

# TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH TRINITY Belong. Become. Be. TIMES

This article first appeared as a Facebook post. This has been welling up inside of me for several weeks, and as a preacher, I was compelled to tell it. Please receive it with grace, love, and a challenge.

My friends, I don't have to wonder if there is racism in our nation. I don't have to ask others, "What do you mean? Define it for me?" I don't have to have someone tell me that I received messages about people of color that were implied or overt when I grew up. In my moments of honesty and clarity, I know it is all true.

I heard the jokes told by my elders and repeated them. I rarely ventured to certain parts of my city and if I did, I was nervous the whole time I was there. I would get a mixed message from those whom I loved, and I know loved me. As an adult, I know that some of them were struggling with their own knowledge and worldview. My pastors, whom I loved and respected, would say, "God loves everyone the same and Jesus died for everyone in the world." "Whosoever surely meaneth me," we would repeat. I would sing at the top of my lungs at Vacation Bible School, "Red, Yellow, Black, and White, they are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world." Yet at the same time, I would listen to those who taught me and sang those words with conviction along side of me, use a racial slur or make a general derogatory remark about people of color and chuckle. This is my experience of growing up in the white working/middle class of the south in the mid- to late-20th century.

As a pastor, I have been threatened by a congregant when a black teenager wanted to join the church; but thanks be to God, those who wanted to follow the way of Jesus, opened the door wide in that case. I have had others in the church make comments about race that have surprised me and disappointed me. I don't assume this was your experience, but I would venture to say that many of you can relate.

Let me say, I am not angry or bitter, and I sure don't blame others for my own thoughts and actions. I still love deeply all who are a part of my past. I consider myself blessed by God because I knew I was loved deeply by my parents. I was a part of a large family that provided incredible stability even when my father died when I was a teen. I went to church every time the doors were open. The church was our life. I was taught the story of Jesus. I was taught the value of work and responsibility. I was taught to respect those in authority and to be grateful for the freedom provided by our nation. I was told to respect and love others even though sometimes it was not modeled. As an adult, I understand the struggle we have in acting like we tell our kids to act. We know better, we teach better, but sometimes we don't do better.

I became a follower of Jesus at age 9, but I will tell you that the work that the Holy

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Spirit began is still occurring in me. Praise be to God! I have put old ways of thinking to the side. I have thrown them off and I continually toss them away. I don't want to pick them up ever again. I want to fully realize the transformation that comes with the mind of Christ. I want for the Holy Spirit to reveal the places where such poison in my soul still resides. I am like the father who said, "Lord, I believe, help me with my unbelief." I would utter, "Lord, I love, help me to love." You may have never had my experience. I just know what I know, and now I am telling you and now you know.

What began with justification, being right with God, continues in sanctification, becoming like Christ. I know it is a lifelong journey, but I rejoice that the older I get the more I desire it.

So, my friends, will you join me? Paul encourages us in Philippians 3:13-14: (I love how it is translated in *The Message*):

I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.



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**Pianists** 

### **DEEPEST SYMPATHIES**

To the family of **TBC Member Tommy Gayle Clary** upon his passing on June 25.

To **TBC Members Betty and Clyde Cannady** upon the passing of Betty's brother, Bill Matthews, of Lake Charles, Louisiana on June 26.

To **TBC Member Charlotte Price** and her family upon the passing of her husband, Pete Carr, of Florence, Alabama on June 27.

To **TBC Members Fred and Barbara McGehee** and their family upon the passing of Barbara's sister, Shirley Wynn Parrish.

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# **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **TBC Library News**

The Trinity Digital Library is open 24/7



The Trinity digital library is available whenever you wish - 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can read and/or hear on any device you choose – smartphone, Kindle, tablet, laptop, or desktop.

Request access to the Trinity digital library NOW by visiting the TBC website at www.tbcraleigh.com and clicking on the TBC Library Online Catalog link on the left side of the TBC website, or go directly to tbcrnc.booksys.net/opac/tbcr/. Once on the TBC Library website, click on the Library Card Registration icon located in the bottom right corner and fill out the requested information. Or, you may call Ron Brown at 919-782-3957.

In order to use eBooks and audio books, you will have to add the <u>Libby by OverDrive</u> app to your smartphone, tablet, laptop, or desktop.

McCreary County, Kentucky Mission Trip
CANCELLED.

# **NRM Food Pantry Needs**

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

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!

# We've been busy preparing for the start of live worship...

Over the past month, some of our musicians and accompanists have been preparing prerecorded music for live worship whenever we meet again in the Sanctuary. Each time I return to the Sanctuary, I remember and think about all of you and the worship we shared in that sacred place. The singing, praising, praying, preaching... all of the sounds of worship are missing, but one day we will be reunited in a slightly different way. We will all have to adjust a bit and remember that it isn't permanent and terminal. We will return to the worship we once knew and cherished together.

I'm grateful for the musicians and technical support who have offered their time and talents. The gifts God has given us are extensive and tapping into many different ways to communicate the Gospel message through song has been an amazing journey. Things look and feel different. They certainly sound different in the Sanctuary. But, the hearts of worship have remained the same in praising a God Who never changes. Praise the Lord! Alleluia!

Until we meet again, Steve



# **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. — Philippians 1:9-11

# **Sunday School**

### **Group Activity Outdoor Space**

### Outside spaces available onsite:

- I. Building A: Grassy area under trees in front of building A (FH building near Six Forks.) No tent
- 2. Underground area Tent: Placed just outside the Underground/building D near back parking lot.
- 3. ROC/Playground area Tent: Coming out from the back doors of ROC lobby toward Cranbrook.
- 4. ROC Parking lot Tent: Largest Tent behind ROC near Manchester.
- 5. Carter Property: No Tent
- 6. Parking lots: not tented

A form is available online and is interactive or can be obtained by calling the church office. Our goal is to provide opportunity for your Sunday School group to meet in person, fellowship together and possibly share in a lesson or devotion. We hope these are helpful areas and can guide you in planning events.

**SS Devotionals/Magazines:** July items are here. Feel free to pick them up.

# **Discipleship News**

2 Studies this July

Beneath the Skin (Book Club and Conversation)

Understanding Jesus' Commandment John 13:34-35

Tuesdays 7:00pm Beginning on July 14

The purpose of this effort is to create conversation around the discussion of Race that is unique to America. We propose a safe place within our faith community for discussions. The books suggested offer various perspectives as a jumping off place for discussion. We will begin each evening with Devotion or a Biblical message from a minister.

Discussions will follow in breakout rooms on Zoom based on the book you selected to read. Sample questions will be provided by our ministers to aid in appropriate dialogue.

**Books for Conversation** 

Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America White Fragility

by Michael Eric Dyson by Robin Diangelo

Feel free to obtain books on your own or books should be available the week of July 7 for \$10.00. Contact church or Karen for copies.

Go to tbcraleigh.com website and look under Discipleship to locate more information and to find the link and complete the Google form to sign up to participate.

### **Grief Share**

For those who have lost loved ones and are dealing with grief during the isolation and uncertainty in our country at this time, it's extra hard. Recognizing this, Trinity will be offering two sessions in July prepared by Church Initiative, the creator of GriefShare, for summer grief support via video conferencing.

The information is real, practical, hopeful and easy to watch. We will watch together and then have an opportunity to share and find healing within a confidential group discussion.

To receive the access link for these zoom sessions, please email Boyd Dimmock at bkdimmock@gmail. com or check our website-tbcraleigh.com --as well as the website- Griefshare.org.

Two Sessions are provided:

1. COVID-19 and Grief: July 15 7:30-8:30 pm 2. Anxiety and Grief: July 29 7:30-8:30 pm

Please email Boyd Dimmock at bkdimmock@gmail.com

Rev. Lydia Tatum MISSIONS

# How Can I Help My Neighbor in Need?

### **Pray**

As Christians, we are called to commune with God. We are invited to lift our hearts to God with prayers of praise, petition, adoration, and lament. Jesus both teaches us how to pray and encourages us to rely on prayer for our every need. For Jesus, "when you pray" assumes that prayer in our lives is just as necessary as breathing - it is a given; it is life sustaining; and, it is powerful.

As you look for ways to be Christ to all of our neighbors, begin with prayer. Prayer opens us up to the movement of the Holy Spirit, it prepares us to receive holy instruction from God, and it softens our hearts to experience holy transformation into Christ's very likeness.

### Donate and Volunteer with our Missions Partners!

### **Create Your Own Missions Project**

 Have a passion for helping? Be encouraged to meet your passion with your unique giftedness and creativity and come up with a new way to support our local missions partners through our pandemic response.

### **North Raleigh Ministries**

 Food donations can be brought to the ROC entrance at Trinity or the donations entrance at North Raleigh Ministries and placed in bins anytime any day.
 www.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.

### 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.

www.cbf.net/wyatt-give

# Habitat for Humanity of Wake County Baptist Build 2020 Update

As building permits and COVID precautions have delayed our Baptist Build 2020 houses, we have been praying for a way forward and looking forward to the day when we can raise the walls and begin working!

The walls are now up, and our way forward for the time being is without volunteers. Our Habitat crew, electricians, and plumbers are now hard at work to make our homebuyers' dreams come true. It is hard to shelter in place without a place to shelter in. So, we ask now that as our church seeks to partner and support this year's build that we will all commit to pray for those who are working and for the families who are looking forward to the day when they will be in their first new home.

# **Local Ministry Partner Supply Drive**North Raleigh Ministries and Raleigh Rescue Mission

Thursdays from 11a.m.-12:00p.m. At the A/B Portico entrance

### **Family Promise Partners Needed**

Although Family Promise will not be coming to Trinity's physical location in August due to COVID-19 precautions, we will still be "hosting" families - just in a different way. Family Promise was able to secure lodging beside their headquarters on Method Rd. in Raleigh. This keeps the families safe, as well as the churches they would be rotating through, and reduces the number of volunteers needed from each church. Trinity will be responsible for providing catered dinners, in addition to collecting gift cards and cleaning supplies for the families during the week of August 2nd.

Use the link, http://bit.ly/FPSignupAug2020 to volunteer to contribute money(\*) for the dinners or to donate one or more of the needed items.

Donated items are needed by Wednesday, July 29th and can be delivered contact free to one of the locations below:

Beth Duke - 4925 Sweetbriar Dr. Raleigh, NC 27609 (919.880.7454 / bethwduke@gmail.com)

Beverly Munday - 8120 Old Deer Trl Raleigh, NC 27615 (919.848.2451 / tgimunday@msn.com)

Above and beyond the monetary and/or donated items, we ask that you please take the time to pray for these families and for the staff at Family Promise during these challenging times.

(\*) To donate money, it is recommended to write a check to the church and mark it for "Family Promise dinners".

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

# North Raleigh Ministries Update

Our Crisis and Development Center team has developed plans to continue providing critical services in our changing world. We've evaluated and evolved our services to not only provide our services safely but to also be more effective in helping our clients achieve long term stability.

### **NRM Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry will continue to offer curbside grocery assistance for neighbors in need of food. In addition, we now offer a free Produce Stand on Thursday's at 2:30 p.m. until supplies last.

### Guidance and Prayer - new!

Neighbors in need can now access guidance and prayer by telephone.

### The Journey Program - new!

By combining our existing programs in an innovative solution-focused approach, this immersive, 12-week program offers clients the opportunity to achieve life-changing results. The program provides weekly Case Management and Pastoral Counseling sessions, participation in Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, access to peer support from other program participants, and additional resources such as weekly access to the NRM Food Pantry.

### **Healthy Schools, Healthy Communities Program**

Low-income households have limited availability to the basic needs their children need to be successful in school. Research demonstrates that students are more likely to achieve when their basic needs are met. NRM is partnering with Green Magnet Elementary and East Millbrook Middle Schools to help them decrease these achievement barriers and improve overall school success rates. Services may include, but are not limited to, the BackPack Buddies Program, a Clothing Closet, Student Food Pantry, and School Supply Drives.

All of NRM's programs and services are offered in a safe and effective manner allowing us to continue our ministry to serve our community.

# **May Food Pantry Impact**









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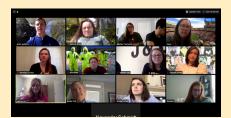
# A PRAYER FOR YOU:

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.

# **Sunday School**



Adult 6 Sunday School classes are meeting at either 9:30am (A6C2) or 10am (A6C1) on Sundays via zoom. Contact Molly Kovacs (A6C2) or Rebekah for the zoom links or more information.





# **College Sunday School Schedule:**

July 12: Tiffany's House at 6:30pm

July 19: Zoom at 4pm

July 26: Christian's House at 6:30pm



# **Wednesday Night Bible Study**

Each Wednesday night this summer we will have a youth Bible Study @6:30pm under the tents outside of the church! It is for 6th-11th Grade (Based on the grade completed. We haven't moved up yet). We'll socially distance, eat ice cream, break into small groups, and have a time of Bible study together. Here's what you need to bring in order to come prepared:

- Mask (Required for Youth Bible Study!)
- Lawn Chair (So you don't have to sit on the ground)
- Canned Goods or Individually Packaged Snacks to donate to Raleigh Rescue Mission and North Raleigh Ministries (optional each week but we'd love to have a youth donation each week)

Thank you for your help in making this a safe time for our students to be together over the summer!



# **Virtual Sunday School**

We are continuing virtual Sunday School for our students throughout the summer! We'd love to be able to see, connect, and teach our students each week!

Contact your Sunday School teachers or email cdavis@tbcraleigh.com for the links to join!

# Congratulations Children's Ministry Graduates!



Jack Avent



Madelyn Avent Preschool



Malachi Becton Preschool



Nolan Bell Preschool



Johnny Canterbury Preschool



William Frisbee



Colbon Fry Preschool



William Kent Preschool



Noah Mills Preschool



Lucas Simmons Preschool



Jackson Stem Preschool



MadisonGwynn Sumne Preschool



Margaret West Preschool



Samantha Arthur Kindergarten



Rainey Cox Kindergarten



Bennett Dees Kindergarten



Ashe Foster Kindergarten



Caroline Harris Kindergarten



Logan Jones Kindergarten



Walker Martin Kindergarten



Mason McGee Kindergarten



Becca Pittenger Kindergarten



Philip Torchio Kindergarten



John West Kindergarten



Claire Adams



Andrew Arthur 5th Grade



Thomas Beck 5th Grade



Morgan Bennett 5th Grade



Sophia Chambers 5th Grade



5th Grade



Ben Frisbee 5th Grade



Eliza Miller 5th Grade

We are so proud of all our grads! (Those not pictured as well.) May God bless and keep you all in the palm of his hand all your days.



# 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 provide 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.

### Sabbath Practice

In Genesis we learned that God created the world in seven days, but on the seventh day, God rested. So, too, are we called to rest one day per week. Sabbath is a rhythm. We set aside an hour in the day, or a day in the week, or even a week in the year. Even as we're spending more time at home, still, it's important to evaluate whether our time at home is restful or a break from the day to day. Here are some ways to practice Sabbath with your family.

- Set aside certain periods of the day where all electronics are turned off, and family members spend time together in conversation, relaxation, and prayer.
- Take one day out of the week that is dedicated to church and family.
- Talk about what feels restful to your family and make a plan to try different restful things.
- Make it a habit to have an extra special family meal one day per week. The meal doesn't have
  to be fancy in order to be extra special: just spend time together! Perhaps use special plates
  or candles.
- Spend some time in nature on your Sabbath day. Go on a nature walk, or simply spend time in your own backyard.

Memory Verse: "Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy." Exodus 20:8

Faith Practice Spotlight: Silence. A minute of silence. How long is a minute? What does it mean to have a "Sabbath Minute?" Find a comfortable place to practice being quiet or silent for a full minute. How does it feel?

<sup>\*\*</sup>adpated from Traci Smith\*\*

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.



**Chair Yoga:** Tuesdays @11am **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

## **TBC Recreation Summer Camps Cancelled**

The following cancellation applies to all TBC Summer Camps including Upward Boys and Girls Basketball, Upward Cheer, Arts and Music, and Triangle Explorers.

"It is with great regret I must inform you that the leadership evaluating the safety of activities of Trinity Baptist Church during the COVID-19 pandemic have decided our church camps should be cancelled for the summer. When planning these summer camps, we hoped COVID would not reach the pandemic level it has reached. Unfortunately, the pandemic is impacting all activities at Trinity. Given our current status, and the size of these camps and activities, we cannot find approaches that allow these camps to continue while meeting CDC guidelines, and maintaining a safe and enjoyable experience for the children. Any payments you have made with the registration of your child/children will be promptly refunded. We hope you understand that this decision was reached because we feel we cannot provide the experience you and your children would expect while sufficiently minimizing the risk to them and others."

# North Hills 5K Going Virtual!

Due to the uncertainty of large group gatherings in the Fall and our desire to allow everyone to participate in the North Hills 5K safely, the North Hills 5K Lead Team has made the decision to shift to a virtual format for this year's race. This will allow us to continue to support Backpack Buddies through North Raleigh Ministries, while maintaining safety for the 5k participants! Be on the lookout for specific details regarding the race over the next few weeks and find out how you can participate and help support North Raleigh Ministries!

# **TBC Cardio Around the Neighborhood (CAN)**

Sundays @6:30pm

- Are you looking for a way to socialize while still being socially distant?
- Are you searching for ways to get out of the house and be active?
- Do you want to participate in the North Hills 5K this year but don't even know where to begin training?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then come join us on Sunday evening to do some cardio around the neighborhood! This activity is open to all age groups and speed and endurance levels! Whether you simply want to stroll around our church's backyard with your church family or train for the North Hills 5K (we have an 8-week training plan) along the roads of the traditional course, you CAN join!

We will meet in front of the entrance to the ROC @6:30pm on the dates listed below:

July 12th

July 19th

July 26th

August 2nd

August 9th

August / til

August 16th

August 23rd

August 30th

Email cdavis@tbcraleigh.com to let me know if you are interested or for more information.

# STAY CONNECTED

WHILE WE ARE APART

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

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 when apart.

Remember to send correspondence to:

Trinity Baptist Church PO Box 97368 Raleigh, NC 27624



### Stewardship

(YTD total through 5/31/2020)

YTD General Funds Needs (Budget) YTD Operating Receipts

YTD Operating Expenses

\$1,334,987.85 \$1,337,329.31

\$1,142,705.13

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