

Trinity *life*

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For the Journey...

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13

Happy New Year! As we set our sights on what is ahead, we really don't forget 2024. We are grateful for the lessons learned and blessings received. I have heard from several of you regarding our reading of Scripture together last year. We will continue to do so this year as we begin reading the Old Testament. You can pick up a reading guide for 2025 at the church. We will start with Genesis 1 on January 1.

The church has nominated some incredible men to serve as deacons and the names are now moving through the process of selection and interviews by the New Deacon Selection Task Force. The deacon leadership has interviewed four deacons who have served in other churches and have been a member at Trinity Baptist for at least one year. We are hopeful that these men, as well as those recommended by the

Task Force, will be in place in the next few months. We have incredible deacons who serve Trinity as faithful servants.

Come Journey With Us ... You will hear more about the plans for 2025 as we continue to spend time together. In March, we will celebrate Trinity Baptist's seventy-fifth anniversary. We are making plans for a church-wide banquet on March 23. You will hear more about it, but we are also hoping to give ourselves a great birthday present by knocking down our debt in a great way. Our newest building is being used in incredible ways every week. God has been so good to us and our church has been so faithful to cover our debt. I look forward to the day when we will once again be debt free and allow ourselves to continue blessing others.

Thanks to everyone who helped us celebrate Christmas in such a grand way. From choirs, to dramas, to invitations for services, Trinity has been active in expressing God's goodness and inviting others to join us on our journey. God has great plans for us and I am excited about what God is making known to us. May this year be even a greater year of worshiping, connecting, and serving the LORD together.

In Christ,

Pastor John



New Church Missionary Families by Clint Brown

In 2025, Trinity is adding two missionary families to the five we have been supporting directly in 2024. Each year in early Fall Trinity's Missions Committee recommends to the church missionary families for monthly financial support. Along with that support we add these families to our prayer support for missionaries. Through our connection to these missionaries we are joining in on what God is doing in the world and being enriched to join Him in His work here in Kerrville.

Austin Roten serves as lead pastor at Great Commission Baptist Church in Phnom Penh, Cambodia where he and his wife, Kate, are members with their three children Knox, Blakey, and Ember. Austin and Kate have similar stories of being raised in Christian homes and beginning their personal relationships with Christ at early ages. Austin began to feel God's call to a life of gospel work outside of his birth culture in high school and while in college participated in mission trips overseas. As a young couple both he and Kate felt God's call on their family and moved to Northeast China to teach English. After five years in China they moved to Cambodia and have been serving the local church there for three years now.

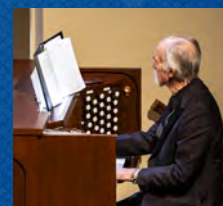
Austin & Kate have a Facebook Group you can follow them on. There you will be able to hear what God is doing in Cambodia. Every two to three months they will be sending out a newsletter that will be viewable on Wednesday nights here at Trinity. Look for it and the

address for their Facebook group on the Missionary Update table in the FLC.

Kara O'Connell serves the Baylor campus in Waco. She connects the BSM to Highland Baptist Church where she is a member volunteering in their College Ministry as well as their Women's and Discipleship Ministries. At a young age Kara accepted and confessed Jesus as Lord, but feels at 17, through the experience of losing a grandparent, she came to realize the depth of God's attentive presence in her life and "gave Him the silence of [her] own thoughts to hear His voice."

While participating in the BSM at Stephen F. Austin, Kara answered God's call to College Ministry. Beginning as a Campus Missionary Intern at Baylor after graduation she is now serving as Associate Director of Baylor BSM. Her position includes the BSM work at McClennan Community College. Along with the monthly financial support Trinity provides we can be involved in God's work through Kara by praying for and encouraging her.

Learn more about missionaries Trinity supports directly by coming by the Missionary Update table on Wednesday nights in the FLC and the Missions page of Trinity website at tbck.org/missions.



A Trinity Christmas!





Tracy Davis & Lola Henry

Welcome
NEW MEMBERS!



Mireya Wetter



Hoyt & Brenda Anderson

2025 Bible Reading Plan

Experiencing God's Word
together in 2025!



Guides are available in the foyer, church office, and online at tbck.org.

Pick up your magnet or window cling in the church office today!
One per vehicle.



"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." 1 John 1:7

Joyseeker's Class by Sharon Purswell

Greeting everyone with wishes for A Happy New Year from the Joyseeker's Class!

My name is Sharon Purswell and my husband, Randy and I, are members of the Joyseeker's Class and have been for almost 10 years. If you're new to Trinity, or are not yet part of a Bible Study group, we'd like to invite you to check us out. We'd love the opportunity to meet you. We meet in Room 224 just above the Gym/Family Life Center.

We have three great teachers who rotate weekly and whose teaching styles are very diverse. Our study materials are taken from study manuals which promote and invite interactive discussions.

As long-time members of this amazing class, we have learned that it is a class filled with true prayer warriors who are full of compassion and love. If you visit us, the very walls in our classroom indicate signs of the love of those within this group. You might come to learn that "We're family" and we'd love having you join us. We pray for each other, socialize together whether one-on-one or in a group setting in homes or just hanging out with each other. We generally look after each other's needs. We're folks who enjoy the study of God's Word together, enjoy sweet fellowship together and have fun & laughter all along the way!

Look forward to meeting you soon!



SAVE THE DATE! DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP JUNE 20-27, 2025	ATTEND THE INFORMATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH 12:10-12:40, ROOM 217
YOUTH SPORTS CAMP VBS CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER PROJECTS	\$100 DEPOSIT WILL SAVE YOUR SPOT <u>ONLY 16 SPOTS</u> COME TO THE CHURCH OFFICE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

FAMILY GATHERING

CHILI COOK OFF

4PM IN THE FLC

Joy to the World



Sunday Nights
7:00pm
Gathering/Café
Post High School-30ish

Disciple Kids

TRINITY
Kids Ministry



Disciple Kids
3rd-5th Grade Rm 104

Disciple Kids Jr.
K - 2nd Grade Rm 151

Wednesdays

6-7pm

Childcare
3's & younger Rm 159

Disciple/Mission/Service

Substitutes Needed!

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Kids
Ministry



Contact
Kellee Parish

Children's Day Out



a part of
Trinity
CDO

Is Hiring!

Contact
Beth Ann Brown



CDO "littles" enjoying a stroll and
Night in Bethlehem



Children's Ministry by Kellee Parish

As I look back on this last year of Ministry in our Children's area, I am so truly thankful to get to serve alongside some of the most amazing teachers, shepherds and servants. From our Easter Walk Thru, VBS, Camps, First Blessing, Night in Bethlehem, Disciple Kids, Sunday Morning Bible Study and so much more, we have the best people serving our kids and community. I love our Children's Ministry Team, it is such a blessing to get to serve alongside such amazing men and women!

Parents and Grandparents, remember to pick up your "Spiritual Conversation" Boxes in front of the Children's Area if you haven't already. We hope these conversation starters help you have spiritual conversations with your children and grandchildren and will fit into your routine easily. We definitely want kids to know that they are "Created by God and Made for a Purpose"!

NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM



Thank You

To: SET UP/TEAR DOWN CREW

CAST

& EVERYONE WHO HELPED

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Families

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN
IN KID'S MINISTRY

PICK UP YOUR DISCIPLESHIP BOX
IN THE CHILDREN'S AREA

Student Ministry by Wes Henson

It's funny to me how the little daily decisions we make have the potential to end up impacting us greatly down the road. As I have lost weight, I feel the "weight" of poor eating decisions. I can often overcome one or two poor decisions, but one or two poor decisions each day for a week add up.

But the same is true of the good decisions. Making one or two good decisions each day adds up as well. Slowly, over time, making the right choice over and over reaps rewards.

Working with teenagers, I see this played out, both ways. Someone makes a couple of poor decisions, over and over, and they often find themselves facing consequences. At the same time, when they make wise decisions, the results can be just as obvious.

The truth is, for all of us, the right decisions make a difference. So, what "right" decisions are you going to make this year? I hope you joined with us on the Trinity Bible reading plan in 2024. You may not have been perfect at it, but hopefully you make the decision to read time and again. If so, yay! If not, then now's a great time to start.

One other good decision: pray for the student ministry. Pray for students to live out their faith. Pray for our adult volunteers and that relationships will grow and gospel conversation will be abundant. Pray for our seniors who will graduate in May and their parents (of which I am one!). Pray for our 6th graders as they navigate a new phase of Middle School. Pray for Disciple Now coming up in February.

I cannot wait to see what God has in store for 2025!



TRINITY STUDENTS

DISCIPLE NOW

FEBRUARY 7-9, 2025

A WEEKEND FOR 6TH-12TH GRADERS
SIGNUP AT TBCK.ORG/STUDENTS

EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS 1/8

REGULAR REGISTRATION 1/9 TO 1/26

Late Registration 1/27 to 2/3

TRINITY STUDENT MINISTRY

GYM RATS

2PM-3PM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
6TH-12TH GRADERS

A collection of sports balls including a soccer ball, a basketball, and a baseball.

WHO YOU SURROUND YOURSELF WITH
MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

TSM CIRCLES

HIGH SCHOOL BEGINS JAN 15
MIDDLE SCHOOL BEGINS JAN 19

A group of people sitting in a circle, likely a TSM Circle meeting.

Men's & Women's Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study Spring 2025

Psalm 23 "The Shepherd with Me"

by Jennifer Rothschild

January 22 - March 5, \$20 Book & Video Link

The book cover for "Psalm 23: The Shepherd with Me" by Jennifer Rothschild. It features a photograph of a sheep standing on a grassy hill under a cloudy sky. The title "Psalm 23" is in a large, elegant serif font, with "THE SHEPHERD WITH ME" in a smaller font below it. The author's name "JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD" is at the bottom.

Registration starts January 1

Scan the QR code or call the church office

Men's Bible Study

Thursdays, 10-Noon, in the Forge

January 16 - April 10

EXODUS

Part 2

A landscape with mountains and a body of water, likely the Red Sea.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
THE VICTOR First rehearsal
Sunday January 26, 6:00 pm

Join us for a Prime Time Pot Luck,
A little bit of music and a guest speaker
to enlighten us about the ministry of the
Hill Country Youth Ranch

Thursday, January 16

4:30 PM

Family Life Center

Call the church office
to sign up!



Crossroads Class by Lanie Ebelt

Welcome to the Crossroads Class. We are located in the Family Life Center on Sunday morning at 9:45 until 10:45. We are a class of multi-generational ages and backgrounds which make us very diverse and interesting!

Our teacher is Gary Anderson. We do not follow a printed lesson, but Gary gives us what God has laid on his heart to teach which is usually a book of the Bible. We were in Genesis for the 40 years the Jews wandered in the wilderness! But it was fun to be with them each step of the way. Gary has a unique way of tying together Biblical history and American history at the same time. We have learned a great deal about our forefathers and the part God played in our country from the beginning. From time to time when Gary has to be away from class, we have other teachers who fill in for him.

We are a very loving and friendly group even though we have a large enrollment. And more importantly than that, we are a strong praying group. We send out prayer requests each Sunday afternoon that people have asked for that morning. If needed from time to time, special requests go out during the day sometimes everyday with updates, too. We try to keep the requests covered in prayer!

I am Lanie Ebelt, Director of the class. I do my best to keep all things flowing in a smooth manner so that on Sunday morning, Bible study and fellowship is what can be focused on. I am open to hearing what you have to say as a suggestion and will try to work on what might be requested. But I will not promise it will happen. It is my philosophy that you try our class and then try the other classes that Trinity has to offer. "Go where you are fed" is my motto.

We would enjoy having you come and try us out and see if it is a fit. We do like to party from time to time but find that we are quite busy with family and travel. I encourage you to find your time of worship, your Bible study class, and then your place of service here at Trinity Baptist Church!



Monday
JANUARY 6TH
12-3 PM—TBC Café
Bring Your
Favorite Game and a
Bag Lunch

MONDAYS, 10 AM - NOON
JANUARY 13 - APRIL 7
ROOM 219
\$20 FOR MATERIALS
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
TO SIGN UP 830.895.0100



A grief support group that provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend

GENESIS 1 Hikers are Headed to
EISENHOWER PARK
Monday, January 20th, Bus leaves TBC at 8:30 AM
Dutch Treat at Rudy's BBQ



Call the
church office
to sign up
Space is
limited!



Women's Ministry Conference by Melinda Cox

The Women's Ministry will be hosting a 3-day conference beginning Friday evening January 31 from 6 to 9pm and continuing through the weekend on Saturday, February 1 from 9:00am to 2:00pm and 12:00 Noon to 2:00pm on Sunday February 2. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres will be served Friday evening in the Café; Soup, salad, and dessert on Saturday at Noon; and a Salad Luncheon will be served on Sunday in the Family Life Center at 12:00 Noon.

Dr. Katie Fruge' of Texas Baptists will be speaking at the conference each day. The theme will be from Micah 6:8 - *"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your Lord."*

Ladies, we ask that you prayerfully consider coming to this Women's Conference as we fellowship together, meet new friends, and explore Micah 6:8.



SIGN UP NOW!
Don't miss the
Women's Ministry 2025
Kickoff 3 Day Event!
Friday-Sunday, Jan 31st-Feb 2nd
Guest Speaker: Dr. Katie Fruge'
RSVP Required
to the church office

The Bridge Class Celebrates 1-Year Anniversary by Keith and Debbie Williams

Thank YOU, LORD!

January 7, 2024, The Bridge Class began. It's been an exciting year filled with blessing as we have dug deep into 1 & 2 Thessalonians, a study of Heaven and Angels, James, and Ephesians. We're looking forward to including a rich study from the Old Testament in 2025 as well as additional studies in the NT.

Bridge Ministry Team members, Don and Debbie Nelson, Frank and Judy Stevens and Ben and Suzii March, who God called to help start The Bridge, have been vital to the class serving as Director, Outreach, Fellowship, Greeter, Teachers and MORE! They are blessings!

The Bridge Class 3-Fold Mission includes:
1st-Bridging Our Relationship with Jesus. John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, & the life..."

We do this through In-depth Bible Study teaching and group participation.

2nd-Bridging Our Relationship with One Another. Hebrews 10:25 "Do not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing...but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching."

Loving Relationships, Fellowships, Prayer & Praises, Calls, Meals, and Connecting outside

of class has grown our class into a warm group of friends who love and pray for each other and laugh together. We can't wait to see each other on Sundays!

3rd-Bridging Our Relationship with Unbelievers & Seekers. Matthew 28:19-20 "Go...and make disciples..."

We take serious Jesus's command to go and make disciples. We notice others around us and invite them to The Bridge. We practice friendship evangelism as well as seasonal outreach such as winter care bags for the homeless, Valentine John 3:16 evangelism outreach, March - The Victor, April Solar Eclipse evangelism cards, December Candy Cane Evangelism.

The Bridge Class has members of all walks of life, ages and stages, married, single, widowed, divorced. Our common bond is the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. If you don't have a class, we'd love for you to pop in and visit. You will be welcomed with warm smiles, loving hearts, and lots of JOY!



Month in Review—December



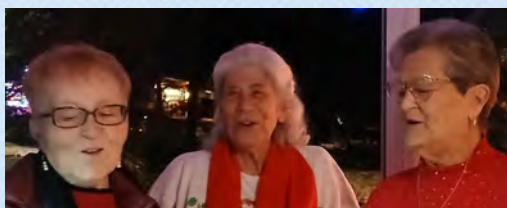
Trinity "Hatters" hard at work!



Class Party!



Christmas on the River Walk!



Caroling with our church famiy!



Our Amazing Students!



Upcoming Events



- Feb 1 & 2 Women's Ministry Conf.
- Feb 2 New Member Reception-4:00
- Feb 3 Prime Time Game Day-12 Noon
- Feb 7-9 Disciple Now
- Feb 16 Church Council-4:00
- Feb 16 Victor Rehearsal-6:00
- Feb 17 Genesis 1-8:30am
- Feb 23 Member Meeting-4:00
- Feb 23 Victor Rehearsal-6:00
- Feb 28 Women's IF Gathering-6:00pm



- Mar 3 Prime Time Game Day-Noon
- Mar 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar 16 Church Council-4:00
- Mar 17 Genesis 1-8:30am
- Mar 23 75th Anniversary Celebration
- Mar 23 Family Gath/Member Mtg-4:00

Calendar Events & Ongoing Activities

Sundays:

- Worship 8:30, 9:45, 11:00
- Bible Study-Adults 9:45
- Adults/Youth/Children 11:00
- Library Open 12:00

- K'ville West Home Group 5:30
- Lois Home Group 5:30

Mondays:

- Pickleball 10:00
- Flower Ministry 10:30
- GriefShare 10:00 (begins 1/13)
- Noon Basketball 12:00
- Eagle's Wings Life Group 6:00

Tuesdays:

- Senior Adult Chair Workouts-9:00
- Prime Time Singers-10:00

Wednesdays:

- Women's Bible Study 10am (begins 1/22)
- 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
- Worship Choir R'hrs!-7:00

Thursdays:

- Senior Adult Chair Workouts-9:00
- Men's Bible Study 10:00 (begins 1/16)
- Stitchers for Jesus-10:00 (1st Thurs.)
- Women's Bible Study 6:00 (begins 1/23)
- TBC Worship Signers Rehearsal-6:00

Fridays:

- Community Prayer Time-7:00am



- Jan 1 Church Offices/Bldgs Closed
- HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- Jan 6-9 Navigate Ski Trip
- Jan 6 Prime Time Game Day-12:00
- Jan 12 DR Information Mtg-12:10
- Jan 12 Leadership Orientation-4:00
- Jan 13 GriefShare begins-10:00
- Jan 16 Prime Time Dinner-4:30
- Jan 19 Church Council-4:00
- Jan 20 Genesis 1-8:30am
- Jan 26 Family Gath/Member Mtg-4:00
- Jan 26 Victor Rehearsal-6:00
- Jan 31 Women's Ministry Conf.-9:00am