

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

As we began 2020, we were focusing our ministry on our revised mission statement. It read:

### Joining Hands with God Belong - Become - Be

TBC is a family of baptized believers joining hands with God – belonging, becoming and being – by proclaiming and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### We welcome you to ...

**BELONG** in meaningful connection with the community of faith. **BECOME** purposefully engaged with the family of faith: following the way of Jesus through baptism, sharing life together and serving others.

**BE** a lifelong disciple of Jesus, growing in relationship with God, joining God's mission of love for the world.

As we began the year, we never could have imagined how this statement would be tested. However, as I reflect on the past year, I am amazed at how our congregation has remained faithful to our mission.

You have found ways to "belong" to one another. You have been intentional in encouraging our ministers, leaders and each other. You have made the extra phone calls, sent the extra texts and emails. You have done a great job in encouraging each other to stay connected. You have demonstrated numerous times your commitment to our church and our future together.

You have become intentionally and purposely engaged. You have stayed connected in worship, whether online or on campus. You have attended Sunday School virtually with incredible regularity. You have remained faithful in your mission support and giving. In particular, I want to say thank you for your continued financial giving to our church. Although the final giving totals are not yet recorded, I have been told that our giving will be close to our projected budget and may exceed it. That is remarkable. This

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### **DEEPEST SYMPATHIES**

To **TBC Members David and Tonya Zucker, and their children Ashley and Michael Zucker**, upon the passing of David's mother, Anne Zucker, on December 20.

To **TBC Member David O'Rear** and his family upon the passing of his wife, **TBC Member Wyna O'Rear**, on December 20.

To **TBC Members Tom and Deborah Merrill** upon the passing of their grandson, John Stancil, recently.

To **TBC Members Linda Dement** (and her daughter **Emily Dement**) and **Peggy Pegram** (husband, **Emmanuel**) and their families upon the passing of Linda and Peggy's mother, Mabel Norwood, on December 24.

To **TBC Member Lynda and Wade Davis** and their family upon the passing of Wade's sister, Libby Cilley, of Burlington, VT on December 25.

### A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

This is just a thank you for the gift bag you left at my door at Capital Towers. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thankfully yours,

### **Roby Evans**

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**Pianists** 

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along with our staff and our committees' stewardship will mean that we begin 2021 in strong financial state. That is an incredible testimony to your engagement and faith in our church's future and ministry.

You have continued to "be" the presence of Jesus in our community. I constantly hear of your involvement not only in our ministry efforts, but also in the way you connect with others through giving of your time, energy and encouragement.

As we move into 2021, we do so with faith in what our medical researchers and experts are doing to help us overcome the pandemic and return to some normalcy. Yet, our real faith is in the God who declares in Jesus, "this is the year of the Lord." The beginning of 2021 will continue to challenge us in many ways, but we know that God is faithful. We have faith in our God how is acting and working. We have faith that must be accompanied by works of compassion, encouragement, and love that produces a hope for all people. I encourage you to continue to be faithful as we move into 2021.

### WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

### REGISTRATION OPENS IN JANUARY FOR THE 2021-2022 FALL SCHOOL YEAR

The registration process will be tiered,

January 11th: current preschool families January 20th:
Trinity Baptist
Church members

January 25th: the community

Since we are currently not allowing adults (outside of staff) in the building and are unable to schedule tours, we have a virtual tour video posted on the website.



Scan this code with the camera app on your smart device or visit tbcraleigh.com/ministries/childrens-ministry/weekday-preschool to take the virtual tour

Contact Bentley Williams at 919-782-6192 for more information.

### CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2020 Charitable Contribution Statements have been mailed. Please look over your statement and call Jan Brown at the church office (919-787-3740) with any corrections or questions by Wednesday, January 13th.

Thank you!

**FINANCIAL REMINDER:** If you have been making your contributions by automatic draft and would like to increase your giving for the new year, please call Jan Brown and let her know. Thank you!

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** To insure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2020 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church.

### **TBC LIBRARY NEWS**

#### **Character Stories for Families series**



In the Character Stories for Family series (by Barbara Rainey) you will encounter real-life heroes and begin to grow in character as a family. With captivating stories to read as a family, this seven-day interactive devotional saturates minds and hearts with memorable accounts and vivid illustrations of true heroes who made noble choices. Each day also includes: a key Bible verse, questions to discuss together, and a suggested prayer.

This series includes the following four books Growing Together in Courage, Growing Together in Forgiveness, Growing Together in Gratitude, and Growing Together in Truth.



Need a TBC Library Card? Apply for a card online by scanning this code with your smart device or go directly to tbcrnc.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 of our musicians who have faithfully served at Christmas this past year. Though it has been a very unusual year musically, we have survived the pandemic with amazing worship opportunities where many people sacrificed their time and talent in producing pre-recorded videos to make our online worship offerings possible. Also, many of our faithful musicians were brave and came to continue musical offerings for in-person worship once we returned to campus. We are grateful for your talents and commitment to advancing the cause of Christ no matter the situation. It has been quite a journey this past year and I look forward to seeing what great things God has in store for us in 2021.

Special thanks to our sound and video teams for working so faithfully to "produce" worship each week. These ministries are tremendously vital to our music ministry, our worship ministry, and our outreach ministry. Also, we are eternally grateful for the work of Mark Owens for his professional work on the videos for online worship. Mark has been a huge blessing to Trinity throughout this past year using his skills in technology and video to make our streamed services beautiful and a community offering.

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 and successful vaccination so that we can return to worship once again soon!

Happy new year to all!

Steve

### **Always Room for You!**

Find your place in the music ministry in 2021! 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

#### Curriculum/Devotionals

Smyth & Helwys Formations, Connections and Reflection devotionals are ready to pick up. They begin in January 2021. 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.

### 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 | Cost \$15.99

9:30am-11:00 or shorter

order study guide on lifeway.com or Amazon. Contact Kim Royal at k.royal57@gmail.com or 919-218-1237

Intro video: https://youtu.be/YaXzFojeAhE

TNT "Galatians: Building on Solid Ground" Tuesday evenings January 19- March 16

Small groups are provided

Facilitators: Robin Roberts for the women Dr. Jeff Roberts for the men.

Financial Peace University or Ramsey+

Sundays: 5:00-6:00pm zoom

January 17 - March 28th skipping February 7 & 14 Sign up: fpu.com/1130108

DivorceCare

Tuesdays starting February 2
Facilitators are Shay and Jeff Greene
Check website: divorcecare.org

Women's Book Club

Third Thursdays of the month | January 17 7:00pm

Facilitator: Nancy Cummings ncummings 12@gmail.com

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet, Jamie Ford

I am warmed this season as I reflect on the past year and all the adjustments and additional efforts you/ we have taken on --such as -- how we do ministry with each other. You are essential to the life and work at Trinity. As I reflect, I am encouraged by the Sunday School teachers who have learned zoom or virtual media, adjusted teaching time, and made efforts to drive to church or drive to their fellow members' homes to deliver curriculum and treats. I am inspired by the members who ask and seek out how to best minister to each other and other fellow humans on this journey of life. You have embraced other ethnic groups, fed the refugee and the homeless, supported our missions and ministries through donations and time. You also find ways to join in the studies we offer online and share your concerns within our community and world.

While some of us want to hurry and get things back to the way it was....I am optimistic that as we grow and learn we will remember that even the wise men were warned in a dream: "to return another way." We may not be able to return to the way we came. God may have better plans for us. I hope you are open to God's plans and I hope I am worthy to learn.

Today, I am grateful for a church that is open to the future and what this may look like. Our SS council is working as a team to design a system to promote and share all the ways you have adjusted -especially in regard to Sunday School. So....for the next two weeks I want to hear from you. If you are a SS teacher or key SS worker or interested SS member, please email me and list techniques, approaches or tactics your SS class is using to stay connected or to teach and share God's word to your fellow members. This can be as simple as a numerical listing or a paragraph discussion. I will contact you and chat if I do not understand and want more info. I hope to use this information to provide helps and training as we continue to meet needs.

Please email me at kmetcalf@tbcraleigh.com and let's prepare for the future!

The Day is here and we made it to Bethlehem! | The time has come for kneeling and we've seen the Child! | There is singing in the stable and we want desperately to hold on to it... | Hold on to the Star! and the angels! and the spirit of love! | How do we hold on to the Christmas spirit? | Why can't every day be Christmas? | The world mutters "Be realistic," and sometimes we church people mutter too. | On our way back from Bethlehem sometimes we forget what we've been warned about in a dream: to return another way. | Once we've seen the Child, we're left holding hearts | wherein angels dance and stars sing! | Once we've been to Bethlehem, every day is Christmas!

Ann Weems

# 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 are 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.

### Raleigh Rescue Mission January Drive THURSDAY, JANUARY 14 FROM 11A.M.-12:30P.M.

Did you know that Trinity is a monthly supporter of Raleigh Rescue Mission? We support through monthly financial contributions from our missions budget as well as monthly supply drives. During the month of January, we will be collecting supplies every weekday 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. at the office portico and in the narthex on Sundays. We will also still hold our second Tuesday supply drive benefiting RRM and North Raleigh Ministries.

Raleigh Rescue Mission provides programmatic support to empower our neighbors to find wholeness and freedom through the New Life Plan, which is transforming lives through loving care, job training and placement, transportation, financial coaching, and permanent housing.

During the pandemic all volunteer opportunities are limited to financial and supply donations. Find out more at raleighrescue.org.



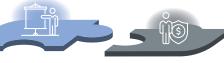
#### **NEW LIFE PLAN**

We believe that each person has Sacred Value because they are created in the image of God and have unique God given gifts and abilities. Through the Love of Jesus we assist each person in finding their spiritual & practical purpose in life.





 Employment Preparation and Placemvia "Jobs for Life"
 Career and Skills Training - Wake Tech
 Tutoring Children to Ensure Expected Grade Level Performance



PHASE 4 Phoenix: 6-12 months • Employed and Continues Wake Tech

Training
Purchases "Wheels for Hope" Car
Connects with Volunteer Mentor
Ready to Rent/Financial Planning Training
Saves 4 months of Living Expenses for

Phases 5.8.6

PHASE Orientation: 30-90 days Develop Long-Term Plan for Stability · Vocational Training/Opportunities Small Group Support (Lifeskills, Spiritual Start Client Counseling & Tutoring



- PHASE 1 Assessment 30 days Background Check

382 adults and 180 children enrolled in the Mental Health Assessment New Life Plan Health Assessment
 Educational Assessment
 Assessment of Client's Children
 Vocational Training

**62** graduates completed the Jobs for Life program

FY2019 KEY IMPACT METRICS

Start Children's Counseling & Tutoring

55 men and women completed career training and became employed

For more information visit: RALEIGHRESCUE.ORG

**NUTRITIOUS MEALS** SAFE SHELTER HEALTH & WELLNESS COUNSELING CLIENT SUPPORT & REFERRALS

For the homeless we provide a 6-18 month pathway

• Financial Readiness (to Rent; Wed., 7-8 AM)

· Vocational Training/Certification/Placement

• Computer Training (Wake County Onsite)

CONTINUED CLIENT SUPPORT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FINANCIAL LITERACY READING & EDUCATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT **GAIN & RETAIN EMPLOYMENT** 

Rescue · Restore · Reentry

MENTORING & CREDIT COUNSELING SECURE LONG-TERM HOUSING MONTHLY AFTERCARE SUPPORT **VOLUNTEER TO GIVE BACK** 

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

	to work themselves out of poverty.	Tray for our chemis & starr
	Food- (Cafeteria for Residents) 6am, 11am, 4:30pm	Serve Clients at our Cafeteria Line, OR • Buy, Prepare & Serve a Meal (see website) • Prepare Bag Lunches (see website)
	Operate a Thrift Store - Corner of Millbrook Rd. @ Capital Blvd.	Donate Furniture, Clothing, Food • Shop There • Volunteer and Sort Items There
	Transitional housing (while gaining stability)	Offer Rental Housing to Graduates
	Job Readiness  • Assessment/Counseling/Issue Resolution  • Jobs for Life (Tuesday & Thursday, 6-8 PM)	Mentor or Teach     Donate a Windows Laptop     Donate a Vehicle

### Transportation Self-Accountability

WHAT WE DO:

### Addiction Prevention

#### Child Development Center (CDC)

- Before & After School Care
- Counseling/Issue Resolution
- · Sylvan Learning Tutoring Onsite

#### Daily Devotions/Chapel

· Gospel & Plan of Salvation Presented

Long Term & Re-Housing Placement

After-Care (Post-Resident) • Women 7:30-8:00am, 4:30-5:00pm

- Men 7:00-7:30am, 7:00-7:30pm
- 18 & older; requires background check; Assist Anytime 7:00am - 8:15pm

Donate a Vehicle

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:** 

Pray for our clients & staff

· Hire a Graduate: Culinary; CNA; Retail; Administrative & Various Trade Skills

#### Mentor Graduate

#### Pray for our Clients to Avoid Addiction

- Assist Staff
- Read to Children
- · Become a Mentor

#### Lead a Short Adult Devotion

Offer Rental Housing to Graduates

#### Mentor Post-Residential Graduates

# 2020 College Christmas Party

Though it looked different to have two separate gatherings (outside, distanced, and masked), it was encuraging to see and hear from our college students after a challenging year.









# 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.

### Youth Sunday School | Sundays @9:45am

ALL YOUTH (Middle and High School) will be meeting on Sunday mornings @9:45am.

There will not be an option to join in person to begin the year so we will see you all on zoom!

### Youth D-Teams | Wednesdays @6:30pm

We are still working on our plan/schedule for D-Teams to begin the new year and will share dates and information as soon as possible!

We will NOT have D-Teams on January 6th but we're looking forward to our D-Team time together soon!









# 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!









# FAMILY PRACTICES AND IDEAS for beginning the New Year:

#### **FAMILY LETTER:**

Write a brief family letter that recaps some of the major events that happened in your lives in the past year. Include something that each one of your family hopes for the year to come.

For younger children to encourage them to think of something they would like to learn and a way they would like to help others in the coming year.

For older children, have them think of a place they would like to go, something they would like to learn, and a way they hope to help others in the coming year. We will also take some time to read the letters from previous years.

#### **CHRISTMAS CARDS:**

As Christmas is over and the New Year is beginning, you may be taking down your Christmas decorations. Maybe, like me, you have beautiful Christmas cards sent to you from friends and family. What do you do with those cards? Here is an idea for you and your family that involves using those Christmas Cards to encourage your family to pray.

This year, take all of your Christmas cards and place them in a shoe box or basket. Call a family meeting and talk about the beautiful cards your family received this year. Explain that you are going to do something new this year with all of the pretty cards. They are now weekly prayer cards. Each night, gather together in someone's bedroom or over dinner and have one child pick a Christmas card out of the prayer box or basket. Whoever sent you that card, becomes the prayer family of the week. Place that Christmas card somewhere in the house where everyone can be reminded to pray for that family. As you pray each night as a family, include that particular family in your prayers. The next week, pick a new card out of your shoe box and continue this process each week until all of the Christmas cards are gone. Let your kids decorate the prayer shoe box or write a letter to the family you are praying for. They can thank the family for the Christmas card and tell them they are praying for them this week.

#### NEW YEARS AROUND THE WORLD:

How people around the world celebrate New Years...

Spain: Those in Spain kick off their New Year with exactly 12 grapes. For the first 12 seconds of the New Year, each grape is quickly eaten to symbolize 12 prosperous months filled with good luck ahead.

Armenia: They make a bread called the gata. It is a sweet baked bread with a coin hidden in the dough. Whoever gets a slice with the coin is said to be the luckiest person in the upcoming year.

Phillipines: They go crazy for circles! In anticipation of the New Year, people dress dress in polkadots or other circular patterns; the roundness is thought to bring prosperity.

Scotland: People celebrate Hogmanay (the word for the last day of the year) with the practice of first-footing. The custom involves being the first person to cross the threshold of a friend or neighbor's house and giving a symbolic gift.

# We loved having our families participate in our own nativity.



Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:11

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.



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

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#### Rev. Christian Davis

### **RECREATION OUTREACH CENTER**

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

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** 

**INSTAGRAN** 

WORDPRESS

PODRFAN

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)

YTD Operating Receipts YTD Operating Expenses

\$3,051,400.80 \$2,802,290.23 \$2,558,907.59

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a

one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a characteristic of the payment as a cha

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