

In her article **"How Advent Teaches us to Wait Well"**, Betsy Childs Howard writes:

The hardest thing about waiting is not knowing when it's going to end, if it is going to end. Waiting brings questions without easy answers. If your life's plans aren't coming to fruition, should you change course or hold out for your heart's desire? Are your unfulfilled yearnings indicators of sinful discontentment or blessings God simply hasn't yet fulfilled?

Waiting creates the moments in life for us to ask creative and imaginative questions. Therefore, waiting can be so important for us. In waiting, we can sit with discontent and longing. In waiting, we can imagine what life might be like if we had a change of heart, attitude of action.

Waiting can be creative as we ponder the future. When we wait upon the Lord, then the creative and recreative power of the Holy Spirit can work in our lives.

During Advent we wait with purpose for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. As much as we long to celebrate the good news of Jesus' birth, there is something that is gained in taking our time to get to Christmas.

One of the experiences, we have during Advent every year, is our **Blue Christmas Service on December 15th at 6:30pm.** This service is a time of encouragement for all who have experienced loss during this year. It is also a time for us to all be reminded that God is with us in our time of longing and waiting on celebration.

I would like to invite you to join us on December 15th for a time of reflection and encouragement. If you have a friend, a relative or neighbor who has experienced loss or grief, you are encouraged to invite them to join us for this special time of worship.

I also want to remind you all that we have two worship services on **Christmas Eve, a family service at 3pm and a traditional candlelit service at 5pm**.

Finally, we will have one worship service on **December 26th at 10:30am** and no Sunday School churchwide.

Everyone is welcomed and invited to attend these times of worship.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The **2022 Flower Calendar** is now available in the **A/B Building hallway** for flower sign ups for the new year.

DEACON OF THE WEEK



December 12

Pat York, native of North Carolina, has been a member of Trinity since 1997. She and her husband, David, have three children: Julia, Katheryn (Joshua), and Nash (Maddie). Pat is a deacon for the A4C3 Sunday School class alongside Stewart Price, John Dobyns, and Michael Coats.



December 19

Linda Smithers, native of Charlotte, NC, has been a member of TBC since 1989. She has one daughter named Sarah. Linda retired from being a Compliance Officer at Genworth Financial in 2018. She is a deacon for A3C1 SS class alongside Mary Worrell. She also serves on the Education and Discipleship Lead Team and TNT.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

To **TBC Member Cheryl Aldridge** and her family upon the passing of her father on November 3.

To **TBC Members Brouck McCall and his daughter, Olivia**, upon the passing of Brouck's wife and Olivia's mother, **TBC Member Sally McCall**, on November 5.

To **TBC Member Anita Brown** upon the passing of her husband and **TBC Member Woody Brown** on Sunday, November 14.

To **TBC Members Amanda and Bradley Cash** and their children, **Ian and Kara** on the passing of Amanda's mother, Sandra Beasley, on Dec. 6th.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Steve Byers, Assoc. Pastor of Worship & Music, celebrates his 14th anniversary with Trinity Baptist Church on December 17th.

Please take the time to say a personal word, write a note or place a phone call to Steve or offer words of encouragement and support for the fine job he is doing.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTION

Any contributions that you want to be on your 2021 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:

Thursday, **December 23rd**, Friday, **December 24th**, Monday, **December 27th**, and Friday, **December 31st**.

Any stock contributions or online giving for 2021 must be received by Trinity or in Trinity's account by December 31st to be counted as a 2021 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!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TBC LIBRARY NEWS

The Second Chance Series: Terri Blackstock was a successful novelist for such secular publishers as Harlequin and Silhouette. Following a spiritual awakening, she realized that she had not been using her gift as God intended and made a decision to write only books that would point her readers to Him.

When she changed her writing emphasis and signed to publish with Zondervan, the rights of some of her earlier published romance novels were given back to her and she was free to do with them as she pleased. She realized that she had a chance to rewrite them, and this time, get them right So she utilized her 'second chance' to write them the way God intended.



The Second Chances Series includes Never Again Good-bye, When Dreams Cross, Blind Trust, and Broken Wings. If you need a TBC Library card or you need to be added to the eBooks list, you may call or email Ron Brown at 919-782-3957 or rbrown0207@gmail.com for assistance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS USING REALM

More and more people are asking about Realm.org. It is our new data base ministry tool designed for real time connection. I hope you will take the time to get on board and accept the invitation to this data base. Contact Karen or Bonnie for more information.

HOW DO I START? Follow a few simple steps.

1. Visit https://onrealm.org/trinitybaptistc to set up a Realm login or accept the invitation emailed to you earlier in the summer and fall.

2. Visit your app store and download RealmConnect to get the mobile app.

3. Check to make sure that we have your address and other personal information entered correctly under My Profile.

For SS leaders using REALM for Marking Attendance:

You no longer have to use the paper attendance form for marking attendance if you are using REALM!!! Those designated as SS leaders by their class on Realm are able to mark attendance.

When Using Realm for marking attendance.

- Use the downloaded app: RealmConnect
- Go to **onrealm.org/trinity/baptistc** or accept the invitation sent to you previously.
- If you are not able to get **REALM** on any given Sunday, please go doen to the SS office and get your box and do the paper copy. **Thank you!!!**!

A special note of thanks....Last Sunday's premier of "Come Thou Fount" piece for orchestra was a wonderful addition to our worship celebration. I am grateful for this group and the joy we share together, and it was a privilege to share with you the fruit of their labor. Additionally, I am eternally grateful for their kind and generous gift in recognition of my ministry at Trinity. It was a total surprise to me last December when they presented it to me. Covid took a toll on all of us, and to know that this was their project behind the scenes is truly humbling. Their dedication and desire to please the Lord is what we ministers of music enjoy the most about serving. It has been my greatest honor to serve with them in worship and experience the fellowship we have together through music.

When we restarted our ministry in June, we looked forward to the day when we could present this powerful piece in worship. I am grateful for the creative writing of Steve Dunn, whom you met via video in worship, and for the tenacity with which every player worked to capture all that was musically and spiritually packed into this piece. I hope it was a blessing to you as a worshipper and that it will be used by many more church orchestras in the future.

My prayer is that God will always tune our hearts to sing of His grace and seal our hearts for His courts above. Those words penned by Robert Robinson (adapted by Margaret Clarkson) will forever have an impact on me and my ministry, as when I sing it, I will remember this very special day of dedication. Thank you to all who made this a day to remember!

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now. And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ,

to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:3-5; 9-11 (KJV)

Another note of thanksgiving...to Joy Earp, Hollie Cox, and Mitzi Arnett for their teams and leadership in decorating the church for Christmas. What a beautiful way to serve, and our Christmas worship experiences are even more visually enhanced. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication!

Until we meet again! Steve

UPCOMING DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES Wednesday Evenings

Faithful Conversations - Embracing Mental Health and Well-Being

Mental Health is something the church does not always embrace. We hope to take away the stigma and shame of mental struggles and provide a place for dialogues toward self-care. Sessions will begin in January and our goal is to provide a safe space to have conversations. Trinity Members with knowledge, skills and experience in this subject will be facilitating the discussions. Resources will be available.

> January 12: Overview January 19: Anxiety and Stress January 26: Loss and Grief February 2: Loneliness and Re-Socialization

God's People and the State

Christian Nationalism is easily becoming one of the greatest threats to Christianity in America. It differs from Patriotism and is easily disguised in our conversations and loyalties. Nationalism has existed throughout history even in Biblical times. Beginning in February we will take a look at how God's people throughout history have related to the State. Several professors from Campbell University will join in the discussion.

> February 9 & 16: In the Old Testament February 23: In the New Testament March 2: The Church as Christendom March 9: The Church in Reformation March 16: Christianity in Early America Macrh 23: The Baptist Influence in AmericanChristianity March 30: Current Issues

Other Discipleship Opportunities

TNT begins January 25 **GriefShare** begins January 30 | 5:30pm C101 *Check website: griefshare.org*

THURSDAY SENIOR GAMES

EVERY THURSDAY | 1:00-3:00 PM | A214

All SENIORS and "WANNABE SENIORS" come on Thursdays and play Senior Games. We start at 1:00 pm with a devotion and play until 3:00 pm. As we have started back, we have two bridge tables, but we are working on a third table! There is also a group playing Chickenfoot. They have one full table, but can set up another table, too.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL ANITA YEARGIN AT 919-389-1299.

SENIOR ADULT ADVENT JOURNEY -BIBLE STUDY AND DEVOTIONS

Fridays | December 3 - 17 | 11:00a.m. in C101 and via Zoom

Join us as we wait patiently on the Lord. Together we will watch and wait for our God With Us, Emmanuel.

December 10 Joy in the Waiting December 17 Love & Light in the Waiting

Contact Lydia at Itatum@tbcraleigh.com for more info or zoom link.

THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AT TRINITY

Blue Christmas Service December 15th at 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Services on December 24th Family Service at 3pm | Traditional Service at 5pm

> **One Worship Service** December 26th at 10:30am

MISSIONS

DATES TO REMEMBER 2022 Missions

Habitat for Humanity

January 22 (12-15 volunteers) March 12th (12-15 volunteers) April 23 (12-15 volunteers)

Family Promise February 13 (providing food for the families) May 15 (providing food for the families) August 7 (hosting up to 3 families at Trinity)

Kentucky Mission Trip with the Lord's Cafe and the Light Community March 26 - April 2

Disaster Relief Training at Trinity

March 4-5

CBFNC Annual Gathering at Trinity

March 17-18

OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS DECEMBER Goal \$35,000

Every December, our church turns our focus to the international missions field and those who have dedicated their lives to serving and sharing Love, Forgiveness, and Salvation through Jesus throughout the world.

As a Baptist Church, we participate in cooperative giving so that we can join our gifts and resources with other Baptist churches across the country and make long-term missionary presence possible all across the globe.

Each Sunday in December, we will hear from our missions partners through the International Missions Board and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

We've a story to tell to the nations, and we have the calling to go from Jesus, our Lord. Please consider how you can help bring the Good News of Great Joy to every tribe, every tongue, every nation!

MINISTRY & OUTREACH

Local Ministry Partner Supply Drive Benefitting Raleigh Rescue Mission and North

Raleigh Ministries

Let's stock Raleigh's Cupboards and Closets for Christmas!!!

Friday, December 24 at both the 3:00p.m. and 5:00p.m.

Donation Spots at all Main Entrances

Raleigh Rescue Mission:

- Twin sheets
- Bath towels
- Pillow cases

THE TRINITY TABLE

- Pillows
- Wash clothsBottles

North Raleigh Ministries:

- Canned vegetables
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Canned pastas with Meat
- Jelly
- Canned MeatsDetergent

Please deliver all North Raleigh Minitries food donations at our Local Ministry Supply Drive on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24** at all Main Entrances or directly to NRM at 9650 Strickland Road, Suite 161 Raleigh, NC 27615.

Raleigh Rescue Mission donations made outside of the Local Ministry Supply Drive may be made in the large bins on the B200 Hall of the church.

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

ADVENT SEASON DEVOTIONALS

Advent Devotionals available in the office and on the Trinity Table Podcast at podbean.com beginning November 21st.

The Advent season is all about waiting. It is a season of new beginnings pointing us toward a renewed sense of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love in Jesus. May this season of waiting nurture your spirit and bring you to a deeper, more exuberant celebration of the birth of our Great Savior, Jesus Christ.

YOUNG ADULTS & COLLEGE



COLLEGE WINTER RETREAT Ocean Isle, NC

January 1-3, 2022

We are going to the beach! College winter retreat will be at Ocean Isle, NC this year. We have two houses, right around the corner from each other (Thank you to Warren and Avent families!) for rest, bible study, and fun with friends. The cost of the trip is only \$25. Please let Rebekah know if you want to come by December 19th at rramlow@tbcraleigh.com or by text. You can always RSVP at the Christmas Party!

P.S. We won't leave until later in the day on the 1st so we won't interfere with your New Year's plans :)

Christmas Mission Project

This Christmas season we are working with Centennial Middle School to help spread joy to families in need! We are doing so by encouraging students to donate/bring Target or Walmart gift cards on Wednesdays or Sundays, which will be used to purchase gifts for Centennial Middle School families on Dec. 8th! For more information, email rgordon@tbcraleigh.com

End of Year D-Teams Schedule:

- Dec. 8th: Student Christmas Mission Project from 6:30-7:30pm
 - » Last night to bring a gift card with you for the mission project!

Ski Trip 2022 | Cost: \$100

Both our Middle School and High School Students will be taking part in our Youth Ski Trip at Winterplace in West Virginia on January 28th-30th! There are options to Ski, Snowboard, Tube, or hangout in the lodge and play games!

TBC STUDENT MINISTRY

WEDNESDAYS

6:30-7:30PM Northbound and D-Teams

STUDENT TRIPS

October 8-10 Fall Retreat (all grades)

January 28-30 Ski Retreat (all grades)

J**une 27-July 2** Middle School Passport

July 9-17 High School Mission Trip

MISSION DATES

Sunday Projects at 12:15PM

October 24 November 21

REALM EMAILS

If you are not receiving our emails please send us your email so we can add it to the system!



COMMUNICATION

Christian's Number 910-612-6547

Rebekah's Number 919-257-3798

Student Instagram @tbcstudentsraleigh

SIGN UP FOR REMIND:

MS Parents Text @tbcmsp to 81010

HS Parents Text @tbchsp to 81010

Check out tbcraleigh.com/youth for more information!

PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN

EXTENDED TEACHING CARE

As of 9/12/21:

- Early service worship care has resumed.
- Our traditional ETC schedule has begun again. Reach out to Katie with questions about your schedule!
- You will still need to register for ETC to make sure we are adequately staffed with volunteers for the week. Registration will be emailed out a week at a time. You will receive the next week's signup the Sunday afternoon before and will have until the following Friday at noon to register.
- All volunteers will be required to wear masks at this time.

Check your email for more details or contact Katie with questions at kmedlin@tbcraleigh.com

BLESSINGS FOR DECORATING THIS CHRISTMAS

Weaving our faith into everyday life is so important and not as complicated or difficult as we sometimes may feel. One simple way to incorporate our faith into the Christmas season is to have a blessing over the decorations in your house. It's simple, easy, and memorable. **Here are a few:**

Christmas Tree Blessing: God who created all things, bless this tree as we decorate it and make it a joyful symbol for our home. May its branches remind us of the shelter and shade you provide for us and for your creatures. May its trunk remind us of your strength. May its lights bring us peace. May we remember your gift to us this season, the gift of the baby Jesus. Amen.

Angel: As we put the angel on top of the tree, we remember the angels in the Bible who say, "Do not be afraid! May we be reminded of the modern-day angels who tell us the same thing and who watch over us all night and all day.

Star: The stars in the Bible shine light and show the way to Jesus. So, too, may this star shine brightly on our tree, reminding us that Jesus can light our path.

For Hanging Stockings: we hang up our stockings, empty, knowing that they'll later be filled with treats and treasures. May these stockings also remind us of the warmth of family, the joy of being with others, and the truest Christmas treasures of all: hope and peace, joy and love. Help us to share these treasures with others.

For Putting Out the Nativity: As we put out our nativity figures, one by one, we reflect on each: Mary, and her bravery and strength; Joseph and his compassion and loyalty; the baby Jesus, and his holiness and royalty. We add the other figures, too, as we find them: the shepherds watching over their flocks; The magi who come to bring gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh; The angels who say, "Do not fear!" And the star who shines brightly, watching over us all. God, please bless this nativity, and bless us as we use it to remember the story of Christ. Amen.

For Outside of Our Home: We thank you God for the blessing of a home to keep us warm and safe and dry. We decorate our house, today, to celebrate Advent and Christmas. May the lights shine bright and remind us of Christ's love.

adapted from Traci Smith's "Faithful Families"

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

3pm: Family Christmas Eve Service (with communion) Our 3pm service is a very family friendly interactive service that children are invited to attend.

5pm: Traditional Candlelight Service (with communion) Children are also more than welcome in our 5pm service as well. This service will have a children's moment)

Childcare will be offered during our 5pm service only for children ages birth through age 4. We do ask that you register to help with planning. Registration can be found on the front page of the church website (www.tbcraleigh.com) or by emailing Katie at kmedlin@tbcraleigh.com **Childcare will begin at 4:45.**

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

We had a great time learning about how Christians all over the world celebrate Christmas. We traveled to Peru, Japan, Indonesia and the Ukraine celebrating Christmas with them.









RECREATION OUTREACH CENTER

ZOOM FITNESS

CLASSES TAUGHT BY LAUREL CAVANAGH

Chair Yoga Tuesdays | 11am Yoga Tuesdays | 12pm Senior Strength & Stretch Thursdays | 10am Now Meeting In-Person

OUTDOOR FITNESS

CAMP GLADIATOR CLASSES

TBC Parking Lot | Amy Banfer: amybanfer@campgladiator.com

M, W, F 5:00-6:00 am **M, W, F** 6:15-7:15 am



VOLUNTEERS

MONDAY DECEMBER 13

9:30am -12:45pm Beverly Munday

12:45pm - 4:00pm Pat Pierce and Linda Perry

TUESDAY DECEMBER 14

9:30 m - 12:45pm Moose Beaudreau 12:45pm-4:00pm Brenda Lowrance

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15

9:30am -12:45pm Wayne Hill 12:45pm - 4:00pm Volunteer Needed

THURSDAY DECEMBER 16

9:30am - 12:45pm *Moose Beaudreau* 12:45pm - 4:00pm *Karen Simms*

FRIDAY DECEMBER 17

9:30am - 12:45pm Billy Joyner 12:45pm - 4:00pm Volunteer Needed

	TUESDAY DECEMBER 21	 THURSDAY DECEMBER 23	FRIDAY DECEMBER 24
	9:30am - 12:45pm <i>Moose Beaudreau</i>	 9:30am - 12:45pm CLOSED	9:30am - 12:45pm CLOSED
12:45pm - 4:00pm Pat Pierce and Linda Perry		 12:45pm - 4:00pm CLOSED	12:45pm - 4:00pm CCLOSED

If you would be interested and feel comfortable volunteering in the ROC, please email **cdavis@tbcraleigh.com**.

BE A PART OF REC MINISTRY AT TBC



Open Slot: Wednesday and Friday Afternoons from 12:45pm-4:00pm *Email cdavis@tbcraleigh.com to volunteer*

UPWARD PARTICIPANT INFO

Saturday, January 8, 2022 Games Begin

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Upward Celebration Night at 7:00 PM in the Trinity Sanctuary. All players, coaches, parents, siblings, fans and others are invited and encouraged to attend our Celebration for the season.

IT'S PICKLEBALL SEASON! Find the Best Playing Time For Your Schedule

Afternoon Open Play Pickleball Started October 18th

Mondays 12:30pm-3:30pm

Email cdavis@tbcraleigh.com to get more information, get updates, or volunteer.

STAY CONNECTED

We use social media as a tool for connecting, learning, and informing you about new information. All of our social media accounts are active and posting. We encourage you to interact on all platforms and with all accounts. Lets make a point of intergenerational fellowship even online!

facebook.com/trinitybaptistchurchraleigh

@tbcraleigh & @tbcstudentsraleigh

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