



TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

TRINITY TIMES

Belong. Become. Be.



I am looking forward to the next three weeks in worship as we observe Advent and celebrate Christmas as a church family. It is always easy to be caught up in the busyness of this season and miss the time to reflect on the incredible moment that God entered our world fully God and fully human. The incarnation reminds us that God is not far off, but God is Emmanuel, God with us. The incarnation reminds us that Jesus knows and sympathizes with our tests, trials, and temptations. The incarnation reminds us that when we were far away from God because of our sinfulness, God came to us and provided the way for reconciliation. All of this leads us to worship. I hope you will join us in this special season, and I hope you will ask others to join us. Christmas is a time when others are more open to worship and the church. Take the opportunity to invite someone to join you at church this Christmas.

On Sunday December 10 at 6:00 p.m. we will have our annual Blue Christmas Service in the Sanctuary. This is a service of reflection and prayer. It is time for those of us who might be struggling during this holiday season with grief, loss or just not able to get into that “holiday spirit.” You are invited to come and bring others with you that might be going through such a season in their life. The service will be a time for you to reflect, pray and there is an opportunity to pray with our deacons and others during this time. I will be sharing a short devotion and meditation for encouragement. Join us at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday the 10th.

Sunday December 17 is our annual Christmas Cantata in our morning worship services. Our incredible Sanctuary Choir and orchestra will lead us in worship. Plan to be a part of 8:45 a.m. or 10:55 a.m. worship.

Since this year Christmas Eve falls on Sunday, we have planned two worship experiences for that day. We will have one of our “One Worship” days at 10:30 a.m. that morning. This service will be a joint worship

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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service of our church family. It is liturgically the fourth Sunday of Advent, and we will join and light our fourth Candle of Advent and observe this time of worship. That evening, we will have our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 5:00 p.m. I hope you will plan to be a part of both of those times of worship on Sunday. Spending these moments in worship, which will be very distinctly different, is a great way to honor our Lord on this special day.

Finally, let me say how much we are going to miss Rev. Lydia Tatum as part of our ministerial staff. Lydia came to us when she was a student in school and has spent, as she says, her whole adult working life with us. Lydia has shared her gifts with us of preaching, teaching, caring and administration. She excels as a minister and is faithful to her calling. We of course will miss her leadership and diligence as part of our staff. However, what we will miss the most her compassion and honest concern for others. However, we affirm her call to lead the Welcome Network with CBFNC. She will be a great leader in this important ministry. I am thrilled she will still be a part of our congregation and we will be working closely with her in this important ministry. Lydia's last day is December 31st. We are planning a time of recognition and celebration for her after the first of the year. I will give you more information after our Personnel Committee has a time to plan such a gathering. For now, let me say to Lydia thank you for all you have done in faithful love and service to the family of faith that is Trinity.

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December 10 - Deacon of the Week

Pat York, native of North Carolina, has been a member of Trinity since 1997. Pat and her husband, David, have three children: Julia, Katheryn Godzwa (Joshua), and Nash (Maddie) and one grandchild Lydia Godzwa. Pat is a deacon for the A4C3 Sunday School class alongside Dan Allen, John Dobyys, and Michael Coats.



December 17 - Deacon of the Week

James Stem, native of Raleigh, NC, has been a member of TBC since 1986. James and his wife, Bonnie, have three children: Angela Mills (Jonathan), Ben Stem (Kate) and they have seven grandchildren: Andrew, Savannah, Hudson, and London Mills, Jackson, and Sam Stem, and Ava Cook. James is a retired National Legislative Director - United Transportation Union, and now contracts as an Accident Investigator. He serves as deacon for the A3C3 Sunday School class with Billy Joyner, and Stephanie Johnson.

James also serves at Trinity as an Usher, Disaster Relief/Ramp Building Committee, and Bobbie Furr SS Class Homeless Ministry.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Steve Byers, Assoc. Pastor of Music & Worship, celebrates his 16th year 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.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES

to TBC Members **Billy and Brenda Joyner, Kevin, Karen, Griffin, Blakely, and Nolan Bell** upon the passing of Brenda's brother and Karen's uncle, David Griffin of Spring Hope, NC on Monday, November 27th.

WELCOME TO TRINITY

Frederick Thorpe
Letter

Marcia Thorpe
Letter

Ben Parker
Baptism

Will Parker
Baptism

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

6:00PM SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 10

Surviving the Holidays while remembering the loss of a loved one can be very challenging. Join us for an evening worship and reception filled with reflection and prayer.

This worship service is for those who have lost a loved one or find the season particularly challenging. Scripture, music, prayer, and a quiet worship remembering those who have passed on before us while reflecting on the promised Savior.

TBC LIBRARY NEWS

PEARL IN THE SAND



At the age of 15 Rahab is forced into prostitution by her beloved father. Can a Canaanite harlot who made her living enticing men be a fitting wife for a leader of Israel? Shockingly, the Bible's answer is yes.

Rahab's home is built into a wall, a wall that fortifies and protects the City of Jericho. However, other walls surround her too, walls of fear, rejection, and unworthiness... Years of pain and betrayal have wounded Rahab's heart--she doubts whether her dreams of experiencing true love will ever come true... A woman with a wrecked past--a man of success, of faith... of pride. A marriage only God would conceive! Through the heartaches of a stormy relationship, Rahab and Salmone learn the true source of one another's worth and find healing in God.

Pearl in the Sand by Tessa Afshar is available on the shelf in the TBC Library and is also available as an eBook in the TBC Digital Library.

In order to access eBooks, you must have a TBC Library Card and request to be on the eBooks approved list. In order to use eBooks you will have to add the Libby by OverDrive app to your smartphone, tablet, laptop, desktop, or Kindle. 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.

SAVE THE DATE
2024 Trinity Committee Night
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024
6:00P.M.-7:30P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Thank you for saying “yes” this year to serving your church on a vital committee. We will kick the year off together with a snack supper and organizational meeting beginning in the fellowship hall and breaking out into groups throughout the church. Please mark this very important first meeting of the new year on your calendar and help us Join Hands with God together in 2024.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION REMINDER

Any contributions that you want to be on your 2023 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:

Friday, December 22nd | Monday, December 25th

Tuesday, December 26th | Monday, January 1st

All funds collected Sunday, December 31st in church are for 2023 regardless of the date on the check. Any stock contributions or online giving for 2023 must be received by Trinity or in Trinity's account by December 31st to be counted as a 2023 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!

ALWAYS ROOM FOR YOU!

Find your place in music ministry in 2024! 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!

Hanging of the Greens was another success this past week! This annual event couldn't happen without our accompanists, directors and leaders of the choirs, the Sanctuary Choir, the children, youth, and the parents who bring them weekly to rehearsals. It also couldn't happen without the dedicated leadership of Joy Earp and her team of decorators and Hollie Cox and the Flower Committee. They work tirelessly to make all the behind-the-scenes preparation happen before this very special night. Our sound and video team of volunteers dedicate their time in extra rehearsals to help prepare the choirs to be heard and live streamed, and we are grateful for their technical giftedness. There are so many people engaged in this one night of worship, and I offer thanksgiving for everyone involved in making our Sanctuary a beautiful place to begin this wonderful season of hope, peace, joy, and love. Merry Christmas!

Mark Your Calendars for this special worship day at Trinity!

Trinity Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra Present

Joy Has Dawned

A Christmas musical by Lloyd Larson

Sunday, December 17, 2023

8:45 and 10:55 am services

We are looking for more recruits for our Slide Team for worship.

If you're interested in becoming a part of the team, drop me an email or call the church office to get on a training list.

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

Sunday School News

Remember to check Sunday School attendance in Realm by 10:10 or 10:20 at the latest. Virtual Attendance should be the norm. No more boxes unless you still need to check attendance manually because of technical issues. Remember you can use the QRcode in your classroom to enroll a visitor or use the visitor forms in your boxes.

Sunday School Schedule for Christmas Holiday

CHRISTMAS EVE

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Services at 10:30am and 5:00pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

One Service at 10:30 am.

WINTER 2024-LENT THEME

Saying Yes to Jesus Communally

Theme and Sunday School Focus for Winter 2024

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL

The Focus is on saying "Yes" to Jesus communally.

**The Adult Sunday School Curriculum
has been placed in each classroom!**

Please check and make sure you have all the books for your teachers and participants and let Karen know if you need anything.

Smyth& Helwys Connections follows the Lectionary Passages that Dr. Roberts will be preaching from during January - April 2024.

It is exciting to anticipate all Adult classes using the same curriculum.

Advent is upon us!

As we anticipate the Christmas season and the birth of Christ, our prayer is that you find a way of journey through the season in prayerful anticipation. Please take an Advent devotional provided by our church.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Sunday December 10 | 7:30 a.m.-8:25 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Suggested \$5 for cost of breakfast



This event is open to men of all ages, so feel free to bring your sons and/or grandsons. We will enjoy a breakfast cooked by our own Trinity men with song and fellowship lead by Testament. We will also hear from a guest speaker. Our Trinity Men's Ministry Council asks that each person attending extend a personal invitation to at least two people to join the breakfast.

Note: We will end the breakfast in time for those who need to return home for family and to attend SS and the 10:55am worship service. Those who are attending the 8:45 am service are welcome to fellowship a bit longer until heading up to attend worship



Register by Wednesday, December 6 online at <https://forms.gle/u8fot4Ca6ocGoV9HA> OR use the below QR code OR simply call the church office.

For more information contact Fred McDuffee at fmcduffee@gmail.com.



Global Missions Offering 2023 Goal: \$75,000

Join us this Christmas as we support missionary presence throughout the world. Our missions partners, International Missions Board and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, support missionaries as they share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the last, the least, and the lost and give their Everyday Yes to Jesus Every Day.

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

Juice boxes
Individual Snack Packs

NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023 DECEMBER LOCAL MINISTRY PARTNER SUPPLY DRIVE Supporting Raleigh Rescue Mission & North Raleigh Ministries Collection Bins Located at all Main Entrances

NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES:

1. Macaroni & Cheese Cups for Healthy Kids Bags
2. Vienna Sausages
3. Laundry Detergent
4. Toothpaste
5. Boxes of pasta

RALEIGH RESCUE MISSION:

1. Desperate need for Men's new white Undershirts in sizes M – 5XL (especially XL – 3XL)
2. Cookies
3. Salty snacks
4. Candy
5. Rice Krispy Treats

Rudy Theater Christmas Show

Thursday, December 14 from 11:30a.m. to 6:00p.m.

Sign-up Sheet is 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!

JANUARY SMART TV/STREAMING LUNCH AND LEARN

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 | Led by Tom Ogburn

Bring a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Sign-up Sheet will post on December 31, 2023

Is your Smart TV too smart for you? Come to our January Lunch and Learn to discover what your Smart TV can do. We will discuss how to use your Smart TV and how to convert your old TV to a "smarter" version. We will also talk about streaming.

Charleston, SC & Savannah, GA

April 29 – May 2, 2024 - 4 Days And 3 Nights

\$665 Per Person (Double Occupancy), \$848 (Single Occupancy)

Sign up on B-Hall on January 7, 2024 - \$25.00 deposit due upon sign-up

- 3 Nights Lodging
- Charleston City Market
- 3 Breakfasts
- Charleston Harbor Cruise
- 2 Full Course Meals
- Souvenir Gift
- Family-style Lunch at Paula Deen's Lady & Sons
- Luggage Handling
- Guided Tour Charleston & Savannah
- Savannah's River Street District
- Motorcoach Transportation
- Taxes & Meal Gratuities

SAVE THE DATES

Senior Adult Valentine Lunch

February 10, 2024

10:30a.m.-1:30p.m.

*Catered by The Forks!

Fellowship Hall

Baptist Singers in Wendell

with Dinner at Riverwood

February 12, 2024

*More Information Coming Soon!

Baptist Singers in Garner with Dinner at

Carolina BBQ

April 22, 2024

*More Information Coming Soon!

Senior Adult/ Baptist

Heritage Day & Luncheon

May 5, 2024

10:55a.m. Worship Service

12:00p.m. Luncheon

*Catered by Catering By Design

D-Team Celebrations: December 6th, 2023

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU IN 2024!

January 10, 2024

Northbound/D-Teams start back

January 21, 2024

Sunday Nights start back

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

6:15

Youth Choir

SAVE *the* DATES

H.S Spring Break Mission Trip:

MARCH 22-26, 2024

HS Summer Mission Trip:

JUNE 13-22, 2024

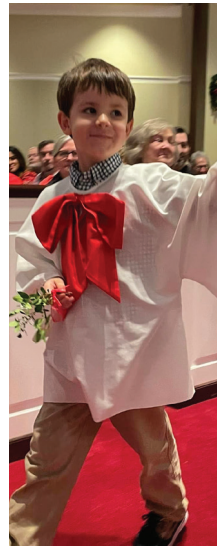
M.S: Passport:

JULY 7-12, 2024



Hanging of the Greens 2023

Tonight we make ready our welcome for God's only Son, Jesus. We have begun the holy season of Advent, the season of preparing for the birth of Christ. As we renew the special meaning of the Advent, a season of reflection and anticipation, let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of the Christ. Let us honor Christ's birth by adorning our church for the coming of our Savior.



For God loved us so much that God sent us the Prince of Peace.



SAVE THE DATES

12/24/23

CHRISTMAS EVE

10:30am - One morning service

No Sunday School

**Worship Care provided for babies through Pre-K*

5:00pm - One evening service

**Worship Care provided for babies through Pre-K*

12/31/23

NEW YEARS EVE

10:30am - One morning service

No Sunday School

**Worship Care provided for birth through age 4*

01/10/24

Midweek in Midtown resumes
choir and missions begins

2/28/24

RAGA Mission Projects due

3/6/24

RAGA Mission Car Race
must complete mission project to participate

JUNE 2024:

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is coming and we need your help!

It is the time of year where we begin to think and plan for Vacation Bible School. If you would like to be apart of our lead team please contact Katie at kblackmon@tbcraleigh.com

RA AND GA MISSION PROJECT AND CAR RACE:

Mission Projects due: Feb. 28, 2024 | Car Race: March 6th, 2024

5:00pm Registration/weighing cars in ROC lobby.

6:00pm Race begins in GYM.

Cars can be picked up from your child's mission leader beginning on 1/10.

Reminder -you **must** complete a mission project. to participate in the race.

****Check your email for more details.****

ROC VOLUNTEERS

MONDAY
DEC 11

9:00am - 12:00pm
Beverly Munday

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

3:00pm-6:00pm
Laury Holley

TUESDAY
DEC 12

9:00am - 12:00pm
Pat Nelson

12:00pm-3:00pm
Janice Scott
Steve Goodman

3:00pm-6:00pm
Fred Paula

WEDNESDAY
DEC 13

9:00am - 12:00pm
Mike Newton

12:00pm-3:00pm
HL Warren

3:00pm-6:00pm
Donna Munley

THURSDAY
DEC 14

9:00am - 12:00pm
Moose Beaudreau

12:00pm-3:00pm
Pat Altman
Tricia McCoy

3:00pm-6:00pm
Stephanie Tepper

FRIDAY
DEC 15

9:00am - 12:00pm
Billy Joyner

12:00pm-3:00pm
Wayne Hill

3:00pm-6:00pm
ROC CLOSED

YOUTH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

COME CHEER AND SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

Friday December 8

Freshman Boys League (5-6th grade) | 6:00 pm at Trinity
Junior Boys League (7-9th grade) | 7:00 pm. at Trinity
Freshman Boys League (10-12th grade) | 8:00 pm. at Trinity

Saturday December 9

Girls Leagues (6-12th grade) | 3:30pm. at Trinity

Friday December 15

Freshman Boys League (5-6th grade) | 6:00 pm at Trinity
Junior Boys League (7-9th grade) | 7:00 pm. at Trinity
Freshman Boys League (10-12th grade) | 8:00 pm. at Trinity

Saturday, December 16 @ Trinity

Girls Leagues (6-12th grade) | 3:30pm. at Trinity

T B C FITNESS

*there will be NO classes December 25, 2023 - January 1, 2024 as the ROC is closed.

A fitness instructor is NEEDED that can offer some additional classes. If you know of someone who may be interested, please let Laury know so she may contact them!!

Active Yoga
WITH KIPLEY

Mon. | 10am-11am
Multipurpose Rm

Dancelt
WITH KATHY

T. & Th. | 9-10am
Gym

Strength. Core. Balance
WITH ALISON

Wed. | 10am-11am
Multipurpose Rm

**MONDAY
DEC 18**

9:00am - 12:00pm
Frank Evans

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

3:00pm-6:00pm
Alice Summerlin

**TUESDAY
DEC 19**

9:00am - 12:00pm
Moose Beaudreau

12:00pm-3:00pm
Mark Wheelless

3:00pm-6:00pm
Joy Blashaw

**WEDNESDAY
DEC 20**

9:00am - 12:00pm
Johnny Teal

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

3:00pm-6:00pm
Donna Munley

**THURSDAY
DEC 21**

9:00am - 12:00pm
Moose Beaudreau

12:00pm-3:00pm
Karen Simms

3:00pm-6:00pm
HL Warren

**FRIDAY
DEC 22**

ROC CLOSED

*Merry
Christmas*

ROC CLOSURE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The ROC will be closed for the Holidays
December 22-January 1, 2024.

The ROC will reopen on Tuesday January 2, 2024

UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING!

Upward 100 Days of Prayer 2023-2024

Please use this list to pray for the outreach ministry that is occurring in the ROC with the 377 children and their families involved with our Upward Basketball & Cheerleading Ministry.

- Dec. 6** Carpools to work smoothly for all Upward families.
- Dec. 7** Upward parents fellowship and build relationships walking on the track. .
- Dec. 8** Children to encourage each other in practice.
- Dec. 9** Our volunteers to successfully assist in the success of Upward.
- Dec. 10** All of our basketball head coaches.
- Dec. 11** All of our cheerleading head coaches.
- Dec. 12** All of our basketball assistant coaches.
- Dec. 13** All of our cheerleading assistant coaches.
- Dec. 14** New friendships between athletes on their team/squad.
- Dec. 15** New friendships between parents of athletes.
- Dec. 16** Our church and this ministry.
- Dec. 17** Maintenance of the ROC and the maintenance staff.
- Dec. 18** Safety for all of our athletes during the season.
- Dec. 19** Parents to be encouraging for all athletes.
- Dec. 20** Athletes to listen.

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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Stewardship

(YTD total through 10/31/2023)

YTD General Funds Needs (Budget) \$3,027,082.52

YTD Operating Receipts \$2,688,942.97

YTD Operating Expenses \$2,661,627.24

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