

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

Dear Trinity Family,

I have shared with you in the past that the three characteristics, which are essential to our ministry together in this difficult time, are flexibility, creativity and faithfulness. I want to share with you some of the things that are happening in our congregation around those characteristics.

We are being flexible. As we are transitioning back to campus for worship we have had to learn flexibility. Whether we are worshipping online or in person, there are limitations. In our attempt to offer the best worship experience we can for the on campus worship and online worship, we are currently having an on campus worship service at 10:55 a.m. every Sunday. We are also offering an online worship experience at the same time. The online service is pre-produced for an online experience. These services are similar in sermon, scripture, prayers, and children's message and in most cases share the same music. We believe this is our best option at this time to offering our best in worship to God. I encourage you to join us either in person or online at 10:55 every Sunday.

We are being creative. I am so proud of our Sunday School Council and classes, Discipleship Team, and Ministry and Mission Committees. Our Sunday School Council is hard at work to create more opportunities for meeting in person on campus for the classes that are ready to make that transition. We currently have four rooms that have been designated for your use. We can accommodate groups of 25 meeting inside and 50 outside in the tents. If your class wants to use one of these spaces, please contact the church office. In addition, we will have a plan in place by October to move forward with Sunday morning opportunities for Sunday School and this includes families with children. We know that Sunday School is our next important transition.

In addition, our Student Ministry, Children's Ministry, Mission Committee and Music Ministry have been working together to design activities on Wednesday nights this fall. The schedule of these events can be found in the newsletter. I am so grateful to these ministries and the work of our Church Council to create these opportunities.

Our Adult Discipleship classes remain online at this point. I am so excited that over 160 people have pre-registered for our TNT study on Tuesday nights. If you want to be a part of TNT this fall please call the church office. We begin September 15. There are also offerings including Grief Share and our Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study. Other discipleship offerings will be available as we continue through the fall. Always check the newsletter and website for opportunities.

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I am also excited that our Recreation Committee is making plans for opening of the ROC with certain limitations. Please be watching the website and newsletter for updates regarding use of the ROC.

We also are finishing week I of our Weekday Preschool Ministry being back on campus. We welcomed 135 children plus staff and teachers back to campus. Our Weekday Preschool Committee, Director and staff have done an incredible job in offering this ministry in a safe manner.

In addition to all of this, there are so many committees and ministries working behind the scenes to keep our congregation moving forward. Thank you to everyone who is being creative in ministry.

We must be faithful. All of the flexibility and creativity will be lost without our faithfulness to our congregation. We must be faithful in every way we can. If you have a responsibility of service, keep doing good. If you can attend in person or online, be present. In regards to our giving of our resources, let us be generous.

In the past few months we have discovered that God is at work and not deterred by a pandemic. God has been adding to our church. People are making professions of faith and also finding a church home. Others are reengaging in the community of the church. Some are joining us seeking to know more about lesus. This is a great opportunity for the church to make a difference in so many lives. So let us remain flexible, creative and faithful.

God Bless. Dr. leff Roberts

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#### **WELCOME TO TRINITY**

**Heath Pressley** joins by baptism by profession of faith.

## **DEEPEST SYMPATHIES**

To the family of **TBC Member Ivenia Hathaway** upon her passing on September 5.

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# Schedule of Wednesday Events 🛶



**Students** 



Sept. 16 Students on campus &/or online

Oct. 7 Students on campus &/or online

Oct. 21 Students on campus &/or online

— Children, Missions & Music

## FAMILY MISSION NIGHT

Children's Music: **Sept. 23**Online Music Time for
Preschoolers. MM. YM

Children's Missions: **Sept. 30**Family Mission Night -

On campus missions projects

Children's Music: Oct. 14

Online Music Time for Preschoolers, MM, YM

Children's Missions: Oct. 28

On campus missions projects
Virtual Missions Conference

Nov. 4

#### Adult Discipleship



GRIEF SHARE







Adult Discipleship is meeting online. Go to **tbcraleigh.com** to see all of the offerings for Adult Discipleship this Fall.

# **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# **TNT - Tuesday Nights**

Join us on Tuesday Nights beginning this week for our Fall Semester TNT Bible Study for Men and Women. We will be studying "Dealing with Hard Times."



TNT is a small group Bible study utilizing Baptist Way Press' commentary and study questions written by Dr.

Roberts. TNT is a way for you to dig deeper in Bible Study and also develop relationships within the congregation beyond your Sunday morning experience.

We will meet on Zoom as one large group, men and women separately. Then we will go to our small Zoom groups. You can sign up at tbcraleigh.com or by calling the church office.. Tuesdays, 9/15 - 10/20 at 6:30 pm.



1:00 - 2:30 - Last Name Starting with A-L 2:30 - 4:00 - Last Name Starting with M-Z 4:00 - 5:00 Drive By Event - In Church Parking Lot

Registered at Bailey's Fine Jewelry, Bed Bath and Beyond, Pottery Barn/Williams Sonoma, and Amazon. For registry information please visit http://michaeljordan-wedding.com

TBC will be gifting the couple a recipe book, please bring your favorite recipe - any size or format - and include your name

Contact Connie Coble with questions at conniecoble 1@gmail.com



## Online Music Time for Preschoolers & Children

Instead of children's choirs this Fall, we are offering several opportunities to stay in touch with TBC children and families during the Covid-19 pandemic:

Preschool Online Music Time Music Makers Online Music Time Young Musicians Online Music Time

On September 23 and October 14, 6 pm, we will have online music times for Preschoolers (Ages 4-5) and children (Grades 1-3 and 4-5). We will have a couple of fun songs to sing, use movement, learn scripture and a have a short devotional. Each child must be signed-up to receive a Zoom link for your age group's meeting.

Send an email *by September 21 and October 12* to Steve Byers, slbyers@tbcraleigh.com, to sign your child up!

The following information is needed....

- Name of child, age, grade
- Names of parents
- Parent's permission for child to be online or with a parent's participation
- Best email address to send the Zoom link once enrolled.

We miss being with our kids on Wednesdays! Sally Melvin, Amy Byers, and Linda Dollar will be present along with other leaders to facilitate our sessions.

Hope to see and hear you soon online!

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**

Some Adult Sunday School Curriculum is still in the office lobby for your convenience. Just let us know what you would like and it can be made available for you.

# **Discipleship News**

#### **Tuesdays:**

TNT

**Dealing with Hard Times:** A 6 week virtual Bible study of Job begins this week. This study is facilitated by Dr. Jeff and Robin Roberts on Tuesdays. You may contact Reenie in the office for more info or to sign up. A sign up genius is available on tbcraleigh.com website.

#### Wednesdays:

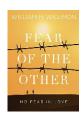
Wednesday morning women's Bible Study: Coming October 7 at 9:30am

Beth Moore: Travel Companions with Paul

No Cost

Contact Kim Royal: kim.royal57@gmail.com or (919) 218-1237

For more information and Zoom format



## Wednesday evenings beginning on Oct. 7 at 7:30pm

Study on Zoom: 4-5 weeks

Fear of the Other (no fear in love) by William Willimon Facilitated by Karen Eickhoff and members of Discipleship team.

Books will be available for \$5.00 next week.

Contact: Karen at kmetcalf@tbcraleigh.com to sign up.

**Fear of the Other** is a subject whose time has come given the divided nature of relationships in the church and world today. Rooted in the New Testament Understanding of Gentile outsiders grafted into the covenant community, this

study invites readers to a God who comes to us again and again through so-called outsiders, strangers, immigrants, and those without status. 1 John 4:18-21 will be our focus as we: \*Identify the Other in our midst, \*Train our fears while seeking information and relationship with those we fear, \*renew our commitment to embracing the Other in obedience to God's instruction, and \*work to make our local church more welcoming of the Other. May we discover the courage to think like Christians and grace to act like Jesus.

#### Thursdays:

#### Grief Share Thursdays at 7:30 pm

Thirteen week sessions began on Sept. 3 utilizing the same video conferencing style as this summer. We are grateful to have Larry Autry, Stephanie Johnson and Boyd Dimmock continuing this ministry.

The information is real, practical, hopeful and easy to watch. We will watch a video 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.

#### Women's Book Club Third Thursdays of the month at 7:00pm

Facilitator: Nancy Cummings < ncummings 12@gmail.com>

Broken for You, Stephanie Kallos - Sept. 17, 2020 Circling the Sun, Paula McLai - Oct. 15, 2020 Silver Star, Jeanette Walls - Nov. 19, 2020

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet, Jamie Ford - Jan. 17, 2021

# **Weekday Preschool**

Began last week for the school year. Wonderful beginning! Continue to be in prayer for a safe and quality school year. Many thanks to Bentley Williams for her leadership and professionalism to meet the challenges of this new world.

## Feed the Hunger Mission Opportunity Saturday, October 3rd Fellowship Hall 10 AM to 12 PM and 1 PM to 3 PM

Feed the Hunger is a NC based organization committed to addressing both the food distribution problem that prevents people worldwide from getting the nutrition they need, and the spiritual hunger faced by those in extreme poverty. In a joint effort of Missions Steering and the Women's Ministry of Trinity, our church will once again host a Feed the Hunger packathon to pack 24,000 meals that will be delivered to the needy across the United States, including regions of the Gulf Coast damaged by the recent hurricanes. Meals will also be distributed by Feed the Hunger's international partner churches to spread the gospel around the world.

This energetic and fun project is open to anyone 1st grade and older. Feed the Hunger guidelines require volunteers wear a facial covering and participate in a temperature screening prior to entering the facility. Feed the Hunger will also provide gloves and hairnets for all participants. The number of volunteers has been capped for this event to ensure proper social distancing during the packathon. Please use one volunteer slot per each member of your family and kindly keep your family members together at a station. You may sign up using the sign-up genius link on the TBC website or by calling Misty Deyo at 919-272-5388.

# T.E.A.C.H. Initiative Trinity Enriches All Child-education from Home

Turn on the news and you will begin to see the uphill battle that education is facing this year with balancing education goals, safety goals, mental health, student food insecurity, funding, and the list goes on. We would like to help support our school teachers this year by connecting Sunday School classes with our Trinity members who are teaching in-person and virtually this year. Teachers, if you are interested in being connected with a class who will commit to praying for you, sending notes of encouragement to you and your students, and meeting needs that you discover throughout this year, sign up!! Sunday School classes, if you are interested in loving, praying, and providing encouragement and care for one of our school teachers and his or her class this year, sign up!! Email Lydia at Itatum@tbcraleigh.com to join the T.E.A.C.H. Initiative!

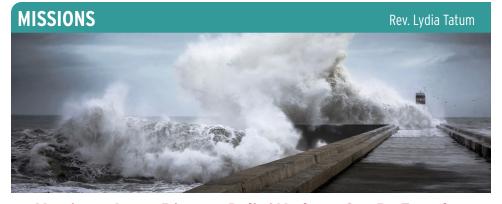
# **NRM Food Pantry Needs**

Personal Hygiene Items
Cleaning supplies
Paper towels
Potatoes/Stuffing
Canned tomatoes

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



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



# Hurricane Laura Disaster Relief Updates Can Be Found at www.baptistsonmission.org

Our NC BoM Water Tanker arrived at Moss Bluff Baptist Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana and is providing clean water as meals are being prepared for people in need of a hot meal. We have chainsaw and clean up teams in Alexandria, Louisiana. Feeding volunteers from North Carolina are on go and have been assigned to a location to assist in feeding opportunities.

Teams from Trinity will be forming as soon as infrastructure is in place. Be on the lookout in future newsletters for trip dates and sign-ups!

## Join the Journey for Home!

#### -CBFNC's Inaugural fundraiser for the Welcome House Community Network-

CBF of North Carolina announces "Welcome Ride 2020," on October 9-12 as the inaugural fundraiser to jumpstart the Welcome House Community Network (WHCN). Two weeks ago, CBFNC's Coordinating Council adopted the WHCN as a bold new missions program of CBFNC to extend Christian hospitality in the form of temporary housing and community outreach to vulnerable people in every NC city and town. Trinity has been an official Encourager Church in partnership with field personnel, Marc and Kim Wyatt, and their ministry to our international community, Welcome House Community Network, since 2018 and have supported their ministry through missions project partnership since 2017.

Welcome Ride is the first fundraiser to support the new WHCN and plans are to make it an annual event in the future. During the four-day period of October 9-12, CBFNC Executive Coordinator Larry Hovis and a small cycling team will ride over 200 miles from the beautiful Blue Ridge Parkway to the bustling state capital.

Because of health guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's main ride will only feature Larry and his team. Every CBFNC congregation is invited to join the mission and the mandate of embracing vulnerable neighbors by giving generously to sponsor Larry's team. Proceeds raised will be used to provide seed grants to churches throughout the state to start new Welcome House ministries. The goal is to raise \$10,000 in order to support five new Welcome Houses in North Carolina. Fundraising will begin on September 15. Stay tuned for more details.

Churches and individuals are invited to follow Larry and his Welcome Ride team as they bike from the mountains to the capital on CBFNC's Facebook and Instagram pages. We will share daily "Where's Larry" videos and updates along the bike route.

#### Virtual Welcome Ride

While the feature of this year's event is to follow Larry and his team from the mountains to the capital, anyone can join the journey for home from a distance. Show your support and help us raise money by doing your own, "virtual" Welcome Ride anytime between October 2-16. The best part is that you can choose how to do your journey—walk, run, bike, skate, paddle, swim, you name it! Just let us know how you are participating by snapping a photo and sending it in to Lydia via email at Itatum@tbcraleigh.com or post on Facebook or Instagram and tag us, Trinity Baptist Church or @tbcraleigh.

# **Senior Adult Zoom Meet-up**

Wednesday, September 30 at 11:00a.m.

Please email Lydia to RSVP at ltatum@tbcraleigh.com

# **Inter-generational Prayer Partners**

As our whole world journeys through a time of social isolation, the importance of community and connection has grown increasingly more obvious. But, in the Church, we have always known that the Body of Christ does not function without every member. We are called to use our gifts, to love one another, to carry one another's burdens, to pray for one another, and to be united in our love for Christ and for each other. A wonderful way to foster this spirit at Trinity is through our inter-generational prayer partners! We hope to connect Senior Adults with the children and preschoolers from our church through prayer, cards, and calls of encouragement. Interested? Email Lydia at Itatum@tbcraleigh.com to sign-up and be connected with a child and his or her family through prayer!

# **Adult Children Caring for Aging Parents Resources**

Caring for a parent at anytime can be challenging, but COVID times makes it especially difficult. It can take a toll on your body, mind, and spirit, and you may need a little extra support - someone to talk to, a group who gets it, and a community to pray with.

You can find a list of support groups at

http://resourcesforseniors.com/pdf/suppgrp.pdf

And, you can find a community of prayer here at Trinity. Call or email Lydia to be connected with others who are looking for similar support.



I miss seeing you all in person! If you're a youth, college student, young adult, old adult or anyone in between, please reach out to me and I would love to take you out for coffee or ice cream. My treat! Text me at 919-257-3798 or email rgordon@tbcraleigh.com.

# **Sunday School**



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

# **College Sunday School Schedule:**

September 20: In-person Lesson at TBC (Room C101) at 6:30pm

September 27: Zoom at 6:30pm

# **College Dinners are Happening!**

We will do three dinners in the Fall and the rest in the Spring. Details about locations will be sent to students at those schools. Spring dates TBD.

- September 29th at 6pm: Triad Dinner
- October 13th at 6pm: ECU Dinner
- October 11th at 6pm: UNC and Raleigh Dinner (Any students who are back in Raleigh are welcome to attend.)
- Spring Dinners Boone/Asheville, UNCC, UNCW

We are having the College Christmas Party too! Save the date for the college Christmas Party on December 20th at 6:30pm at TBC.

# Fall Northbound/D-Teams Schedule

After meeting with SMAC and our Wednesday Night Planning team, we have decided upon the following plan and schedule to begin the Fall:

- All Northbound/D-Teams will take place from 6:30pm-7:30pm (Both In-Person and Online)
- When meeting on campus, all D-Teams will meet outside, wear masks, and bring a lawn chair to sit in.
- Northbound will be abbreviated (about 15 minutes), leaving 45 minutes for D-Teams
- Students and Leaders will always have the option to join via zoom, even if their D-Team is in-person that week.\*\*

# **Fall Schedule**

September 16th: Middle School in Person/High School on Zoom

September 23rd: All on Zoom (Allowing other ministries to be on campus) September 30th: All on Zoom (Allowing other ministries to be on campus)

October 7th: All on Campus October 14th: All on Zoom October 21st: All on Campus October 28th: All on Zoom

We will determine the schedule for November after we see how the first month or so goes.

We are still in the process of determining an inclement weather policy and we'll let y'all know as soon as we do.



<sup>\*\*</sup>If you are NOT comfortable participating in in-person D-Teams, please respond to this email to let me know. This will help us to know if there are any D-Teams that have no leaders planning to meet in person.\*\*

# PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN

Katie Medlin



# MISSIONS AT TRINITY

Fall 2020



# What we will do:

- ~Put together teacher pandemic kits
- ~Chalk Prayer Station
- ~Make Prayer Sticks
- ~Game

# OUR FALL MISSION PROJECT:

To help friends in our community, we will be collecting new school supplies for local schools to give to children who may need them once students return to the building. Bins will be located outside the ROC and sanctuary.

**Collection begins 9.30.20** 

# Save the date for

**FAMILY** 

MISSION

**NIGHT** 

9.30.20

6:00PM



This fall Wednesday nights will have a new look! We are excited to continue to engage our children in missions despite all the changes going on around us. We want **YOU ALL** to be a part of this excitijg time! Plan to join us on **9.30.20** for **family mission night.** 

Check your email or newsletter for more details.

Please Sign up online if you plan to attend as a family.

# FAMILY ROOM For Worship

A "family room" will be located in the choir room that can be used during our worship time. If you are on campus for worship and feel that your child is getting antsy, you are invited to go to the choir room. (An usher can help you locate the room.) You will be able to watch the service there. We are asking that you begin in the sanctuary and transition to the choir room only if needed.

There will be no extended teaching care offered at this time.



If you and your family join us for worship on campus look for these worship bags in the narthex. They have crayons, a worship bulletin and paper to color on. You're invited to get one and take it all home with you after the service (including the crayons!)



# **Discipleship Update:**

We are excited with the creativity of so many who are helping us navigate during this time. We are excited to offer the following in things to help you as a family.

- A Missions Packet that will be mailed the week of 9.27.
- A Grade School Sunday packet that was mailed this week.
- Preschool Sunday School Packets that will be mailed the week of 9 14

\*If you aren't receiving my emails with updates and more discipleship news, email me at kmedlin@tbcraleigh.com and we will get you added to the list.\*

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

# Thanks to everyone that participated in the 2020 Virtual North Hills 5k!



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# 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 4815 Six Forks Road Raleigh, NC 27609



#### Stewardship

(YTD total through 7/31/2020)

YTD General Funds Needs (Budget) YTD Operating Receipts

YTD Operating Expenses

\$1,907,125.50 \$1.765.391.95

\$1,576,320.47

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