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For the Journey...

"As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. Now the Berean "Why are we doing this?" is a question I heard Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. As a result, many of them believed, as did a number of prominent Greek women and prominent Greek men." Acts 17:10-12

the church in Berea because they received the word but also examined the Scriptures to be certain what was said was true. I am grateful that the Baptists I know look to Scripture for God's truth. We stand on the authority of God's Word and claim it as our sole source of authority for life and practice. It is no different today.

We had a healthy discussion from our healthy church on August 26th regarding a healthy question pertaining to women having the oppor- Trinity Baptist Church. This is about Trinity Baptist tunity to serve as servant leaders or deacons at Church having the opportunity to show others Trinity Baptist Church. answers, and comments. Our New Selection Task Force brought their recommenda- from God that may not line up with mine. What tion to Trinity and allowed for our church will we do? We will choose to love one another for well as ask questions. The Task Force recommen- Jesus. dation is that our church bylaws be changed to allow women to serve as deacons.

I have had the privilege of meeting with our staff loved you, so you must love one and other church members since our meeting and another. By this everyone will know the majority of the responses I have heard are you are My disciples, if you love one regarding how we can have differing opinions and another." John 13:34-35 still choose to love each other in the process. I I love you Trinity. love our church. We need everybody. As a church we have been asked to pray for our Task Force since they formed in February 2024. For those who have been praying, thank you. For those who

will now begin to pray, thank you. Prayer will lead us forward, especially as we allow the Scripture to be our authority in life and practice. We cannot go wrong.

several times at our church discussion. In any Baptist church there are a plethora of opinions. At Trinity, we are no different. As a faith family, we stress, "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; and in all things, love." These words have been known to the church since St. Augustine in 400 A.D. They have been applied across many I have always been grateful when I read about directions for Trinity Baptist Church from her beginning.

As a Christian, I would define an epiphany as a divine moment from God where a clear revelation or direction is given. I cannot say that I have had numerous epiphanies, but I can tell you about some. One was the Tuesday after our church discussion on Monday. In visiting with church members, God spoke to my spirit and told me ... "This is not about women serving as deacons at There were questions, that you love each other." You may have had Deacon epiphanies as well that tell you personal things members to share their support and concerns, as that is what tells the world we are truly following

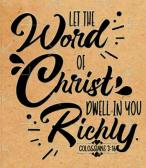
> Jesus says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have

Pastor John



Reading through the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs together in 2024!

JOIN US if you haven't already!
Guides are available in the foyer and church office.



Welcome New Members!

Joining together in prayer! Each Friday morning at 7:00am in the Café

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

Colossians 4:2



Shaan Swisher



Walker Swisher



Hailey Abbott



Hannah Barganier



Ryan McCoy



Everlee Ben-David



Ryan, Cheryl, Parker & Hudson Eddy



Brooks Earl



Jaxon Woodruff



Zach Wallahan

Lois Carter

Noah, Jaelyn, Zaríah, Aleese, and Mackenzy



Cooper & Michelle Ellis



Isaac Morales



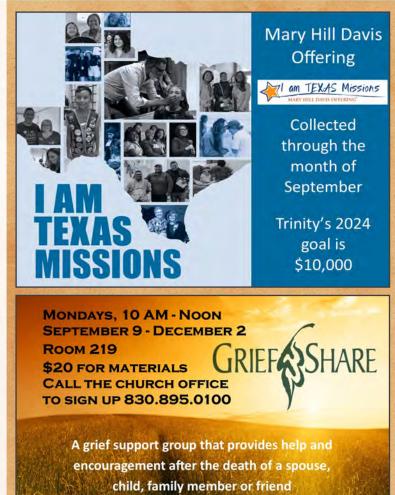


Men's Ministry by Josh Watkins & David Clarke

The Men's Ministry has a mission: to do our best to reach the men of our church to become better examples of what it means to be a Godly man. We began in February with a strong turnout of men eager to serve their brothers in Christ and our Church. We knew that the road ahead was fairly uncharted as we set goals to host more men-oriented events to include their families. We used the Men's Breakfasts to fellowship, share ideas, and plan those upcoming events. Though we have had some hurdles in the competition for space in people's lives, we are determined to keep going in hopes others can make future events. Mark Clemons spoke on how we can be strong men in Christ and shared his experience on being a Missionary.

Our first small event in April was a Cowboy Camp Cookout. We had a great outdoor cooked meal and received some great men's medical advice from Dr. David Sprouse. It will definitely be repeated for 2025!

Our August fishing event was a great scouting opportunity for a much larger event in the future. We didn't walk away with any keepers,





ministry.

but we hope to find just the right bait for next time. The fellowship was the best catch of that day. David Clarke

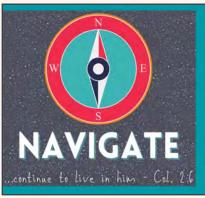
In the last year, I have enjoyed being a part of Trinity's "MOMENTUM" Men's Ministry. About a year ago, my son Ben

and I were invited to a men's breakfast at a local church; we attended and were inspired to start our own Trinity version. Our times of fellowship have been encouraging, and we hope that next year our men's group will become even stronger. I am glad to have opportunities for my son to be around other spiritual men. Coming together as men of faith will make us stronger in the Lord. We are looking for some men to become ambassadors for MoMENTUM, inviting other men to participate and be a part in planning future events. This will strengthen our men's

On October 18 & 19, we will have a men's retreat, Rock Solid Men. Jerry Canupp of Man in the Mirror Ministries is our guest speaker. All ages are welcome!

Come join us! Josh Watkins





Sunday Nights
7:00 PM
in The Forge
Post High School – 30ish

GENESIS 1 Hikers are Headed to GUADALUPE RIVER STATE PARK

Monday, September 23rd Bus leaves TBC at 8:30 AM

Call the church office to sign up!

Space is limited



Monday SEPTEMBER 9TH 12-3 PM—TBC Café

Bring Your Favorite Game and a Bag Lunch

CHAIR WORKOUTS



Tuesdays 11:30-12:30 Thursdays 10-11 Room 221 EVERYONE WELCOME

*No equipment or prior experience needed *Have fun and get healthier using DVD instruction

Questions? Dawna (830)890-2138 or Pattie (512)940-1689



NEW Women's Bible Study Class led by Tricia Southerland

LET'S LIVE BY THE BOOK

(How to Study the Bible)

Wednesdays, 10-11:30, No Cost Room 208, Sep 11-Nov 6 Childcare by reservation only Scan the QR code or call 830.895.0100 Fall Women's Bible Study
September 11 - October 24
Wednesdays, 10 AM - Noon
Thursdays, 6 & 6:30 PM

Join us for this
7-session study!
by Priscilla Shirer
Study Book \$18

LifeWay Women

call the church office to sign up



Fall Men's Bible Study
Thursdays, 10-Noon, in the Forge
September 5 - November 21

Eagle's Wings Home Group Bible Study by Jeff Stone

The Eagle's Wings small group meets on a weekly schedule during "the school year". The regular hosts are Missy and Chuck Coulter who graciously open their home on Monday nights from 6 pm until we finish our discussions, usually around 8 pm. In the summer, we meet monthly for informal fellowship at other member's homes.

During the regular season, we rotate dish "assignments" to help spread the work and cost of our meals. Fortunately, Chuck's amazing culinary skills are often featured for the entrée! We always begin with an acknowledgement of our Savior Jesus and prayer to open our ears and hearts for His message during our fellowship. We close with a prayer for needs and concerns, along with praises to recognize God's work in ours and our family's lives.

It is encouraging to share our daily happenings and hear the latest from the group while enjoying the always yummy meals. It's also interesting that the ladies gather in the kitchen, and the guys are usually outside in the newly completed patio area. This is not by design, but has evolved over the course of the group and just seems to work. Missy and Chuck are wonderful hosts and Chuck settles

us down for the "lesson" around 7.

We select a video study from the vast RightNow media vault to watch, then proceed through the guided discussion with written materials. The topics are wide ranging and always seem to spark engaging discussions of how they apply to our daily walks both as church body members and individuals. Everyone in the group is involved in various church ministries, and we support each other in outside discipleship as well.

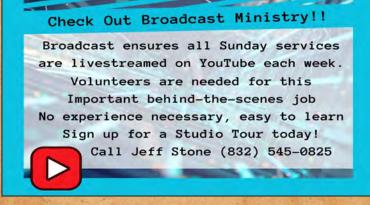
Our group size seems to promote a more relaxed atmosphere for sharing personal stories and details that might be more guarded in a larger group. We often help each other with projects and other needs, even if it's just advice on grocery shopping, which is a popular topic!

Our servant hearts are also visible outside of Trinity: Mercy Gate Ministries, Texas Ramp Project, underprivileged elder care and others help spread the Good News. Our lives and those of others are certainly blessed by the Eagle's Wings, and we would love to share this blessing any way we can.







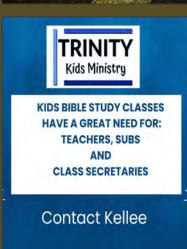


First Blessing by Dianne Clemons

Connect—Does that sound familiar? Our mission at Trinity is to worship, connect and serve. The First Blessing shoe ministry in September demonstrates each of these actions. As the various teams join together to serve our community with beautiful new pairs of shoes, we connect with families outside of our church and give them the opportunity to join us in the worship of our Lord. Although you would think the Blessing in this ministry is received by those receiving the shoes, those who have joined together to worship our King receive the greatest Blessing.

Trinity has over 150 volunteers that serve for First Blessing. We will be serving the kids in Kerrville, Ingram, Harper, Medina, Comfort, and Centerpoint on Saturday, September 21st from Noon. Contact Bianca or Kellee in the church office if you would like to join the team.





Children's Day Out

Now Hiring! Subs and Teacher needed! Tues/Thurs

Contact Beth Ann babrown@tbck.org

Meet Trinity Missionaries Ben & Suzie Argil, Mexico

TBC supports five missionary families financially. these are Ben and Suzie (pronounced Ar-heel) who serve in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Not only are they involved in church planting, but they serve as an area Christ-centered churches in the area.

Several of us have had the opportunity to visit their Brilla Life Center—as their modest threestory headquarters building is called—but also to see them in action visiting new believers in the from Kerrville and a single woman from South tiny ranchos scattered about the hinterlands around San Miquel.

Whether giving guitar lessons, teaching English, heading youth soccer competitions, counseling young women tempted to have abortions, providing leadership training, or encouraging specific prayer requests and praises struggling pastors, they go about their work tire- is lessly and cheerfully.

Some of those who have come to faith through their work include former drug and alcohol addicts, at least one cartel member, and scores Bob Davis, TBC Missions Committee of ordinary folks whose religious practices fall

short of a biblical understanding of grace from God through faith in Jesus.

What strikes me as unique about their ministry is their service of encouragement to a dozen or so pastors and their wives (pastor wives are critical as their husbands often work full time jobs in addition to their church responsibilities).

Pastor John is planning a second annual visit, resource to pastors and their wives of other accompanied by other pastors from our Hill Country Baptist Association (some who are themselves bi-vocational), to pray and fellowship with the Mexican pastors.

> Over the last few years, three others--a couple Carolina—have joined the Argils to work beside them in their ever-expanding ministry.

You will be blessed to be a part of the prayer ministry for the Argils. The best way to keep abreast of their by telephone 830-522-5261, email at argilben@gmail.com, or go to <u>www.benandsusie.org</u> and sign up for updates and newsletters.

Student Ministry by Wes Henson

Small Groups. Bible Study Groups. Sunday School. Circles. Different names and different expressions of each, but the same goals - to be known, to study scripture, and to live out our faith. Our goal is for kids to find community and accountability as they study God's word together in a Circle of their peers, led by awesome adults.

As we get ready to launch this season of Circles, I'm excited to hear about how our students are being challenged to live out their faith, to grow in their relationships with God, and to connect with each other. One of the secret strengths of our ministry is the sheer number of schools represented each week. We have students from Kerrville ISD, Harper ISD, Ingram ISD, Bandera ISD, Fredericksburg ISD, Homeschool, Private School. It's quite remarkable that we have so many campuses represented! But even better, we have incredible kids who are getting to know other incredible kids who may or may not attend their same school. But as we all know, there's value in community as we seek to grow.

Will you join me in praying for Circles this Fall? Pray for outsiders to be welcomed openly. Pray for leaders to guide and teach with wisdom. Pray for students to be open to connecting with each other. And pray for faith to grow.

Thank You, Trinity Family, for all of your support and encouragement along the way. We are blessed beyond measure to be part of such an incredible church family.



WHO YOU SURROUND YOURSELF WITH MAKES THE DIFFERENCE HIGH SCHOOL **BEGINS SEP 4 MIDDLE SCHOOL BEGINS SEP 8**





The Time of Your Life – Growing Mature Men and Women in Christ by J.D. Templeton

Sometimes I feel like there are little monsters all around me, clamoring for my attention! They are like children on a candy aisle; instead of chocolate bars they are reaching for my calendar.

consider these upcoming events to help with your 'yes and no' choices. They are not calendar or efficiency training classes. Rather, I believe you will be able to better set some I am excited for both our Women and Men's life priorities after these events.

October 18-19 is our on-campus men's conference...Rock Solid Men. Jerry Canupp is the Southwest Regional Director for Man in the

Mirror. The Friday night and Saturday morning sessions will help us as dads, grandfathers, husbands and brothers, as we seek to develop Christ's character deep in our souls.

On January 31-February 2, our ladies will host Dr. Katie Frugé, Director of Texas Baptists' Center for Cultural Engagement. She will guide Ladies and gentlemen, I encourage you to moms, wives, sisters, and grandmothers in the believer's quest to be salt and light within our communities and homes.

> Ministries as we prepare to host these two discipleship events. How can we grow as image-bearers of the Creator? Yes, the time will require some level of sacrifice! It will be worth it.

Month in Review - August



Upcoming Events



Oct 5 Women's Wimberly Market Days-8am Oct 5 Men's Ministry Five Stand-8:00am Oct 7 Prime Time Game Day-12 Noon Oct 13 Christmas Choir R'hrsl-3:30 Oct 18 & 19 Men's Ministry Conference Oct 20 Church Council Mtg-4:00 Oct 21 Genesis 1 Trip-8:30am Oct 25 PT Senior Adult Trip-7:30am Oct 27 Member Mtg followed by Church Family Reception 4:00

Oct 27 Christmas Choir R'hrsl-6:00



Nov 3 Christmas Choir R'hrsl-6:00 Nov 4 Prime Time Game Day-Noon

Nov 9 Trinity Golf Tournament

Nov 10 Christmas Choir R'hrsl-6:00

Nov 14 Prime Time Dinner-4:30

Nov 17 Christmas Choir R'hrsl-6:00

Nov 18 Genesis 1 Trip-8:30am

Nov 23 Thanksgiving Meal Delivery to Homebound

Nov 24 GriefShare/Surviving Holidays-12:30

Nov 27 NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

Nov 28 Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov 2829 Church Offices/Bldgs Closed

Sundays:

Worship 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 Bible Study-Adults 9:45 Adults/Youth/Children 11:00 Library Open 12:00 TU-Masterlife 4:00 (begins 9/22) CYP Navigate 7:00pm

Mondays:

Pickleball 10:00 GriefShare 10:00 (begins 9/9) Noon Basketball 12:00 Eagle's Wings Life Group 6:00

Tuesdays:

Senior Adult Chair Workouts-10:00 Prime Time Singers-10:00 K'ville West Home Group 5:30 Lois Home Group 5:30

Wednesdays:

Women's Bible Study 10am (begins 9/11) Pickleball Noon Joyful Strummers-3:45 Handbell Rehearsal 4:00 Fellowship Meal 5:00 Library Open 5:15 Adult Mid-Week Bible Study 6:00

TSM Wednesdays-6:00 Disciple Kids 6:00

Thursdays:

Senior Adult Chair Workouts-10:00 Men's Bible Study10:00 (begins 9/5)

Stitchers for Jesus-10:00 (resumes 9/5) Women's Bible Study 6:30 (begins 9/12) TBC Worship Signers Rehearsal-6:00

Fridays:

Community Prayer Time-7:00am



Sept 2 Church Offices/Bldgs Closed Sept 8 TSM Family Lunch & Mtg-Noon Sept 8 New Deacon Selection Church Discussion-4:00

Sept 9 Prime Time Game Day-Noon

Sept 13 & 14 TBC Craft Show

Sept 14 TBC Car Show-9:00-Noon

Sept 15 TSM Gym Rats-2:00

Sept 15 Church Council-4:00

Sept 19 SMOST Concert

Sept 21 First Blessing-8:00-Noon

Sept 22 Member Meeting-4:00

Sept 23 Genesis 1 Trip-8:30am Sept 26 Prime Time Pot Luck-4:30