

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

TRINITY TIMES

Belong. Become. Be.

Dear Church Family,

As you know, the response to the COVID -19 virus is ever changing. We are all doing our best to change our habits in regards to work, family, social life and church. The Governor's recent "stay at home" order means that we cannot gather as a congregation at this time. It is our hope and prayer that soon we will begin to have a clearer picture of when and how we can begin to meet in person.

During these past few weeks, our church has been responding to the various changes and state orders to the best of our ability. We continue to do all we can to protect our neighbors and to continue to minister to each other and our community. One of the ways we have tried to respond is to keep you informed of changes and opportunities. On our home page of tbcraleigh.com you will find a whole section on our COVID-19 response. There you will find updates, devotions, mission information and how to give to our church during this time.

Our Trustees, Deacons and Church Council are all meeting this month and staying updated to our day-to-day ministry and having conversations about the opportunities for ministry in the months ahead. We are learning to be nimble and creative in the face of these changes.

I asked the ministers to review our Core Values at Trinity. In doing so, we began to outline ways we can continue to support all of our Core Values by actions. Here are just a few ways we are continuing to act according to our Core Values.

WORSHIP - Our ministers, media team and other members who offer expertise have been meeting and making plans on how to continue to offer worship experiences every Sunday morning. We are excited about this work and the creativity that surrounds our approach. In the next few weeks, expect to hear sermons and hear anthems, soloists and other music offerings that will take various forms. In addition, our Student Ministry and Children's Ministry are offering special worship services and resources for worshipping at home on the website at our COVID-19 Response section.

MISSIONS - We are continuing to explore ways we can be active in mission response. We are asking people to drop food off at the ROC door for North Raleigh Ministries. Another idea is to put a collection box at your own home and ask neighbors to contribute. You can then transport it to the church. We have made arrangements through our volunteers to get this food to NRM. In addition, many Sunday School classes are supporting various other ministry partners like Raleigh Rescue Mission and Welcome House. We are working with Wake County Schools on setting up the opportunity for families to partner with other families who might need technology which they currently do not possess. Lydia will continue to keep us updated. Find these updates on the "Helping Our Neighbor Section" of the COVID-19 Response section.

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DISCIPLESHIP- We have educated our Sunday School classes on how they can best utilize technology to continue to meet and have Bible Study. We are providing resources on the website for literature. We are currently working on how to get new literature to teachers and students through the website. Our Student and Children's ministries are providing various resources for discipleship on their tabs in the COVID-19 Response section of the website. Our ministers are also posting devotions throughout the week for encouragement.

MINISTRY- Our deacons, care group leaders and ministers are keeping in touch with families. We are calling, emailing and texting our congregation to pray with them and encourage them. Many are isolated and lonely. This is something that all of us can do. It just takes a few moments to reach out and make a few calls or send a few emails.

FELLOWSHIP- This of course is the hardest value to act upon during this self-isolation period. However, technology can be our friend. Robin and I are learning to have virtual dinner dates with other families. It is not a massive potluck, but it is an attempt to let others know we love them and miss them. You might want to try a Zoom dinner or Sunday lunch after worship. Others are locating members in their neighborhoods and taking a walk together (six feet apart). Be creative in this time while still being safe.

As you see, we are still functioning and ministering as we stay true to our church's Core Values. Remember you are the church and so you too must participate in all these ways if we are going to stay focused on our church's mission.

I am so proud of you and grateful to you during this difficult time. Thank you for all your encouragement and kindness. Thank you for staying faithful in giving, so we can continue to be faithful in ministry. Remember that all correspondence needs to go to:

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DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

To **TBC Members Dickie and Cindy Wyatt** and their family upon the passing of Cindy's brother, David "Rock" Griffin, of Dallas, TX, on March 23.

To **TBC Members Brooks and Mandy Warren, and their children Seth and Cole Warren**, and their family upon the passing of Mandy's nephew on March 27.

To **TBC Members Joe and Jody Hill and their son, Tucker**, on the passing of Joe's mother, Barbara Hill, on March 28.

To the family of **TBC Member Sumner Morgan** upon her passing on Tuesday, March 31.

Our deepest sympathies and prayers to **Gary Smith and Russell Smith** upon the passing of Gary's wife and Russell's mother, **TBC Member Martha Smith**, on Tuesday, March 31.

To **TBC Member Ron Hawley** upon the passing of his wife, **TBC Member Jean Hawley**, on Sunday, April 5.

To **TBC Member Judy Cook** and her family upon the passing of her mother, Marjorie Lousie Cook, on Monday, April 6.

To **TBC Members Charles & Kim S. Royal, and their children, Barrett Barton and Chip Royal**, and their family, upon the passing of Kim's father.

To **TBC Members Allen and Penny Hunter** and their family upon the passing of Penny's brother, Elder Penny, on April 6.

To **TBC Members Allen and Penny Hunter** and their family upon the passing of Penny's sister in law, Jewel Penny (Elder Penny's wife), on April 8.

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THANK YOU

From Keith Ricks

Mica and I want to say "Thank You" to our church family for the cards, phone calls, and prayers you shared with us during the recent death of my mom, Joyce Ricks. Trinity is a wonderful church and we are blessed to have each of you as our brothers and sisters in Christ.





TRINITY - A MULTI-SITE CHURCH? YES!

The definition of a multi-site church is: a specific congregation that holds several services at multiple geographical locations, either within a specific metropolitan area or, increasingly, several such areas.

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MULTISITE
CHURCHES
IN 1990

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CHURCHES
IN 1998

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MULTISITE
CHURCHES
IN 2008

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MULTISITE
CHURCHES
IN 2012

I speculate in April 2020, there are about **98% multi-site churches** all due to the forced isolation and self-distancing of the COVID pandemic.

We would consider ourselves multi-site because we are one congregation that is broadcasting our services via the Internet to multiple locations—into your homes. We have been forced into a new frontier ---cyberspace with an Internet Campus. And we are blessed to do so for those who are able and willing.

I have been invited to join a virtual focus group composed of Baptist ministers throughout the country sponsored by Pinnacle Leadership out of Central Seminary in MO. In our Emerging Church Practice webinar on Christian Formation this Tuesday we discussed various ways churches are dealing with being church online in order to keep up contact and fellowship with one another. Mark Tidsworth of the “Shift: Three big moves for the 21st Century church” book fame shared --along with Ircel Harrison, Pinnacle Leadership, that we are now serving in multi-site churches. Our group will be discussing in days ahead what this new venture looks like and how to best navigate.

I appreciate your patience and understanding as we attempt to have church and connect with you via Internet and phone. What we make of this new “Multi-site” experience will hopefully lay a foundation for the future at Trinity and within our community. Thank you for participating in our 2nd church campus.

As I plan Easter worship and the weeks to follow, I'm amazed at how much anticipation I used to have that would build until we were able to praise God together in the Sanctuary. The energy and spirit within our worship walls is amazing, and I look forward to the day when we can once again sing from our hearts as one body in church.

Our online worship services have been tremendously effective in keeping us "together" in one mind and one body, but it will be a glorious experience when we all get to a little piece of heaven in the Sanctuary of our Lord! Until we meet again, stay healthy and continue to worship online with us and to remember one another in prayer. We shall overcome!

Tentative Music Dates

All musical groups and worship offerings are on hold through **May 15**.
We will reschedule groups for worship as time allows.

Always Room for You! Find your place in the music ministry in 2020!

If you have singing or instrumental abilities, we need you. We are always looking for more musicians to add to our worship leading ministries at Trinity. Consider getting involved in music ministry and being a part of an exciting place of ministry!



And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:9-11

SUNDAY SCHOOL

How are you meeting together? Have you discovered a new way to do Sunday School? Zoom? Free Conference Call? or Google? I would love to hear from you.

These days are very unsettling. We want to be together, to find strength with each other and to share thoughts, concerns, fears and silly times in fellowship. We may be used to being apart for a week or two but there is comfort in knowing we can return and find solace in relationships and the study of God's word.

I miss seeing you in the physical and I know you miss each other. Our Sunday School Council is amazing and responding in ways to help guide you during this health pandemic. Each age group or adult department has unique needs and issues. We are trying to assimilate information to you --like who might still be working or is an essential worker, trying to relay information about how to teach online if you are able, and discover any concerns or needs you have.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are still church and church programs need to continue. The Nominating Committee will be working during this time at home and social distancing. Please be open to how you can serve in the 2020-2021 church year in Bible Study, Discipleship and Sunday School. Mary Brown is our committee chair and you can reach her at mpbrown57@gmail.com (919) 606-4832 or you can reach Karen at kmetcalf@tbcraleigh.com or (919) 522-3358.

NRM Food Pantry Needs

URGENT NEEDS:

Hamburger Helper | Crackers | Baking items/Oil, etc | Cleaning Products

Trinity Family,

The NRM team has been serving people in love and providing hope even with all the unknowns of this pandemic. However, we have not been able to secure the amount of food needed to meet the demands.

All Crisis & Development Center services will be by appointment only. This updated practice has helped alleviate some fears so that volunteers feel comfortable coming in.

We are in desperate need of food. If anyone is interested in dropping off food, we can only accept shelf stable food, cleaning supplies and paper goods. We cannot accept frozen or refrigerated foods. Here is a list of some of the most popular food items we are in need of:

**Canned chicken | Canned salmon | Canned soups | Spam | Granola
Canned pasta with meat | Jelly | Spaghetti sauce | Spaghetti noodles
Vienna sausages | Beef jerky | Peanut butter | Cereals
Non refrigerated country ham products | Rice (regular sized bags)
Toilet paper | Paper towels | Cleaning supplies (new, unopened)**

Food can be delivered to the Thrift Shoppe donation door. People and carts will be available to accept the food donations.

If people prefer to financially donate, we will use the funds to buy meat.

Thank you again so very much!

Donna Pygott, NRM Executive Director



Don't forget to follow North Raleigh Ministries on Facebook and Instagram for the most up-to-date information on how we can be Good News in our neighborhood!



Middle school students delivered Trinity's food donation to North Raleigh Ministries during Middle School Missions in February.

HOW CAN I HELP MY NEIGHBORS?

All year, every year Trinity is busy serving in our community in so many different ways. During this time of public health crisis and food and financial insecurity for so many in our community, there are several ministries with whom we partner that serve directly with some of the hardest hit in our community.

Our Missions Steering Committee asks that first we all pray. Pray for food and finances amidst scarcity; pray for calm and peace amidst anxiety; and pray for Christ's presence to be known through it all.

Secondly, give. Give food, supply, and financial donations so that our partners can continue to make a difference with those in most need.

And, if you are at low-risk, healthy, and able, volunteer. Many of our partners rely on volunteers who are 65 and above and now are having to prioritize those volunteers' health leaving a big need for new volunteers to jump in and help these ministries stay open to serve the community.

Here you will find a list of four of our partners helping our neighbors in need. We pray that you will find a way to be the hands and feet of Christ in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis. May the Church proclaim the name of Jesus in all times and places, and may we be the ones joining in God's mission of love in the world.

North Raleigh Ministries

Food donations can be brought to the ROC entrance at Trinity or at the donations door of NRM and placed in bins anytime any day. We have a coordinated drop off with NRM in order to keep all healthy, safe, and fed.
northraleighministries.com

Raleigh Rescue Mission

Food: breakfast food (eggs, bacon, sausage, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, etc), Ground Beef/ Turkey, Pasta. Plastic products (forks, spoons, knives) & napkins. **Supplies:** Sanitization (wipes, Lysol, hand sanitizer), Baby needs (diapers, baby wipes, formula). Food and supply donations can be dropped off at 314 E Hargett Street.
raleighrescuemission.org

Redirection-NC

Please pray for these ladies and this pandemic as well as our continued ability to give these women the assistance they need to succeed.
redirection-NC.com

Welcome House

Donations of \$50 gift cards for food security purposes to Food Lion, Walmart, or a Visa Gift Card. Mail these to Trinity Baptist Church attn. Rev. Lydia Tatum PO Box 97368 Raleigh, NC 27624. **Snail Mail** 'Welcome' encouragements to our guest family of seven and 'Praying for you' cards and letters to Mujib, our house host and interpreter. Send coloring book pages for the Welcome House children to 4420 Leadmine Road, Raleigh, NC 27612.
cbf.net/wyatt-give

Wake County School Partners

As the children in our area begin online learning, many who have limited access to technology and the internet will be behind the curve from the outset. A partner through Welcome House Community Network has identified 20 families that would benefit from a family-to-family partnership to help the children and their families gain access to the technology needed to begin learning from home while schools are closed due to COVID-19 precautions. Please contact Lydia for more information and to be connected to the coordinating social worker for these families.

RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

A Note From Trinity Member, Mark Valletta

As the days at home can be long I wanted to let each of you know about a 30 day challenge that we are doing at Resources for Seniors where I work. It provides entertaining and interesting activities to do to help ease the days spent at home. I hope you will participate. There is absolutely no cost or obligation of any kind. Just a bit of good fun with a chance for prizes too!

Here's the 30 day challenge link:

www.resourcesforseniors.com/pdf/rulesfor30daychallenge.pdf

And here's the link to our website which is loaded with valuable information for all us seniors. Spend a bit of time browsing our website. You may be amazed to learn of all the opportunities we have as citizens of Wake County

www.resourcesforseniors.com

CONNECTIONS TO BEAT QUARANTINE

Need Something From the Store but Coronavirus Keeping You In?

Our young adults want to help! As we have made contacts with our church members over the last week, over and over we have heard that folks want to help. Rebekah Gordon would like to coordinate our young adults to make any errand runs that are needed. All you need to do is call or email her at (919) 257-3798 or rgordon@tbcraleigh.com.

Need a Friend to Talk to but Coronavirus Keeping You Alone?

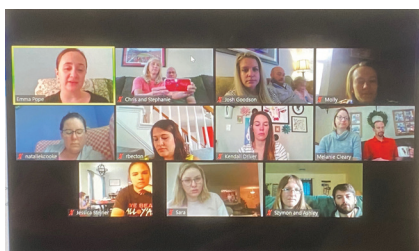
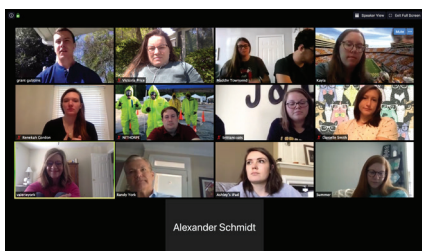
Well, we can help with that too! I have seen our Sunday School classes doing an amazing job keeping in touch with one another and keeping up to date in where to find the hot commodities in the store this past week! But, if you are not connected with a Sunday School Class and need someone to talk to, please contact Lydia Tatum at (919) 750-3965 or ltatum@tbcraleigh.com. We are here to love and support!

A PRAYER FOR YOU:

May God go before you to lead you | May God go behind you to protect you
 May God go beneath you to support you | May God go beside you to befriend you
 Do not be afraid. Take heart. | May the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you. | Do not be afraid. Take heart. | Go in peace to love and be with the Lord. | Amen.



STAY CONNECTED



Young Adult Sunday School classes are meeting at 10am on Sundays via zoom. Contact Molly Kovacs (A6C2) or Rebekah for the zoom links!

RECRUITING ENCOURAGERS

The College Student Ministry Lead Team is in need of volunteers to help support our students during their college years. Please email Sue Glover (mscglover@bellsouth.net) by the end of April if you and/or your Sunday School class would be willing to help

Option #1 for Individuals:

BE AN ENCOURAGER

Meet your student on Sunday, June 14th for doughnuts and coffee in the Underground from 9:30-10:00 a.m. | Commit to pray for your student | Communicate with your student by phone, text, email or mail (cards and small treats, birthday card, etc) 3-4 times between September-May.

Option #2 for a Sunday School class

Collect useful items in August and September that the lead team will then mail to students during the year. Items to include but not limited to: pencils, pens, post it notes, USB drive, nabs, hard candy, microwave popcorn, and \$5.00 gift cards to Starbucks, Bojangles, or Target.

We are excited about partnering with you in this ministry, and look forward to hearing from you.

SOCIAL ISOLATION WON'T STOP US

Moving Through Matthew Together

Just because we are in social isolation doesn't mean we can't move and grow together. Rebekah, Christian, and our SNOT team are putting together daily devotions that will take us through the book of Matthew. Each day we will move through the life of Jesus. Each day we will be encouraged to read together, pray together, and act together!

Visit: tbcstudentsraleigh.wordpress.com/blog or the TBCStudents Instagram



JOIN US EACH WEDNESDAY @6PM
FOR NORTHBOUND
AND D-TEAMS ON ZOOM!

Contact Christian Davis for the link each week.

Hosanna, Blessed is the One who Comes...

While we weren't together for Palm Sunday it was wonderful to see the different ways people chose to decorate their doors, porches and mailboxes for Palm Sunday. It was a wonderful way to be connected as we entered into the Holiest of Week and be reminder that we are united as the body of Christ.



EASTER IS A SEASON

- To continue the celebration throughout the Easter season, create a family worship space — a table, a corner of the family room, wherever the family can gather — if you don't already have one.
- In the days following Easter Sunday, gather there each day as a family to pray together and read a short passage of scripture about the events following the Resurrection."
- Another post-Easter Sunday activity is to practice kindness and helping others. This could range from making cards for your neighbors and slipping them in their mailbox to picking flowers and delivering them to someone's front porch. The number of people who could use Easter cheer is almost limitless and the joy of Easter is good news for all.



PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL *at home*

Families: each week I am emailing out the Sunday resources.

PRESCHOOL RESOURCES

Lifeway is offering our preschoolers Sunday School curriculum ONLINE for FREE!

What to expect:

I provided the link

You go to link

Download and print off the Activity Page

Watch the Bible Story Time with Miss Lindy video together

Print off or view on your device the conversation guide and discuss the Bible story with your kids

Watch the Miss Lindy's Library video

Pray together

Print the coloring page for an additional activity for your kids

GRADE SCHOOL RESOURCES

We are providing the teacher's guide each week

AND we are providing one of the Sunday School teachers
OR myself telling the story with some discussion questions.

If you aren't receiving these emails let me know.

The ROC will be closed until further notice. As a result, ROC Volunteers will not be needed to volunteer for their shifts until notified otherwise.



ZOOM YOGA

Join us each Tuesday at 12pm for Yoga on zoom
taught by our regular Yoga Instructor Laurel Cavanagh!

Contact Christian Davis for the link each week.

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

Fitness Classes will NOT meet until the ROC has reopened

STROLLER STRIDES

M, W, F • 9:15-10:15 am

Missy Currin: missycurrin@fit4mom.com

YOGA

M • 3:15-4:15 pm

Laurel Cavanagh laurelcyanoga@gmail.com

FIT4MOM: BODY BACK CLASS

T, Th • 5:30-6:30 am

Missy Currin: missycurrin@fit4mom.com

DANCE-IT GROUP FITNESS

Tue, Thr • 8:30-9:30 am

Kathy Wilson: kathyknits62@gmail.com

SENIOR ADULT STRENGTH & STRETCH

Tue & Thr • 10:00-11:00 am

Laurel Cavanagh laurelcyanoga@gmail.com

CAMP GLADIATOR

M, W, F • TBC Parking Lot

5:00-6:15 am

Amy Banfer: amybanfer@campgladiator.com



Looking forward to when we can be together again, but since we have to be apart, heres a picture of when we were together.

Members of the 2018-19 4-year old Sunday School Class smile in front of the Trinity Flower Cross last Easter.

STAY CONNECTED WHILE WE MUST BE APART

While our congregation is having to be physically separated, we can use social media to stay connected.

During this outbreak, all of our social media accounts are active and posting. Follow us and interact with us.



FACEBOOK



INSTAGRAM



WORDPRESS

Church Accounts:

facebook: trinitybaptistchurchraleigh

instagram: @tbcraleigh

Student Accounts:

instagram: @tbcstudentsraleigh

blog: tbcstudentsraleigh.wordpress.com

We encourage you to interact on all platforms and with all accounts. Lets make a point of intergenerational fellowship even during our time apart.



Stewardship

(YTD total through 3/31/2020)

YTD General Funds Needs (Budget)	\$826,421.05
YTD Operating Receipts	\$801,691.53
YTD Operating Expenses	\$705,638.53

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