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The events surrounding the war between Israel and Hamas has the whole world on edge. We have been sickened by the brutality of the initial attack on the innocent. We know that in our world, the response of the Israeli government must be to protect itself, yet we are disheartened at the thought of those who will suffer and die even though they would rather live-in peace. The terrible suffering of war is nothing new to our world and has been a part of Israel's story throughout its existence. So, we pray for those who will make decisions and even in our acceptance of war in this moment we still pray for peace to come.

I am also aware that because this is happening to Israel there are a lot of questions on whether this is the "end of times". To be sure, apocalyptic literature in the Bible is referencing events that occur to Israel and those who surround Israel. There are many who believe that we are seeing the unfolding of prophecy in scripture. The truth is that we are always seeing the unfolding of God's promises and God's plan for this world.

In our statement of faith at Trinity we write this about "last things."

God, in the fulfillment of time will in God's own way bring the world to its appropriate end. According to the promise of Jesus, Christ will return, and the dead will rise again, and all will be judged in righteousness. The fulfillment of time is known only by God the Father. Matthew 16:27, 24:36, 25:13; Mark 8:38; Luke 12:35-40, 17:20-25, 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:7 & 11; Romans 14:10-12; 1 Corinthians 4:5, 15:12ff; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Timothy 6:14-16; Hebrews 9:27-28; & Revelation 3:11, 20: 1-22:13

I have always loved that statement because there is an affirmation of scripture and at the same time an expression of humility concerning "last things". Jesus would tell us that only God the father knows the time of such events. I am always hesitant to claim I know what Jesus said only God the father knows. When Jesus gives instructions concerning his coming in Matthew 24, he reminds his disciples that they should be found "doing what the master has instructed them to do". We are instructed to "watch" that is pay attention and be ready by being faithful.

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In this time of uncertainty in our world, there is so much we cannot control. So, what can we do? We can be faithful to the commands of Jesus. We can live as Jesus told us to live. We can love and forgive each other and love our neighbors. We can share the good news of God's love through Jesus with others. We can pray for peace in our world. We can release our anxiety to God for surely our ultimate citizenship is not in this world but in the Kingdom of Heaven. We can know that God will bring all things to its appropriate end.

Revelation ends with these words:

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

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FALL MISSIONS EVENT: FEED THE HUNGER

Saturday, November 4th Fellowship Hall 10 AM-12 PM or 1-3 PM

Feed the Hunger is a NC based organization committed to addressing both the food distribution problem that prevents people worldwide from getting the nutrition they need, and the spiritual hunger faced by those in extreme poverty. On November 4th TBC will host a Feed the Hunger packathon to pack 24,000 meals that will be distributed by Feed the Hunger's international partner churches around the world, including those in Ukraine.

Sign up for one of the two available shifts (10:00 AM to 12:00 PM OR 1:00 to 3:00 PM) using the sign-up genius link below or by calling Misty Deyo at 919-272-5388.



This energetic and fun project is open to anyone 5 years and older. Approximately 100 volunteers are needed per shift to perform a variety of roles in the packing process, so there is a job for everyone! For questions contact Misty Deyo at 919-272-5388.



October 29 - Deacon of the Week

Molly Kovacs, native of Raleigh, NC, has been a member of Trinity since 2015. Molly and her husband Trevor have two children, Emma (3 yrs.) and Ori (8 months). She is a Senior Contracts Administrator for GDIT, Inc. Molly is a deacon for the A6C2 Sunday School Class with Patrick Cleary. She also serves as ETC & Hostess Chair, VBS Lead Team, Easter Egg Hunt Lead Team, Adult 6 Communications, College Encourager, Fall Fest Lead Team, Weekday Preschool Committee, Music & Me Choir and Children's Ministry Committee.



November 05 - Deacon of the Week

Patrick Cleary, native of Athens, GA, has been a member of TBC since 2015. Patrick is married to Melanie. He is Vice President of Technology for Truist Bank. Patrick is a deacon for the A6C2 Sunday School Class with Molly Kovacs. He also serves with High School D-Teams, Security Committee, Usher, Finance Committee, and A6C2 Sunday School Teacher.

WELCOME TO TRINITY

Sykes Payne Baptism Jack Sullivan Statement Elizabeth Link Mitchell Statement

Jackson Burgess Baptism Gary & Roberta Cyrus Letter

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES

to LeAnne Simpkins and family upon the passing of LeAnne's mother, **TBC Member Jayne Simpkins** of Raleigh, NC on Saturday, October 14th.

to **TBC Members Patrick and Melanie Cleary** upon the passing of Patrick's grandparents, Joyce Gravely and James "Jim" Gravely of Athens, GA. Joyce passed on Thursday, September 28th and Jim passed on Thursday, October 12th.

to **TBC Members Hal and Roberta Melton, Erin Muller** (Jeremy), Keithan and Miranda Melton and their children upon the passing of Hal's mother, Bernice Melton of Lancaster, SC on Tuesday, October 10th.

to **TBC Members Steve and Beverly Head, Stephanie Hall** (T.C.) upon the passing of Beverly's sister, and Stephanie's aunt, Virginia McEwan Kubiak of Ocean Pines, Maryland on Monday, October 9th.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUPS

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUPS or **"MEGS"** are couples who meet once a month to invest an evening in growing their marriage led by a trained leader. This is a fun opportunity to meet other couples who believe in marriage and want to participate in activities designed to improve communication.

On Friday evening, November 3rd from 6:30pm-8pm, we will begin a new "Starter MEG" that will meet 6 evenings through April at Trinity. Van and Julie Daughtry will lead the group.

Interested? Email daughtryjulie@yahoo.com or text Julie Daughtry at 910-590-6438.



Thanksgiving Meal NOVEMBER 15

Sign up today at https://forms.gle/1Vayin1zQ15spqq37





Caring Connections

Grief support for church members - Volunteers needed!

Caring Connections is a lead team which supports church members who are experiencing the death of a loved one that is also a church member. We provide words of comfort and hope for one year to those grieving within our congregation after their loss. Volunteers continue to be needed to align with this group as we minister to those in grief. Consider inquiring or serving by contacting Rev. Eickhoff, Julie Lee or Kimberley Stover if interested! Join the team of compassion!

GriefShare Sundays @ 4:30pm | C101

TNT Tuesdays @ 6:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Women's Morning Bible Study Sept 6 - Nov 15 | Wednesdays @ 9:30-11:30am

TNT Wednesday Night Edition Wednesdays @ 6:30pm | C303 Everyday Yes to Jesus

NEW - Praying with the Psalms Wednesdays @ 6:30pm | Oct 25 - Nov 15 | C101

DivorceCare

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm | D360

TBC Women's Book Club Third Thursdays @ 7:00pm | A100 Parlor

ALWAYS ROOM FOR YOU!

Find your place in music ministry in 2023! 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!

We are looking for more recruits for our Slide Team for worship. If your interested, drop me an email or call the church office to get on a training list.

Our Student Choir sings in worship on **November 12**. We will meet at 10:30 to rehearse in the Sanctuary.

Hanging of the Greens is December 3! Our rehearsal day is November

26. Each choir needs to be in their rehearsal rooms at 4:00 pm to prepare for the day. It is a 2-hour rehearsal day, so make your plans to be present and accounted for!

Sunday, November 26 Rehearsal Day for Hanging of the Greens

(Preschool Choir doesn't rehearse on this day)

- 4:00 PM Children's Choirs rehearse in normal rehearsal rooms
- 4:20 PM Music Makers Choir rehearses with Joy Earp in Sanctuary
- 4:50 PM Young Musicians Choir rehearses with Joy Earp in Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM Student Choir rehearses in Choir Room
- 5:30 PM Mass Rehearsal for Sanctuary Choir, Student Choir, & Children's Choirs in Sanctuary
- 5:45 PM Children's Choirs go to rooms/check-out; dismiss
- 5:50 PM Student Choir rehearses music in Sanctuary
- 6:10 PM Students rehearse new assignments together in Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Students dismissed (could need longer!)

You've probably noticed that our Sanctuary Choir is growing! People are saying "yes" to serving in choir ministry. There are other places for service as well, such as the PrimeTimers Choir, our vocal ensembles and Orchestra. If you have an interest in music ministry, now is the time as we look forward to 2024 and starting the new year off, even if you are interested in a short-term commitment. Begin praying about your place of service and saying "yes" to God's call.

Until we meet again! Steve

> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts

> > - Colossians 3:16

SABBATICAL LEAVE | October 9 - November 11

I attended a session at Montreat Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC at the beginning of my sabbatical. The Mountains are always inspirational and provide a sense of peace and reflection within me. This conference was no different as it dared to look at some of the Shifts within American religion and mainline denominations. My interest and reflections I offer to you.

Our keynote speaker Diana Butler Bass shared that Covid seemed to kill the "We can't do it that way" and impressed upon us the "We must try another way". This is a unique shift in church life. It may have been challenging but provided a breath of fresh understanding to the way we have always done church. We shifted. We were forced to adjust. We scurried to go online, to provide worship in the home, small groups by zoom and make contacts in a new way. We opened a new avenue of using our data base. We learned new skills. What one could label as a negative shift turned out to be a blessing.

We were challenged to consider familiar shifts, discover invisible shifts, and accept the shifts we may not want to discuss or embrace. The Shifts we cannot see often lead us into more trust. No one shift occurred than people in churches wanting to have conversations around race, acceptance of the other and who we call as leaders within our congregations. Tough conversations are not a typical mainline activity, but if one church can do it, so can others. We can be challenged to be Christ like. When we confront or deny what we know is true but don't want to face, we find that we must face it. And we shift.

Two issues were presented as examples of what most unchurched or young adults are looking for in a faith community. These would be Truth and Convictions. Truth implies discovering Jesus. That even Jesus stood before Pilate and declared "I came into the world to show truth." What is the truth we often ask? Do we really want to know the truth or share the truth? What is the voice of the church regarding Truth? Are we ready to accept the truth as revealed in Christ? We need to love and accept others like Christ. However, the world we live in has everyone questioning everything. And we do not all share the same framework of knowledge.

Convictions are also not often seen in mainline churches. We tend to choose comfortableness. WE have some basic convictions, but none that step on toes or challenge the status quo. Two studies in 1969 and 1972 led to the conclusion that a gap was developing between clergy and laity. Clergy are feeling called to change the world and laity wants to be comfortable. This creates an imbalance, and the next generation wants to know our convictions. Where are we now? What convictions are worth exploring and championing? One truth is that religious identity is being replaced by political identity. Throughout our American history religion and political identities were joined. To be a good American, one must be a good Protestant, Catholic or Jew. All were opposed to the King (revolutionary war), all were opposed to communism (1960's). Now, it seems that political identity has emerged as our main social identity and the mainline denomination may be suffering.

State Missions Offering 2023 Goal: \$40,000

Consider joining in the efforts to bring all glory and honor to God as we serve and invite others to know His Son, Jesus Christ. Please support Trinity's State and Local Missions Offering, which supports all of these ministries through the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina, and Trinity's Shaw Mission Fund. Help us meet our \$40,000 goal for missions this fall!

Crossroads Community Baptist Church (CCBC)

Community Thanksgiving Dinner Wednesday, Nov. 15th – Sunday, Nov.20th Cost: \$100.00. Trip assistance available.

We are joining hands with our ministry partner, CCBC and God to show HIS love to the McCreary County, Kentucky residents by preparing 1,700 Thanksgiving meals. Food Insecurity is a big issue in McCreary County. According to some reports, McCreary County is the poorest county in the US. Prayerfully, consider if God is calling you to be a part of the team.

Call Charla Peel @ 919-614-6322, if you have any questions.

MISSIONS DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 4 - Feed the Hunger Event NOVEMBER 12 - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Dedication NOVEMBER 29 - Women's Ministry Cookie Exchange for the Homebound

DID YOU KNOW YOU DO NOT NEED TO WAIT UNTIL OUR MONTHLY DRIVE TO DONATE?

As you go about your weekly grocery shopping, our local ministry partners have certain items that are always needed. Consider adding one or more of these items each week to your list and drop them off in our permanent collection bins in the B200 hall.

RALEIGH RESCUE MISSION

NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES

Juice boxes Individual Snack Packs

Jelly | Canned Vegetables | Paper Towels Personal & Home Cleaning Products

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

NOVEMBER LOCAL MINISTRY PARTNER SUPPLY DRIVE Supporting Raleigh Rescue Mission & North Raleigh Ministries Collection Bins Located at all Main Entrances

NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES:

Canned meat | Jelly | Peanut Butter | Pasta Sauce | Canned Fruit | Paper Towels

RALEIGH RESCUE MISSION:

Men's black dress socks – desperate need – please no crew socks | Umbrellas Men's white undershirts in size Medium – 2XL | Standard-size bed pillows

A VERY WELCOME (HOUSE) CHRISTMAS

For the last few years, Welcome House Raleigh (WHR) has collected Christmas Bags for its community of families. Follow the QR Code Below to find the items needed for each bag.

Last year, we committed to 4 bags and delivered 8 of them. This year, we are extending this opportunity churchwide, and hope to be able to supply 20 bags.

There are 2 ways that you or your class can help this year:

- 1. You can agree to purchase the items for one or more bags. Please deliver the filled bags to the TBC office no later than Sunday, Dec 10.
- 2. You can collect money to fund a bag or bag(s). My "back of the envelope" estimate is \$200 per bag. Money should be given to Joy or Lydia by Dec 10.

Please let Lydia (Itatum@tbcraleigh.org) or Joy (joyhodge@live.com) know how many Christmas bags your class or individuals wish to provide. We need to



Many thanks, Joy Hodge Blashaw

SAVE THE DATE!

Historic Danville, Virginia Church Architecture Tour

Thursday, November 2 from 9:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. Sign-up Sheet Posts on October 15 at 9:30a.m.

Join us as we take a little trip up the road to enjoy the historic architecture of three Downtown Danville Churches. We will stop by historic Midtown Market to pick up Paula Deen's favorite chicken salad, see the sights of Millionaire's Row, and finish with a lovely lunch in the Tobacco Warehouse District at Golden Leaf Bistro.

Meadow Christmas Lights & Dinner at the Meadow Restaurant

Saturday, November 18 from 3:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Sign-up Sheet Posts on October 29 at 9:30a.m.

Let's go see the lights! We will load the vans and head out to Eastern NC to enjoy a delicious dinner at Meadow Restaurant before dark as we wait for the town to get ready to dazzle us with their famous light display. Come kick the Christmas season off with us!

Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory

Friday, December 1 from 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Sign-up Sheet Posts on November 12 at 9:30a.m.

Fruitcake season is upon us! We will prepare for the season with our annual pilgrimage to the Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory to see how the fruitcake is made and to stock up on our seasonal goodies. We will enjoy a warm lunch at Best Foods Cafeteria, and we hope you'll join us for all the fun!

Rudy Theater Christmas Show

Thursday, December 14 from 11:30a.m. to 6:00p.m. Sign-up Sheet is already posted and filling up! Waitlists are available! Feeling festive yet? Let's kick-up our Holiday Heels at the Matinee presentation of the Rudy Christmas Show! We will enjoy the show followed by an early dinner at the Robin's Nest Restaurant. Tickets cost: \$29 and our dinner rate will be set soon, so stay tuned!

WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER FOR FALL FEST! Please contact Drew Langdon (dlangdon@tbcraleigh.com) or Laury Holley (recreation@tbcraleigh.com)

Wednesday Nights

6:00 Gathering and Fellowship 6:15 Northbound 6:45

D-Teams

7:30 End of Ministries **Sunday Nights**

4:00 Northbound Band Rehearsal 5:00 MS Missions + HS Bible Study 5:30 HS Snack Supper 5:45 MS Snack Supper 6:00

Youth Choir

CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

All Middle Schoolers are invited to participate in **MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSIONS** this fall! Starting September 17th in Room C-102 (under the Sanctuary stairs), this will be a great opportunity to learn about different missions throughout our community as well as around the world. Mrs. Beverly will be leading our middle schoolers this fall.

Theme Verse: Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY <u>Sundays at 5:00</u>

Join Drew and other high schoolers across all four grades in high school for this weekly opportunity to discuss life, faith and the bible.

OUR NEXT PARENT CHILD DEDICATION IS NOVEMBER 12TH

Questions? kblackmon@tbcraleigh.com

CHILDREN'S DAY 2023

This year our theme for Children's Day is the beatitudes. The beatitudes sum up Jesus' teaching about what it means to live as a child of God's kingdom. Each Beatitude begins with "Blessed..." It's important to understand in Jesus' time, to be blessed meant to be happy to the fullest and greatly honored. The beatitudes can be found right at the beginning of a long passage of teaching by Jesus in Matthew's Gospel, known as the Sermon on the Mount. Just as Moses taught the people of Israel from the mountain after he had received the Commandments, so Jesus begins his ministry by going up a mountain and teaching his disciples.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Some of these sayings are difficult to understand, and some are uncomfortable for us today as they would have been to Jesus' first hearers. Looking at how Jesus lives them out himself is the best way of understanding what they mean. As we prepare for Children's Day on October 29th, I hope your family will spend time studying and talking about the beatitudes. If your child isn't a part of this day, that's okay too. You can still study this together as a family.The beatitudes are complex. They are hard to live out but they are also very beautiful. They describe what it means to live by a set of standards, callings and attitudes that go way beyond the observation of rules or the keeping of the law. This is what life looks like when you are truly Christ-like.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SPECIAL DAY!

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN

SAVE THE DATES

10/27/23 Fall Fest **10/29/23** Children's Day

11/12/23 Parent Child Dedication

11/21/23 Community Thanksgiving Service @ The Fountain Church 9621 Six Forks Road 11/22/23

Happy Thanksgiving! No Wednesday night Activities.

11/26/23

Hanging of the Greens Practice *For children participating in choir. *Preschool Choir does NOT practice

11/29/23 Last night of Wednesday activities for 2023 12/03/23

Hanging of the Greens 6pm * Worship care provided for children ages birth-age 3.

10:30am One morning service No Sunday School *Worship Care provided for babies through Pre-K

12/24/23

5:00pm One evening service *Worship Care provided for babies through Pre-K

Wednesday Night Schedule for Preschoolers and Children

6:15-6:50

Babies & Ones - Child Care 2's through 5th grade - Music Babies & Ones - Child Care 2's through 5th grade - Music

6:55-7:30

A few reminders:

- Please make sure you are signing your child in
- Please remain at TBC during all programing

For a list of adult Bible studies visit tbcraleigh.com

RECREATION OUTREACH CENTER

Laury Holley

MONDAY OCT 16

9:00am - 12:00pm Beverly Munday

12:00pm-3:00pm Pat Pierce Linda Perry

3:00pm-6:00pm Alice Summerlin

TUESDAY

9:00am - 12:00pm Moose Beaudreau 12:00pm-3:00pm Mark Wheeless

3:00pm-6:00pm Joy Blashaw

WEDNESDAY OCT 18

ROC VOLUNTEERS

9:00am - 12:00pm Johnny Teal

12:00pm-3:00pm Betsy Thompson Carol Caroll

3:00pm-6:00pm Alan Holley

THURSDAY OCT 19

9:00am - 12:00pm Moose Beaudreau

12:00pm-3:00pm Karen Simms

3:00pm-6:00pm HL Warren Fred Paula

FRIDAY OCT 20

9:00am - 12:00pm Billy Joyner

12:00pm-3:00pm Anne Farmer

3:00pm-6:00pm ROC CLOSED



Food - Games - Candy - Prize - Inflatables



We Need TBC Volunteers To Make This Event A Success

Scan this code to sign up for a shift at one of our game stations.

Everything will be prepared and set up for you, we just need you!



We can always use more candy! We do need cake/cookies/ brownies by 3:00pm Friday, delivered to the office!

Laury Holley

RECREATION OUTREACH CENTER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OCT 23	OCT 24	OCT 25	OCT 26	OCT 27
9:00am - 12:00pm	9:00am - 12:00pm	9:00am - 12:00pm	9:00am - 12:00pm	9:00am - 12:00pm
Frank Evans	Pat Nelson	Mike Newton	Moose Beaudreau	PJ Ginocchio
12:00pm-3:00pm	12:00pm-3:00pm	12:00pm-3:00pm	12:00pm-3:00pm	12:00pm-3:00pm
Pat Pierce	Jan Mills	PJ Ginocchio	Elaine Smith	Wayne Hill
Linda Perry	3:00pm-6:00pm	3:00pm-6:00pm	Becky Dribbon	3:00pm-6:00pm
3:00pm-6:00pm Laury Holley	Debbie Thomas Susan Robinson	Donna Munley	3:00pm-6:00pm Linda Hanks	ROC CLOSED
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YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION



Registration is now open for 5th-12th grade girls and boys youth basketball

All Girls: Practice 7-8:15pm Sunday nights 5-6th grade Boys Freshman League - Mondays 7:30-8:45 7-9th grade Boys Junior League Tuesdays 7:30-8:45

TBC FITNESS

Active Yoga with Kipley Mon. 10am-11am BEGINS OCTOBER 16. Chair Yoga with Anjana T. & Th. | 4:30-5:30pm MULTIPURPOSE RM

Dancelt with KATHY T. & Th. | 9-10am GYM Strength. Core. Balance with Alison Wed. 10am-11am MULTIPURPOSE RM



PICKLEBALL for BEGINNERS!!! Monday nights | Oct. 30-Nov. 20 | 6-8 PM

Please come and join us! Racquets may be available!

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!



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