027** academic year.

## College and Young Adult Ministry

The church voted to establish a Watch Care Membership Program on **February**

**15, 1984**, to accommodate college and seminary students who desired Trinity's support during their transition period.

Single Focus was the singles' newsletter detailing their activities and Bible study. In 1989, the Singles Ministry hosted the first annual Senior Valentine Banquet. This featured entertainment provided by the singles and a delicious meal.

On **August 21, 1991**, the church voted to purchase a new bus for \$67,517.

Sponsoring the American Red Cross Bloodmobile was a favorite activity of the singles. In **1993**, Karen Hall, single adult chair, worked with Al Marguerat to host the blood mobile. It was quite successful with 6 first-time donors and 56 total donors. Each donor's unit of blood would help up to four people, resulting in 224 people receiving blood.

In **May 2000**, the Trinity Baptist Church Scholarship was established at Campbell University Divinity School. Campbell informed the church that if \$15,000 were received within three years, the scholarship would be endowed. Incorporating Senior Adult Day and this scholarship was the idea of Dr. Roberts. He and Kay Bissette, chair of the Missions Steering Committee, developed the Trinity Baptist Heritage Day & Award to be celebrated on the first Sunday of May. The Baptist Heritage Award recognizes those who have contributed to our heritage.

*"As we look forward to those who are preparing for ministry, the monetary award goes to the Trinity Endowment at Campbell for our Baptist History and Heritage Scholarship. The purpose of this trust is to award one or more*



*scholarships in each school year to a student indicating academic ability whose enrollment and study in the Campbell University Divinity School meets the approval of the Scholarship Committee. Whenever possible, first preference shall be given to a member of Trinity Baptist Church or to a former member of Trinity Baptist Church who has transferred their membership due to relocation."*

On **May 21, 2000**, the Morris House was named "The Lighthouse Ministry," with a theme of "More Youth - Closer to God."

On **April 22, 2001**, Rev. Brooks Warren reported that a computer lab was set up through the Martha Williams Memorial Fund. The lab was in the youth department (third floor, Building A) for use by Carroll Middle School students and Trinity members. Once this was established, the memorial fund was incorporated into the youth ministry budget. The lab continued through Rev. Warren's tenure. Martha, the daughter of Charlotte and Barry Williams, lost her battle with cancer. The youth choir sang "Friends Forever" at her Memorial Service. (words in the Appendix.)

On **May 19, 2002**, Ed and Nancy Hurt established the Nicolas Clausen Rainbow Scholarship in memory of their grandson. The scholarship provides \$1,000 annually to a college-bound high school senior. The award is presented during High School Recognition Day.

The first action by the Lead Team was to do something to remember the students at the end of the fall semester. In addition, the Lead Team started planning and providing a Christmas party for the students. Several members mailed Christmas cards and goodie bags to each student. One of those goodies was homemade cookies. This was a tangible way to let the students know their church family remembered them.

**The Single Adults Ministry sponsored the J.C. Café in 2004.**

By **2010**, the College Lead team had grown to 10–12 members. Their duties were mailing cards 4–5 times a year and mailing birthday cards to every student. For several years, we helped provide meals for the Baptist Student Union at North Carolina State University, as requested by the campus minister, since we had students there.

Sue Glover proposed starting a College Encourager Program in the fall of **2015**. As a high school counselor, she had started a teacher-student buddy program for students who needed extra support. She thought it would help the Trinity students as they started a new chapter in their lives—an extra adult to stay in touch with them through prayer, email, text, and cards. The ladies in the TBC High School Class of **2016** had been in Sue's D-team group for 3 years. She wanted them to feel supported as they moved into a new phase of life. Sue began thinking about how Trinity members could provide extra support to our college students during this transition and shared the idea with the Student Minister and the Lead Team. The group liked the idea, and we moved forward with just that one class. We have added another group each year, so since **Spring 2016**, TBC high school graduates have had the opportunity to be assigned an Encourager. It is a one-year commitment for adults. Most have continued with their student through undergraduate school. Some encouragers started over with a new student when their student graduated. It has been a blessing to watch the relationships develop between the adult/student pairs through the years.

## Graduate Recognition Day

*“Graduate Sunday has become for our church one of those moments of passage. The same individuals that we carried up and down the aisles when they were infants, as we dedicated them to the Lord, will now walk down the same aisles as emerging adults. The same children and youth who stood in the baptismal waters as they proclaimed their faith publicly will now go with the challenge of proclaiming their faith in some situations where it is hard to be faithful to Christ.”* (Life Honestly, May 2013)

## Summer Day Camps

Summer camp registrations have reached the maximum capacity of 40 children for each week of camp, with the number of camp weeks increasing to seven for the summer. Theme camp weeks, excursions into the community and gym games with daily devotions keep campers busy.

## Upward Basketball & Cheerleading

This ministry remains as strong as ever, having just completed its 21st consecutive season. It continues to maintain maximum participation, with 320 basketball players and over 50 cheerleaders annually for the last 15 years. Using a basketball and a pom-pom to teach children about Jesus is a dominant factor in this community program's success.

## Raleigh Baptist Association Basketball

Trinity's middle and high school students continue to have a strong presence in the RBA league, proving their competitiveness in season and tournament play.

## Young Sunday School Class Ages 30-34



Boyd Dimmock Remembers, "When Tom and I first visited Trinity, we went into the Don Hart Couples Sunday School class, because as newly-weds, we wanted to find a place for us as a couple rather than as separate men's and women's classes, which were mostly what were offered. Early in 1975, we asked if we could start a new class of young couples where we could share the stage of life we were in, early in our careers, happy to be together without spending too much money and before children.

Trinity was a small church, consisting of what are now Building B and D on the current campus. It was suggested that we could meet in a small house behind Building B that was lovingly called the Shaw House.

Tom and I started that class with just the two of us meeting in the living room there on Sunday mornings. The first couple who came provided one additional to the class while his wife volunteered to teach the children in what is now Building D.

I remember having a cookout that summer for our class and we had 10 to attend, including a couple who visited and would join later. We made fast friends with these Christian young people, and it was a nice bond of caring and fellowship along with our spiritual growth. Later we moved to a different house on Six Forks road. We met in the living room for a while, until we were overflowing.

At that point some of the couples were becoming parents and their lives were appropriately changing. That's when we split into two classes with one meeting in the living room and the other moving into the garage. That was probably late **1970s**. Through the years, along with new people who joined, that class stayed together, jokingly calling us the 30- 34 year olds or Young Marrieds.

Many from that class went on to leadership positions within the church. Tom taught that class at Trinity for 40 years before his passing in **2015**. Many of those members are still together on Sunday mornings in the class taught by Dan Slagle and Tim Robinson.

Kay Bissette remembers starting two classes from “the Dimmock Class.” Once in the **1980s** and it became the Connie Reim Class, and the “new young adult department (now adult 3). The second class was in **1998** and is currently the “Davis Bowen Class.”

## Senior Adult Ministry

Nell Perrin was recognized and honored for her work as Senior Adult Coordinator in **February, 2000**. Upon Perrin’s retirement, Dorothy Petty became the Senior Adult Ministry Coordinator. She led our senior adults to be involved in ministry programs and purpose-filled trips, so that their “rocking chairs” would not feel neglected.

A special Fourth of July celebration was planned by Dorothy Petty, Senior Adult Coordinator, in **July 2006**. The American Legion Post Number One of Raleigh led Trinity in the “Retiring of the Flag” ceremony.

On **August 14, 2006**, David E. Buffaloe, who was over one hundred years old and the oldest member of Trinity, passed away. Four generations of Buffaloes shared the life of Trinity. With Petty’s retirement, a Senior Adult Led Team was organized, with members responsible for various aspects of the ministry.

Trinity Baptist Church’s Senior Adult and emerging VIBE (Vibrant Individuals Building Experiences) ministry centers on helping older adults remain active in faith, fellowship, and service. The Senior Adult Ministry provides a wide range



of opportunities—from Bible study and choir participation to trips, games, service projects, and caregiving support—designed to nurture both spiritual growth and meaningful community. At the same time, VIBE represents a new and intentional extension of this ministry, aimed at engaging a younger segment of active adults approaching or in retirement,

signaling a desire to broaden both reach and relevance in this life stage.

A defining emphasis of this ministry area is its vibrancy and intergenerational impact. Senior adults are not viewed as passive participants but as leaders, mentors, and servants who “build a legacy of faith” while continuing to grow themselves. Distinctive qualities include consistent fellowship rhythms (such as weekly gatherings and trips), musical leadership through the Primetimers Choir, and outward-facing service like the annual community shredding event. These practices reflect a culture of belonging and purpose, aligning with Trinity’s broader identity as an intergenerational church where every stage of life contributes to the whole.

In recent years, meaningful developments include the continued strengthening of long-standing traditions—trips, service projects, and scholarship support for younger generations—as well as the forward-looking launch of **VIBE** in **2026**. Together, these highlight both continuity and innovation. This ministry has shaped the life of Trinity by fostering deep relational care, prayer support, and mentorship across generations, while also modeling faithful longevity in discipleship. Looking ahead, the introduction of **VIBE** and ongoing opportunities for connection, service, and leadership position this ministry to reflect Trinity’s current direction: a church that honors its legacy while actively engaging new seasons of life and ministry.

## Discipleship and Education

The ministry of discipleship and education is all encompassing. It includes all ages and use of the entire facility each week. When Karen Eickoff’s role shifted from the age groups of preschool and children to include adults, she discovered many new ways to include more ages in biblical study and Christian growth and renewal. Throughout her tenure of 30 years, Trinity has championed the



expansion of new facilities to allow for growth and organization. Long range studies lent themselves to better utilization of space and resources. A Sunday School Council and Discipleship team have aided in the growth and training of leaders. New classrooms have encouraged growth. A byproduct of the Covid situation brought a renewed use of digital media for holding class and allowing house bound members access to their adult class on a regular basis. We continue using TVs and Zoom for several Sunday School classes.

## Sunday School

Sunday School has grown, changed, readjusted and become more personal in recent years. Training continues to be a priority. Prior to **2011** we capitalized on training with the Raleigh Baptist Association. Age group ministries would offer their own training and encourage involvement in the Associational Training offered. After **2013**, the Sunday School council began to offer Sunday School Training for leaders at the start of the church year every two years. We would have large dinner events with training afterwards or individual training by age groups. We had theme events of Game Shows, Star Wars/SCiFi, "Bee" theme to go with our church motto, The Gospel according to Peanuts, etc. All were fun with added educational training.

In **2005**, we opened the E building and ROC. This allowed all preschool and grade school Sunday School classes to be in one building instead of 3. During the years of the Sanctuary renovation, we moved and reorganized adult classrooms and brought the Adult 1 department over to the Grade School Suite to make them more accessible to the ROC where worship was happening.



After the sanctuary renovation more classrooms were provided, and we were able to expand and reorganize our Adult Sunday School departments. We aligned all of our elder classes on the ground floor with easier access to the sanctuary. We bought TV's and began to use zoom to connect with members unable to attend in person.

This permitted class members to stay connected.

## Discipleship

Trinity offers a variety of Discipleship Opportunities. We offered a Discipleship Academy beginning in **2014** which was helpful for Sunday School teachers and members overviewing Old Testament, New Testament, and Baptist History and Doctrine. We held studies including The Apprentice Series with books by James Bryan Smith, books by Max Lucado, John Ortberg, Adam Hamilton and Rick Warren have also been used in discipleship. Discipleship sponsored several Prayer walks and sacred spaces for Lent and general studies. We held book clubs and studies on current issues like grief, racial, feminine and economic equality, church growth, nationalism, and mental health. **TNT** was established as a midweek Bible study for just men and just women on Tuesday evenings. Dr. Roberts facilitates the men and Robin Roberts facilitates the women. Each TNT semester covers one Bible book and with breakout small groups after a large joint session. For several summers we presented THE CHOSEN as a video/discussion format in the fellowship hall.

Discipleship occurs throughout the week. With most structure happening on Tuesday or Wednesdays. Discipleship also offers devotional books or cards for seasons of year like Lent and Advent.

## Missions

The Woman's Missionary Union was organized on **April 23, 1956**. 15 women attended the first meeting.

### The first officers to serve were as follows:

*President—Mrs. Theresa Eason*

*1st Vice President—Mrs. L. A. Millis*

*2nd Vice President—Mrs. Margaret Greene*

*Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Dorothy Drew*

*Youth Director—Mrs. Rachel Thomas*

*Prayer Chairperson—Mrs. Lorryne Whitworth*  
*Mission Study Chairperson—Mrs. Fannie Christian*  
*Stewardship Chairperson—Mrs. J. Reid Hill*  
*Community Mission Chairperson—Mrs. Maude Shaw*  
*Publicity Chairperson—Mrs. Alex Fletcher*  
*Social Committee—Mrs. Lois Early and Mrs. Van Mims*

The charter membership of the WMU closed on **July 31, 1956**, with 16 members. The visiting speaker for the **July 31, 1956**, meeting was Mrs. Bunn Olive. Nello T. Norris was elected as the first Brotherhood President of the church.

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Dr. and Mrs. W. James Moorhead, missionaries to the Philippines, made Trinity their home base during their 1966-1967 furlough. Throughout the year, they shared their missionary experiences. The church held "Moorhead Night" on **May 10, 1967**, bidding farewell to the couple as they returned to the mission field.

The conclusions of **1973** and much of **1974** were marked by continued growth and renewed commitment among the congregation. During this period, several members joined, enriching the fellowship and actively participating in church programs. Various committees worked diligently to expand outreach

efforts, including community service projects and youth initiatives, further strengthening Trinity's presence in the local area.



## Missions: Corn Island, Nicaragua

Rev. Yarborough presented a very challenging project proposal at the regular Business Meeting on **March 13, 1974**. The Youth Choir planned a mission tour to Central America in the summer of **1975**. We received an invitation from Ebenezer Baptist Church in Corn Island, Nicaragua, to visit, conduct a mission Vacation Bible School, and give witness through a musical program. A great day was **August 6, 1975!**

This marked the beginning of a 19-day journey for the members of the Trinity Youth Choir and the adults who accompanied them. The tour took them to Florida, then to Corn Island, Nicaragua, for a week of leadership in Ebenezer Baptist Church, then to Costa Rica and Panama, before returning to Florida and then home to Raleigh.

## Missions: India

North Carolina Baptist Men, through a partnership with the local ministry Transformation India Movement (TIM), has supported the drilling of hundreds of wells, particularly in the state of Bihar. We participated in drilling freshwater wells in villages, an important ministry that impacts thousands of lives with just the gift of clean water. Our Missions Steering Committee led the church to provide funds for 33 wells. Wells are like a key to the village. A new well opens all the



doors and villagers are receptive to the message of the ones who provided it. Wells are like a key to the village. A new well opens all the doors and villagers are receptive to the message of the ones who provided it. Our 33 wells have the statement that the well was provided by Trinity Baptist Church and it states that Jesus is the Living Water, John 4.

## Mary Ruth Dew wrote,

*"Some of my favorites were going to retreats, mission trips to serve, driving Mr. Blake's truck to Caswell, and lock-ins."*

On February 16, 1983, the church voted to establish a special Missions Committee to coordinate the church's overall missions function. The committee consisted of the Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood directors, and five others selected by the Church Council. The Minister of Education would serve alongside this committee.

On **May 11, 1983**, the church voted to invite an Arab-speaking Christian group led by William Hern, a retired missionary, to meet at Trinity, effective **May 15, 1983**.

## The Arabic Ministry began in 1984,

meeting in individual homes and was led by Rev. Bill and Nancy Hern, retired Foreign Missionaries in the Middle East. In **October 1986**, through the HERNs and a joint relationship with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Raleigh Baptist Association, Rev. Charles Farag and his wife, Susan, were called to lead the church. This was one of the new church works initiated by the Raleigh Baptist Association in **1983**, under the leadership of Rev. Dennis Gabriel,





director of missions/ministries. Rev. Farag began an outreach program by writing to everyone with an Arabic name in the Raleigh phone book. In **1986**, Rev. Farag also enrolled at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he received a Master of Divinity degree in **December 1989**.

On **April 13, 1988**, Trinity voted to license Rev. Charles Farag, Arabic Pastor, for ministry by the church.

**In 1990, total involvement in ministry and outreach was experienced as the membership joined forces with Habitat for Humanity to build a house for the M'drang family from Vietnam.**

The house was completed in December **1990**. The Furr Sunday School class ministered to this family in many ways and developed a long-term relationship with them. For forty years, Habitat for Humanity has lived into its mission well by helping others to experience God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Since **1985**, over 962 safe, affordable, energy-efficient homes have been built in Wake and Johnston Counties.

On **October 16, 1991**, Trinity voted to contribute \$2,500 to the Raleigh Baptist Association to be applied to a Habitat for Humanity house to be built in Raleigh.

On **November 18, 1992**, the church voted to sponsor two families from Russia at a cost of \$1,500 per family.

On **August 20, 1995**, Ukraine Mission members presented a glowing report on their mission



work in Ukraine.

## Team members were:

*Rev. Al Marguerat*

*Marjorie Crecium*

*Emile Kiwan*

*Joe Rouse*

Rev. Metcalf traveled to South Africa from **April 23** to **May 10, 1996**, to participate in North Carolina Baptists' newest mission partnership.

Under the leadership of the Missions Committee in **1996**, plans were underway, and funds were being secured to build a second Habitat for Humanity house.

In **1997**, this second house was built for the Bailey family.

On **January 16, 2000**, Kim Price moved that Trinity approve and support a mission trip to Indonesia to conduct a Vacation Bible School for the missionary children. Under the leadership of the Missions Steering Committee, the emphasis on moving from mission program and giving to the mission's lifestyle continued. Local mission opportunities included Operation Inasmuch, WIHN hosting, a Red Cross blood drive, and English as a Second Language tutoring for nine women from Burundi, Africa. During Upward basketball, a snack café was held with proceeds going to North Raleigh Ministries. We began a new ministry, Jobs for Life, for those who needed help securing a job. The North Hills 5K, benefiting North Raleigh Ministries, held its inaugural run. In addition to collecting Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, we became a Regional Collection Center.



## Disaster Recovery teams went to Gulfport, Mississippi, following the destruction of Hurricane.

During the summer, an adult mission team journeyed to McCreary County, Kentucky, where we established a partnership with the Hills and Hollars Ministry. A team travelled to Honduras, marking the sixth group to do so. An adult medical missions team visited the Dominican Republic, where they worked with Keith and Lisa Hunter Wagner, missionaries in the area. Lisa is the daughter of Al and Penney Hunter.

On **July 16, 2000**, Kay Bissette, Chair of Missions Committee, recommended that the remaining balance of the Adopt A Missionary Fund be used to create a mission fund to be managed by the Trinity Baptist Church Foundation. The purpose of the fund would be to fund mission trips by Trinity members. The funds would come from interest generated by the fund, rather than from the principal. The Missions Committee would direct the distribution of the funds. Dr. Roberts stated that the fund would not be an endowment. This fund was later named "The Shaw Missions Fund." The Shaw Fund was created to assist Trinity members with the expenses of going on Mission Trips. Funds are also used to purchase building materials and supplies. In **2024**, \$ 40,370 was given to the Shaw Fund.

The dedication of the Habitat for Humanity house for the Jones family occurred on **May 10, 2003**. This house was constructed by Trinity members under the leadership of Boyd Dimmock.

On **February 20, 2005**, the Missions Steering Committee moved that Trinity participate in the Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network. Trinity would be responsible for providing shelter, food, and Christian witness to homeless families for four weeks each year. This motion was approved. Guests would use the old office suite in Building A and use the showers in the **ROC**. Jenny Wilson coordinated this for many years.

## A medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic



occurred from May 5 to May 12, 2006.

Participants included Hal Melton (group leader); Betty Babyak, Beth Davis, Kathy McDuffee, Beverly Munday, Jenny Wilson (all nurses); and Dr. Ken Benson, Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Logue, and Dr. Randy Macon. The High School Choir took a mission tour in **June of 2006** to Massachusetts to work with Celebration Church, a new church in downtown Boston. The forty-eight students and 9 adults were involved in leading Vacation Bible School, cleaning and painting the church, and leading worship and performing concerts at the church and a local mall. This was one of nine mission tours the High School Choir has been on in the past seventeen years.

In **2007**, the Missions Steering Committee challenged the church to fill a trailer with school supplies and canned food for North Raleigh Ministries. They promised free ice cream for everyone! The church accepted the challenge, and everyone enjoyed the ice cream. It was a fun part of the evening's dinner and the kickoff for the Summer Splash activities and concerts.

**In 2007, Trinity committed to serving in McCreary County, KY, the closest of the 20 counties to Raleigh.**

Our Missions Team will continue their work with NC Baptist on Missions' Appalachian Coalfields Ministries in McCreary County, Kentucky: a statewide Baptist initiative connecting local churches like Trinity to vetted mission sites such as the Light Community and the Lord's Café. We partnered with a local missionary and his wife, Jim and Rita Cmolik, whose nonprofit organization, Hills & Hollers Ministries, is ongoing. They seek to establish relationships with families in this impoverished former coal-mining region and to bring the message of God's love through Jesus by discerning how best to assist families who need a little hope and help to get their feet under them. Most of their efforts focus on supporting new mothers through counseling, supplies, and gospel-centered community. To assist families, they established a Thrift Store. For many years, Joe Rouse drove a U-Haul filled with items donated from the overflow at North Raleigh Ministries. This Thrift Store enabled families to purchase items rather than receive handouts.

In **2009**, the Arabic Nurturing Committee worked to make a dream come true: the Raleigh Arabic Baptist Church. This had been a mission church through Trinity since **1983**.

## According to their website, the goal for the church is to reach the Triangle Arabic Speaking People Group with the Gospel of Christ:

*"introducing Jesus Christ as Lord and Master to as many people as possible. Our focus will be on the Arabic-speaking people living in Raleigh and Wake County. We believe that by the work and guidance of the Holy Spirit, a positive difference and impact on the lives of those people can be made."*

**Kay Bisette, chair, made the following recommendation**



## to the November 2009 Church Conference:

*“The Arab Nurturing Committee recommends that the Trinity Arabic Mission become The Raleigh Arabic Baptist Church, on **January 1, 2010.**”*



It was approved. A joint worship service was held to officially launch the new church. The agreement is in the Appendix.

## Boyd Dimmock reflected on the 2015 Peru Mission trip in the student ministry blog, *Life Honestly*.

*“Our students have been involved in many opportunities here in Peru. As a chaperone, it has been a blessing to see our students share the gospel. They sang, gave testimonies, did skits, and prayed with individuals who had specific needs. The local church people accompanied us and had the chance to invite people to join the local Christian community. Today, a lady whom we prayed for gave us a fresh papaya as a thank-you gift, and the kids were delighted. We are seeing God at work and, at the same time, growing in our own spiritual lives. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. I thank Trinity for the chance to participate.”*

## Missions: English as a Second Language Rev. Eickhoff shared,

*“Back in **2019**, something stirred in my heart. I had been deeply moved by stories of refugees—many of whom were misunderstood and mistreated simply because of language barriers. Years earlier, I had attended seminary with*

dreams of becoming a missionary. I was a schoolteacher and a reading specialist, always hoping I might someday use those gifts either in a foreign country or in domestic mission work for God. But life kept me stateside, working in education and ministry within the church, a calling I've come to deeply love. Still, that desire to serve as a missionary never really faded. Then, in **2019**, God opened a door. ESL is a lifeline for many people around the world who find themselves in a new country, trying to rebuild their lives. It's more than just language—it's survival. It's a way to navigate schools, jobs, hospitals, stores, and everyday social situations. It's a bridge to community and a doorway to dignity. Here, ESL has become a ministry of hope, connection, and faith. And it all began, for me, with a quiet conviction from the Holy Spirit.



I reached out to Kim Wyatt, from Welcome House and a CBF missionary, after meeting her group during Trinity's 4th of July Fellowship at North Hills Park. I asked her what teaching English as a second language involved, and she pointed me in the right direction. After attending a few training sessions at the Raleigh Baptist Association office, I began observing ESL classes. Soon after, Kim invited me to help teach at the Smithdale apartments, which house many refugee families. I said "yes." That "yes" has changed my life. Teaching someone to read, helping them understand American greetings, or walking them through a job application can be one of the most effective ways to share the love of Christ. Every alphabet lesson, every conversation about nouns and verbs, becomes a door to something deeper. When we show up, care, and serve, we live out the gospel in a way that words alone can't express."

Our newest partnership in McCreary County connects our missions teams with the ministry of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Crossroads Community Church, and the ministries of Grant and Gina Hasty. Through this partnership, Trinity

supports The Light Community, a tiny house community providing care and support to those in recovery, and The Lord's Cafe, a ministry that feeds body and soul. Envisioned by Crossroads Community Church and formed under Only He Gets the Glory, it's a 13-acre farm being developed into a tiny-home community focused on restoring physical stability, spiritual healing, and mental well-being. Trinity has answered this call for many years. God willing, three homes will be complete in **2025**.

**Goal = \$45,954**  
**TBC Theme:**  
**"Bright Hope for Tomorrow"**

*Thank you, TBC! Thanks to your generosity, we have exceeded our \$45,954 goal. Your support of missionaries sharing the good news of Jesus Christ is helping others to have a "Bright Hope for Tomorrow" in the Lord!*

*- Dr. Randy McKinney*

## Missions in 2026

Trinity Baptist Church's missions ministry is rooted in a holistic vision of sharing the gospel locally, nationally, and globally through both proclamation and tangible acts of care. The church emphasizes that every believer is called to participate in missions, engaging not only spiritual needs but also physical, emotional, and relational ones. Through partnerships with organizations such as the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and North Carolina Baptists on Mission, along with hands-on congregational involvement, Trinity seeks to "join hands with God" in meeting needs and making disciples in Raleigh, across the state and nation, and around the world.



A distinctive quality of Trinity's missions ministry is its broad, participatory approach—encouraging all ages and skill levels to actively give, go, and serve. This is seen in ongoing

disaster relief and recovery work, local partnerships with ministries like North Raleigh Ministries and Raleigh Rescue Mission, and seasonal emphases such as mission-focused summers, Operation Christmas Child initiatives, and mission offerings. The church has also developed strong infrastructure for service, including trained disaster relief teams and dedicated leadership structures, reflecting a long-term commitment rather than sporadic engagement.

In recent years, Trinity's missions ministry has celebrated meaningful milestones, including recognition with the Christian Baptist Fellowship Global "Excellence in Missions" award and growing participation in events like Operation Christmas Child packing efforts and national and international mission trips. These developments highlight a culture of consistent generosity and responsiveness to new opportunities. Missions have deeply shaped the life of Trinity by fostering unity, outward focus, and intergenerational involvement—integrating service into worship seasons, discipleship, and churchwide rhythms. Looking ahead, current opportunities such as disaster response training, upcoming mission trips, and expanded partnerships continue to position Trinity as a congregation actively discerning where God is leading, reflecting a church that is both rooted in tradition and responsive to present needs.

Under the leadership of our pastor, outreach has become a priority. The Evangelism Committee is discerning ways to build a congregational culture of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Likewise, efforts are being made to connect with the communities around the church, especially the apartment complexes or high density areas around midtown, and the communities containing clusters of Trinity members. The goal is to discover pockets of ministry and demonstrate the kingdom of God in word and deed.





## Community

In **1954**, the Missions Committee, under the leadership of Rev. Lee Pridgen, Executive Secretary of the Raleigh Baptist Association, recognized the need for a Baptist Church on Six Forks Road to serve the residents of the many

new residential developments in the area. They realized that the suburban area north of Raleigh was growing rapidly. After considerable study, it was very apparent that no church was located near enough to properly minister to the needs of the rapidly increasing number of people.

The Missions Committee voted to take the necessary steps to secure a site and assist the people of the area in establishing a church.

During this same period, a survey was taken to determine the number of prospects in the community. Following several inquiries, the Missions Committee of the association made tentative arrangements with the developers of the Josiah W. Bailey property for the purchase of a site approximately one mile north of Anderson Drive on the south side of Six Forks Road.

Due to difficulties securing the building site on the Bailey property, the Association purchased another site from Mr. H. L. Carter, approximately one-half mile north of the Bailey property on Six Forks Road. This tract contained approximately 2 acres of land and a large duplex house that had earlier served as the Oak Grove School.

In addition to this site, two acres of land, at the rear of the house, were purchased from Mrs. Lizzie Saunders. A strip of land in front of the house, between the old railroad bed and the present road, was purchased from Mr. J.W. Huff. Altogether, a little over four acres, plus the house, were purchased

for \$13,800.

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Raleigh Association's youngest church, had just established their Brotherhood organization. This meant that Trinity had all the main organizations of any Baptist Church.



At the beginning of the **1957-1958** church year, a calendar of activities booklet that included a directory of members, leaders, and committees was published. At that time, there were 149 members.

## Dr. Walden stated,

*“Coming as we have from more than twenty-five different churches, we are now beginning to feel the strength of being welded into ‘one body in Christ’ as Trinity Baptist.” They adopted Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who keeps on pouring power into me,” as the church’s theme verse (motto) for the year.*

The **1958-1959** Church Calendar and Directory included an introduction from Dr. Walden.

## He said,

*“With the prospect of 9,000 people in this community by 1970—one third of whom will be Baptists—Trinity Baptist is certainly poised to have ‘a great and*

*effectual door' open before them. My sincere prayer ... is that you may, in every way possible, help to build a Church in this community that will honor Christ through its every member. Philippians 1:3"*

Under Walden's leadership, the church grew from sixty-one members to 169 members, with 248 enrolled in Sunday School, ninety-four enrolled in Training Union, 102 enrolled in Woman's Missionary Union, and twenty-three enrolled in Brotherhood. (News and Observer, 1958, Oct 27)

Like the rest of the nation, Trinity was grief-stricken by the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The congregation mailed a condolence card to Mrs. Kennedy, who sent a beautiful thank-you card to the church.

## **Anne Warren remembers Dr. Brooks' statement to the committee:**

*"You will grow in spite of yourself."*

There were those who dared to dream big—we thought 500 members was a very big dream!

## **In the Spring of 1975, Cathy Hopkins,**

a Christian Education student at Campbell University, spent a semester observing, studying, and writing a paper about the church. This was a required project for her major. She described Trinity in the following way:



*"The people of Trinity have tried to be aware of the perils of substituting a program of building and activity for the deeper matters of daily*

*discipleship. Trinity facilities are seen as instruments for the equipping of the Christian for greater usefulness in life. The ideal which Trinity holds before itself is that of the simple, yet total, demand of the New Testament for one's life to be devoted to the service of man after the example of Jesus Christ." In-Depth Study, April 1975*

The conclusions of **1973** and much of **1974** were marked by continued growth and renewed commitment among the congregation. During this period, several members joined, enriching the fellowship and actively participating in church programs. Various committees worked diligently to expand outreach efforts, including community service projects and youth initiatives, further strengthening Trinity's presence in the local area.

*Trinity hosted a Christmas party in 1980 for 100 Goodfellow children, needy children living in Raleigh. According to the News and Observer, the party was a partnership with New Hope Baptist, the Board of Realtors, the Jaycees, and the Wake County Department of Social Services. Fred O'Neal, a member of Trinity and the Board of Realtors, was instrumental in planning the party. After learning that these children had been left out of the annual Goodfellow Christmas party, due to travel problems, O'Neal led the effort to plan another party. They worked with the Wake County Department of Social Services to provide a special party held in the church fellowship hall.*

**(News and Observer. 24 December 1980.)**

On **September 30, 1982**, the annual letter to the Raleigh Baptist Association reported that Trinity had surpassed its record net membership increase.

The net increase for **October 1981** to **September 1982** was 132; the previous record was 110 in **1978**.

On **March 18, 1992**, the

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church voted to accept its trustees' recommendation to incorporate Trinity Baptist Church as a legal entity.

An offering for the needy was established on **February 21, 1999**. This offering, to be collected at the conclusion of each worship service in which the Lord's Supper was observed, would benefit the North Raleigh Crisis Center.

The North Hills Crisis Center held its Open House on **February 1, 2004**. The Center opened for ministry on **February 3, 2004**.

On **October 16, 2005**, Denise Crumpler reported that the new location for the North Raleigh Crisis Center is 2431 Spring Forest Road. Seven churches were participating.

## **Under his leadership, the ministry has changed in the following ways:**

*Upward Basketball program doubled in size; cheerleading was added to the Upward program; Shaw Mission Golf Tournament raised twice as many funds; Summer Camp for grade school doubled in size; numerous activities were added including Summer Splash Fellowship Night, surfing trips, fitness programs, and the Walk the Appalachian Trail.*

## **In an interview with the News & Observer, Farag discussed multicultural ministry.**

*"It is not only the language, but also the culture, the illustrations I use in the sermon. There is a sense of belonging. It is hard for them to find it in an American church," (News and Observer, 2 March 2001)*

## **Adult Ministry/Women's Renewal Weekends**

These weekends were well attended by intergenerational women. Promoted by women for women opened the attendance for all women from 18 to 100! In addition to spiritual renewal and growth, the women laughed and had fun. Special features were the parade of tables, when women brought their best

china, silver, and crystal to create beautiful tables. Lunch on Saturday featured a few good men who were “Singing Waiters.”

**September 19-20, 2003**

Theme: God, Can We Reschedule?

Guest Speaker: Phillis Elvington



**September 24-25 2004**

Theme: Going to the Well

Guest Speaker: Amy Jacks Dean

**September 30- October 1 2005** Theme: Looking for Jesus | Guest Speaker: Dr. Lydia Hoyle

**September 29-30 2006** | Theme: Live Laugh Love | Guest Speaker: Catherine Painter / Matt Fore

**October 5-6 2007** | Theme: Living with Passion | Guest Speaker: Sarah Knott

**October 10-11 2008** | Theme: Born To Soar | Guest Speaker: Jane Creswell

**March 5-6 2010** Color Me Beautiful

**March 18-19 2011** | Theme: Better Than My Dreams | Guest Speaker: Paula Rhinehart

**March 16th-17th 2012** | Theme: Women Who Follow Jesus | Guest Speaker: Barb Egbert

**October 4, 2014** | Theme: A Day of Passion | Guest Speaker: Ka'thy

Gore Chappell

## Recreation Outreach Center

The Recreation Outreach Center opened in 2024 in order to lead people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, strengthen the church body and glorify God through activities that complement the ministries and vision of Trinity Baptist Church.

The ROC's operations are under the direct supervision of the ROC Director, guided by the Recreation Committee. The center houses a full size gymnasium with an elevated walking track, a game room, a fitness center and locker rooms for Trinity members and community neighbors.

Under the guidance of the Recreation Committee, the "ROC" gained new leadership in 2013, which created the role of Recreation Outreach Center Director. Laury Holley was the first hire for this position.

## NH5K

The North Hills 5K has evolved into a very strong mission event, directed by a lead team under the Recreation



Committee. It supports local children through various non-profit organizations, primarily North Raleigh Ministries and Backpack Buddies, with the addition of Note in the Pocket for the last two years. The 21st NH5K will be held on September 19, 2026 at Trinity Baptist Church.



## Fall Fest

Fall Fest in October continues to be a fun event for all generations, focusing on children and community outreach. Hot dogs with the fixings, cotton candy, hay rides, popcorn, inflatables and many many games with candy and prizes bring out children and adults of all ages to enjoy the fun and fellowship.

## ROC'n Golf Tournament

The tournament will hold its 21st Tournament on May 11, 2026. The tournament has come full circle: it began 21 years ago at what was then Wildwood Country Club, later moved to Heritage Golf Club, and for the last 2 years, it has been held at what is now called Wildwood Golf Club. The tournament remains a solid mission event, supporting various community non-profit organizations that benefit children and families.

## People Who Shaped Trinity's History

The first planning meeting to organize a new Baptist Church on Six Forks Road was held Sunday afternoon, **September 11, 1955**, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid Hill on Bellevue Road, with 20 people in attendance. A similar meeting was held each Sunday afternoon through **November 13, 1955**. Rev. Lee Pridgen was on hand to answer questions and assist in making plans. The group elected C. H. Pritchard as Chair and Reid Hill as Secretary until the church was organized.

## Those present at the first meeting were as follows:

*Jesse V. Booth*

*Carroll A. Davis*

*Mr. and Mrs. Julius F. Greene*

*Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid Hill*

*Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Howell*

*Raymond C. Jones*

*L. A. Millis*

*Rev. Robert L. Newton, Pastor of Millbrook BC*

*Jack A. Painter*

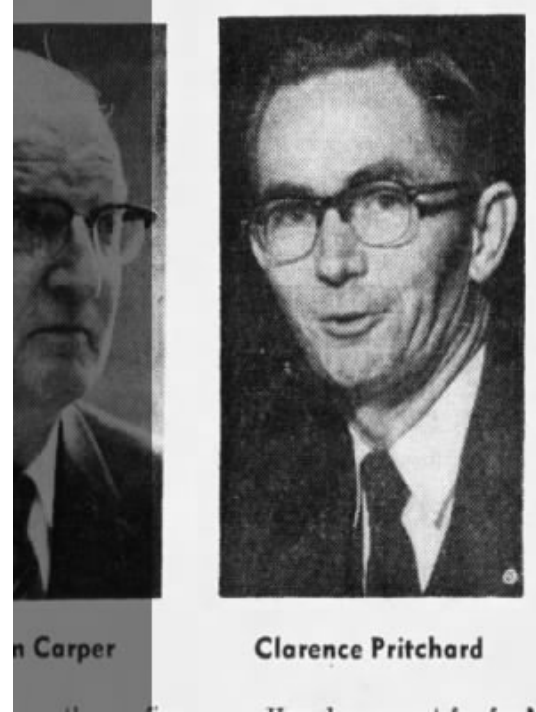
*Rev. Lee Pridgen, Executive Secretary, Raleigh Baptist Association*

*Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pritchard*

*E. H. Roberts, Jr.–*

*Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shaw W.T. Thomas, Jr.*

*W. Andrew Ward*



## Other services were held in the homes of:

*Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shaw*

*Mr. and Mrs. Julius F. Greene*

*Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Pritchard*

*Mr. and Mrs. Allan E. Drew*

*Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Roberts, Jr.*

At the time of purchase, Joe and James Shaw and their families were living in the duplexes. They are the sons of Hugh and Maude Shaw. "Mama Shaw" attended Oak Grove School. She was also known as Maude Buffalo Shaw or Mrs. Hugh Shaw.

## Officers of Trinity Baptist Church:

*Dr. Henry E. Walden, Jr, pastor*

*Mrs. Nello Norris, clerk*

*Thomas Privette, treasurer*

*Julius Green, financial secretary*  
*Mrs. C. H. Pritchard, choir director and pianist*  
*C. H. Pritchard, Sunday School superintendent*  
*J. Reid Hill, Training Union director*

The first board of Deacons was elected on Sunday, March 4, 1956. On March 25, 1956, six of these Deacons were ordained during the morning worship service.

## Those serving as Deacons:

*C. H. Pritchard, Chair*  
*Joe Eason*  
*J. Reid Hill*  
*Joe Hodge*  
*L.A. Millis (replaced Tom Privette)*  
*Douglas Mims*  
*Nello T. Norris*  
*Eugene Roberts*  
*Hugh Shaw*

Charter membership certificates were presented to ninety-one persons in a special service conducted by our pastor and Rev. Lee Pridgen at the morning worship service on **July 15, 1956**. The charter membership period extended from **February 5, 1956**, to **April 1, 1956**.

In 1956, you joined hands with God and the Raleigh Baptist Association to begin a new Baptist Church on Six Forks Road, a dirt road out in the country, north of the suburbs. You left your family of faith, your church friends, and responsibilities to step into the unknown. You came with commitment, dreams, faith, vision,



and compassion. You gave freely of your time, talents, and tithes to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. You followed God's guidance and calling to build Trinity Baptist Church. This is our heritage.

To you, charter members, faithful then and now, we express our gratitude, appreciation, and love as you join hands with God through Trinity Baptist Church.



*A complete list of Charter Members is in the Appendix.*

The first nominating committee elected by the church, as called for by the constitution, was composed of Marvin Winstead, Raymond Jones, and Mrs. S. H. Whitworth.

Anne Warren shared that Bill and she purchased their first home across Six.

Forks Road from the church. Their membership remained at the Boylan Heights Baptist Church. Dr. Walden, then pastor, visited the young couple. Anne remembered that he said, "I hate to see good Baptists pass one good Baptist church going to another good Baptist church." She and Bill soon agreed and joined the church in **1958**.

## **Anne Warren shared another early memory:**

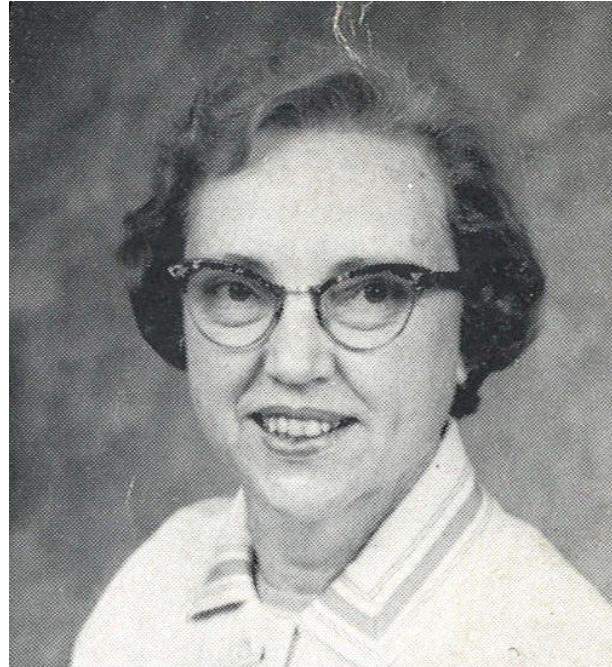
*"In those days, most of the men were members of the local volunteer fire department. When the alarm sounded, no matter what was going on in the service, the men would jump up, leave, and take their place wherever they were needed. This ended when we became part of the city."*

On **October 29, 1958**, a called Business Meeting was held to receive the letter of resignation of Dr. Henry Walden, who would become the Associational Missionary of the Robeson Baptist Association in Robeson County. The church elected a Pulpit Committee to begin the search for a new pastor.

The Rev. Robert L. Newton was asked served as the interim pastor from **December 1958** to **February 1959**. At a called Business Meeting on **March 1, 1959**, the church voted to call the Rev. Virgil C. Merrell as pastor.

The Merrell family was welcomed to the church at a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Roberts, Jr. The church's officers formed the receiving line. They were Mr. Carl Swiggett, chair of the board of deacons; Mrs. Allan Drew, president of the Woman's Missionary Union; Clarence Pritchard, president of the Brotherhood; Nello Norris, director of Training Union; and Andrew Ward, Sunday School superintendent. (News and Observer, 23 April 1959)

During the Church Conference, held **February 14, 1979**, Rev. Harold West, Sr., presented a letter from Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, requesting that Trinity ordain Tom Vestal to the Christian Ministry. Mt. Olivet had called Tom as their Pastor. The matter of ordination was considered by the deaconate. At the **March 14, 1979**, Church Conference, Pastor Styles presented a resolution to ordain Tom Vestal into the ministry at the evening service on **April 1, 1979**. Tom Vestal was the first member of Trinity to



be ordained to the Christian Ministry.

In **June 1977**, Mable Grant Christian became the first African American to join the Trinity family. Her daughter, Cynthia Renee Christian, became the first African American to be baptized in **November 1977**. In **May 1980**, Julius Joe (Jay) Christian was the first male African American to be baptized by Trinity. Following the morning worship service on **November 18, 1973**, Trinity recognized Clarence Pritchard for his dedication in humble service to Hayes Barton Baptist Church and Trinity Baptist Church. For more than 30 years, he had served in every volunteer capacity. He was named the first Distinguished Deacon Emeritus.

Bill Granberry reported at the regular Business Conference on **March 14, 1973**, that Dorthy Drew (Mrs. Allan) had resigned. Mrs. Drew faithfully served the church as Secretary for almost 15 years.

Finch's service with Trinity continued until his marriage to Trinity member, Deborah Drew, on **January 27, 1973**. Their wedding was the first in the new Interim Sanctuary.

## **Memories of Maude Shaw could be shared by many. Those memories included:**

*"she loved on us in the nursery, cooked for us in the kitchen, ministered to us in the hospital, hugged our necks, and many more countless & selfless deeds."*

One of the requirements for admission to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary was the individual's church's affirmation. Four women expressed their desire to pursue a degree and were affirmed by the church: Martha Stephenson on April 29, and Ruby Brooks and Grace Dalton in **May. 6, 1981**. Following a significant time of prayer and study, a proposal was introduced at the Church Conference to include all women as eligible to serve as deacons.

On **September 27, 1984**, Grace Dalton and Martha Stephenson were the first women to be elected Deacons.

Joe Christian was elected to the office of Deacon and ordained on **September 27, 1984**. Joe was the first African American to be elected Deacon.

On **February 25, 1987**, the church voted to ordain Karen Overton Powell for ministry. The ordination service was held on **March 29, 1987**, and was officiated by Dr. Furr. Karen was the first woman ordained to ministry by Trinity.

On **December 9, 1987**, the Personnel Committee recommended Diane Slaton as Trinity's first employed Church Hostess to fill the part-time position.

On **December 21, 1988**, Richard Paschall, Jr., was recommended for admission to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Frank White was recommended for ordination for ministry.

On **October 16, 1991**, the church voted to license Randy McKinney as a gospel minister.

Glenn Crook was recommended to the Raleigh Baptist Association for ordination to ministry.

Sunday, **April 25, 1993**, was a special day in the life of Trinity as "Former Pastors and Families Day" was observed. Trinity's first two pastors were deceased; however, family members June Merrell Blankenship and Archie Walden were present to represent them. The other five pastors: Rev. John Stone, Dr. Lamar Brooks, Dr. Ray Pollard, Rev. Travis Styles, and Dr. William Furr were present to share their memories of Trinity. In commemoration of the seven dedicated and faithful pastors' ministries, and with grateful hearts, Allan and Dorthy Drew commissioned a local artist, Mrs. Joan Huffman, to prepare portraits of all seven pastors, and commissioned Davis Frame Gallery to frame the portraits. The portraits were dedicated and displayed in the Narthex.

On **November 19, 1994**, the Trinity family shared with Dr. and Mrs. Furr at the celebration of their daughter, Jamie Furr, and Brian Marlowe's marriage.

On **May 17, 1998**, Dr. William J. Furr announced his resignation after 17 years of dedicated and faithful pastoral leadership. On June 14, 1998, a church-wide

reception for him and his family set a record for attendance. Exactly thirteen months after Dr. Furr announced his resignation as pastor of Trinity, the church family was saddened by his death on **June 17, 1999**. His family members are still involved in Trinity's life.

In **January 1999**, five Trinity members were selected to serve on a Transition Team with Dr. Coffey.

## Those members were:

*Grace Dalton*

*Paul Gubbins*

*Don Hart*

*Harry McDonald*

*Hugh Shaw*

The new millennium promised to be an exciting time for the congregation of Trinity Baptist Church. Throughout the interim, Dr. Jack Coffey had led the congregation to examine their core values and the issues that had plagued the church at the end of the previous year. The decision of whether or not to build again was "on the back burner" until the new pastor's arrival. Excitement was building when the Pastor Search Committee announced that a young man,

just 39, would be the next pastor. We knew him well; he had been our youth minister. Roberts stated that Dr. William J. "Bill" Furr had been his confidante, mentor, friend, and father figure. In many ways, their ministries were an extension of each other. Yet the years would prove that Roberts would exceed the ministry and surpass that of Dr. Furr.



## Scripture recalls that Paul said in-1 Corinthians 3:6-8 (International Standard Version)

*"I planted, Apollos watered, but God kept everything growing. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is significant, but God, who keeps everything growing, is the one who matters. The one who plants and the one who waters have the same goal, and each will receive a reward for his own action."*

On **January 9, 2000**, the church voted to extend the call to Dr. G. Jeffery "Jeff" Roberts as Senior Minister of Trinity. Dr. Roberts accepted the call to begin ministry on **February 7, 2000**.

Rev. Hal Melton was called to serve as Associate Pastor and Adult Minister on **September 10, 2000**.

Trinity approved the licensing of David Cole to the ministry on **February 18, 2001**.

Nan Holton was employed as Church Hostess in **2001**.

Trinity ordained Keith Little for ministry on **August 18, 2002**.

Spencer Good was ordained for the ministry on **March 5, 2006**.  
2025 began with the celebration of Dr. Roberts' 25th anniversary.







# Part Three

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# Appendix

# Appendix I - Foundations & Leadership

## Charter Members

G.L. Baker	Anne Horner	Eugene H. Roberts
Mary Baker	Ann Horton	Brooksie Roberts
W.S. Barbour, Jr.	Delores Horton	Hugh Shaw
Mary Alice Barbour	William Howell	Maude Shaw
Patricia Butler	Lillian Howell	G.C. Shelton
William M. Christian	Blannie Howell	Eleanor Shelton
Fannie Christian	J.W. Huff	David Stevens
D.C. Downing	Louise Huff	Annie Stevens
Anne Downing	Ann Huff	Carl Swiggett
Allan E. Drew	Kathryn Huff Byrd	Iola Swiggett
Dorothy Drew	Raymond Jones	Harlan Thomas
William T. Early	Deanie Jones	Nancy Thomas
Lois Early	Paul H. Long	Walter T. Thomas
Joseph M. Eason	Ted Long	Rachel Thomas
Theresa Eason	L.A. Millis	J.B. Upchurch
Carlton F. Edwards	Betty Millis	Helen Upchurch
Kitty Edwards	Douglas Mims	Dr. Henry E. Walden, Jr.
C.M. Ferrell	Van Mims	Ruth Walden
Jane Ferrell	Nello T. Norris	Martha Walden
Billy T. Fulcher	Marie Norris	Henry Walden III
Rachel Fulcher	Linnora Pearce	Trudy Walden
E.H. Furcron	Marion J. Petty	Andrew Ward
Eleanor Furcron	Dorothy Petty	Kathryn Ward
Julius F. Greene	Clarence Pritchard	S.H. Whitworth
Margaret Greene	Shelton Pritchard	Lorrayne Whitworth
Harry Hawkins	Charles S. Pritchard	Linda Whitworth
Ann Hawkins	William M. Pritchard	Judy Wilson
Reid Hill	Thomas Privette	Marvin R. Winstead
Ruth Hill	Vivian Privette	Erma Winstead
Joe L. Hodge	C.R. Renfrow	
Nadine Hodge	Mrs. C.R. Renfrow	

## Senior Pastors

### Dr. Henry Eli Walden, Jr.

Dr. Henry E. Walden, Jr. served as secretary of the Rural Church Development of the Baptist State Convention for seven years (1949-1956) before his call to serve as Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church. He served Trinity for three years. Carl Swiggett, chair of the deacons, presented him with a beautiful seven-piece silver service and expressed words of appreciation for his work. He led the organization and development of the church since its inception (1956-1958). As Walden left, the church celebrated that the future is bright with promise in its forward progress.



Dr. Walden, a native of Monroe, graduated Cum Laude from Wake Forest College in 1938. He earned his master's degree in theology from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., in 1941. His Doctor of Philosophy degree in Theology was also earned from the Southern Seminary in 1944. He was a professor of religion at Wake Forest College from 1948 to 1951. After leaving Trinity, he served as Director of Missions for the Roberson Baptist Association until his retirement in 1981.

He was born on January 29, 1915, in Monroe. He married Winona Ruth Bailey of Raleigh on June 6, 1941, at Hayes Barton Baptist Church. They had four children, Henry E. III, Martha Winona, Gertrude Grace "Trudy", Archie Bailey, and five grandchildren. He died September 2, 1984, at the age of 69. Ruth was born May 20, 1920, and passed away on her 69th birthday, May 20, 1988.

## Virgil Calvin Merrell

Rev. Virgil Calvin Merrell, a native of Arkansas, graduated magna cum laude from Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. Prior to coming to Trinity, Rev. Merrell served as Pastor of the San Souci Baptist Church in Greenville. He served for one year as Trinity's Pastor (1959-1960). After leaving Trinity, they returned to Forest City, Arkansas, where they were active with the Billy Graham ministries. He also served in the National Guard.

He was born April 14, 1929, and married his high school sweetheart, Deloria June "Junie" Edmonson, in 1950. She was born June 12, 1932, and died March 16, 2018. He and his wife, Junie, are the parents of three children, Cathy, Sherri, and Kem.



## Rev. John Dawson Stone

Rev. John Dawson Stone was a native of Durham, North Carolina. He graduated from Duke University with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. A civil engineer, he was called to the ministry and received his Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was the pastor of Trinity for four years (1960-1964). After leaving Trinity in 1964, he served as Pastor of First Baptist Church in Southern Pines, North Carolina, for thirty-four years. After his retirement in 1998, he substituted in pulpits near and far, ministering wherever he went.

John was born on March 26, 1933, in Durham, NC. He married his high school sweetheart, Catherine Styron, in 1955. They are the parents of four children, Kelly, Mary, John, and Tyson. He died at the age of 82, in Southern Pines, on December 26, 2015.



## Dr. Lamar Judson Brooks

Dr. Lamar Judson Brooks was born in Macon, Georgia. He graduated from Mars Hill Junior College, Magna cum Laude, and from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, earning three degrees from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC: Bachelor of Divinity, Master of Theology, and Doctor of Ministry. Prior to his pastorate at Trinity, he served as Pastor of First Baptist Church in Cary, North Carolina, and at First Baptist Church in Dade City, Florida.



During his ministry at Trinity from 1965 to 1968, he also served on the staff at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Following his pastorate at Trinity, Dr. Brooks served at Wake Forest Baptist Church and First Baptist Church in Laurinburg, North Carolina. He retired following a ten-year pastorate as Pastor of Winter Park Baptist Church in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was, in retirement, pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church of Wilmington. He was the interim pastor of eleven churches.

He taught at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Campbell University, and at Mount Olive College. He was active in the work of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, having served as Recording Secretary of the Convention for 15 years, as a member of the General Board of the Convention for 19 years, as a member of the Executive Committee for 4 years, and as Vice President and President of the General Board for one year each. He was chairman of the Committee on Nominations, the Committee on Committees twice, and the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws three times. He was chairman of the Search Committee for an Executive Director of the Convention 1983-84. All of these activities were evidence of God's blessing in his life, for which he was deeply grateful.

He and his wife, Mary Margaret, have three sons, James, Roger, and David. He died on April 5, 2012, at the age of 84.

## Dr. Ray B. Pollard, Jr.

Dr. Ray B. Pollard, Jr. is a graduate of Union University in Tennessee and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to coming to Trinity, Dr. Pollard served as Pastor in King, North Carolina. He was the pastor of Trinity for six years.

After leaving Trinity, he served as Pastor of First Baptist Church of South Boston, Virginia, and Huguenot Road Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia. He also served as Director of Church/Minister Relations for the General Board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

He and his wife, Gayle, are the parents of two children, Kathy and Scott.



## Rev. Travis Styles

Rev. Travis Styles was born in Birmingham, Alabama. He graduated in 1949 from Samford College and in 1955 from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary with a bachelor's in divinity. Prior to serving at Trinity, Rev. Styles served churches in Birmingham, Alabama; Statesboro, Georgia; and Raleigh and Burlington, North Carolina. He was Pastor of Trinity for four years.

Upon leaving Trinity, Rev. Styles became Pastor of First Baptist Church in Andrews, North Carolina.

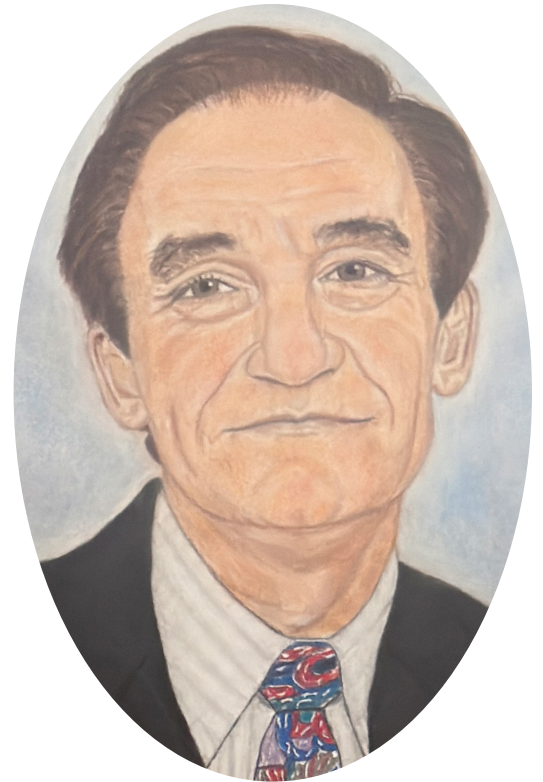
During his 60 years in the ministry, he served as pastor to churches in Alabama, Georgia, and North Carolina, including Mt. Vernon and Trinity in Raleigh, Grove Park in Burlington and First Baptist in Andrews. He retired from the First Baptist Church in Andrews, NC. and moved to Cullman, Alabama where he joined the staff of the First Baptist Church working with senior citizens. He was an active member of the Harding-Singleton Sunday School Class. Upon returning to North Carolina, he was honored by Grove Park Baptist Church by naming him Pastor Emeritus for his twenty years as pastor there. He also served on the Home Missions Board as well as two terms on both the General Board and Executive Committee of the NC State Baptist Convention. He was inducted in the Alabama Hall of Fame for his service to Senior Citizens. Travis was a World War II veteran having served with the 28th Infantry in Germany and France. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star and other commendations.

Rev. Travis Styles died Tuesday, July 31, 2007. He and his wife, Bernadine, have three children, Tom, Jo, and Kelly.



## Dr. William J. Furr

Dr. William Jacob Furr, "Bill," was born in Concord, North Carolina. He graduated from Wingate College in 1959. Bill was president of the student body during his senior year of high school and at Wingate College. In 1961, Bill graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Furman University. He received the Bachelor of Divinity Degree and the Doctor of Ministry degrees from Southeastern Seminary.



Bill lived out God's call for his life by serving the Lee's Chapel Baptist Church, Middlesex, North Carolina, the Bethesda Baptist Church, Clayton, North Carolina, the First Baptist Church of Chadbourn, North Carolina, the First Baptist Church of Newton, North Carolina, and Northwest Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He served Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, for 17 years.

Following retirement, Bill served as an intentional interim minister at Clemmons First Baptist Church in Clemmons, North Carolina.

Bill married his high school sweetheart, Bobbie. He died June 17, 1999. They have two children, William Jeffrey and Jamie. Bobbie continues teaching an adult Sunday School class. Bill was a beloved husband, father, pastor, and friend.

## Dr. Glenn. Jeffery Roberts “Jeff”

Dr. Glenn Jeffery Roberts, a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and holds a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He returned to Trinity as Senior Pastor in 2000. He served as Minister to Youth and Singles from 1986 to 1990. Prior to returning to Trinity, Dr. Roberts served as Pastor of First Baptist Church in Niota, Tennessee; First Baptist Church in Middlesboro, Kentucky; and Northwest Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.



Jeff has served on various denominational councils and committees with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina. This has included the search committees for the executive director of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He also served on the search committee for the president of Campbell University.

He is a founding member of the Raleigh Midtown Alliance Board and was named “Raleigh Midtown Hero” in 2017 for his work in North Hills and Midtown Raleigh. He is the 2004 recipient of the Revis Scholar Award at Campbell University. He is the author of “Embracing the Journey,” a collection of sermons published in 2016. He currently serves as a Trustee at Campbell University.

Dr. Roberts and his wife, Robin, have a son, Tyler, and a daughter, Jordan.

## All Staff 1956–2025

Dr. Henry Walden Jr. *Pastor* 1956-1958  
Dr. Robert Newton *Interim Pastor* 1958-1959  
Mrs. Allan Drew (Dorothy) *Church Secretary* 1958-1973  
Rev. Virgil Merrell *Pastor* 1959-1960  
Dr. Ralph McClain *Interim Pastor* 1960-1960  
Rev. John Stone *Pastor* 1960-1964  
Dr. Thomas Bland (Tom) *Interim Pastor* 1964-1965  
Dr. Lamar Brooks *Pastor* 1965-1968  
Mrs. Isabelle Kelly *Minister of Music* 1966-1973  
Rev. Ted Janes *Interim Pastor* 1968-1969  
Dr. Ray Pollard Jr. *Pastor* 1969-1975  
Dr. Charles Curtis Finch *Associate Pastor and Youth Minister* 1970-1973  
Mrs. Rosemary Suggs *Church Secretary* 1973-1973  
Rev. H. S. Yarborough Jr. *Minister of Music & Youth* 1973-1975  
Greg Gulley *Summer Youth Minister* 1974-1974  
Mrs. Evelyn Pollard *Church Secretary* 1974-1975  
Dr. John Eddins *Interim Pastor* 1975-1976  
Miss Katie Hatcher *Summer Youth Minister* 1976-1976  
Thomas Poole *Interim Minister of Music* 1976-1977  
Mrs. Clara Horton *Church Secretary* 1976-1978  
Rev. Travis Styles *Pastor* 1976-1980  
Dale Chambliss *Minister of Youth* 1977-1977  
Cecil Burt *Interim Minister of Music* 1977-1978  
Rev. Harold West *Assoc. Pastor Education/Administration* 1977-1986  
Rev. David Thomas *Minister of Youth* 1978-1979  
Dennis Grass *Minister of Music* 1978-1980  
Miss Katie Hatcher *Minister of Youth & Special Programs* 1979-1983  
Mrs. Richard Everett (Linda) *Organist* 1979-1992  
Mrs. Ted Prevatte *Financial Secretary* 1979-1992  
Mrs. Charles Maynard/Judith *Church Secretary* 1979-1993  
Dr. John Durham *Interim Pastor* 1980-1981  
Cecil Burt *Interim Minister of Music* 1980-1982  
Dr. William Jacob Furr (Bill) *Senior Pastor* 1981-1998

Mike McKeown *Minister of Music* 1982-1988  
David Odom *Interim Youth Minister* 1983-1984  
Rev. Frank Robinson *Visitation Minister* 1983-1987  
Rev. Warren Johnson *Youth Minister* 1984-1987  
Rev. Jerry Helderman *Minister of Education* 1986-1990  
Rev. Charles Farag *Arabic Minister* 1986-2009  
Rev. G. Jeffery Roberts (Jeff) *Youth Minister* 1987-1991  
Diane Slaton *Hostess* 1987-1999  
Linda Bryant *Interim Minister of Music* 1988-1989  
Rev. Ann Charles-Craft *Children's Minister* 1988-1990  
Rev. Robert Shaver (Bob) *Minister of Music* 1989-2006  
Eugene Lucas *Custodian* 1990-1995  
Rev. Mary Lou Beck *Children's Minister* 1991-1992  
Rev. Al Marguerat *Adult Minister* 1991-1997  
Rev. Brooks Warren *Youth Minister* 1991-2003  
Roy Simmons *Custodian* 1992-1995  
Rev. Wayne Rogers *Organist* 1992-  
Rev. Karen Metcalf Eickhoff *Minister for Childhood Education* 1993-  
Elizabeth Gilleland *Preschool Director* 1993-1997  
Theda Woodlief *Pastoral Secretary* 1993-1995  
Lorna Schroeder *Financial Secretary* 1993-1997  
Susan Hartsell *Adult Secretary* 1994-1995  
Maritza Jara *Education Secretary* 1994-1995  
Ernest Evans *Custodian* 1995-  
Louise Brinkley *Youth Secretary* 1995-1997  
Lavette Boone *Pastoral Secretary* 1995-1998  
Jennie Larrison *Ministerial Secretary* 1995-2000  
Janet Ivey *Preschool Director* 1997-1997  
Jan Brown *Financial Administrator* 1997-  
Ginny Hall *Ministerial Secretary* 1997-1998  
Dr. Davis Bowen *Singles Minister* 1997-2001  
Dr. Jack Coffey *Interim Pastor* 1998-2000  
Dana Hunt *Preschool Director* 1998-2002  
Marilyn Pridgen *Pastoral Secretary* 1998-2005  
Ramona Green *Pianist* 1999-

LeAnn Lupton *Ministerial Secretary* 1999-1999  
Sheila Sorcic *Ministerial Secretary* 1999-1999  
Tom Keyes *Host; Maintenance* 1999-2004  
Dr. G. Jeffery Roberts (Jeff) *Senior Pastor* 2000-  
Annie Ruth Tew *Receptionist* 2000-2008  
Peggy Wyatt *Ministerial Secretary* 2000-2008  
Rev. Hal Melton *Associate Pastor and Adult Minister* 2000-2019  
Nan Almquist Holton *Hostess/Ministerial Secretary* 2001-2014  
Maria Bogue Miller *Preschool Director* 2002-2018  
Rev. Andrew Jung (Andy) *Youth Minister* 2003-2014  
Robert Sweet *Maintenance* 2004-2004  
Sheree Scott *Pastoral Secretary* 2005-2006  
Rev. Spencer Good *Minister of Recreation & Activities* 2005-2016  
Jennifer Huggins *Ministerial Secretary* 2006-2008  
Rev. Steve Byers *Assoc. Pastor, Music & Worship* 2007-  
Jenny Lee *Youth Intern* 2007-2010  
Melanie Ward *Preschool Minister* 2007-2013  
Reenie Shore *Pastoral Secretary* 2008-2010  
Roger Crowder *Maintenance* 2008-2017  
Rev. Charles Farag *Pastor, RaleighArabic BC* 2010-  
Amelia Reynolds *Ministerial Secretary* 2009-2009  
Sheree Scott *Pastoral Secretary* 2009-2009  
RaNada Thornton *Ministerial Secretary* 2009-2019  
Barbara Bowen *Pianist* 2010-  
Liz Adams *Pastoral Secretary* 2010-2017  
Rev. Lydia Tatum *Youth Minister* 2010-2016  
Rev. Spencer Good *Assoc. Pastor, Administration* 2016-  
Michelle Strom *Hostess* 2014-2015  
Rev. Carla Babb *Preschool Minister* 2014-2015  
Michelle Emmering Kranz *Ministerial Secretary* 2014-2020  
Rev. Christian Davis *Minister to Students* 2014-2022  
Rev. Katie Medlin Blackmon *Assoc. Pastor, Preschoolers & Children* 2016-  
Reenie Shore *Pastoral Secretary* 2017-2021  
Rebekah Gordon Ramlow *Minister to Students* 2017-2022  
Ashbey Jones *Maintenance Director* 2018-2023

**Bentley Williams** *Weekday Preschool Director* 2019-2024  
**Bonnie Cole** *Ministerial Secretary* 2019-  
**Rev. Lydia Tatum** *Ministry & Missions* 2016-2023  
**Noel Evans** *Ministerial Secretary* 2020-2020  
**Debbie Argento** *Pastoral Administrative Assistant* 2021-  
**Julie Williams** *Ministerial Secretary* 2022-2023  
**Rev. Claudia Grainger-Sink** *Minister to Students* 2022-2023  
**Catherine Strickland** *Ministerial Secretary* 2023-2023  
**Charles Black** *Maintenance Coordinator* 2023-  
**Dr. Andrew Jung (Andy)** *Minister in Residence, Young Adults* 2023-  
**Drew Langdon** *Student Ministry Resident* 2023-  
**Laury Holley** *Recreation Outreach Center Director* 2023-  
**Madison Ferree** *Communications Administrator* 2023-2024  
**Dr. Randy McKinney** *Assoc. Pastor, Missions & Senior Adults* 2024-  
**Suzanne Holleman** *Weekday Preschool Director* 2024-  
**Rev. Taylor Miskel** *Assoc. Pastor, Students* 2024-  
**Siera Mugg** *Communications Director* 2025-  
**Tanisha Gordon-Jones** *Financial Analyst* 2025-

## Deaconate Chair

Clarence Pritchard 1956  
Clarence Pritchard 1957  
Carl Swiggett 1958  
Hugh Shaw 1959  
Clarence Pritchard 1960  
David Butler 1961  
Vernon Dalton 1962  
Clarence Pritchard 1963  
Hugh Shaw 1964  
Clarence Pritchard 1965  
Robert Brooks 1966  
Alton Strickland 1967  
Clarence Pritchard 1968  
Robert Hawkins 1969  
Robert Brooks 1970  
William Granberry 1971  
Fred Talton 1972  
Robert Brooks 1973  
Donald Hart 1974  
Alton Strickland 1975  
Donald Hart 1976  
Bill Lee 1977  
George Pearson 1978  
Frank Evans 1979  
Ray Woody 1980  
Harry McDonald 1981  
Harold Dew 1982  
Gerald Bissette 1983  
Dean McDarris 1984  
J.R. Lee 1985  
Steve Head 1986  
Ed Riggan 1987  
Ray Broughton 1988  
J.R. Lee 1989

Harold Dew 1990  
Harry McDonald 1991  
Harry McDonald 1992  
Ed McCoy 1993  
Ed Riggan 1994  
Miller Warre 1995  
David Kissinger 1996  
Connie Reim 1997  
Grace Dalton 1998  
Phil Holland 1999  
Frank Evans 2000  
Cliff Belcher, Chris Stanley 2001  
David Lee 2002  
Neil Lloyd 2003  
Harry McDonald 2004  
Mark Brandt 2005  
Jeff Cobb 2006  
Fred McDuffee 2007  
Michael Coats, David York 2008  
Dean Hering 2009  
Stewart Price, Wes Thomas 2010  
Chris Stanley 2011  
Dorothy Petty, Holly Hering 2012  
Johnny Teal 2013  
David Brantley 2014  
Baron Hignite 2015  
Sam Spillman 2016  
Mark Munday 2017  
Paige Bagwell 2018  
Jeff Cobb 2019  
Chris Stanley 2020  
Kevin Bell 2021  
John Dobyys 2022  
Ashley Blizzard 2023  
Matt West 2024  
Fred McDuffee 2025



# Appendix II - Current Leadership

## 2026 General Church Officers

**Treasurer**—Mandy Warren

**Assistant Treasurer**—David Snyder

**Corporate Secretary**—Melinda Cook

**Assistant Secretary**—Nancy Cummings

**Moderator**—David York

**Trustee Chair**—Melissa Essary

**Trustee Vice Chair**—Sam Spilman

**Historian**—Joy Earp & Kay Bissette

**Sunday School Director**—Dean Hering

**Outreach Director**—David Lee

**General Secretary**—Sue Fry

## TBC Trustees

### 2026

Melissa Essary  
Ellis Payne  
Angela Rogers

### 2027

Bobbie Furr  
Willie Hucks  
Sam Spilman

### 2028

Betty Witcher  
Kim Sanderson  
Matt West

## Pastoral Advisory Committee

Dean Herring (Chair)

Eddie Deyo

Angie Ferree

Chris Stanley

Jeff Hall (Deacon Chair)

Melissa Essary (Trustee Chair)

Maury Tepper (Personal Chair)

# Appendix III - Historical Records

## RECORD of GROWTH 1956-2025

Year	Baptism	Letters & Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, Etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Members	Total Budget Tithes & Other Gifts
1956	13	94	0	107	0	107	\$6,581
1957	14	40	13	114	5	149	\$9,581
1958	8	16	7	160	6	166	\$11,384
1959	10	30	11	178	13	191	\$14,736
1960	8	31	6	191	33	224	\$14,736
1961	8	17	17	200	32	232	\$21,908
1962	11	33	12	239	25	264	\$22,238
1963	15	62	14	300	31	331	\$25,552
1964	10	80	31	371	17	388	\$36,481
1965	1	38	18	337	62	399	\$41,990
1966	19	98	33	422	66	488	\$45,190
1967	15	33	33	426	84	510	\$54,954
1968	9	42	34	431	81	512	\$64,289
1969	10	23	38	438	72	510	\$60,159
1970	22	63	34	480	86	566	\$74,590
1971	11	46	26	505	89	594	\$98,056
1972	13	62	33	534	105	639	\$117,090
1973	19	77	33	597	105	702	\$120,470
1974	24	84	34	649	101	750	\$151,212
1975	21	46	46	688	1007	795	\$190,412
1976	25	63	45	719	119	838	\$156,386
1977	49	98	38	775	119	849	\$236,852
1978	51	114	55	868	132	1,000	\$273,056
1979	23	103	85	745	296	1,041	\$427,000
1980	31	72	80	913	163	1,076	\$981,451
1981	15	65	53	909	207	1,116	\$712,371
1982	51	112	31	1,007	215	1,222	\$464,151
1983	40	152	64	1,130	214	1,344	\$516,112
1984	35	122	64	1,220	217	1,437	\$555,212

Year	Baptism	Letters & Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, Etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Members	Grand Total Members	Total Budget Tithes & Other Gifts
1985	28	128	80	1,290	223	1,513	\$622,524
1986	38	138	68	1,311	310	1,621	\$603,743
1987	38	171	82	1,415	334	1,749	\$852,731
1988	52	130	88	1,466	378	1,844	\$867,119
1989	50	101	93	1,479	423	1,902	\$975,534
1990	76	122	102	1,576	422	1,998	\$1,002,129
1991	44	107	101	1,625	423	2,048	\$1,009,080
1992	48	103	78	1,702	419	2,121	\$1,127,547
1993	42	105	89	1,730	457	2,170	\$1,035,575
1994	30	68	62	1,743	457	2,200	\$1,072,197
1995	16	74	92	1,717	472	2,189	\$954,266
1996	35	65	70	1,748	460	2,208	\$1,436,758
1997	29	37	66	1,746	462	2,208	\$1,045,866.48
1998	26	17	96	1,754	401	2,155	\$1,095,491.58
1999	10	14	6	1,739	410	2,149	\$1,084,153.58
2000	30	52	8	1,776	306	2,082	\$1,216,702.56
2001	36	60	9	1,797	403	2,200	\$1,302,524.08
2002	53	63	9	1,900	269	2,169	\$1,338,393.95
2003	36	65	11	1,920	402	2,322	\$1,492,182.93
2004	47	67	21	1,975	401	2,376	\$1,495,817.62
2005	37	80	19	2,052	404	2,456	\$1,761,143.11
2006	39	85	45	2,132	404	2,541	\$2,023,304.30
2007	58	70	51	2,208	404	2,612	\$2,288,703.80
2008	43	65	55	2,261	419	2,680	\$2,202,089.94
2009	42	105	67	2,341	431	2,772	\$2,303,913.40
2010	56	49	59	2,424	445	2,869	\$2,364,509.98
2011	44	54	59	2,463	459	2,922	\$2,475,151.11
2012	34	58	68	2,529	485	3,014	\$2,690,883.49
2013	43	69	86	2,504	571	3,150	\$2,822,387.59
2014	235	43	63	2,541	609	3,150	\$2,675,945.08
2015	45	54	84	2,556	646	3,202	\$2,905,717.00
2016	25	47	59	2,269	662	3,231	\$2,833,244.38
2017	7	45	70	2,544	679	3,223	\$2,790,706.02

Year	Baptism	Letters & Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, Etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Members	Grand Total Members	Total Budget Tithes & Other Gifts
2018	26	46	98	2,518	715	3,233	\$2,943,691.30
2019	18	74	106	2,518	715	3,269	\$3,172,298.48
2020	14	33	78	2,473	801	3,274	\$3,396,740.69
2021	13	23	67	2,442	817	3,259	\$3,493,910.66
2022	13	61	70	2,446	835	3,281	\$3,427,145.64
2023	41	44	93	2,438	853	3,291	\$3,568,842.58
2024	13	54	43	2,462	863	3,325	\$3,575,471.07
2025	12	74	55	2,493	870	3,363	\$3,637,308.27

## Fixed Assets

Land (tax value).....	\$ 2,917,500.00
Buildings (insurance value).....	\$ 28,659,000
Personal Property.....	\$ 5,100,000
2020 Packman Units (2) (cost).....	\$ 5,000

## Vehicles

Disaster Relief Trailers (2).....	\$ 10,343.00
2015 Chevy Buses (2).....	\$ 104,756.00
2020 Landscape Utility Trailer (1).....	\$ 2,019.00
2023 Ford Transit Buses (2).....	\$ 129,140.28
2025 Ford F350 Truck (1).....	\$ 78,441.06

# Appendix IV - Heritage & Worship

## Commissioned Anthems

Title	Composer	In Honor Of	Year
Everlasting Love	Mark Blankenship	TBC	1982 Composer Day
Hast Thou Not Known	Bob Burroughs	Commissioned by the TBC Choir	1983 Composer Day
The Gate of Heaven	Stan Pethel	For TBC by Rev. Mike McKeown	1986 Compser Day
We Come to Him	Mary McDonald	Dr. William J Furr's 10th Anniversary as Pastor	1991
To Share Our Faith	Joseph Martin	TBC's 40th Anniversary and Dr. William J Furr's 15th Anniversary	1996
Draw Us Together	Pepper Choplin	Dr. Jack Coffey	2002
Epilogue of Praise	Joseph Martin	Rev. Bob Shaver's 15th Anniversary	2004
Keeper of the Song	Joseph Martin	Mrs. Linda Dollar's 25th Anniversary Directing Music Maker's Choir	2004
River Songs	Joseph Martin	TBC's 55th Anniversary Rev. Bob Shaver's	2011
Count, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	Steve Dunn	Rev. Steve Byers' faithful ministry	2020
Worthy of Your Name	Pepper Choplin	Rev. Steve Byer's 15th anniversary	2023
I Thank My God	Mary McDonald	Dr. Jeff Roberts' 25th anniversary	2025

## Baptist Heritage Day

In May 2000, the Trinity Baptist Church Scholarship was established at Campbell University Divinity School. Campbell informed the church that it is an endowed scholarship. Incorporating Senior Adult Day and this scholarship was the idea of Dr. Roberts. He and Kay Bissette, chair of the Missions Steering Committee, developed the Trinity Baptist Heritage Day Emphasis. Award recipients were selected by the staff and affirmed by the Missions Committee, now the Senior Adult Committee. The criteria for Award recipients were to contribute to our heritage at Trinity or one of our partner organizations.

## Baptist Heritage Day Award Recipients:

2002	Dr. Roy Smith
2003	Dr. Thomas Bland
2004	Dr. Lamar Brooks
2005	Dr. Jerry Wallace
2006	Dr. William Furr
2007	Rev. Bob Sessoms
2008	Dr. John Durham
2009	Dr. Davis Bowen
2010	Dr. Mike Cogdill
2011	Dr. Jack Coffey
2012	Mrs. Kay A. Bissette
2013	Mr. Hugh Shaw
2014	Mrs. Ruby Fulbright
2015	Dr. Michael Blackwell
2016	Dr. and Mrs. Randall Lolley
2017	Dr. Bruce Powers
2018	Rev. Karen Metcalf Eickhoff
2019	Rev. Hal Melton
2020	Charter Members
2021	Dr. Don Hart
2022	Mrs. Dorthy Drew
2023	Mrs. Dorothy Petty
2024	Dr. Clay Warf

## Scholarship

An important part of Baptist Heritage Day is the Scholarship. As we look forward to those who are preparing for ministry, the monetary award in honor of the Award recipient, goes to the Trinity Endowment at Campbell for our Baptist Scholarship. The purpose of this endowment is to award the scholarship in each school year to a student, preferably a member of Trinity. As the student prepares for Christian service, we continue to pay our heritage forward.

## Scholarships Recipients— Campbell University Divinity School

2009-2010	Andy Jung & Jennifer Lee
2011-2012	Lydia Tatum
2012-2013	Elisabeth Bradley
2013-2014	Elisabeth Bradley
2014-2015	Christian Davis
2015-2016	Christian Davis
2016-2017	Christian Davis
2017-2018	Christian Davis
2018-2019	Jessica Phillips McDougald
2019-2020	Douglas Grant Gubbins
2020-2021	Douglas Grant Gubbins
2022-2023	Jon McCargo
2023-2024	Jon McCargo
2024-2025	Drew Langdon



# Appendix V - Foundational Documents & Anniversary Materials

## Covenant of Trinity Baptist Church

Since God has called us into covenant with him through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we, upon a profession of faith, having committed ourselves to Jesus as Savior and Lord, and having been baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, do now covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

To God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we pledge our love and obedience and commit ourselves to seek his kingdom and his righteousness and to honor no persuasion, pressure, or command contrary to his will.

We covenant to live in this church as disciples and apostles of Christ, seeking ever to grow in the knowledge of God and in witness to God's redemptive and sustaining grace. We covenant: to participate in the worship services of this church; to support its mission by giving of our time, our abilities, and our money. We covenant to live as Christians in our homes, to engage in family and private devotions, to teach our children by instruction and example that Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord and that in commitment to him they will find life's redemption, fulfillment, and glory.

We covenant to live as Christians in our community and in our world, to be exemplary in our conduct and just in our dealings, to engage in a Christian vocation and a Christian witness in the world to include all people everywhere within the circle of our missionary concern and love, and to regard all people who worship Christ as Savior and Lord as of the household of faith, the Body of Christ. As we engage to teach and to nurture our Baptist heritage, we shall seek also a unity of spirit and action with all Christians.

We covenant to hold one another in Christian love, to be slow to anger and quick to forgive. We shall not engage in any conduct or attitude that is contrary to the Christian ethic or harmful to the Christian life. With compassion, sacrifice, and concern we shall: minister to each other in sickness, distress, and bereavement; pray for each other; be mindful and considerate of one another; and share one another's joys and sorrows.

We further resolve that we shall become active members of another church as soon as possible when circumstances require our separation from this one. In this covenant made we shall stand firm, holding its principles with sincerity, ordering our lives by its imperatives, judging ourselves unfaithful if we ignore its demands upon our lives and resources, and renewing it regularly with each other before God in Christian worship.

## Trinity Baptist Church and the Raleigh Arabic Baptist Church

Upon the recommendation of the Arab Nurturing Committee, the Missions Steering Committee and Deacons of Trinity Baptist Church unanimously adopted the following Resolution regarding the Arabic Mission of Trinity Baptist Church, Trinity Baptist Church, and the Raleigh Arabic Church.

Whereas the Trinity Arabic Mission began in the home of missionaries Bill and Nancy Hern who had retired after serving as Baptist Missionaries in the Middle East. When asked, Trinity Baptist Church provided support and facilities for this young mission. Over the past 23 years, the Trinity Arabic Mission has reached many of the Arabic-speaking population in our area. Under the leadership of Rev. Charles Farag, the Trinity Arabic Mission has been a model and an encouragement to other multi-cultural churches in our state.

Whereas, Rev. Farag held staff responsibilities at Trinity Baptist Church, where his prayers and visits encouraged and comforted many people. The Trinity Arabic Mission has worshipped with Trinity Baptist Church on occasions such as baptisms and the Sunday after 9/11, The Arabic Nurturing Committee has served as a link between the two congregations.

Whereas, in recent discussion with the Baptist State Convention Church Planting team and the Arab Nurturing Committee, there is a great need for Christian outreach to the 5,000 Arab-speaking people in the Research Triangle. The Trinity Arabic Mission believes God has called them "for such a time as this."

Therefore, the Arab Nurturing Committee recommends that the Trinity Arabic Mission become The Raleigh Arabic Baptist Church, on January 1, 2010,

And that Rev. Charles Farag be named the founding pastor of The Raleigh Arabic Baptist Church,

And that The Raleigh Arabic Baptist Church establish its own tax id number, financial policies and institution for banking, and be responsible for its financial and contractual obligations.

And that The Raleigh Arabic Baptist Church maintains her participation in the Raleigh Baptist Association and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to protect the GuideStone benefits for their pastor.

And, that Trinity Baptist Church will continue to provide facilities and that the Arabic Nurturing Committee will continue to exist to support the new church. And recognizing the new church's limited financial resources, Trinity Baptist Church will, for a limited time, provide financial support.

And that Sunday, January 24, there be a joint worship service between Trinity Baptist Church and the Raleigh Arabic Baptist Church and a love offering be taken for the Raleigh Arabic Baptist Church.

And that the Raleigh Arabic Baptist Church will be recognized as our sister church.

This, the 29th of October 2009

*Kay Bisette, Arab Nurturing Committee Chair*

*Dr. Jeff Roberts, Pastor*

*Paul Gubbins, Board of Trustees Chairman*

*Dean Herring, Deacon Chairman Adopted in Church Conference,  
November 15, 2009*

## **Cease to Be SBC Church**

*June 14, 2024*

*The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention*

*901 Commerce Street*

*Nashville, TN 37203*

Dear Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention:

After prayerful consideration, discernment, and discussion, we write on behalf of Trinity Baptist Church (Trinity) to notify you that we will cease to be a cooperating church with the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention, effective immediately. This decision was approved in a vote by our congregation on Sunday, June 9, 2024. For over 40 years Trinity has affirmed women in various leadership roles within our church, including the roles of Associate Pastor, Deacon, Trustee, and Adult Sunday School Teacher. We value cooperating with all Christians to share the good news of the gospel and furthering the Kingdom of God. Trinity will continue to affirm and stand by all men and women serving in leadership roles in our congregation.

While Trinity will no longer be a cooperating church, we will do the following as

approved by our congregation:

If a member of our congregation desires to give to the Cooperative Program, Trinity will forward these tithes on their behalf.

To support missionaries currently serving, Trinity will continue to promote the Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon Mission Offerings.

To continue our cooperation with Baptists of various associations, we will continue to cooperate in ministry with other North Carolina Baptists, many who will also be Southern Baptists, through our work with Baptists on Mission, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, as well as, the Raleigh Baptist Association.

It is our sincere hope that you will continue to receive these tithes and mission offerings. Trinity, as stated in our church covenant, "will seek a unity of spirit and action with all Christians."

We will continue to seek a unity of spirit in the shared call of all Christians to spread good news of the Gospel.

*Sincerely,  
Matthew B. West  
Deacon Chair*

## Trinity's Identity Statement

Trinity Baptist Church is a sovereign and democratic Baptist Church under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is committed to the cause of sharing Christ with the world through cooperation with the Raleigh Baptist Association, the Baptist State Convention and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

In its desire to advance and promote commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, Trinity expresses its faith through historic Baptist principles:

- The freedom of the individual before God to respond to the revelations of God as led by the Holy Spirit and is the responsible for his or her own relationship with God.
- The priesthood of all believers which makes us priests to each other and guarantees equality of opportunity and responsibility of all believers in Christ.
- The freedom and autonomy of the local church under the Lordship of Christ.
- The separation of church and state and the concepts of a free church and

a free state.

- The servant role of leadership within the church, which makes the example of Christ the model for leadership and calls forth the dedication of the gifts of all persons, male and female.
- The participation in the universal and united body of Jesus Christ in the propagation of the Christian Gospel, in full and honest theological inquiry and in service to humanity in the name of Jesus Christ.

Above all things, we hold the conviction that the test of discipleship is found in the words of Jesus when He said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## 70th Anniversary Committee

Melanie Cleary, Chair

Kay Bissette

Susan Boisseau

Rhonda Davis

Joy Earp

David Earp

Allison Harris

Alice Mathis

Trish McCoy

Julie Ott

Violet Rhinehart

Spencer Good

Laury Holley

Jeff Roberts



## Want to Learn More?

Visit TrinityBaptistChurchRaleigh on Youtube.com to see our two history videos. Our video, "Decades of Discipleship", Wayne Scott interviews Katie Hill, Books Warren, Andy Jung, and Dr. Jeff Roberts on Trinity's Youth Ministry. Our video, "Remebering 70 Years at TBC" Bobbie Furr interviews David York, Steve Eason, Frank Evans, Anne Warren, and Dorothy Petty on their memories of Trinity's History.

## Help Us Preserve Trinity's Story

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this anniversary book, we know there may still be details to correct, clarify, or add in the years ahead. If you notice an error, have additional information, or would like to share a story, photo, or historical detail for Trinity's records, please use the QR code to complete the correction and submission form. Your input will help preserve Trinity's history more fully for future anniversary editions.



## Sign Up for 70th Anniversary Book

Anniversary Book, please scan the QR code and complete the form. Your response will help us prepare the correct number of books and share pickup details when available.



## Julie Anna Dimmock Kaufman, Artist Statement

*New Mercies*, acrylic on canvas  
*Trinity Baptist Church Courtyard, 2016*

There is something special, something hopeful about the morning light that spills over the architecture of this place I have called home since I was a baby. The lyrics to the old hymn *In the Garden* seem to fit my feelings for the space represented in this piece.

*...While the dew is still on the roses....He walks with me and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own...And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known. - Austin Miles, 1912*

Memories are precious and are celebrated in this painting; here are just a few: Sunday mornings entering the sanctuary up the big stairs, standing with our Pastor to be greeted after accepting Christ and joining the church at 7 years old, sliding down the banister as a mischievous middle-schooler and learning from it, small group Bible study, quiet places in the grass, photographs in our cap and gowns at graduation, exiting after my wedding ceremony, grieving the loss of my Daddy, recently playing tag with my four year old, and finding acorns in his pockets when we get home. Most importantly though it's a picture to capture where so many have fellowshiped before and after worshipping God. We tarry here, lingering in this sanctified spot.

This particular month, when painting this, my daughter is sixteen months old. It seems like just yesterday she was born. She came early, March 23 of last year... And because of her Birthday 3/23 and other difficulties that were surrounding our family at the time, it seemed like God's grace to give us Lamentations 3:23 to dwell on:

*22 The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease.  
23 Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning.  
24 I say to myself, "the LORD is my inheritance; Therefore, I will wait on Him!"*

Deep honest feelings shared in these verses written thousands of years ago, apply to us today. Mercies are new every morning, and I will wait for God...I will tarry. Fellowshiping, greeting, studying, celebrating, mourning, worshipping together. It's true that while the duration of sixteen months out of our traditional place of worship, some days could try our patience or seem never ending, He is faithful. He will prepare us and draw us to new mercies in His sanctuary.

