

## TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

# TRINITY

Belong. Become. Be.

There are moments when as your pastor I just want to brag a little bit. Now, I know that is not a fruit of the Spirit but let me have this moment to express the pride I have on so many occasions to say I am the pastor of Trinity Baptist Church. The past few weeks I have been notified of how generous you are in supporting our ministry partners in North Carolina and around the world. First, I was notified that this summer we will be presented a recognition from CBF Global for our giving and ministry of missions. This recognition will occur at the annual gathering. This Mission Excellence award is a very important recognition and reminds us of why we cooperate with one another for the sake of the gospel. Through your giving to CBF's missions offering and participation in various mission endeavors of CBF, Trinity continues to encourage others to cooperate in ministry together.

In addition, I was notified by the Raleigh Baptist Association that we were the leading giver in the RBA to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention's State Missions Offering. In addition, our giving placed us in the top 25 of giving of all churches in North Carolina. This is significant in that we support not only the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina but also lead giving to the CBF of North Carolina.

I mention all of this to remind us that it is possible to be a cooperating Baptist church. Many times, people will ask me if we are "dually aligned"? I always respond by saying that "aligned" is a terrible Baptist word. We are aligned with one person and that is Jesus Christ. Beyond this, we are not aligned but we are an autonomous Baptist church that believes the commands of Jesus to go into all the world with the good news of Jesus. We believe that we are to work toward the unity of the Body of Christ. This is the teaching of Jesus, and I believe the desire of the Spirit of God.

Because we choose to follow the commands of Jesus and participate with the work of the Holy Spirit in our world, we choose to cooperate with other Baptists and others who call Jesus Lord. My friends, the people of this world need Jesus and that is why we give, pray, and go. This is why we cooperate. You will never convince me that if we would all put Jesus first, we could rise above our disagreements and differences for the sake of Christ. (End of sermon and back to bragging.)

Thank you for being a congregation that seeks to keep Jesus first. Thanks for praying, going and giving in the name of Jesus. Thank you for cooperating in the name of Jesus.

The Nominating Committee is beginning enlistment for the 2025-2026 church year. Please consider serving and sharing in the wonderful work of our church!

# Family Promise Partners Needed Hosting Week: May 25-31

Family Promise of the Triangle began in 1994 providing church-based emergency shelter and meals to Wake County families experiencing homelessness. They now have programs in prevention, emergency shelter, post-shelter stabilization, rapid rehousing, traditional housing, and a New Lease on Life. All these programs help to accomplish their mission to end homelessness in the Triangle. Churches participate in the Family Promise ministry by providing food and sponsoring activities for families in emergency shelter.

Trinity has committed to "hosting" families by donating money or Food Lion gift cards (\$10) to cover the cost of family meals, and praying for the families and the Family Promise ministry.

- Cash OR Food Lion Gift Cards Donate money or Food Lion gift cards (\$10) to be used for purchasing family meals. Coordinator: Beverly Munday (919.637.0864) tgimunday@msn.com
- **Prayer Partners** Individuals will receive emails guiding them to pray for Family Promise families, workers, and volunteers. Coordinator: Charla Peel (919.614.6322) cpchoc@aol.com

Please use Signup Genius (https://bit.ly/FPSignupMay2025) to volunteer.

If you have any questions about Family Promise and our volunteer opportunities, please contact the appropriate Team Coordinator, or contact the TBC Family Promise Coordinator, Beth Duke (919.880.7454) bethwduke@gmail.com.

# **Recruiting College Encouragers**

Taylor and the College Student Ministry Lead Team are in need of classes and individuals for the college encouragers program.

See page 11 for more information

#### STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

#### Karen Eickhoff

Assoc Pastor
of Education & Discipline
32<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY
ON MAY 1

## Spencer Good

Assoc Pastor of Administration, 20TH ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 2

#### **Andy Jung**

Minister in Residence for Young Adults, 2ND ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 8

Please take the time to say a personal word, write a note or place a phone call to Karen, Spencer, and Andy to offer them words of encouragement and support for the fine job they are doing.



#### May 4 - Deacon of the Week

Bernie Pegram, native of Danville, VA, has been a member of TBC since 2008. She has two children: daughter Angela Stahl of Raleigh, and a son Jonathan Pegram (Lacey) of Raleigh, she also has three grandchildren Samantha Stahl (17), Carter Pegram (15), and Kinley Pegram (10). Bernie is a retired Administrative Assistant from North Carolina Department of Education. She works with A2C1 Sunday School Class with fellow deacons Frank Evans, Linda Hanks, and Tom Harrington. She serves on the Bereavement Committee, Events/Kitchen Committee, Prayer Ministry, College Encourager, and Lamplighters Sunday School Member.



## May 11 - Deacon of the Week

**Kayla Daffron**, native of Raleigh, NC, has been a member of TBC since 2009. She and her husband, Drew, have one child Mary Daffron, 13 months. Kayla is a Digital Marketing Manager, for the State Employee's Credit Union. She works with A6C2 Sunday School Class with fellow deacons Grant Gubbins, and Victoria Price. Kayla serves as 6th grade girls D-Team Leader, Publicity Committee, College Encourager, College Lead Team, and A6C2 Sunday School Member.

#### WELCOME TO TRINITY

Nicole Spencer by Statement Johnny Canterbury
by Baptism

Nolan Bell by Baptism

## **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES**

to family and friends upon the passing of **TBC Member Frank Mayfield** of Durham, NC, on Wednesday, April 9th.

to TBC Members **Greg & Michelle Pearce, Brian Pearce, Sammy Pearce, and Laura Pearce** upon the passing of Greg's mother, Brian, Sammy, and Laura's grandmother Joyce Pearce of Escalon, CA, on Sunday, April 13th.

to TBC Members Faye Langdon, Roger & Sharon Langdon, Drew Langdon, and Josh Langdon upon the passing of Faye's husband, Roger's father, Drew and Josh's grandfather TBC Member Earl Langdon of Raleigh, NC, Monday, April 14th.

to **TBC Members Linda R. Perry, Carol Latham**, Randy Ragan, Paige Burris, Brad Burris upon the passing of Linda, Carol, and Randy's brother-in-law, Paige and Brad's father **TBC Member Jim Burris** of Raleigh, NC, on Tuesday, April 15th.

to **TBC Member Sandy Wilson** and family upon the passing of Sandy's husband **TBC Member George "Doug" Wilson** of Raleigh, NC, on Wednesday, April 16th.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to **TBC Member Alyson Burnette Cook** and Jonathan Cook on the birth of their son Sawyer Lynn Cook, Tuesday, April 15th. Proud grandparents are **TBC Members** Lynn & Susan Burnette.

# **Share Your Website Feedback**



We want to make sure everyone—whether you're a long-time member or a first-time visitor—can easily find the information they need on our website. Please take a moment to complete this brief, anonymous survey and tell us where you look for updates and how you prefer to receive news and event details. You can scan the OR code to share your thoughts.

Thank you for helping us keep our community well informed and connected!



# Barriers to Empathy

Over the last year and a half, I've consistently talked about the need to build up empathy toward young adults. Empathy is the first step toward building meaningful relationships with young adults in our sphere of influence.

Throughout the gospels, Jesus modeled empathy by often asking questions rather than giving out answers: What do you want? Do you want to get well? Rarely does Jesus start with, *Here's what you need or You need to get healthy*. His empathy elevates compassion and connection first - Jesus cares about the dignity of those he loves and serves, not just about fixing them.

In addition to shifting the paradigm in our minds about leading with empathetic questions rather than the unwanted answers, there are cultural factors that create barriers to empathy we should be aware of.

- 1. Intragenerational Speed: Understanding young adults is harder today, not simply because of obvious intergenerational differences, but also because of the speed at which society is changing. The dramatic pace of current technological, scientific, medical, economic, and sociological shifts is creating more differences between generations than ever before. Young adults' life trajectories and choices are so different that there's increasingly less common, experiential ground on which to relate.
- 2. Closeness Bias: Closeness bias claims that the closer people are relationally, the less likely they are to pay attention. Closeness breeds familiarity and familiarity reinforces one's assumptions about family members, friends, and kids. We know this to be true because we've all experienced it. Things that bother us about our family members or close friends are overlooked with acquaintances or co-workers. This is why we sometimes have the most conflict with our family members.

Compassionately caring for young adults means ensuring that we don't fall to closeness bias or misjudge intragenerational speed. We always lead with empathy. We listen. We ask questions. We don't assume and we definitely don't judge.

Here is a question for you to reflect on:

How has intragenerational speed or closeness bias impacted my relationship with young adults in my life?

# **ALWAYS ROOM FOR YOU!**

Find your place in the music ministry in 2025!

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!

The "Spring Sing Thing" takes place on April 30 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. This is the second year for the preschool and Children's Choirs to present the music they've been working on this year. Come and enjoy the sweet sounds of our children's voices as they fill the Sanctuary with song.

Special thanks to our Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, Drama Team, Sound, Video, Slides, and Church Accompanist teams for an incredible season of music-making as we walked the journey of Lent and Easter together. Each of these ministries gave of much time and effort to make worship meaningful in the life of our church. If you have time, say a kind word to them in appreciation for their hard work and efforts to serve the Lord and our faith community.

The Northeast Piedmont Chorale will be in concert, May 3, 7:30 PM, at Trinity Baptist. This is a great time to invite friends and family to our church to hear the beautiful music from the chorale and orchestra made up of musicians around our region.



"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

# Discipleship Classes

#### **WEDNESDAYS**

Discovering Our Spiritual Identity | 6:30pm in C305

**Discovering Our Spiritual Identity: Practices for God's Beloved** by Trevor Hudson, facilitated by Dr. Randy McKinney. The development of Christ-shaped convictions, attitudes and actions through which your identity as God's beloved is formed and given personal expression within your everyday life

#### **THURSDAYS**

Support Group for Caregivers of family members suffering with Dementia or those who are Cognitively Impaired  $\mid$  2nd & 4th Thursdays  $\mid$  10:30 am. in A212

Facilitators: Rev. Johnny Richards, Dr. Tammy Bradshaw-Scott

• Next Meeting is Thursday, May 8, 2025

Monthly Women's Book Study | 3rd Thursday | 7:00pm in Parlor A Facilitated by Nancy Cummings ncummings12@gmail.com. Contact Nancy about books and participation.

 May 15 - Wilmington's Lie: The Murderous Coup of 1898 and the Rise of White Supremacy - David Zucchino

# 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!

# Step Into the Story

# TBC Home Missions Offering Goal: \$27,500

Thank you for "Stepping into the Story" by supporting Home Missions!

TBC Home Missions Offering Given: \$29.453

#### **Hurricane Helene Relief**

Please contact Steve Isaacs at izzykosher@gmail.com for more information or to sign-up.

May 12-17

June 9-14

# **Upcoming National Missions Opportunities**

Please contact Stephanie Johnson at stephanie.johnson1@hotmail.com for information.

June 28-July 4 | Hayesville, NC

August 17-23 | Kentucky

September 13-19 | New Orleans

November 16-23 | Kentucky

Sign up links are available at tbcraleigh.com/member-portal#links

# **International Missions Opportunities**

Please contact Stewart Price at stewp041187@gmail.com for more information.

August 9-16 | Guatemala

October 3-10 | Cuba

## **Prepare Meals at Camp Truett**

Contact Anne Wilkins at (919) 434-4036 or anne.b.wilkins@gmail.com for information.

Camp Truett in Hayesville, NC, will be hosting youth camps this summer and is in need of cook teams. Trinity will be sending a team June 28-July 4 to cook, serve, and clean-up. The cost is \$50 plus travel meals.

Sign-up through the link on the website by May 15.

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More information avaliable on page 2

# **Prison Alliance**

#### NEW MINISTRY PARTNER OPPORTUNITY

Prison Alliance is a locally-based ministry that provides Bibles and Christian books to Prison Chaplains for distribution to incarcerated men and women. TBC is partnering with this ministry a few times annually to collect Christian materials and serve in their local warehouse.

#### How can you help?

Sign-up through the link on the website to work at the Prison Alliance warehouse on Spring Forest Road on May 31 from 9a-11a. During this 2-hr time, volunteers will stamp donated Bibles and Christian books with Prison Alliance info, and box these materials for shipment to prisons throughout the U.S.

Bring your donations of new or used Bibles on May 11, 18, & 25 and place them in the collection bins in the Narthex. The Raleigh Arabic Baptist Church will be joining us in this collection.

Contact Joy Blashaw with questions. 919 749 9401, joyhodge@live.com

# Ministry Partner Needs

# **North Raleigh Ministries**

Supply Needs for May

Baking Items- Cake Mixes, Cookie/Muffin Mixes, Oil, Flour, Pancake Mixes, Syrup

#### Supplies Always Needed:

Jelly, Canned Vegetables, Paper Towels, Personal Hygiene Products, Cleaning Products

# Raleigh Rescue Mission

Waterproof Zippered Twin-size Mattress Protectors, White Twin Sheet Sets, Men's White Undershirts XL & 2XL, 2T-3T Pull Ups with Velcro Sides, Razors & Shave Gel for Men & Women

# Did You Know?

A group from Trinity participated in disaster relief in Burnsville April 7-12 and Trinity sponsored a Dental Bus at Peach Road Community Center on April 12.







# Senior Games In Room A214 EVERY THURSDAY | 1:00-3:00PM

Bridge Tables and Chicken Foot Tables are set each week! If you have any questions, call Anita Yeargin at 919-389-1299.

## TRAVEL REMINDERS

# Sylvan Heights Bird Park

Fri., May 2 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Scotland Neck, NC

# Pigeon Forge & Smoky Mountain Trip

Monday, May 12 - 16, 2025

Your packets with trip information are ready to be picked up on the B-Hall, please pick them up by Sunday, May 4th.

# Baptist Heritage Day & Senior Adult Day SUNDAY. MAY 4, 2025

Join us on Sunday, May 4, 2025, during the 10:55 AM service for a special time of worship led by our senior adults and the PrimeTimers Choir in celebration of Baptist Heritage Day. The 2025 Baptist Heritage Award will be presented. After the service, all senior adults who have registered will enjoy a free lunch in their honor.

# Active Senior Adult Adventures

**JC Raulston Arboretum** 

Mon, June 2 | 9:00 am - 1:30 pm | Raleigh

Sign-up will be posted on the B-200 Hall beginning Sunday, May 18

Cost \$5 due at sign up

This trip requires lots of walking. Wear your tennis shoes!

JC Raulston Arboretum is a nationally acclaimed botanic garden located in Raleigh with one of the largest and most expansive collections of landscape plants for use in the southeast US. We will have a 1 hr 15 min guided walking tour followed by lunch at The Terrace at Carol Johnson Poole Clubhouse.

Contact Charla Peel, 919-614-6322 with any questions

## **LUNCH & LEARN SAVE THE DATES**

Tuesday, June 17

Wednesday, July 9

Tuesday, August 19

# **Recruiting College Encouragers**

The College Student Ministry Lead Team is in need of the following help:

Individuals to serve as encouragers for our students during their college years

As an individual or family, serve as an Encourager for a student who will be assigned by the end of May. Many of our current Encouragers have had the same student since their Freshman year of college and have been able to get to know the student and family over time. We need enough volunteers to give each rising Freshman an Encourager and to fill in open spots for the older students. The Encourager will:

- make contact with the assigned student during the summer
- will communicate with the student by phone, text, email or mail (cards and small treats; birthday card) each month during the year.
- · will commit to pray for the student!

Classes willing to donate items to be mailed to students during the year.

As a Sunday School class, collect useful items and snacks in August and September that the lead team will then send to students during the year. Items might include but not limited to: pencils, pens, post it notes, USB drive, nabs, hard candy, microwave popcorn, and \$5.00 gift cards to Starbucks, Bojangles, Chick Fil A or Target.

If individuals or classes are willing to serve, please contact Taylor Miskel (tmiskel@tbcraleigh.com) Sue Glover (sue.c.glover@gmail.com) or Mandy Warren (amwarren101@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

# **Upcoming Parent Workshop**

flourishing families

Flourishing Families Trainings for Parents of Youth and Children

May 4 @ 5:30 pm

**Topic: Technology** 

Technology is not going away, but I'm feeling so behind with all the constant updates ... Am I the only one who feels like I cannot keep up? How do I help my youth navigate the constant information and exposure to influence on social media? If you relate to any of these questions Save the date for our family workshop! More details to come!

# SCHEDULE & EVENTS

APR 30 Spring Children's Choir Concert

Pre-k through 5th grade choirs will sing

MAY 11 Parent Child Dedication

Contact Katie if interested in participating

JUNE 17-20 Vacation Bible School Week

Go ahead and mark your calendars!

\*Registration and more event information available on Children's Ministry Linktree

# SAVE THE DATE FOR FRIENDS CAMP

SEPT. 19-21, 2025 @ CAMP KANATA

For 3rd-5th graders\*



\*for the 2025-2026 school year





#### SCAN THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OR CODE TO FIND:

Event Information • Wednesday Night Schedule • Event Registration • Acolyte Sign-ups



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# **ROC VOLUNTEERS**

#### **MONDAY** MAY 5

9:00am - 12:00pm Frank Fyans

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

3:00pm-6:00pm Laury Holley

#### **TUESDAY** MAY 6

9:00am - 12:00pm

Moose Beaudreau

12:00pm-3:00pm Ann Farmer

3:00pm-6:00pm

Fred Paula

#### WEDNESDAY

MAY 7

9:00am - 12:00pm Johnny Teal

12:00pm-3:00pm Betsy Thompson

Carol Carroll 3:00pm-6:00pm

Sylvia Royall

#### **THURSDAY**

8 YAM

9:00am - 12:00pm Moose Beaudreau

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

3:00pm-6:00pm Stephanie Tepper

#### **FRIDAY** MAY 9

9:00am - 12:00pm Wavne Hill

12:00pm-3:00pm Ron Kareiva

3:00pm-6:00pm **ROC CLOSED** 



#### Registration

Early Registration (ends May 5) \$125 per player; \$500 per team

Registration (May 6-19) \$150 per player; \$600 per team

**Senior Registration** (must be 65 or older on May 19) \$100 Per player

**Student Registration** (must be full-time student) \$100 per player

## Benefiting Hurricane Helene Relief Western North Carolina

#### **Schedule**

11:30am: Sign In/Practice Area Opens

12:45pm: Announcements/Rules 12:55pm Carts Depart for Start

1:00pm Shotgun Start 5:30pm Dinner and Prizes

**Wildwood Green Country Club** 

11:30am Sign-In 1:00pm Shotgun Start

19th MAY, 2025

ROC **MONDAY** 

REGISTRATION: ROCRALEIGH.COM/GOLF



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9:00am - 12:00pm Wavne Hill 12:00pm-3:00pm Pat Pierce Linda Perry

3:00pm-6:00pm

Laury Holley

#### **TUESDAY MAY 13**

9:00am - 12:00pm Pat Nelson 12:00pm-3:00pm Hal Lowrance 3:00pm-6:00pm Tish Nabors

#### WEDNESDAY **MAY 14**

9:00am - 12:00pm Mike Newton 12:00pm-3:00pm Mark Wheeless 3:00pm-5:00pm Gary Mills

#### **THURSDAY MAY 15**

9:00am - 12:00pm Moose Beaudreau 12:00pm-3:00pm Karen Simms 3:00pm-6:00pm

Melinda Cook

#### **FRIDAY MAY 16**

9:00am - 12:00pm Billy Joyner 12:00pm-3:00pm Wayne Hill 3:00pm-6:00pm

**ROC CLOSED** 

# **ROC'N FITNESS CLASSES**

A suggested \$5 donation for each class is encouraged!

TUESDAYS |

**DANCEIT WITH KATHY** 

9-10 am | Gym

**ACTIVE YOGA WITH KIPLEY** 

10am-11 am | Underground

WEDNESDAYS

STRENGTH, CORE, BALANCE, WITH ALISON

10am-11am | Multipurpose Room

THURSDAYS | DANCEIT WITH KATHY

9-10 am | Gym

**ACTIVE YOGA WITH KIPLEY** 

10am-11 am | Underground



# **CONNECT WITH TRINITY!**

Scan the QR codes OR click the underlined titles!

TBC Social Media - All TBC Social Media Accounts

TBC Raleigh Events - View the newsletter & sign-ups for events!



TBC Social Media



**TBC Raleigh Events** 

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Pianist



#### Stewardship

(YTD total through 3/31/2025)

YTD General Funds Needs (Budget)

YTD Operating Receipts

YTD Operating Expenses

\$996,567.00 \$935,058.58

\$799,633.25

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