



TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

TRINITY TIMES

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DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

To **TBC Member Annette Looper** and her family upon the passing of her sister recently.

To **TBC Members Ed Hill**, and his daughter **Charlotte Edwards (and her husband, Reggie Edwards)** and grandchildren **Allison Edwards, Emily Edwards, Cameron Edwards, Amy Hill and Lindsey Hill**, upon the passing of Ed's wife and Charlotte's mother, **TBC Member Kay Hill** on December 4.

To **TBC Members Daniel and Ginger Boyle** and their family upon the passing of Daniel's mother, Winifred Boyle, of Cary on December 10.

To the family and friends of **TBC Member Pam McKinney (Williams)**, of Christiansburg, VA. on December 7.

To **TBC Member Mike Sherrer** and his family upon the passing of his father, Jim Sherrer, of Raleigh on December 12.

To **TBC Member Stephanie Treadway** upon the passing of her son, Sean Treadway, of Apex on December 14.

To **TBC Members Raymond and Gwynne Cook, and their children Abigail and Ashley Cook**, upon the passing of Raymond's mother, Hilde Katherina Cook, of Winston-Salem, on December 17.

STAFF ANNIVERSARY

Ramona Green, Pianist, celebrates her 22nd year anniversary with Trinity Baptist Church on January 1st.

Ashbey Jones, Facilities Manager, celebrates his 3rd year anniversary with Trinity Baptist Church on January 2nd.

Please take the time to say a personal word, write a note or place a phone call to Ramona and Ashbey or offer words of encouragement and support for the fine job they are doing.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Dear Homebound Committee,

I wanted to let you know how much I truly am enjoying the beautiful poinsettia that I received today. I am so very grateful and it really brightens my room and my heart. God bless each one of you for all your kindness.

With much love and gratitude, and in Christ,

Betty Touchberry

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	Ashbey Jones	Facilities Manager	
	Rev. Wayne Rogers	Organist	
	Ramona Green, Barbara Bowen	Pianists	

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CHRISTMAS AT TBC

SPECIAL SERVICES

BY ONLINE REGISTRATION

DECEMBER 24TH AT 3PM:

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24TH AT 5PM:

**TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
WITH COMMUNION**



Scan with the camera app on your smart device
or visit tbcraleigh.com/advent to register

Christmas Eve Love Offering

BENEFITTING NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES

Every Christmas Eve when we gather to celebrate the birth of Christ with the Lord's Supper, candlelit song, and hearing the miraculous story again, we give our gifts and offerings in order to care for our neighbors in need. This year, please consider giving to our Christmas Eve offering in person or donating directly at northraleighministries.com if you are worshipping with us virtually.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION REMINDER

Any contributions that you want to be on your 2020 tax statement, must be turned into the Financial Administrator by December 31st. The ONLY exception to this rule is an envelope postmarked by December 31st.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

Wednesday, December 23rd | Thursday, December 24th

Friday, December 25th | Friday, January 1st

Any stock contributions or online giving for 2020 must be received by Trinity or in Trinity's account by December 31st to be counted as a 2020 contribution. If you have any questions, please call Jan Brown BEFORE the first of the year at 919-787-3740.

Thank you for your support of Trinity!

TBC LIBRARY NEWS

The Incarnation : Discovering the Significance of Christmas



His parents called him Jesus. But the prophets, shepherds, wise men, and angels addressed him by other names---including Messiah, Savior, King, Emmanuel, Light of the World, Word of God, and Lord. Join Adam Hamilton as he explores the meaning behind these titles, what they tell us about the baby whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, and the significance of that Christ child for our lives today.

This book was the basis for the four-week online Tuesday Night Adult Discipleship study recently completed. And the book is the basis of Dr. Roberts' sermons during the 2020 Advent season.



Need a TBC Library Card? Apply for a card online by scanning this code with your smart device or go directly to tbcnc.booksys.net/opac/tbcr/. Once on the TBC Library website, click on the Library Card Registration icon and fill out the requested information or there are blank application forms located on the Book Return box in the library. You may call Ron Brown at 919-782-3957 for assistance.



I want to offer a special thanks to all our high school seniors who have helped with the Hanging of the Greens readings during worship in December. Most of these students have been in choirs since 4 years of age at Trinity and it is only fitting that they had an opportunity to lead as they would have during that beautiful service. They have endured 3 different Hanging of the Greens: 2 years in the ROC and 1 without a service this December! These students have been very faithful to our choirs and continued to show their dedication to serve in ways other than music. That is a true hallmark of their spirit and the growth of their faith. Thanks, students, for making this Christmas one to remember even though it was very different.

It has been a very different Christmas this year in many ways... No choirs singing Christmas music. Empty halls where children once sang God's praises. No orchestra or bells playing and ringing in the Christmas season. It was for the best with the pandemic raging around us; the risk of singing and playing in close proximities was not safe.

Although the year has been quite empty musically, that didn't mean the music stopped. We have had soloists, duets, trios, quartets, and mixed groups continue to sing and play in worship. They have gone to extraordinary measures to stay safe and keep it safe in worship. I ask that you lift them up in your prayers and ask God to keep them healthy so that they continue to lead in worship, and I also ask that you remember all of our musicians in prayer. This season has been difficult. Choirs are like families, and we rehearse and fellowship close to one another throughout the year. Since March, we've disbanded until there is a safe time to rehearse once again, but many of our musicians have struggled with the disconnect. Music is our life. We give our music to the Lord and to His church with joy and gladness in our hearts! That is a huge missing piece this year for us all, especially those who are deeply entrenched in music ministry.

We will be back again! We have that hope in Jesus Christ, the one who is our hope! As we look forward to the new year of 2021, let's continue to pray for the total eradication of the virus, successful vaccination, and a renewed church that will one day praise God like never before! What a glorious day that will be!

Merry Christmas and happy new year to all,
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:

Thank you for continuing to send in your Sunday School attendance/participation information. This is very helpful. Please contact Bonnie (bcole@tbcraleigh.com) for more information. We are grateful for the virtual teaching experience and appreciate the contacts you make each week.

If you have not been doing this, please contact Karen or Bonnie in the office and we will set you up with an efficient way to help us keep up with your attendance and members.

Curriculum/Devotionals

Smyth & Helwys (Formations and Connections) curriculums are ready to pick up. This includes the Reflection devotionals. Please come by the church office lobby to gather materials or call and we will bring them to you. Some Journeys, Mature Living, Home Life and Stand Firms are available for December and January.

DECEMBER 27 is an optional SS morning. Church Council voted last year not to have Sunday School on the Sunday following Christmas. Each class has the option to meet or not to meet online. We wish you all a very Blessed Christmas and look forward to serving with you in the New Year!

DISCIPLESHIP NEWS

Everything is still Virtual –but effective!

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible study

Matchless: The life and love of Jesus by Angie Smith

Wednesdays January 13-March 3 | 9:30am-11:00 or shorter

Cost \$15.99 order study guide through lifeway.com or Amazon.

Contact Kim Royal at k.royal57@gmail.com or 919-218-1237

Link for intro video: <https://youtu.be/YaXzFojeAhE>

TNT "Galatians: Building on Solid Ground"

Tuesday evenings January 19- March 16

Facilitators are Robin Roberts for the women and Dr. Jeff Roberts for the men.

Small groups are provided

Financial Peace University or Ramsey+

Sundays: 5:00-6:00pm zoom

January 17 – March 28th *skipping February 7 & 14*

Sign up using link: fpu.com/1130108

DivorceCare

Facilitators are Shay and Jeff Greene

Check website: divorcecare.org

Women's Book Club Third Thursdays of the month

Facilitator: Nancy Cummings ncummings12@gmail.com

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

Advent Devotionals:

If you are looking for an online advent devotional, here are a few to check out:

followingthestar.org | d365.org | upperroom.org

pastorrick.com - sign up for daily hope devotionals

lifeway.com/en/articles/devotions-christmas-advent-week-one-faith

Possible Other Bible/Book Studies for 2021:

Prayer | Family | Social Concerns, | Lent

Stay tuned!

Christmas Eve Love Offering

BENEFITTING NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES

Every Christmas Eve when we gather to celebrate the birth of Christ with the Lord's Supper, candlelit song, and hearing the miraculous story again, we give our gifts and offerings in order to care for our neighbors in need. This year, please consider giving to our Christmas Eve offering in person or donating directly at northraleighministries.com if you are worshipping with us virtually.

North Raleigh Ministries Food Donations

Due to circumstances regarding our outdoor donations bins, Trinity will no longer be collecting food donations outside of the ROC entrance. All food donations may be dropped off at our second Thursday of the month supply drive, on Sunday mornings just outside of the sanctuary, or at NRM (9650 Strickland Rd, Unit 175 Raleigh, NC 27615).

This Week's Food Pantry Needs:

Cleaning Items | Cereal | Jelly | Snack Pack Crackers | Personal Items

Local Ministry Partner Supply Drive

North Raleigh Ministries and Raleigh Rescue Mission

Thursday, January 14 from 11a.m.-12:30p.m. At the A/B Portico entrance

Family Promise of Wake County

In an otherwise difficult year, there have nevertheless been some bright spots at Family Promise of Wake County (FPWC) in 2020, including:

- FPWC has continued to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, and case management for our families through all of 2020.
- 71 families have been through the process of transitioning to safe, affordable housing.
- Community partners, host churches, and support congregations have continued to serve throughout the pandemic to keep families used and fed by delivering meals daily to the Day Center.

Thank you, Trinity, for the ways that you have been flexible this year in finding every way possible to help support and love your neighbors through our partnership with Family Promise of Wake County!

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

December Global Missions Offering

Throughout the month of December, we will be hearing from missionaries through the International Missions Board and field personnel through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship about how God is moving throughout our world and how our partnership and support makes it possible for these missionaries to live out the Gospel for the sake of the world. Please consider giving to this year's global missions offering.

**There is still time to give! Mark your gift for global missions -
International Missions Board or CBF Global Missions -
and send it in before December 31, 2020.**

How Can I Help My Neighbor in Need This Holiday Season?

Pray

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 northraleighministries.com

Food Pantry Donations: Canned Vegetables | Canned Pastas with Meat | Peanut Butter and Jelly
Benevolence Donations and Volunteering visit northraleighministries.com

Raleigh Rescue Mission raleighrescue.org

- **For the Kids:** Juice Boxes, Individual Snack Packs, Baby Wipes.
- **For Kids & Adult Residents:** Canned Fruits & Vegetables; Bottled Water.
- **Donations Dropoff:** Raleigh Rescue Mission Thrift Store, 4700 Capital Boulevard at Millbrook Road.
- **Prefer to shop online?** Please ship items to 314 East Hargett St, Raleigh, 27601.
- **Prefer to donate?** Please visit raleighrescue.org/donate.

Redirection-NC redirection-NC.com

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 especially for the holidays.**
Mail to: Redirection-NC at PO Box 20231 Raleigh, NC 27619 or talk with Stephanie Treadway satread1@att.net.

Welcome House Community Network cbf.net/wyatt-give

Pray for our international families who are receiving gift bags and the message of the gospel in their own language this Christmas!

JOIN US

Senior Adult NewYear's Zoom Meet-up

Wednesday, January 27 at 11:00a.m.

Come ready for a time of devotion and celebration as we look together toward the New Year.

Please email Lydia to RSVP at ltatum@tbcraleigh.com

Resources for Seniors and Those Who Love Seniors

Is life transitioning again for you or someone you love? Are you curious what is going on around you for you and your peers? Are you looking for good information? Then check out Resources for Seniors at resourcesforseniors.com.

Are you looking for someone to help out with your caregiving needs or to help out with your loved one's daily chores and meal preparation? Have you checked out care.com? There you can find a database of folks right here in our area with whom you can communicate needs and find help.

Are you looking for ways to help seniors? Have you thought about volunteering to be a caregiver? Take a look at the Center for Volunteer Caregiving at volunteercaregiving.org to find out how to be trained or to find out ways to connect and give.

COLLEGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

College Christmas Party has been postponed to Sunday January 3rd from 2-4 at the Witcher's House. We've moved it outside and to after Christmas to try to be more safe for all students and their families. We won't be doing white elephant but we will have a Christmas sweater contest and send you home with some fun gift bags!

In order to remain more socially distant we ask students to come during their classes specifies time frame.

Freshman and Sophomores from 2-3pm

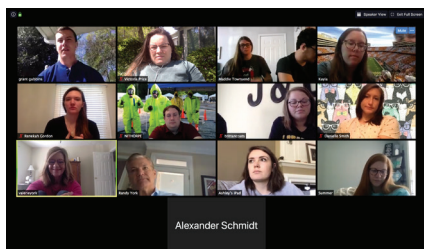
Juniors and Seniors from 3-4pm

We so look forward to seeing you on the 3rd and hope you have a Merry Christmas!

COLLEGE WINTER RETREAT HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO COVID.



STAY CONNECTED



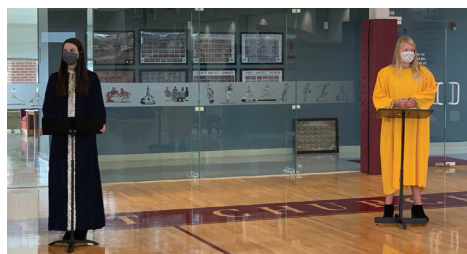
Adult 6 Sunday School classes are meeting at either 9:30am (A6C2) or 9am (A6C1) on Sundays via zoom. Contact Molly Kovacs (A6C2) or Rebekah for the zoom links.

Merry Christmas

TO ALL OF OUR TBC FAMILIES!

**NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH.**

There will be NO in-person or zoom youth Sunday School on that day.



**THANK YOU TO OUR
TBC SENIORS**
for sharing the message of the birth of Christ
with our children during our live nativity at
family Sunday School on December 13th!





“The nativity mystery means that God became human. The miracle of the existence of Jesus is this: here is a human being, the Virgin Mary, and as he comes down from God he also comes from this human being. Jesus Christ is not only truly God, he is human like every one of us.”

-Karl Barth on Immanuel, God with us.

A beloved tradition at Trinity is our Live Nativity presented by our highschool seniors. While this year was different our seniors did an amazing job acting out the Christmas story during family Sunday School. The live nativity was a beautiful glimpse for these children into the miracle of Jesus birth.



Spiritual Practices for families the week of Christmas:

TAKE A WALK OUTSIDE AT NIGHT.

- a. As you walk, look up at the stars and talk about the wonder and mystery of God.
- b. After you walk, talk about what you saw that reminded you of God.

HAVE A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS.

- a. Decorate for a birthday party.
- b. Bake a cake.
- c. Sing happy birthday!
- d. Buy baby food or diapers to an organization that collects them to give back and celebrate who Jesus is. (Remember the wisemen brought gifts to Baby Jesus. This is a great way to celebrate the birth of Jesus)
- e. Do as big as you like or as simple as you would like to. The goal is to focus our Christmas on Jesus!

READ THE CHRISTMAS STORY.

- a. Read from each Gospel to get different perspectives.
- b. If you have older children, have them help read it! Open your Bibles and take turns. Make a goal to be on Christmas Eve or Christmas day. It won't take long and the impact is profound!

Join us for In-Person Worship

Worship Bags: 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!)

Worship Family Room: 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.

The ROC (including the track and weight room) will be closed from December 23rd-January 3rd. We will open back up with our current modified hours and entry policy on January 4th.



TBC FITNESS

We are offering the following classes on Zoom:

Zoom Chair Yoga: Tuesdays @11am

Zoom Yoga: Tuesdays @12pm

In addition, **Senior Strength and Stretch** is now being offered in the church parking lot on Thursdays @10am.

Each class taught by Laurel Cavanagh!

OTHER OUTDOOR FITNESS OPPORTUNITIES

CAMP GLADIATOR
M, W, F • TBC Parking Lot
5:00-6:15 am

Amy Banfer: amybanfer@campgladiator.com

CAMP GLADIATOR
M, W, F • TBC Parking Lot
6:15-7:15 am

Amy Banfer: amybanfer@campgladiator.com

CAMP GLADIATOR
T, Th • TBC Parking Lot
6:15-7:15 pm

Amy Banfer: amybanfer@campgladiator.com

We have been working to reopen our Recreational Outreach Center to allow you to exercise in the ROC again! We began by opening our track on Monday, October 19th on a reservation basis to make sure we don't have too many track users at one time. You can sign up to walk the track online using the link below or by calling the church office at 919-787-3740. Our church entrance protocols will still apply for ROC usage with masks and social distancing required. In addition, all ROC users should enter through the doors on the sanctuary parking lot side of the building. The below link can also be found on the ROC website at [rocraleigh.com](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F49AFAF2AA3F94-roctrack).

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We will also open up the exercise room to church members by needs-based request. You can find information for requesting to use the exercise room below.

We plan to expand the ROC usage over time but we want to make sure we get off to a safe and successful start in our return to the ROC!

Hours of Operation:

- Monday-Friday
- 9:30am-12:30pm, 1pm-2pm, 3pm-5pm (Gaps Avoid Preschool Pickup/Drop Off Times and Allow for Deeper Cleaning)

ROC Coordinators/Volunteers:

- Primarily Staff with ROC Coordinators
- We do have a few spots needed to be filled by ROC Volunteers
 - If you are willing to volunteer, please email cdavis@tbcraleigh.com

Walking Track:

- Reservation Only-Sign Up Genius/Call Church Office
- Max of 8 Slots per Hour to Reserve

Exercise Room:

- Request Only (Preferably Need-Based) - Call Christian at 910-612-6547 or Email cdavis@tbcraleigh.com to Request
- Cleaned After Each Use
- Open to TBC Members Only



TBC UPWARD 2021 SEASON CANCELLED

Unfortunately, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 Upward Basketball Season at Trinity Baptist Church. Our Upward Lead Team worked extremely hard throughout the Summer and Fall to create a modified format for the league and an opportunity for our families to participate in the Upward ministry this season. However, due to the rising cases of COVID-19 this close to the proposed season start date and the inability to offer a safe environment and quality program for players, parents, and volunteers we felt that this was in the best interest for our community.

We know this is a disappointment for many of you and we share in your disappointment as well. We will deeply miss the joy and the spiritual growth that takes place each season. We will continue to keep all of our Upward Families in our prayers and look forward to the future of this ministry!

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



PODBEAN

Church Accounts:

facebook: trinitybaptistchurchraleigh

instagram: @tbcraleigh

podcast: tbcraleigh.podbean.com

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 11/30/2020)

YTD General Funds Needs (Budget)	\$3,051,400.80
YTD Operating Receipts	\$2,802,290.23
YTD Operating Expenses	\$2,558,907.59

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