

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH TRINITY Belong. Become. Be. TIMES

Dear Church Family,

As you know, our Trustees and an advisory team they have appointed are continually helping our congregation during this difficult time. I am so grateful for the leadership of our Trustee Chairperson, Sam Spilman. Sam has demonstrated incredible leadership. Many of you know of Sam's excellent teaching, deep faith and commitment to our congregation. During this time Sam's humble servant leadership has become key to helping us be organized and respond to this difficult season. This week I asked Sam to share some important news with you as we anticipate the days ahead. Please take time to read:

From our Trustee Chair Sam Spilman

Over the weekend, I was cleaning my backlog of emails when I found an innocent looking e-mail dated February 26 from Fred McDuffee. In this note he stated that we should "begin discussing plans for Trinity in the case the virus spreads as the CDC is now indicating." Candidly, I was not fully aware of the potential impact, but I have tremendous trust in Fred, so we acted. As hopefully you are aware, we formed an Advisory Team that has been meeting consistently since early March.

Our early efforts in responding to this pandemic involved limiting access to our church campus. In accordance with state and local guidance, we then transitioned to closure of our campus while our church continued to operate and serve under the stay at home orders. I could not be prouder of the way our church has joined together during this time to continue the many ongoing ministries while staying connected with each other.

As we realized the need to consider the process and proper timing of being together again on our campus, we expanded our Advisory Team to better address to scope of the challenges facing us.

The guiding principle of this team was determined to be "protecting the church family that we love by minimizing the risks while trusting and expecting the congregation to act responsibly."

As distancing restrictions are relaxed under the phased approach in North Carolina, we are considering how we will open our campus for in-person Sunday worship. We believe gathering for worship is still several weeks away and face-to-face Sunday School on campus is even further in the future.

When we are able to meet again on campus, we realize we cannot eliminate all risks, but we will be asking the congregation to take what we believe are reasonable and important precautions. We anticipate:

- 1. Two abbreviated worship services: 8:45 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.
- Seating will be defined to maintain social distancing and to ensure no one is sitting in the same spot during the previous service. Families will sit together.
 - We will seek to have special seating arrangements for those members who are most at risk.

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- Extended Teaching Care (ETC) will not be available at this time, so that you can
 worship as a family.
- Restrooms and facility entrances will be limited.
- No elevators will be used.
- The social distancing guidelines of six feet that we have grown accustomed to will be expected.
- We will ask everyone to perform a self-screen before entering the facility. The complete list will be provided at an appropriate time, but these guidelines will include things like:
 - No known exposure to COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
 - No flu like symptoms, including fever, cough, sore throat, respiratory illness or difficulty breathing in the past 14 days.
 - High risk due to previous health issues.
- 4. While inside the buildings, we will ask everyone to wear a mask, covering their nose and mouth.

For those who cannot attend, live streaming of the worship services will continue via Facebook, Roku and our website.

To allow for adequate planning, we need your help to understand our church family's interest in returning to worship on campus under these set of conditions. To this end, we have asked the Deacons to reach out to their families and ask if you plan to return to worship when the doors open and if you mind being assigned to attend a particular service. Your Deacon will be calling you prior to May 15, so please answer their call and be candid with your responses. We need your feedback to verify if our efforts will meet the needs of our congregation.

As we continue to refine and implement our plans, your flexibility and patience is appreciated as we seek to be faithful to God and one another in this difficult time.

In His Service, Sam Spilman, Trustee Chair

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WELCOME TO TRINITY

Drew Daffron joined by Deacon Vote on May 3, 2020. He is joining Trinity by transfer of letter.

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Drew and Abby Holley** on the birth of their daughter, Addison Lee Holley, on Tuesday, April 28. Proud grandparents are **Alan and Laury Holley, and great grandmother, Doris Young**. Mother, daughter, and father are doing well.

To **Justin and Christine Johnson** on the birth of their son, Judah Lee Johnson, on May 5. Ezra and Cora are the proud big brother and sister.

To **TBC Member Laura Warren** on the birth of her great granddaughter. This is her FIRST great grandchild! Mother, daughter, and father are doing fine. Laura is very proud.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

To TBC Members Mark and Joy Blashaw and their children Jamieson and Madison Blashaw, and Donna Ariosa upon the passing of Joy and Donna's father, Rev. Ray K. Hodge, of Smithfield, NC on May 5.

To TBC Members Bill McInnis, Bobby and Linda Wood, and Ben and Kelli Wood and their children Kenley, Parker, and Delaney Wood on the passing of Bill and Linda's brother, and Ben's uncle, Neil G. McInnis. of Murrells Inlet. SC.

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord's Supper Sunday

This coming Sunday, May 17 is our Lord's Supper Sunday. On this Sunday we come to the Lord's Table and we remember the Lord's death and resurrection until Jesus comes again. This week you are encouraged to gather some items to use for the elements for the Lord's Supper as we will be taking it together as part of our virtual worship service. Some bread and drink of any kind will work. In addition, let me remind you that this is a Sunday when we normally take our benevolence offering for North Raleigh Ministries. You are encouraged to go this week to northraleighministries.com and make a donation.

Join us for worship and the Lord's Supper this week.

Online Giving FAQ

How can I give online?

Go to tbcraleigh.com and on the homepage, in the right corner, you will find "GIVE." Click on this tab and follow the link. You can also access this link by texting tbcgift to 73256.

What options are available online?

You can currently give to the building fund or general fund and indicate your missions giving plan of A, B, or C.

Do I have to use a Credit Card?

No, you have the option to use a credit card or make a bank transfer.

Can I set up a recurring gift?

Yes, you have the option to give once or set up a recurring gift.

How is my information secured?

The information you share on this link is not stored on the Trinity server, but is serviced and stored at VANCO, which has the highest security rating for such church services.

Does my online gift cost the church in fees?

Yes, if you use Give Online there is a processing fee. You will be given the option to cover the processing fee for the church before you make your gift online.

How will my gift be recorded?

Our Financial Administrator will receive a report of your gift to ensure that your gift is recorded on your financial giving report. You will also receive an automatic email receipt.

What other options are there for giving?

Auto Draft

You may choose to have your gift set up as an auto draft from your checking or savings. Contact our Financial Administrator to set up this service.

Bill Pay

You may donate to the church through "Bill Pay" options available from your banks.

Mail

You may mail your offering to the church. Send your check to:

Trinity Baptist Church PO Box 97368 Raleigh, NC 27624

Stock Donation

You may send stock donations from your broker to Trinity Baptist Church. Email Jan Brown at janbrown@ tbcraleigh.com for more information on this.

Qualified Charitable Distribution

You may give through your Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA, with your name in the memo, so we know who it is from.

Please contact our Financial Administrator, Jan Brown, with any questions regarding your giving options at janbrown@tbcraleigh.com.

Our choir year is officially over for the Spring 2020 season, but we look forward (hopefully!) to a new season in the Fall. More information will come about starting times and how the Covid-19 virus will affect all choir participants and choir scheduling.

Thank you for your service!

As we close out our Spring season of music-making, I want to thank all of our choir directors and leaders for their extra hard work! Even though it didn't finish as planned, we know you planned to finish and to bring glory to God with all of our musicians at Trinity.

We are sad to announce that Alma Hoffmann, director of Music Makers Choir, will be stepping down from leadership in the coming year. Alma has served faithfully for many years and will be deeply missed each Wednesday night cheering on the kids to make music for the Lord. Drop a note to her and let her know how much her leadership meant to you and to encourage her as she seeks out God's next place of service for her! We are working on a replacement for Alma over the next few months, and if you are interested, please let me know about your willingness to serve! Alma, well-done, good and faithful servant!



Always Room for You!

Find your place in the music ministry in 2020! We will be back together sometime in the near future!

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.



SS COUNCIL NEWS

We are so pleased that many of our Sunday School classes are calling or meeting together in a virtual way each week. SS Curriculum is arriving for the next sessions and we can get it to you if you let me know. You can call me at 919-522-3358 or email at kmetcalf@tbcraleigh.com. If you would like class address labels or would like to keep up with attendance, let me know as well. We are not asking for attendance but we want to assist you if you desire to keep up with your people in this way.

Reflection Devotionals and other Lifeway devotionals such as Open Windows, Journey and Stand Firm are available to pick up. Please let me know and I will place them outside the doors of the office lobby.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are still a 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 or (919) 606-4832 or you can reach Karen at kmetcalf@tbcraleigh.com or (919) 522-3358.

ESSENTIAL WORKERS

A list of essential workers is provided in our "This Week at Trinity."

We thank you in advance for praying and showing gratitude for these workers. You can still contact Karen at kmetcalf@tbcraleigh.com if you have more to add or a change.

Evangelism Matters

Everyone is binge watching with their families during this unprecedented time. May we suggest a binge worthy selection where every episode keeps you wanting more? It is called The Chosen. It is a free app on your phone or tablet, or can be found on YouTube.

You will feel the frustration with Simon Peter as you ride in the fishing boat the night his nets kept coming up empty.

You will pray with Nicodemus as he struggles with a life changing decision.

You will cry with Mary as she fights her demons.

But then you will rejoice. Time and time again you will rejoice. And you will laugh. And you will empathize. And your heart will be filled with hope.

The stories of the characters in the Gospels will come alive in a way never before seen in a biblical production. Creator Dallas Jenkins will be the first to tell you that the eight episodes of Season 1 of The Chosen are not a replacement of scripture. Each episode takes the experiences of the characters as written in scripture and then, in Dallas' words, plausibly adds context to each story. But the context is not mere, personal imagination. He was guided by three biblically grounded consultants: an Evangelical pastor, a Catholic priest, and a Messianic Jewish Rabbi. The result is unlike anything you have experienced in a faith based production.

If nothing else, just watch the first two episodes. You will see the power that comes with being in the hands of Jesus.

- Your Trinity Evangelism Committee

NRM Food Pantry Needs

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

Food can be delivered to the ROC entrance of Trinity or to NRM's Thrift Shoppe donation door.



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!

Contact Lydia for more ways to make a difference for God's Kingdom in your community! Itatum@tbcraleigh.com

How Can I Help My Neighbor in Need?

Donate and Volunteer with our Missions Partners!

North Raleigh Ministries

 In preparation for volunteer opportunities opening up in May, NRM is asking for our seamstresses to help by making masks for the volunteers. Fabric is available at NRM for these projects. Contact Lydia for supplies.

 Food donations can be brought to the ROC entrance at Trinity and placed in bins anytime any day.

www.northraleighministries.com

Raleigh Rescue Mission

- Encouraging notes to residents can be mailed to: "Raleigh Rescue Resident" at PO Box 27391 Raleigh, NC 27611. Or, emailed to: VirginiaG@raleighrescue.org who will distribute them within RRM.
- 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.
 www.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.
- Donate Food Lion gift cards for groceries. Mail to: Redirection-NC at PO. Box 20231 Raleigh, NC 27619.

www.redirection-NC.com

Welcome House Community Network

- Donations of \$50 gift cards for food security purposes to Food Lion, Walmart, or a Visa Gift Card. Mail these to Trinity Baptist Church c/o 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.
- The Welcome House mailing address is 4420 Leadmine Road, Raleigh, NC 27612. www.cbf.net/wyatt-give

Wake County School Partners

- Serve as a technology assistant to children navigating online learning from home.
- If you are interested in serving in this unique way, please contact Lydia for more information and to be connected to the coordinating social worker for these families.

Family Promise

We are still supporting our Family Promise families for the week of May 17-24.
 Find ways you can volunteer to bring in breakfast, lunch, and supplies on the Sign-Up Genius link found at tbcraleigh.com on the home page under LINKS.

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?

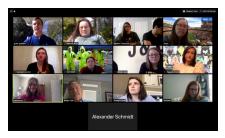
Well, we can help with that too! I have seen our Sunday School classes doing an amazing job keeping in touch with one another and keeping up to date in where to find the hot commodities in the store this past week! But, if you are not connected with a Sunday School Class and need someone to talk to,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

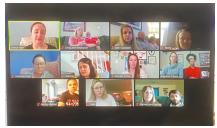
A PRAYER FOR YOU:

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) if you and/or your Sunday School class would be willing to help.

Option #1 for Individuals: BE AN ENCOURAGER

Meet your student at the encourager breakfast: date TBD | 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.

TRIP CANCELLATIONS

Unfortunately, due to the impact of COVID-19, we will have to cancel the following trips:

- Senior Retreat
- Middle School Passport Camp
- High School Mission Trip to Boston

We know this is very disappointing news for our students and families. Much prayer and consideration went into making these decisions. We hope to provide other opportunities for our students once it is safe to do so!



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

Contact Christian Davis for the link each week.

IMPORTANT VBS 2020 ANNOUNCEMENT:

In a time when so many things are uncertain, we are trying our best to give some certainty to families and our community. We have made the difficult decision to postpone our 2020 VBS. This decision is difficult because we want to be together and learn together, but we also want to do our best in keeping our community safe.

We have an amazing theme for this year that we look forward to carrying on next year -

June 16-19, 2021!

We hope you mark your calendars now to have some fun with *Concrete and Cranes!* We promise to take this next year and BUILD on a strong FOUNDATION of what planning we have already done. We will grow STRONGER and more STURDY through this. We appreciate your understanding and patience and we continue to pray for our community during this time.

Here's to BUILDING up the Kingdom of God – today in the midst of crisis and next year with VBS at Trinity.







PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 the 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.

Our Mission Project This Month... Cards to our Essential Workers at TBC!

Can you send 4 cards in the next 4 weeks to someone on our Essential workers list? We can write things like "I am praying for you" "Thank you" "We love you" "God Bless you"



^{**} If you need a copy of this list email Katie at kmedlin@tbcraleigh.com

That is just ONE way we can show God's love right now!!

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: Tuesdays @12pm

Zoom Senior Strength and Stretch: Thursdays @12pm

Each class taught by Laurel Cavanagh!

Please 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 laurelcyoga@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 laurelcyoga@gmail.com

CAMP GLADIATOR

M, W, F • TBC Parking Lot 5:00-6:15 am Amy Banfer: amybanfer@campgladiator.com

Current 5th Grade Class



Disciples of Christ

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

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.

Remember to send correspondence to:

Trinity Baptist Church PO Box 97368 Raleigh, NC 27624



Stewardship

(YTD total through 3/31/2020) YTD General Funds Needs (Budget) YTD Operating Receipts YTD Operating Expenses

\$826,421.05 \$801,691.53

\$705,638.53

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