



TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

TRINITY TIMES

Belong. Become. Be.

As I am writing this article, we are preparing for the inauguration of a new President of the United States. As our nation is experiencing great division, I am reminded that our call as followers of Jesus is to be people of peace, reconciliation and hope. In 2017, on the eve of the inauguration of President Donald Trump, I wrote the following prayer. As I re-read the prayer this week, I realize that its words still ring true. So, I offer it again as my prayer for President Joe Biden.

(This prayer was first written and published in Jan. 2017)

God of creation, who spoke all into existence, we are your creation and we humbly bow before you. You are the Lord of time and eternity where time is no more. We are aware that we are but dust. Our lives are but grass that flourishes for a moment and then the wind blows and our place is remembered no more. You are the God before whom all kingdoms rise and fall. You are the God before whom all people including kings, queens, princes and presidents will stand. Sovereign Lord, it is through you and before you we all live and breathe and have our being. You, mighty God, precede history, the God of history and the one who will bring history to conclusion.

As your children in and through the person of your son Christ Jesus, we come before you. We confess that your Church transcends nations, race and politics; and yet, as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ and citizens of the United States of America, we come before you and plead for your presence. We pray for our nation to be healed from the divisiveness we have experienced in this election cycle. We pray for kindness to replace our hurtful words and actions. We pray for forgiveness to unseat resentment in our hearts. We pray believing that love surely is stronger than hate. We pray that we will find the grace to respect others and honor one another as men and women created by your loving hand.

We pray today for the leader we have elected. First, we pray for his salvation. We would not assume to know the hearts of others but you, our Lord, know every heart. We pray that if it is already not so that our leader might find forgiveness, salvation and eternal life through a personal relationship with you. Beyond policies and politics your ultimate will is for no one to perish but for all to have eternal life through Jesus our Lord.

We pray for wisdom to accompany every decision he will make. We pray he might find peace in times of trouble by turning to you. We pray that his heart will be tender and compassionate toward all. We pray he will be a servant and not seek to serve self. We pray he will seek justice for all people of our nation. We pray that he will serve those who are powerful and with influence and he will serve those who cannot speak for themselves and are the weakest and most vulnerable in our nation. We pray our leader will live in such a way he will honor you and our nation.

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DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

To **TBC Members Robie and Elsie McLamb** and their son, **Jeff McLamb**, upon the passing of Elsie's brother, Houston Warren, recently.

To **TBC Members Dave and Dottie Buster**, and their children **Karen Buster** and **Sarah Joyner (Will)** upon the passing of Dave's father on December 31.

To **TBC Members Sheldon and Sarah Fry**, and their children **Colbon** and **Cameron Fry**, upon the passing of Sarah's father, Frank Speight Roundtree, of Gatesville, NC on January 1.

To **TBC Members Joy and Cecil Settle** upon the passing of Joy's brother-in-law, Jackie Shaw of Melbourne, Florida, on January 7. Jackie was the husband of Charlotte Shaw, Joy's sister.

To all family and friends of **TBC Member Gary Sarkozi** upon his passing on Sunday, January 10.

CONGRATULATIONS

To **TBC Member Mike Sherrer** on the birth of his great niece, River Pearl Liggitt, on December 30.

WELCOME TO TRINITY

Vivian Adams joins by letter.

Byron Greene joins by letter.

Melanie Brock joins by baptism by profession of faith.

Jennifer Greene joins by letter.

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	Rev. Wayne Rogers	Organist	
	Ramona Green, Barbara Bowen	Pianists	

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DEACON OF THE WEEK



January 24

Ashley Blizzard has been a member since 2014. She is a native of Fair Bluff, NC. She and her husband, Rolf, have two sons: James Rolf and Banks. She works as Communication Coordinator/Events

Manager at NC Association of Community College Presidents & Trustees. She serves as a 3-year-old choir teacher, as a handbell substitute, in the Sanctuary Choir and New Covenant. She works with the A5 C3 Sunday school class. She also works with Deacons Ben Wood and Dana Sumner.



January 31

Paul Gubbins has been a member since 1990. He and his wife, Rhonda, have two sons: Michael (wife Jenny), serving in the U.S. Army and stationed in Italy, and Grant. He works

as Freight Associate at Home Depot. He is a member of the Allen York SS class, TNT Bible Study, the Sanctuary Choir and New Covenant. He works with the A2 C2 Sunday school class. He also works with Deacon Ellen Hignite.

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.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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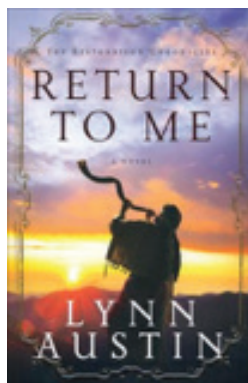
We pray today for those who ran for office and yet were not elected. We pray that as they return to private life they will continue to be committed to serve and use their gifts. May they too be part of the healing of our nation and choose not to be divisive. Give to them new opportunities of service and purposeful work in the years ahead. Let them seek not to be served but to serve.

Finally, we pray for ourselves. We pray that as your children we will remember that the gospel of Jesus is the lasting story of history. Even as we seek to demonstrate your love, grace, and forgiveness toward each other and our world, we pray as our Lord Jesus taught us to pray that the Kingdom of God would come to earth even as it is in Heaven. God we pray you might bless the United States of America and that your church will be a blessing to this nation and to this world.

Amen

TBC LIBRARY NEWS

RESTORATION CHRONICLES SERIES



The Restoration Chronicles series (Return to Me, Keepers of the Covenant, and On This Foundation) are works of biblical fiction written by Lynn Austin. Although based on the events of the return of the Jews from Babylonian exile found in Ezra and Nehemiah, as works of biblical fiction, the dialogue of the characters is the product of the author's imagination. In spite of that drawback(?), this is a very good way to understand the promises, blessings, challenges, etc., of those events.

These books are available in the TBC Library and also in the TBC eBook Library. Contact Ron Brown for assistance in accessing the eBook Library.



Need a TBC Library Card? Apply for a card online by scanning this code with your smart device or go directly to tbcrcn.booksyst.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.



With the pandemic still in focus, it is hard to believe that we have endured as a church and worshipping body for almost 10 months. It has been a very long season without normal church activities and fellowship as we knew it. The hallways are quite empty and silent. Hearing the singing of many church choirs and ensembles is one of my favorite things that I've missed the most.

With the promise of vaccines and the hope they bring, I look forward to hearing our singers and instrumentalists make music together again. It is going to take a while before we have a large portion of our community, state, and country to become vaccinated. We will be following the CDC and our own state's guidelines for resumption of choral and instrumental activities as they become clearer. Our church has set guidelines for the resumption of activities where worship was the first priority, followed by Sunday School, and then Wednesday and Sunday activities. Once we move in the re-opening framework, we will address when we can safely return to musical groups.

In the meantime, I am grateful for all of the musicians and accompanists who are continuing to keep music a priority in worship services each week. God has blessed us abundantly with musicians, skill, and hearts for service. Let us not forget to count that blessing as we reflect on 2020. Where there was so much heartache this past year, we can look back to see the handiwork of God in so many things we take for granted.

We will be back again! As we look forward to the new year of 2021, let's continue to pray for one another, for the total eradication of this virus, and a successful vaccination process so that we can return to church soon.

Until we meet again,

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.

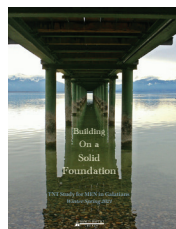
— Philippians 1:9-11

DISCIPLESHIP NEWS

Everything is still Virtual –but effective!

TNT “Galatians: Building on Solid Ground”

Tuesday evenings | January 19- March 16
Come and discover the gospel of the grace of God in Christ. The gospel of grace that saves and sustains us is all we need. Small groups are provided
Facilitators: Robin Roberts for the women and Dr. Jeff Roberts for the men.



Women’s Wednesday Morning Bible Study | \$15.99

Wednesdays | January 13-March 3
9:30am-11:00 or shorter
Matchless: The life and love of Jesus
ANGIE SMITH
Order guide lifeway.com or Amazon.
Contact Kim Royal at k.royal57@gmail.com or 919-218-1237
Intro video: <https://youtu.be/YaXzFojeAhE>

Financial Peace University or Ramsey+

Sundays | January 17 – March 28th *skipping*
February 7 & 14 | 5:00-6:00pm
Sign up: fpu.com/1130108

DivorceCare

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

GriefShare

Wednesdays | starting January 27 7:30pm
The purpose of GriefShare is to help participants deal with their own grief in a supportive environment. Please contact Karen Eickhoff or check out the website to join in this ministry.
Facilitators: Boyd Dimmock, Larry Autry and Stephanie Johnson
Check out website: griefshare.org

Women’s Book Club

Third Thursdays of the month | January 21 7:00pm
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet
JAMIE FORD
Facilitator: Nancy Cummings
ncummings12@gmail.com

CARING CONNECTIONS

Caring Connections is a team of church members that follow a church family through the journey of grief. Led by Julie Lee and Alma Hoffman, this group identifies members within our congregation that have lost family members to death when that family member is also within our congregation. These compassionate individuals make contact with a family member by sending notes and helpful booklets through the first year of grief. It is a fairly small team and we would like to expand. We need more volunteers to reach all the family members we have at Trinity dealing with grief. Resources are provided and helps for keeping track of your assignments. Please contact Rev. Eickhoff or Julie Lee if you are interested in serving and ministering this way.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Thank you for continuing to send in your Sunday School attendance information. We still have curriculum should you need it. Just come by the church office lobby and ask.

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.

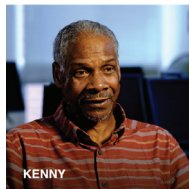
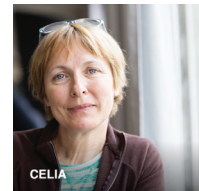
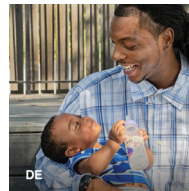
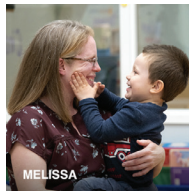
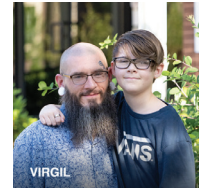
Are you looking for someone to help out with your caregiving needs or to help out with your loved one's daily chores and meal preparation? Have you checked out care.com? There you can find a database of folks right here in our area with whom you can communicate needs and find help.

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.

RALEIGH RESCUE MISSION

Success Stories

There are many reasons a person may walk through the doors of Raleigh Rescue Mission. We believe that every person is valuable and every story is worth sharing. By offering all the basic needs and services through our New Life Plan, we know He will restore hope and transform the lives of those hurting here in Raleigh and Wake County.



Please visit raleighrescue.org/stories-of-success/our-success-stories to read the stories of our brothers and sisters who are finding New Life.

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

Family Promise Partners Needed

Hosting Week | February 7-14, 2021

Although Family Promise will not be coming to Trinity's physical location in February 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.

Trinity will be responsible for providing catered dinners, in addition to collecting gift cards for the families during our hosting week. Money donations for dinners may be given directly to the church and marked for Family Promise. Gift cards are needed by Wednesday, February 3rd. Please contact one of our team members below for more information regarding donation deliveries.

Angie Ferree
angieferre78@gmail.com

Beth Duke
bethwduke@gmail.com

Beverly Munday
tgimunday@msn.com

Please use Signup Genius (bit.ly/FPSignupFeb2021).

North Raleigh Ministries

In 2020, NRM served 2,223 families (7,266 individuals) with 29,153 bags of food, provided Backpack Buddies plus bags to 729 children since September, gave out over 1,500 bags of food at our Produce Stand, and provided 378 Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes to families in need. It was a big year and we were blessed to not have to close our doors as some pantries had to in our area. Contributions and financial gifts from our church and community were a blessing. NRM begins a new Journey class at the end of January and asks for prayer for each person (family) participating this session.

Disaster Relief Teams

Upcoming: New Bern Mission, January 27-30, 2021

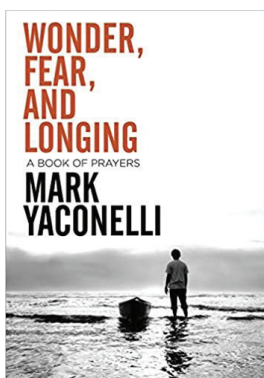
A rebuild team is going to the New Bern rebuild site 1/27-30/2021. We plan to respond to an event each month of 2021. Anyone willing to answer God's Command of "Love your neighbor as God has loved you" can join us in rebuilding houses to restore families and homes.

For more information or to sign-up to go, please email Barry Smith at bks11050@msn.com.

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

YOUNG ADULT PRAYER GATHERING

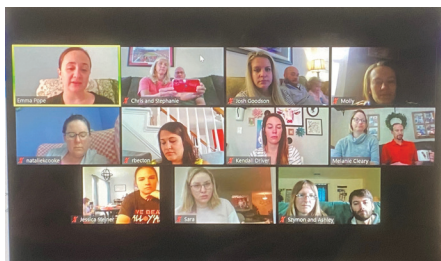
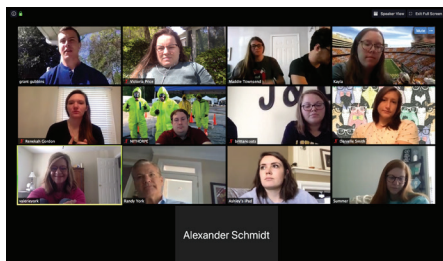
At times, this past year was both exciting and challenging. It both brought people together and isolated. It brought into our lives new fear, passions, and gratuities. In short, it was a lot! This Spring, we want to offer a time for young adults at TBC to gather together virtually for prayer over all of these things—the good, the bad, the praises, and the worries.



Beginning February 7th, we will meet for virtual prayer on Sunday nights at 8:30 p.m and follow along with Mark Yaconelli's book of prayers, "Wonder, Fear, and Longing." We hope you will join us for this time of reflection and centering before we enter the week every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.



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.

2021 SPRING SEMESTER

We are planning to kick off the Spring Semester of D-Teams on Wednesday, January 20th @6:30pm on Zoom! We plan to meet on Zoom for the first few weeks of D-Teams and will let everyone know when there is an opportunity to meet in-person again.

We realize that our “connection points” are certainly limited these days and we miss the deep and fruitful conversations that we typically get to experience with our youth and families each week. Know that your families are constantly on our minds and in our prayers.

As we begin this new year, we want to share in those conversations in new ways and provide opportunities for you all to experience them within your own households. Each week, starting this week and throughout our first D-Team series, “Live it! Exploring the Sermon on the Mount”, we will be sending out devotions that you all can read together as families. We will also include suggested actions for students and/or families that help us stay connected to our students/families, help families connect with other church families, or provide activities for families to do together.

We hope that these prove helpful for you during the times when we are not able to be together quite as often as we used to be and we hope to continue these practices even when the speed of life begins to pick back up again.

Please be on the lookout for emails with family devotionals and student/family “actions” to participate in over the next few weeks!

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!



Spring 2021 Mission Drive Cloth Face Masks

FOR TRANSITIONS LIFECARE NC

Transitions LifeCare NC provides compassionate and supportive care for families and individuals as they navigate the end of life or life-changing illnesses. Though challenging, this organization has remained dedicated to helping families be close to loved ones nearing the end of life throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. They are in constant need of cloth face masks to help keep staff and family members safe and protected from the virus.

As our Spring Mission Drive, we will be collecting new, cloth face masks to donate to Transitions LifeCare. During the month of February through March 31, you can drop off your donation in one of the bins located in the Narthex or under the portico outside of the church office.

Call or email Katie with questions.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 | 6:30PM

Join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for the season of Lent.

This service is intended for ages, including youth and children.



BIBLE SKILLS FOR KIDS *at home*

When we think about Bible skills and kids, we should introduce Bible skills as early as possible. Babies can see and touch the Bible. They might be able to open the Bible, but certainly they can hear about how important it is from the leaders in their groups. Preschoolers can turn the pages of the Bible and begin to understand that the Bible is divided into parts. As kids continue to grow in their knowledge and understanding of God's Word, they begin to recognize the names of people and places mentioned in its pages. There are fun and easy ways to do this at home. I will be sharing some ideas as we work through these this year! First up, the first 5 books!!

Books of the law

GENESIS | EXODUS | LEVITICUS | NUMBERS | DEUTERONOMY

ACTIVITIES TO TRY:

1. Write the books on index cards. Go over them each night at dinner.
2. Write on popsicle sticks. Work on putting them in order

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.

ZOOM FITNESS

CLASSES TAUGHT BY LAUREL CAVANAGH

CHAIR YOGA

Tuesdays @ 11am

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YOGA

Tuesdays @12pm

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SENIOR STRENGTH AND STRETCH

Thursdays @10am

OUTDOOR FITNESS

CAMP GLADIATOR CLASSES

TBC Parking Lot

M, W, F
5:00-6:15 am

M, W, F
6:15-7:15 am

T, Th
6:15-7:15 pm

Amy Banfer: amybanfer@campgladiator.com

GYM FLOOR

FAMILY USE OPPORTUNITIES

We know that our families with children are looking for ways to get out some energy and have fun during these winter months. We would like to provide the opportunity for families to do just that by using the gym floor. If your family would be interested in reserving a time to play on the gym floor (your family would be the only group allowed in the gym at that time), please email cdavis@tbcraleigh.com for more details.



We are in need of ROC Volunteers to serve in the ROC during our morning (9:30am-12:30pm) and afternoon (1pm-4pm) shifts. If you would be interested and feel comfortable volunteering in the ROC. Please email cdavis@tbcraleigh.com.

Updated ROC Afternoon Hours

Thank you to everyone who has helped keep the ROC a safe place to exercise over these past few months. We are glad to see the track and exercise being utilized, particular in these cold winter months. Help us continue to provide this safe exercise option for our church and neighbors by following our TBC Covid Building Entry protocols and wearing your mask, maintaining safe distance from other users, and following the other rules!

THE ROC HOURS WILL CHANGE SLIGHTLY BEGINNING JAN. 18TH.

Monday-Friday

9:30am-12:30pm

1pm-4pm (added a 2pm-3pm slot)*

***Must enter through Playground Side Door in Afternoon**

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. All ROC users arriving between 9:30am-12:30pm should enter through the doors on the sanctuary parking lot side of the building. All ROC users arriving between 1pm-4pm should enter through the playground side door.

The exercise room is to church members by request. You must call or email Christian Davis to secure a time to use the exercise room. (It cannot be reserved by using the below SignUp Genius, that is for track sign ups only).



WALKING TRACK RESERVATIONS

Scan this code with the camera app on your smart device or go directly to www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F49AFAF2AA3F94-roctrack. This link can also be found on the ROC website at rocraleigh.com.

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 12/31/2020)

YTD General Funds Needs (Budget)	\$3,305,684.00
YTD Operating Receipts	\$3,396,740.69
YTD Operating Expenses	\$2,875,962.39

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